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Book 10

March 1, 1902 – June 25, 1903

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Diary –
from March 1st, 1902
until – June 25, 1903

YPSILANTI
STUDENT'S NOTE BOOK

FROM
BEAL'S BOOK AND DRUG STORE,
226 Congress Street
NEXT TO THE HAWKINS HOUSE.

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Saturday, March 1, 1902

Ypsilanti, 602 Congress St.

Mar. 1st, 1902

Sat. Had my seven Normal girls over in the afternoon, and served chocolate & cakes. They all came (but one, who was sick), and seemed to have a pleasant time.

Monday, March 3, 1902

Monday 3.

Sewing as usual. Attended the banquet of the Monday Club - as guest of Miss Blount. It was exceedingly swell: and it was a pleasure to meet a lot of bright women. Sat at table with Miss Shultes & Francis Strong. Everyone is working on the costumes for the Queen Esther.

Thursday, March 6, 1902

Thurs. 6th.

Great times at rehearsal. Blodgett the "Haman" declared at close of rehearsal tonight (midnight) that he would not sing if we give it tomorrow. Said the chorus was not prepared. He is the only one who has carried his book right through the rehearsals. I'll never never get mixed up in such a business again. He is a miserable drunken fellow, who has, alas, a good voice.

Friday, March 7, 1902

Frid. 7th.

The great day of Queen Esther dawned cloudless. Had an afternoon rehearsal, and we were kept busy looking after the costumes. Rented those for the chief soloists (\$17.00) Detroit, from Bain Sisters.

{#3, p.2} Said before that I'd never help at a show, but here I am "in it" again, in spite of myself. I gave Mabel & Jennie tickets and they looked very swell in the gallery box. I believe they did actually say "thank you" when I led them into it.

Saturday, March 8, 1902

Sat. Mar. 8.

A drizzle-drozzly day for the Matinee. Helen took her twelve [?] girls as I had bought \$5.00 worth. Foolish extravagance. Not half appreciated.

Sunday, March 9, 1902

Sun. 9.

Sore throat & headache – stayed at home and went to bed.

Wednesday, March 12, 1902

Wed. 12.

Have been feeling wretched for a few days – but followed up my symptoms and am all right again.

Today, Mrs. Barbour, Mrs. Lyman and I were judges at the Club Debate: Resolved that Ladies' Clubs should study Literature & Art, not Philanthropy & Social Reform. The Negatives had it – through Miss King & Mrs. George. Miss Pierce had people on the Aff. [Affirmative] who talked on both sides and had no arguments of any weight to offer.

Thursday, March 13, 1902

Thurs. 13.

Ben off with the b-boys again, taking the second degree at Masonic Lodge.

Mr. & Mrs. Beach called, and the girls were happy. They are very fond of our little minister and his wife.

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Friday, March 14, 1902

Friday 14.

Getting ready for Mart & Mary, who are coming for tea.

Saturday, March 15, 1902

Saturday 15.

Sewing all day, except when I took a run in the sunshine down town, as a matter of duty. This weather is too good to be true. At Woman's League reception in the eve. Ben at a Club meeting at Mart's, and stayed all night. M. & M. came to tea yesterday and we played Whist in the eve. Mart is such a Dear. I love to play with him although he plays wild, without any system.

Sunday, March 16, 1902

Sun. 16.

A dreadfully busy day, as usual. I am in too deep – cannot see daylight. People coming on every side to ask and tell and advise with me.

Mr. Beach preached the first of three sermons to the S. [Sunday] School and we sat with our classes. Rehearsed our Easter carol, before service.

Doing Music Committee work beforehand. Mary Wood had to be teased to sing.

Monday, March 17, 1902

Mon. 17.

Snowing & blowing like winter. Didn't know why, until we remembered that the last of the girls course of lectures came tonight. Have had bad weather almost every time.

{#4, p.4}

Wednesday, March 19, 1902

Wed. 19.

Bright and lovely again. Had Prof. Teetzel to sketch, but couldn't do him at all. Next Tues, the last before vacation.

Thursday, March 20, 1902

Thur. 20.

Had Mr. & Mrs. Beach & Miss Muir over for tea. The latter actually smiled two or three times. Thought I would take some oranges and pineapple & Angels food to our little sick neighbor Mrs. Sanders, but the girls ate the fruit all up. (Enough for six). Pretty expensive work keeping two girls. Shall be glad when Jennie is gone, so I won't have to work in the kitchen so much. She goes home next week, & we shall take our dinners out and hire the washing done.

Friday, March 21, 1902

Friday

Auntie came out for the Gym., entertainment – to see Stanton & Len perform. They were “defful tweet” boys – we thought. And did their part as nearly right as anyone could. Bless their sweet hearts and happy faces. We gave M. & J. tickets for the Normal contest.

Saturday, March 22, 1902

Sat.

A busy day, with Mabel doing two wks. washing and the rest of us cleaning and baking for Sunday. At three o’c. M. & J were off on M’s wheel & mine leaving part of the wash in the tub.

{#4, p.5} At night, after the show they went to bed without finishing the yeast so no bread was made. Guess I give them too many privileges.

Sat. P.M. at 6 o’c Ben & I went to Detroit to see Modjeska & James in “Macbeth.” It was fine. The sleep walking scene itself was enough to pay for our trip. It was almost impossible to believe she is over 65 yrs. old.

Before the theater we went to the place around the corner and had some “bier mit chinken and Butter brod” [Bier mit Schinken und Butterbrot; German: beer with ham and buttered bread]. The Barbours went too, but sat down stairs at \$1.50 while our seats were \$1.00. We have decided the fourth seat from the front in first balcony is the best seat in the house.

Sunday, March 23, 1902

Sun. 23d.

My —rd birthday. Found some lovely flowers on the breakfast table and the promise of a card-case. We all went over to see the Wallace baby (nearly a month old). A bright little chap – and Sue is as happy as can be. And Grandpa Oliver Ainsworth is so “chested” over it, he can hardly button his coat.

Had chorus choir at church, and we think Ms. Snowdon is taking hold of the choir work – in good shape in the eve. B. & J called at the {#5, p.6} Lodeman’s. Found Dr. & Mrs. Small there with music. He sings rather unusually well. They passed beer & cookies.

Monday, March 24, 1902

Monday Mar. 24.

Sewing, sewing every chance I can get, out of the kitchen. Shall be glad when Jennie is gone, so we can get something done. In the eve, we attended rehearsal of “Last Judgment” by Spohr.

Concert to be Apr. 1st, I believe. Mrs. Shafer was over to see if Mabel was to stay with us through the summer. Mrs. S. leaves school next Thurs. and she is deeply interested in M. who was her pupil at the Normal.

Tuesday, March 25, 1902

Tues. 25.

Nothing but sewing, all day. Did my errands on my wheel for the first time. This lovely March weather is unprecedented.

Wednesday, March 26, 1902

Wed. 26.

Our blessed Stanton's 7th. birthday. He is happy as a bird over a few candies, a necktie, the promise of a patrol wagon and Malcolm McGregor invited to supper tonight.

Aunt Ida came in the afternoon and gave him a pair of Guinea pigs which he wanted more than anything. They are funny little fat fellows.

{#5, p.7}

Saturday, March 29, 1902

Sat. 29. Mar.

A great rush to get hats for Easter. Ida & Helen have some pretty ones and Mabel fixed over her straw sailor hat with my help. It looks very nicely too.

Sunday, March 30, 1902

Sunday 30.

A dark rainy Easter – no-one wearing new hats. Our S.S. service at 5 o'clock was poorly attended. Collections for the fund pledged by S.S. about \$5.00 – so we have still \$60.00 to raise. After our class have enough for umbrella-racks we must go to work earning for the pledge. Snow flurries and cold.

Monday, March 31, 1902

Monday 31.

Of course it is cold and horrid with snow and rain, because our church folks had an Easter supper tonight. They took in about \$8.00. It was a shame to put so much work and strength into such an enterprise and realize so little. I felt so badly about their charging only 15 cts. That I had to send a communication to the paper about it. It is simply taking money out of pockets to buy flour, sugar, butter, coffee etc – and not getting full value for them.

{#6, p.8} Leonard has come out with a good case of mumps – looks like the guinea pigs.

Tuesday, April 1, 1902

2'd # Tues. Apr. 1st. 1902

Mabel & Helen had to do some fooling at the table; had my tea-box empty – potato grated for horse-radish etc. They are rascals. In the eve. Ben & I went up to Mr. George's and I took my mending. May plays with great taste. I think if we are here next year I shall have Helen take of her.

Thursday, April 3, 1902

Thurs. Apr. 3.

Sewing and cleaning house. Mabel is a good one at it. Today Ida & Helen are helping her clean their room. L.A.S. in the afternoon, but didn't want to go. The Peases called in eve. Afterwards we called at Quirk's and Leonard's. No one home but Mr. L. She is in Ohio with the children.

Friday, April 4, 1902

Friday 4.

Ida & went to Detroit to get her a brown suit. I bought some flowers for our summer hats, too. What would hire me to live in a big city! My head is all in a whirl – from the noise & rush. Ida's skirt & jacket are very becoming. Cash \$10.00

{#6, p.9} She went to A.A. feeling very big indeed, with her new white waist, all gilt buttons, and new Spring hat & jacket. Her skirt we had to leave to have made shorter.

Saturday, April 5, 1902

Sat. 5th.

Papa went to Detroit and bought a fine (Stanton's) police patrol wagon. He returned just in time for tea. We invited Mr. & Mrs. Snowdon, but he couldn't come, on account of choir business.

Sunday, April 6, 1902

Sunday 6.

Another rainy Sunday. Communion – and four visited on confession of faith. Mart Verdier came over to lunch and went to church with Ben & the girls. Ida saw him at the A.A. "Fair" in the Gym. & he was so cool she wouldn't let him kiss her tonight. All night, too. He thinks he is too smart, because he is a sophomore & Zeta Psi.

Monday, April 7, 1902

Monday 7.

Leonard's 11th. birthday. He had a bicycle from Papa, suit of clothes & hat from me & Zobo from the girls. Aunt Ida sent two neckties & some salted pea nuts by Ida when she came home. Ida's brown skirt came from Detroit, and they haven't shortened at all, as they agreed.

{#7, p.10}

Wednesday, April 9, 1902


Wed. Apr. 9.

Sewing, sewing, struggling to get clothes in shape for summer. We girls are having a lot of waists made – 10 in all. Ida & Helen have reached the shirt-waist age. At club today, where Mrs. Watling was the chief attraction – holding forth on "Folk Songs" – and singing in her squeaky, cracked long-past voice some Creole love-songs. It seemed as if I must scream, to look around and see the sad faces, firmly shut teeth, study of the ceiling etc – to keep from laughing.

Poor Mrs. Beech has a bad case of blood-poisoning – boils all over her head & neck.

I believe I forgot to record Mrs. Batchelder's luncheon - a week or more ago. Very swell – about 14 ladies there. Nothing else has happened in a social way.

Friday, April 11, 1902

Friday 11th  [drawing of a hand pointing to an entry on the next page]

Saturday, April 12, 1902

Sat. 12.

We called on Mrs. Boone, who is visiting the Sherzer's. She is very stylish but oh! Such grammar as she uses.

Monday, April 14, 1902

Monday 14.

Auntie came out to spend Sunday with us, and is busy, mending & sewing. I feel as if I was having a vacation. Went off on my wheel to do my errands.

{#7, p.11}

Tuesday, April 15, 1902

Tues. 15.

Another bright day. Sewing and receiving callers. Miss Muir, Miss Hatch – two Miss Arnolds. I trimmed up my old Spring hat, and thought it would do very nicely, but B.L.D. sat down on it – and said he would set up the hat, if I'd get a nice one. Guess I will. Tonight we went to the choir festival at Episcopal church – and feld sold. Some of them sing well – but they sharp worse than I ever heard them before. Mrs. Pease stopped in on her way home and asked us there to dinner tomorrow night, to meet Mrs. Boone.

Friday, April 11, 1902

Friday Apr. 11th.

I shouldn't fail to record our Musical Festival at the Normal. Thurs. eve. The Sammis-Jackson concert – Fri. P.M. Normal choir & eve. the Cincinnati Symphony orchestra. Mart came out for

tea, and Mary came from Detroit and met us at the hall. It was an unusually fine treat for the people of Ypsi. to have such music.

Wednesday, April 16, 1902

Wednesday 16.

Auntie went home, after mending and sewing us up. I feel as if I had been having a vacation.

At the Pease's dinner we found Mrs. Sherzer & Mrs. Boone. Had a nice plain dinner: soup, mashed potatoes fried sweet-breads, beans again, {#8, p.12} little olives – dessert: ice-cream & cake with coffee. Afterwards visited and Mrs. P. sang two songs for us. She is making her preparations to go to Paris right after school's close.

Thursday, April 17, 1902

Thurs. Apr. 17.

Another busy day when I didn't get anything done. I am in despair when I think how the days fly by without my doing half that I plan. At L.A.S. in P. M. trimming hats for Rummage Sale. Left at 4:15 to go to Ben's lecture on Greek Art. Very interesting. Commenced at the beginning by study of early architecture: Mycenaean walls, gates, market-place, "tholos" & "megaron," which were developed into the Greek temple & house.

I had never realized that every city had an "acropolis" – a hill where the rulers lived.

Had Mrs. Boone over for a quiet family tea – she said she was all tired out by so much company.

Saturday, April 19, 1902

Sat. 19.

Helen to A.A. We baked & brewed (for over Sunday) yesterday, and today had Mrs. Crosby to help clean windows, and to iron seven of the shirts which had accumulated because Mabel does not get them stiff. It was {#8, p.13} rainy in the afternoon. Ida at Van Cleve's for tea. Stanton is down with the mumps – not so very much "down" either.

Sunday, April 20, 1902

Sunday 20.

A bright day and I (and my new Spring hat) stayed home with my dear baby – he wanted me so badly. I read to him a while, and gave him his picture books, and the clock and he let me sleep half an hour. Was awake with him some last night – and with my head-aches for two or three nights. That same old pain in the back of my neck that I had in Germany a year ago. Just a year ago last eve, I heard “Götterdämmerung” in Berlin – and today went to Dresden. What a short year it has been!

Thursday, April 24, 1902

Thurs. 24

Just hustling to get Helen’s white-dotted muslin read for Ida to wear to the H.S. concert tomorrow night. Helen is a dear little girl to offer it to her.

Friday, April 25, 1902

Fri. 25.th. Apr.

Mrs. Sherzer asked us up to play “Ping-pong” with the Jeffersons, but {#9, p.14} had to decline, on account of the concert. Mr. Bostwick’s chorus did very well indeed – Sang “Daughters of Jairus.” Ida looked very sweet in the white dress, with pale pink ribbons.

Saturday, April 26, 1902

Sat. Apr. 26

Worked hard all day, trying to catch up with work neglected on account of the dress for Ida. Auntie came for the concert & stayed over and helped me. She left before supper and Ben & I went down to Beach’s about 9 o’c – and played Ping pong for an hour. It is great fun.

Sunday, April 27, 1902

Sunday 27.

Had an increase in our family by three Guinea pig babies. Great excitement among the youngsters. Head ache, as usual on Sunday. Did not go to evening service.

Monday, April 28, 1902

Mon. 28.

Have I recorded the advent of our baby "Skealy"? He is the dearest, softest, naughtiest little rascal, and we all love him. He was a present to the boys from Dr. Britton on our street and was born about Feb. 28th.

My head ache is a little bit better - but must improve greatly if I go into the Rummage Sale very deeply this week. Mrs. Pease dropped in for Paris addresses. She sails the last of June.

{#9, p.15} Poor Prof. Pease has another boil on his neck. She says he has had fifty this Spring. The poor old man ought to go with her to Paris. The ocean voyage would do him good.

Tuesday, April 29, 1902

Tues. 29.

Getting ready for the Rummage Sale in the rain. Pleasant business! Invited with the Sherzers to play Ping pong at Jeffersons, and I got along quite well. Mr. J. & I made the best score of anyone – or should have, if they had kept score.

Wednesday, April 30, 1902

Wed. 30

Fortunately a bright day. Took in \$16.00 at the sale. It is remarkable what trash people will buy. I came home after dinner.

Thursday, May 1, 1902

Thurs. May 1st.

Another good day. Invited to a trolley-ride & luncheon at the Russell house in Detroit, by Eunice Lambie Hatch, next Friday (tomorrow). Also to M.L.'s for dinner at six o'clock same day. I wonder if I can possibly make it. May George's graduating recital tonight was very good – especially the fine music from Wagner's "Niebelungen Ring." May is quite a girl.

{#10, p.16} Helen & Helen Pease passed the programs, and both looked very sweet. I had a great time piecing my Helen's red divinity dress down so she could wear it – also her white skirts which are all out-grown.

Friday, May 2, 1902

Friday May 2.

Up early, and bustling. It rained hard but stopped about 11 o'clock. There were 13 ladies invited and we had quite a good time. I think a trolley ride is poor amusement though. Had an elegant luncheon beginning with cavier [sic, caviar] (nasty stuff) and running through eight or more courses. Was at table with Mrs. Sherzer, Pease & Quirk.

Afterwards went on Woodward Av. car out to the Palmer log-cabins & enjoyed the glimpse of country & smell of cherry blossoms. Left the cabin a little after three o'clock and hoped to reach A.A. by six o'clock but found it couldn't be done.

There were many delays & waits – so when I got to A.A. it was 6:30, and knowing what a stickler Mary is for having things on time, I telephoned my regrets to Mart – and laid my {#10, p.17} aching head on Auntie's bed a while – then came home and retired. The cavier [caviar] is what upset me, I guess. I thought I must learn to like it, – but I never can.

Saturday, May 3, 1902

Sat. 3d.

At the "Sale," most of the day. They deposited \$50.00 at noon which is the highest mark I had set. The children were all invited to Beach's for tea, and Ping pong. Ben & I went to an U. of M. – Normal alumni reception at 9 o'clock and came away early. Ben has some glimmer of hope of a change – to Oberlin or Stanford University or somewhere away from Ypsi!

Have written to Kittie H. and Maude that I'll visit Chicago when Ben goes to lecture, May 17.

And now, what a hustle to get my sewing done up so I can leave home!

Monday, May 5, 1902

Monday 5.

Pleasant again until night yesterday, when Mart Verdier dropped in on us, for luncheon, and left at 10 o'clock in a pouring rain.

Rummage Sale to run until tomorrow night. Will be glad enough when it is over.

{#11, p.18}

Wednesday, May 7, 1902

Wednesday May 7.

Two rainy days to finish up our sale. The second-hand man bought what we had left for \$2.50 so we took in a little over \$65.00 in all. Good enough. I had only hoped to get \$50.00 at the most.

The girls sent off a silver strawberry fork to Amri Selve, for her birthday present... We have been having an art exhibit of work done by our Sketching Club, and Hilda L. wanted my chair and tabourette. Zoe Kimball had her chest & bookshelves there, too.

Mrs. Gardam called. She looks terribly. Has been sick all winter – too nervous to work. Kept up her membership with the Whist Club, though and had them at her house once or twice.

Friday, May 9, 1902

Friday 9.

Aunt Ida came to take Stanton home for Sunday. He is greatly elated to go without Leonard. Ben & I visited Mr. & Mrs. Sherzer to attend the opening of Golf Club-house – but lo! The Walton female had invited them ten days ago. So we took the little Beaches.

Saw many friends – and others at the Club-house. The men went a little early & played Golf – and when we reached there, at five o'clock – we played a while – about three or four holes. Saw Charlie & Elsie Cooley, the Douglas girls and other A.A. people. {#11, p.19} About a hundred sat down to supper. Had fine roast beef, creamed potatoes, pickles, salad, cake, coffee & pink ice cream.

Monday, May 12, 1902

Monday 12.

Helen & Mabel into the mumps up to their eyes. Have written to cousin Maud & Kittie Hallstaedt that I will come to Chicago with Ben next Friday. I hesitated at first on account of the cost – but as I told Ben, it will be all the same in a hundred years, and we shouldn't deny ourselves everything.

Thursday, May 15, 1902

Thurs. 15

Helen has had her mumps very lightly, and I have run after her shutting windows, calling her away from open doors etc – but today I relaxed my vigilance and went to L.A.S. Results: she got out on the wood-house roof to teach a baby robin to fly – and took cold causing her mumps to settle on the _____ some other glands. I told her I couldn't think of going to Chicago – and leave her. So have about given up my trip.

Friday, May 16, 1902

Friday 16.

Went down to Dr. Cornue & got med. [medicine] for Helen. He said she must go to bed for two days {#12, p.20} and that she would be all right and I could safely leave her. As Ben says he won't go without me – and as I do need a change – we start at 1:30.

Saturday, May 17, 1902

Sat. 17. Chicago.

We had a fine trip in chair car and a fine dinner in the dining car – an unwonted extravagance and my first meal in a pullman.

Aunt Ida didn't come before we left, but I left a note of directions and hope all will be well. It seemed dreadful to leave my Arlie in bed.

John Hattstaedt met us at the station and Kittie gave us a warm welcome. Visited a while and then retired to our folding bed in Louise's room. She went up on third floor with her Grandma. Kittie is just the same dear girl – hasn't changed but very little. This morning Ben went off to his meeting, way out on the west side. Kittie & I went down street shopping. I bought me a jacket of etamine lined with black silk. They all say it is really next year's {#12, p.21} style – it cost enough to be in good style for years to come. Took luncheon at Marshall Field's on 6th. floor – where there were fully 500 ladies lunching. We had a little chicken pie, potato bread & butter & chocolate.

At 3:30 we attended a recital at John's Conservatory. At four we took the car for home, where we met J. & Ben in a carriage & had a delightful drive through Jackson Park. Six o'clock found us back, and hustling to wash & brush & dress for dinner, where they had invited Lou Castle & Mr. Mack of A.A. (who is a cousin of John's). In the eve some of the others came, and we played "Ping pong." A full day.

Sunday, May 18, 1902

Sunday 18.

Hot Ben, Kittie & I went to Presb. [Presbyterian] church on Lake Ave. and heard a plain talk and good music – but were packed in the seat too tight. Then we went to Maud's for dinner, and met her sweet doctor. He is the quietest, gentlest man I ever saw. {#13, p.22} He speaks so low that dear Ben couldn't hear very much that he said. I could hardly hear him myself. Maud's house is full of quaint pretty things that they have picked up in their travels. The great lack is in pictures. The quantity is all right – and they have a very few good ones – but a lot of water colors which they prize I wouldn't care to own. Jane Stanley's boat is by far their finest one. Maud has two servants at \$5.00 & \$4.00 a week. She has about everything that she wants, that money can buy – but her doctor is so frail-looking and works so hard – it must worry her. Ben went at 3 o'clock and will reach home tonight.

Monday, May 19, 1902

Monday May 19.

I helped Kittie H. fix belts on two of Louise's dresses. About 11 o'clock she went with me to find Mrs. Hendrickson's, and then went to market leaving me with Mrs. {#13, p.23} H. She has a nice-looking stone-front house, with a large yard extending through to the railroad, back. It is filled with currant & goose-berry bushes, cherry trees and strawberries, pie-plant asparagus and all kinds of flowers. A bit of country in the midst of Chicago.

After making a great ado about what she had intended to give me for lunch, if I hadn't come so late – we had a nice one of cold veal, br. [bread] & butter, lemonade, pie-plant sauce & cake. Good enough for any-one. She is the same dear, kind funny old soul that she was in Bonn. Insisted on sending me three glasses of jelly made from their own currants. I shall have to leave them at Kittie's, as I can't lug them around. In the eve. I went, with the Dr. & Maud, to see Julia Marlowe in "When Knighthood was in flower." She is very fascinating, and sweet.

{#14, p.24} I didn't need my opera-glass, as we sat fifth seat from the front. (Never did that before.) After the show, we went, with the other swells, for some ices. (Ahem!) Dr. was in his dress-suit, and I was glad I had brought my white silk waist.

Tuesday, May 19, 1902

Tues. 20th.

Kittie H. came, about 11 o'clock for me to visit Hull House. We took the car, & rode & rode and didn't reach there until too late to see the kindergarten or any-thing in session. They have a great, large, well-equipped house. Lots of good water-colors & framed photographs. We went through the "Crêche" where were about forty youngsters, lying down – supposed to be taking their noon rest. They were tumbled into cribs many of them too short – often two in a crib – shoes & dresses on, and in the next room were half a dozen noisy kids romping {#14, p.25} & squealing. A cross-looking woman, (who wouldn't answer a question) was getting quilts to cover them –

this hot day. We took luncheon there on a clean black-painted table in a great room, containing about fifty tables all full. We had veal cutlets, rye bread & butter, coffee for Kittie, potato, strawberries & angel-food. Cost me 85 cts. for both of us. Back to Maud's about five o'clock – and had a good nap before dinner. In eve. we went to see the comic opera: "Flora Dora" which was rather funny and very brilliant in costumes and offered rare chance for the study of anatomy. Ices afterwards, as usual.

Wednesday, May 21, 1902

Wed. 21st.

The way these folks throw the money is a wonder to me. They simply do not think of economizing in any way. And Maude, lives the easiest lazy life imaginable, while {#15, p.26} her devoted husband slaves his life away for her. She doesn't even make her own bed or dust anything. Just sits and reads, and plays with her great dog: "Queen" and goes shopping, and dresses for dinner and goes to theaters.

It seems incredible to me how she can live in such a way. Perhaps she does more when I am not here.

A letter from home with \$10.00 for emergencies. I ought to get some presents for these good friends. Wrote home and to Miss Higley. In the P.M. Maud & I went to matinee of Weber & Fields Variety Show. Some of it funny. Glad to see Lillian Russell, DeWolf Hopper & Fay Templeton of whom I had often heard.

Too much leg-show to suit my country tastes.

In the eve. we read a while – and then, when the Dr. {#15. p.27} got through his work, we went out for soda-water. Still hot.

Thursday, May 22, 1902

Thurs. May 22d.

Went in the morning to visit the John Dewey School, and had an interesting time. Met Mrs. Dewey, who looked about fifty yrs. old – eyes on the droop. If I hadn't known here before, I would not have been allowed inside the school. As they admit only "patrons." I visited the cooking class, and saw seven youngsters about Stanton's age, cooking eggs, spinach and potatoes, while another one laid the table. Then I went to the German class where five boys were talked to in German, and occasionally responded very briefly. Returned to Maud's in time for lunch – to which the Dr. did not come, as he had an emergency case – hunting for a safety pin in a girl's stomach. He has a shoe-button which he removed from a girl's lung and a large penny – all of which were traced by means of Xray apparatus. At about 4:30 I went to Kittie H's

– and we called on Florence, on our way to dinner at Annie’s. They live on the 4th. floor of an apartment house {#16, p.28} and put on a lot of style. Found them in full dress – Annie with trailing silk-muslin, and ponpon [pompon] in hair, light blue, to watch her velvet girdle. Ms. Burrit was in full-dress, too. Not so, John H. The table was heavily decorated with green & white: – five dishes of ferns & flowers, & four tall silver candles in green & white shades. Their rooms were packed with things picked up abroad – too crowded. Had a nice dinner: fruit course of shredded pineapple arranged on our plates with a little sugar in the middle; then beef-steak, creamed potatoes & asparagus, beer, green candies, salad of stuffed cucumbers (good) – ice cream & maccarones [sic, macaroons], coffee. When John & I reached Maud’s – found her on the front steps with her big dog “Queen,” waiting for Dr. Chislett, who did not return until 10:30. Had performed four hard operations in the day, and was almost too tired to drag home. He cannot stand this strain for many years.

Friday, May 28, 1902

Friday May 28.

Yesterday was our Helen’s thirteenth {#16, p.29} birthday, and I was not there. I hope she liked her “Ping pong” and hat & pin which I sent her.

This morning I waked up as usual, about five o’c – then snoozed until 7 or later. Left on 10:30 train, Maud insisting on paying for a cab, and going with me in the rain. It stopped soon, and made a pleasant day for a journey. Reached Jackson about 4:30, checked my satchel and walked out to Smitses where I found Grandma Hull had just arrived unexpectedly, and Helen out calling.

I took up some radishes & Mrs. H. a lot more, so we had enough. In the eve. we visited until after 10 o’c – and then to bed.

Left Friday morning about 10 o’c – and when I reached Ypsi. found Papa & Stanton waiting, and was glad to be at home again, after a week of absolute selfishness. Did not do much but un-pack and talk & trim over Helen’s hat, and mine, and Mabel’s new one also.

Early to bed. Auntie went home after supper.

{#17, p.30}

Sunday, May 25, 1902

Sunday May 25, 1902

All seven of us at church. In the afternoon Miss Norton of A.A. & Mart V. came for luncheon. Hilda Lodeman came over to ask me there to chafing-dish party (I guess). Must write letters & letters.

Monday, May 26, 1902

Monday 26.

Getting Helen ready for playing at Miss Beardsley's recital, tonight. Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Darling called. Wrote yesterday to Maud, Kittie H, Auntie & Mrs. Hendrickson & a card to Mrs. Rubinkam.

Tuesday, May 27, 1902

Tues. 27

Sewing, sewing. Helen did the best of anyone at the recital, and that is not saying much. It was the worst sample of poor teaching and too hard music, played with little regard for time or expression. She looked very sweet in her white with blue sash & ribbons.

Professor Norton came around and we went to H. Loderuan's studio together. She served coffee from her new chafing dish (presented {#17, p.31} by the Sketching Club) and cream, cake & candies. Played cards and visited. Ben came over after me, and had some cream etc.

Thursday, May 29, 1902

Thurs. 29.

Mabel and I went to A.A. on 12 o'clock motor, and to the Univ. clinic to have her eyes examined & treated. We rushed off so, without eating much dinner – and the car tumbled about so, and I didn't feel very well – and the room was so hot and sunny – and I was too sick to be happy. We went to Auntie's rooms for a call. When I reached home I went straight to bed, after writing invitations to Sherzers & Miss Cutcheon to lunch here tomorrow with Mr. & Mrs Stuart whom Ben asked earlier.

Friday, May 30, 1902

Friday 30.

I fought my hot head all night, and slept late this A.M. so I was able to be at work about nine o'clock. Decoration Day and Helen had to go with a lot of girls, and scatter flowers on the graves. Should not have consented, had I been here when they asked her.

{#18, p.32} We had a nice little lunch if I do say so: First we had mixed fruits in glasses: pineapple, orange, lemon & candied cherries. Then a big platter of scrambled eggs with the whites browned over the top, surrounded by ham croquettes; radishes & pickles, fresh rolls & tea, cucumbers stuffed & nut croquettes & wafers. Ice cream & Angel cake.

After they had gone, I rushed into the kitchen and cut up oranges & bananas & pine-apple for supper, stuffed eggs and fixed ham and fixed more salad – for didn't Ben invite the State Board of Education for supper:

There were four: Delos Fall (my old teacher), Mr. Thompson, Kelly and Wright – all very appreciative of our supper. Ben was pleased with everything, and that's all I cared for. We must have the Leonards next week.

{#18, p.33)

Saturday, May 31, 1902

Sat. 31.

All the children invited to Uncle Mart's for dinner at noon – or luncheon, Mary called it. I sewed all day.

Sunday, June 1, 1902

Sunday, June 1st.

Bright day. Made our first lemon ice – good. All at church and S.S. Starting rehearsals for Zobo concert next Friday – and Children's Day Sunday next.

[Undated newspaper notice of upcoming Y.W.C.A. (Young Women's Christian Association) song service, pasted in the middle of the journal page]

Y.W.C.A. Notes.

Sunday at 4:30 song service at rooms. The Misses D'Ooge and others will sing.

Wednesday, June 4, 1902

Wed. 4th

Had bad luck with the Leonards for he was out of town & she had promised to go into the country with her boy. Must have the Lairds before they go, anyway.

Thursday, June 5, 1902

Thurs. 5.

L.A.S. and they are grumbling and talking about going back to the old way of work. I was disgusted. In the eve. we were invited to Putnam's and I made a mistake and wore my blk. [black] silk instead of pink. Mrs. Pease had on a new white lace, and everyone was in light {#19, p.34} clothes. Served ice cream & cake & coffee & had music at intervals and bowl of lemonade in the study.

Friday, June 6, 1902

Frid. June 6.

At a very pretty lawn party given by Mrs. Dan Quirk. Every one in their best clothes, and they had a long table with Miss Towner & Miss Swift serving cream, while others served all kinds of cake. Under a tree was a big punch bowl – with "O-be-joyful" in it. In the eve. of course it rained for our Zobo concert & lawn party. Took in about \$17.00 & had to pay out \$10. of it.

Saturday, June 7, 1902

Sat. 7.

Fixing Helen's red muslin for Ruth Hay's birthday party. I had promised to make a cake for Y.W.C.A. supper, so had to do it today. At reception in Gym. given by the girls to the faculty ladies. Came home and put on a wrapper and canned pineapples that couldn't wait until Monday.

{#19, p.35}

Sunday, June 8, 1902

Sun. 8th.

"Children's Day" and a busy one. My class recited very nicely – and I was proud of my fourteen girls – the largest class in S.S. except the Infant Dept.

We had a telephone that John & Ridie Verdier would be here for supper – so I stayed home from church & made Angels food. They didn't come until quarter of six, and we had to start at 6 o'clock for service – but Ben stayed home and visited with them. He had to leave on 9 o'clock train for Reading and some other country towns where he examined the condition of the schools.

Monday, June 9, 1902

Monday 9th.

John brought their satchel and they came to stay all night – which was a surprise to me. This morning they sat around and looked so bored, I sent for a horse and surrey and took them for a ride, which pleased {#20, p.36} them – especially Ridie. They left, after dinner for A. Arbor.

Tuesday, June 10, 1902

Tues. June 10.

Ben returned in time for the Home Association supper, to which we were invited by Mrs. Wilcox.

Wednesday, June 11, 1902

Wed. 11th.

We invited the Lairds and Peases for lunch today. The latter could not come, so asked the Lodemans – who were too tired and too busy – so asked the Leonards who came. They seemed to enjoy themselves, and stayed until 4 o'clock – so I couldn't go to Club – the last meeting, & president's day.

Friday, June 13, 1902

Friday 13.

An all-day Missionary meeting of Jackson Association – not very well attended on account of rain. We served lunch in the church to about fifty. Helen Smits came with a crown of her parishioners and I hardly had a glimpse of her.

Poor Daddie has a regular attack of biliousness – taking medicine of Dr. Cornue.

{#20, p.37} Reception at Normal, but Ben felt too wretched to go.

Saturday, June 14, 1902

Sat. 14.

Serving as usual. In the afternoon Mrs. Pease invited a lot of people to the conservatory to a recital given by her pupils – and served ices & wafers. It was very pleasant, and she has some rather unusual voices this year.

Wednesday, June 18, 1902

Wed. 18

Have been having nervous tremors for a few days – trying to have Mrs. Rice make over my pongee silk for Ida to wear. She has the least sense of anyone of her age I ever saw. Finally, this morning after she had spoiled the sleeves by cutting them four inches to short – she said I couldn't bring them home to fix – and when I insisted on helping her – (“as she was sick and nervous”) she said I could take the dress all home & which I gladly did, and paid her {#21, p.38} her full price \$3.50 – while I have to sew lace on skirt, make collar, belt & sleeves, put chiffon in neck etc.

It is not much harder than to fuss over her, and listen to her disagreeable whining about making her old dresses and how hard it is to work on such soft silk etc. I'm so sick of her that I don't expect to have anything more done there ever. Had rather pay a little more, and worry less.

Thursday, June 19, 1902

Thurs. June 19.

Serving in the morning and until 4 o'clock – then went to the little party given at the church by the defeated half in our membership contest. They served cake and cream.

Friday, June 20, 1902

Friday 20.

This was another full day. Finished Ida's pongee for her to wear tonight, where she sings in the Commencement choir. Frosted some little cakes {#21, p.39} which Mabel made for my S.S. class, whom I invited this afternoon. Gave them lemonade and played games with them. Mrs. Green came also. She will take my class this summer. Mrs. Batchelder & her friends from New York & Grand Rapids called. Also Aunt Ida came out with Alice Donnelly of G.R. (Ida came back from Charlevoix last Monday. Says it is beautiful there.) Have asked them out for tea and to go to the Com. [Commencement] concert Monday eve.

We went to the closing Gym. show, in the eve. When we returned found Mart and Len V. [Verdier] had walked in and made themselves at home. Were playing "Ping pong." They stayed all night; so Ben & I slept in the sewing room. Sometime we will have a guest room. Was never so tired in my {#22, p.40} life as when I went to bed last night.

Sunday, June 22, 1902

Sunday June 22.

After a week of rains, we have another bright Sunday. Mr. Beach gave us a good sermon on "Sunday Christianity." It rained in the afternoon of course – but was clear & cold tonight for the Baccalaureate address – given by Rev. Wharton. The Lairds sailed yesterday and will spend some weeks in Switzerland. The Hoyts, too, left Hamburg yesterday for America. Had a nice letter from dear Mrs. Rubinkam, who almost made us homesick for beautiful Bonn, all in a bloom of pink horse-chestnuts & roses. Last night Ida & I went over to Lodemans to borrow books and they loaded us down with German literature and treated us to strawberry shrub.

{#22, p.41}

Monday, June 23, 1902

Monday 23.

Am rushing to finish making over my light blue muslin for Helen to wear to her club banquet this afternoon.

Tuesday, June 24, 1902

Tues. 24.

We went to the Normal concert last eve. and enjoyed it. They should have charged an admission to keep out the mobs of youngsters. Tonight we went to Lyman's reception in the Normal. Met many alumni – and had some horrid pink ice-cream. Invited one B.G. – Mrs. Meeks for lunch on Thursday.

Wednesday, June 25, 1902

Wed. 25.

Seventeen years ago we were married. Celebrated by going to the Normal luncheon. Ben responded to the toast: "Classical Education" – which he made a good speech on, in spite of the dryness of the subject. Dr. Leonard was toast-master and he is too serious-minded for such a place. All his subjects were too heavy for after-dinner speeches. {#23, p.42} I suppose this is their last appearance on such an occasion in Ypsi. It is understandable that his plan is to go into the publishing business. There he will be at his best. He lacks the tact & executive qualities needed here in the Normal.

It is too bad that it rains today – when so many girls are wearing their new white dresses. Such weather as this, makes one feel that we do not need to go north on account of the heat.

Friday, June 27, 1902

Friday 27th. June.

Am having a little interim of loafing before beginning the rush of packing for Charlevoix. Went to call with Ben at Peases and Sherzer's. Asked the latter down for cards tomorrow eve. And they made us stay for Ping pong. Had a lively time.

Sunday, June 29, 1902

Sunday 29.

Rain again. Ben not feeling well again, and he & Ida & H. stayed in bed. The rest of us at church & S.S. Not enough S.S. to pay for going.

{#23, p.43} Had a good time at Whist last eve. Although Mr. S. and I were beaten, as usual. We can beat them at Ping pong, though. We called on Mart & M. and Mary Scott Carter.

Monday, June 30, 1902

Mon. 30.

Put up currant jelly – 21 glasses, and currant jam, & spiced c.

Auntie went home this morning. Has helped me out finely, at my sewing and preparation for Ch. [Charlevoix].

Ben is golfing these days.

Tuesday, July 8, 1902

Tues. July 8th.

Have no record for the 4th. Had the Sherzer's down & one of Ida's friends, and Dr. Norton came with a lot of extra fire-works. He is very fond of children. Served a fruit ice, which tasted good, it was such a hot night. Mr. Smits came Thursday to spend the 4th. with us, and enjoyed himself thoroughly.

Wednesday, July 9, 1902

July 9th.

Yesterday Mart invited himself down for supper – which delayed my packing greatly – but the children were glad to see him – and he & Ben had beer in the eve. and a cigar for M., so he was happy. We had our final struggles today at packing. Early to bed.

Thursday, July 10, 1902

Thurs. 10.

Off on 8:30 train for Charlevoix. Had a fairly comfortable journey.

{#24, p.44} Mart V. came down to the station in G.R. Mrs. W. Mahou and the two boys were on the car from G.R. so we had a good visit, and the time passed pleasantly and quickly except for Mabel, who was sick as a cat. Made her lie on the sofa – got her a pillow and made her as comfortable as possible. We had 1000 lbs. of baggage and didn't have to pay any extra.

Friday, July 11, 1902

Friday, July 11th. Charlevoix

Reached here about 9 o'clock and found our cottage open, lighted & full of people. All the neighbors were there to welcome us. Oh, was never so beautiful as now. The trees have been trimmed up and cut down so we can see Pine Lake finely.

Saturday, July 12, 1902

Sat. 12.

Mabel is a rusher. We are nearly settled already – except that our driving-table and rugs are not here yet. Bird G. [Gillespie] is the same as ever. Only quite feeble. Has any quantity of miniature orders on hand.

Sunday, July 13, 1902

Sun. 13.

We slept & slept & slept. Helen went to church with the Prices, but the rest of us rested.

Monday, July 14, 1902

Mon. 14.

Reading “Duett” by C. Doyle. Had our first sail – a good one, but I am always afraid, the first of the season, and struggle to keep the {#24, p.45} boat level. Skele tried to swim out to us, but couldn’t do it, and we feared he would be exhausted before he reached the dock again. Strange how a five months baby dog knows how to swim, while we have to work so hard to learn.

Lee Smits swam out afterwards and couldn’t catch our boat as it passed him, so had to swim back, and was nearly played out when we came in; had to lie down on the dock – and I made him some ginger-tea.

Tuesday, July 15, 1902

Tues. 15.

Annual meeting of the association. Voted to have sewage & more water supply, and a casino at the hotel for dancing & for the children. Ben left for Detroit in the eve. I went down with him, and bought him a box of “Crackerjack” – because he whined for it. He will be away until Friday night.

Wednesday, July 16, 1902

Wed. 16.

We finished up our ironing and mending. Rowed a little in the channel but it was too rough on Pine Lake. Took Mabel and her friend Agnes. Down town afterwards with H. [Helen] Smits. A great meeting of the Masons here. Too bad Papa isn’t here to see his brethren.

{#25, p.46} The girls & Len at Dissett's cottage, making "Fudge."

Thursday, July 17, 1902

Thurs. 17th.

We took our dinner, & Ralp [sic, Ralph] & Abby down to Lake M. [Michigan] beach for dinners. I laid in the hammock nearly two hours, listening to the waves & snoozing, and having a good rest.

Am gradually getting over my dreaming of church Fairs and affairs – so must be sleeping better than we first came up.

Sunday, July 20, 1902

Sun. 20th.

Having lovely quiet time, doing nothing worth mentioning. Am reading "Man from Glengary [sic, Glengarry]," by Ralph Connor. Very good picture of life in Canada and northern wilds. Were all at the Dissett cottage in the eve. for song service.

Mon, July 21, 1902

Mon. 21.

Nothing new – washing today. I have classes in Algebra, Anth, and Spelling every morning that we think of it. Ben off fishing today and got enough for supper tonight and dinner tomorrow.

Hop at the hotel. Helen is content to watch them dance, but Ida is getting where she feels she ought to have partners! (Getting notions!)

Reading "Raffles" by Hörnung [sic, Hornung] – a story of a burglar who gives his personal experiences. {#25, p.47} Fascinating, but leaves a bad taste, as if one had been caught in bad company. Do not know but it might have a bad influence on boys. Wouldn't think of letting ours read it for fear it would make them think it was fun to "burge! [sic, burgle]."

Wednesday, July 23, 1902

Wed 23.

Sail again, but too little breeze, most of the time. We called at Gillespies, on Mrs. Richmond, after rowing down to the village for the mail. The Smits boys & Steve Chamberlain came back from two days camping near Holy Island – glad to get home again. They rigged up an old water-soaked scow, with two sails and named it the Isaac Walton. We thought it was terrible to let them go off that way. The old thing leaked so. But, as Lee said: “You can’t kill youngones.”

Thursday, July 24, 1902

Thurs.24.

Had a telegram last night that Kittie Hattstaedt & children would be here this afternoon, but they came before we had had breakfast. She is dear as ever. Louise has been having asthma, and the Dr. said she must go north. We sat and visited and let everything slip by, in the way of work. John & Len are off all day building rafts etc.

Louise is going to rent a pony and cart three times a week, so she shall be out of doors as much as possible – and have some interest. {#26, p.48} Stanton is delighted to be invited to go with her.

Friday, July 25, 1902

Friday July 25th.

Invited about a dozen ladies to meet Kittie. Sat out in the yard and served (or tried to serve) ices & cookies. My ice had too many lemons, and then too much sugar so it was a syrup, and wouldn't freeze. It was awful, but they seemed to like it and all had a good time working and talking.

Ben, bless his heart, re-packed the whole freezer and froze it over, but to no avail. Moral: don't leave the children to freeze stuff for company. If it had had about a qt. more water or milk it would have been all right.

Received a letter from Cora B. [Barbour] who has opened the secret drawer of my desk for me, and got my certificate for the payment of our investment in Blk. Diamond Mine stock. I put in \$100, Ben 100 & Auntie 100. Now my certificate dated July 22, 1902 – is for \$304 – in bank.

Saturday, July 26, 1902

Sat. 26.

Kittie & youngsters over as usual. Stanton was up and dressed before anyone, in anticipation of his ride with Louise in the dear little pony cart. Kittie helped me shell the peas, and then we

worked and visited. In the afternoon I had one of my horrid head-aches {#26, p.49} and lay in the hammock until after ten o'clock. Suppose it is from yesterdays anguish at serving the salve to my company.

In the eve. the youngsters went to a ventriloquist entertainment at the hotel.

Sunday, July 27, 1902

Sunday 27.

Head some better – but I feel weak-minded yet. No-one went to church in the morning, but all went in P.M. to the service, leaving me to rest, and read with Kittie H. In afternoon Ben & I went to Dr. Putnam's to call by invitation as it was their 50th. wedding anniversary. They served pink cream & cake. At Dissett's in the eve. for song-service and they made us sing two trios again. Think they might ask someone else sometimes.

Wrote to Ida, Mrs. Lodeman & Nan C. [Codington].

Monday, July 28, 1902

Monday 28.

Mr. Smits came this morning. All out sailing. Hot wash-day. Stanton jubilant, riding with Louise H.

Tuesday, July 29, 1902

Tues. 29.

Working on the veranda with Kittie H. and sailing after dinner. After tea Papa, B [Bastian] & H. [Helen] & I went down town in row-boat and had a treat. Helen & Len took supper with the Hattstaedts and in the eve. Abbie Price gave a marsh-mallow roast on Pine Lake.

{#27, p.50}

Wednesday, July 30, 1902

Wed. 29th 30th. July

Ben, Bastian, Helen & I have great times together – “just like young folks,” the girls say. We row down st. every eve. and have larks.

Thursday, July 31, 1902

Thurs. 30. [sic]

Ben & Lee Smits gone trout fishing. We had a picnic supper in the yard, having Abbie Price over to it. We are reading a lot of books from the Village library (without money & without price.)

Friday, August 1, 1902

~~Thurs. 31.~~ Friday 31 [sic]

Ben home about 3 o'clock with no fish. They caught enough for their supper at the farm-house last night, but today Ben "didn't fish much" – said he was exploring the stream, and wants to take me there, some day. It would be a great experience.

Jen & John W. [Westerhoff] came on 8:30 train, and hadn't had any supper; so we built a fire, made tea, warmed potatoes & did the best he could for them. They have been having terribly hot weather down in G.R.

B. & Helen S. came down after tea & took us up there & read aloud "The Transfiguration of Miss Filura [sic, Philura]" (a little take-off on "Christian Science") and treated us to chocolate cream.

Saturday, August 2, 1902

Sat. Aug. 1st. [sic]

John Hattstaedt came this morning, and we had a lively crowd on {#27, p.51} our front piazza. They went sailing and went to the kitchen, where I spent most of the day. In the afternoon Ben dragged me off, down for a row to the village. After supper I went over to the Gillespie's while Jen dressed for the hop at the Inn. Bird G. has a lot of lovely miniatures – some of the best work she ever did. Has a \$1000. worth promised before Christmas. Miss Crane lent "In the Fog" by R. Harding Davis and another by author of "Lorna Doone." Had great fun at the Inn watching the fine clothes & diamonds.

Sunday, August 3, 1902

Sun. Aug 3 2d. (head-ache.)

All attended service at Cong. ch. [Congregational church] except Ida & Helen who stayed to make chocolate ice-cream. In the afternoon Kittie & John H. & family came, and part of us went

to church again. And in the eve, again out to song-service at the Dissett cottage. She made us sing another trio, although I had a bad head-ache.

Monday, August 4, 1902

Mon 3d

Martin L. leaves A.A. today for Colorado. John W. & Jen took Ida & Helen to Bay View etc. for the day, and did not return until 8:30, so we couldn't go to the hop after all. Bastian & Helen came down a while, in the eve. I had a lovely, quiet restful day. Ben wonders why I get tired (#28, p.52) when there are "only two extra, and very plain people." The dear Daddie has no idea what it means to entertain a sister-in-law, who always spends the day cooking when we are there. She announced that she expects to stay a week longer – & I don't know how much more. Ben met Walter Miller (late of Leland Stanford Univ.) and brought him home for supper. He is just a great boy. He and Ben rowed me over to the village after tea.

Tuesday, August 5, 1902

Tues. 5 Aug.

Ironing & baking in the morning while the rest went sailing except ~~John~~ Jennie, who helped fix the veg. for dinner. After an early luncheon, we went on the "Pilgrim" to E. Jordan – Prof. Miller & Dr. Smith went also. I read Crisis, when we were not telling stories.

In the eve. Helen & B – Mr. & Mrs. Price came, and we played "Ping pong" & Logomachy" and ate fudge – and made a great noise.

Wednesday, August 6, 1902

Wed. 6.

I do not have much time for anything except mending and cooking. In the eve. The Hattstaedts came and we all went up to {#28, p.53} Smit's. Afterwards they had Ping pong, here. I can't play worth anything – buttie [sic] Kittie has had a lot of practice – so she beat me, in "matched singles."

Thursday, August 7, 1902

Thurs. 7.

John W. left on the morning train – leaving Jen, who (he says) can stay a week or two longer, or, until I get “tired of her and send her home” – which places me in an embarrassing position, as Maud is perhaps coming – and the boys from G.R.

I am not likely to have much chance to “be lazy,” as Auntie Ida begged me to be.

Called at Price’s in the eve.

Friday, August 8, 1902

Frid. 8.

Sailing in morning – all but me. Ben & B. took quite a crowd out. In the eve. we were all at Drissett’s where each family gave a charade. Ours was In-com-pat-i-bility. The Weidemann’s gave “Trio” – Others had: “Hypothenuse,” “Chanticleer” & “Forefather’s.” They passed cream and cake.

Saturday, August 9, 1902

Sat. 9.

Another lovely Charlevoix day. We hustled around in the morning, {#29, p.54} and got ready for a family picnic. All would have been ready promptly at 9 o’c. but Mabel had to have her shoes, which were down town and, and she had to do up her white waist etc., etc., so we got such a late start that we reached camp-meeting just as they were through the afternoon service. We wandered around and looked at the tents, and had a monster watermelon & then went down to the beach and picked flowers and had supper. There were sixteen of us, including Kittie H. & Louise. Had a grand good time, and a moonlight sail home. In the eve. we read until 9 o’c.

Sunday, August 10, 1902

Sun. Aug. 10th.

We rushed up to the Barbour cottage last night, hoping they had arrived – but it was a false alarm. Seems as if they were going to have an awfully short vacation. Mr. Smits preached at the hall in the afternoon. I did not go to song service in the eve. but stayed home with Ben and read. He has rheumatism in his heel so he is quite lame.

Monday, August 11, 1902

Mon. Aug 11.

Dark and drizzly [drizzly]. A picture card came from Frau Taxer & Miss Brayton written up on Venusberg. We must send them an Indian card from Charlevoix. We sailed in the morning, and took Jen to the hotel hop in the eve. Ben and I called on Gardiner's and Pres. Jesse of Missouri Univ.

Tuesday, August 12, 1902

Tues 12.

Miss Bacon came over in the morning from Bay View, for a sail, and stayed to dinner. Afterwards they went again – but without much wind to return with, so they didn't get home until half-past six. I had to go to the village, so we left Ben, Jen & Miss Bacon to eat supper alone.

Miss " [Bacon] went home at 7:45.

In the eve. we asked the Gillespies and Hattstaedts over, and we sat in the dining-room and worked and read aloud: "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Served pop corn fritters and plain.

Wednesday, August 13, 1902

Wed. 13.

The Price-Douglas-Smiths-Hattstaedt-D'Ooge combination went down to Lake Mich. beach with our suppers. Twenty people beside the dogs. Jen's "Gippie" race over the table, which added sand to the sandwiches. Had a jolly time. Read "Phroso" by Anthony Hope in the eve. A great yarn.

Thursday, August 14, 1902

Thurs. Aug. 14.

Jen off on 9:30 train. She had a giddy time, while here, and seemed to appreciate it. We were greatly amused at her devotion to her dog. She really treats him as if he were human – and thinks he knows everything worth knowing, and is always talking about him to everyone, as if it was her only child. We saw Laura Moore & children on the train. She was waving Whitley Ben's cap to us, and it flew out of her hand right to us. We must send it by mail. Sailed P.M.

In the eve. Mrs. Price & I gave a little party at our cottage. About eighteen present. Had each one wear something to represent their fad. Served ices & wafers, chocolates and almond wafers

(or cakes which looked exactly like uncracked almonds). Mrs. Price's sister sent them from Philadelphia.

Friday, August 15, 1902

Friday 15.

Bright and glorious. Mrs. Barbour and Mabel came on 6:30 train. We had them down for dinner. I am trying to get the mending done up today. Went sailing both {#30, p.57} A.M. and P.M. all but me. I went yesterday and Will Mahon sailed the boat, and he tipped it so I couldn't help showing it in my face. So I am everlastingly disgraced in Ben's eyes – who loses not a chance to taunt me.

I simply cannot help drawing in my breath when we keel over – since our horrible time in the smoke last year. After suffering so many hours I can not get over my tremors when it is very windy & rough.

Miss Bacon and Miss Campbell came over from Bay View to sail.

Saturday, August 16, 1902

Sat. 16.

I kept quiet all day, and in the eve our "Four" went down to the village in our boat. Cora Barbour came over in the afternoon. When we returned from town we found the girls had skipped off to the hop at the Inn with the Hattstaedts. A great note, for them to do so without saying a word to us.

Sunday, August 17, 1902

Sunday. 17.

A lovely day, with strong south wind. The Amy dragged her anchor about church time and {#31, p.58} the first we knew our neighbor Gardiner rapped on the front door and told us. The men had to rush after her, in a high sea, and sail back. Poor Bastian tore his best Sunday trousers.

In P.M. we went to Music Hall and listened to Mrs. Beaman's father, Rev. Burton. Kittie etc. staid [stayed] at our cottage with Ben, who declared he couldn't stand it. At Dissett cottage in eve.

Monday, August 18, 1902

Mon. 18. Aug.

The Gillespies are planning a ghost party tomorrow eve. & I have been copying invitations for them. But as Ben has to go down to Detroit on business, and Bastian must go to Constantine for a funeral, they have postponed the party.

Dark & rainy all day. Kittie H. helped me fix Helen's white dress which shrank in the wash. In the eve. all the neighboring youngsters were here – to the number of sixteen. Played Ping pong & Flinch & ate caramels. Ben left on 8:20 train, and greatly to our surprise Mart & Laurence Verdier came at the same {#31, p.59} time. Great nuisance to have them here when Ben is away. Shall get them off on excursions as much as possible until Thurs. P.M.

Tuesday, August 19, 1902

Tues. 19.

The children rowed to the village and when they returned it was dinner time. The boys helped Ida and Len in their lessons while I wrestled with Helen in her Arithmetic.

Sailed in the P.M. with Billiam [sic] Mahon. A lovely day for it.

In the eve. Mart went over to the Inn to a hop, returning about eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, August 20, 1902

Wed. 20.

Rainy. Boys gone to Bay View etc. for the day, returning on 10:30 motor. I copied patterns from Mrs. Price's and in eve. burned my Ping pong rackets putting on dragons.

The Mahons & Hattstaedts were here and Gillespies. Funny how the Gs didn't come over when Jen was here. Card from Ben that he had sent a bu. of peaches; also one from Jen D. to the same effect. (She heard me read Auntie's letter about sending us peaches!) Poor Lawrence had a great scare – thought he had lost his watch, a fine one – and was nearly sick about it.

{#32, p.60}

Thursday, August 21, 1902

Thurs. Aug. 21.

Bright day for Louise Hattstaedt beach-party and the Gillespie's ghost-party this eve. They postponed the latter on account of the absence of Ben & Bastian.

Friday, August 22, 1902

Friday 22.

The boys cut thirty long sticks for the Gs. party – to roast marsh-mallows and helped carry wood for the fire and fixed our boat-house for the initiation ceremony. The latter was about all that was a success for the Gs couldn't resist the temptation to ask everyone. So the crowd was twice too large to have it a success. Ben came on the 8:20 train, and tumbled into his sheet & pillowcase and came down to the beach, but the thing was a flat failure – there were so many strangers who sat like sticks and didn't do a thing.

Poor John Hattstaedt tried to start some music – but tried in vain. Then he said: "Isn't there any poddy that can un-pend and pee cholly, and sing a little?" After ten o'clock when the crowd went home, we had a moon light sail, {#32, p.61} about ten of the ghosts. They all enjoyed it – and no one could see me clench my teeth when we tipped. I couldn't help thinking how helpless we should all be in the dark if the boat happened to capsize.

Today we had a family sail to Ironton and dinner in the woods at Sequanota. All the Barbour's, Smits, Hattstaedts & D'Ooges – 21 in all. Dear old Daddie sweated over the fire and roasted potatoes & corn & planked fish and Mrs. S. made coffee and lemonade and we had a great spread. The wind held out so that we sailed home, slowly – which was better luck than we deserved, reaching here at 6:30 – had supper about 7 o'clock. Mabel certainly keeps her temper better than one couldn't expect – having such irregular meals.

In the eve. at 8 o'clock we all went to Mr. Dissett's cottage dressed as children going to district school. Mr. Price was the schoolmaster – and a good one, too Miss Hess in old-fashioned short dress and pantlets to her shoe-tops. Mrs. Beaman blacked up, and dressed as "Topsey" was the funniest one. They served dough-nuts and lemonade and stick candy.

The youngsters and a few older ones were invited to look on. I was too tired to do anything but laugh at the others, after I had {#33, p.62} done my part – to spell "Abominable Bumblebee," and sing a poem which Mr. Dissett wrote to the tune of "Greenland's" Icy Mts."

Saturday, August 23, 1902

Sat. Aug. 23.

Ben & the boys went off on 7:30 train to 26th Lake for fishing. So I was quiet all the morning. Tried to finish mending etc. Went to the hop at the Inn in the eve. with Mart & Laurence, Ida & Helen. A great throng of Jews flashing in diamonds & furbelows galore.

Sunday, August 24, 1902

Sun. 24.

All at church except Mabel & me. I slept a while. It seems as if I am always tired. My feet are so heavy and my back so tired. I made raspberry ice for dinner.

Never saw such eaters in all my life, as those boys. And Mart is supposed to be a partial invalid, too.

In the P.M. Kittie & family came over, and we read in peace, while Ben & the boys & Helen took a long walk. Went to the train with Laurat 8:30, then. Mr. & Mrs. Smits called.

Monday, August 25, 1902

Mon. 25.

Mart went over to Bay View and brought back Miss Ann Carpenter, {#33, p.63} Len V's betrothed, for luncheon & to sail. She is a large, dark brown-eyed girl with lots of glame [glam?]. I hope she will make Len a good wife.

Helen S. Kittie H. and I called on Mrs. Putnam before tea, and at Mahon's & Gillespie's. The Hattstaedts left at 8:30. Afterwards we went to a party at Webb's. Had a guessing contest of book's names and conundrums written on our napkins. Served salad, coffee, & sandwiches.

Tuesday, August 26, 1902

Tues. 26.

Helping Ida fix her pink waist larger, by putting insertion in the fronts. Girls mending stockings, in the intervals of having their pictures taken by Miss Gillespie. She has the fever bad.

Afternoon we were asked to a beach picnic by Mrs. Dissett – but I felt too lazy. (Mart left at 9:50 morning train.) Ida & Helen went through. In the eve B. & I were with the Barbour's at Smits cottage, and all the youngsters were at our house playing Ping pong. Abbie P. and her Grandma go home tomorrow.

Wednesday, August 27, 1902

Wed. 27.

What a rest Josephine Price will have, with the old lady gone.

{#34, p.64} Bastian, Ben, Helen & I took a fine final sail before they go home. I didn't feel a bit timid either; although the boat tipped every minute. Have decided that much of my nervousness in sailing is due to the large parties which we so often carry. Cannot help feeling anxious about their fine clothes and their safety.

In the eve. the Barbours and Smits were here for a while, but couldn't stay long, they were so tired. Passed fruits & candies. Am reading "Kentucky Cardinal" & "Aftermath" by J. L. Allen. Liked the first much better. It has a breezy woodsy flavor of Thoreau. The writer has a great admiration for him.

Thursday, August 28, 1902

Thurs. Aug. 28.

All down to see the Smits family off. Poor Helen had to go in the smoking-car, it was so crowded. They ought to have gone in the parlor car, as they had a right to do, there being no room elsewhere for them. Dreadfully smoky at morning & night on account of forest fires. What a pity that the people down home should be having rain every day where they do not want it and are suffering from it.

{#34, p.65) Mabel is scrubbing around lively because she wants to go to Petoskey tomorrow.

In the eve. Ben & I called on the Baileys, and then down to the village, on errands.

Friday, August 29, 1902

Friday 29.

Smokey again. A bushel of peaches came from Mart & Laurence, and they were spoiling so I had to go to canning them. After dinner, when I had them all ready to cook, Ben came and carried me off to sail. So I left them cooking, and never got back until nearly five o'clock – because we went too far and the wind went down. When shall we ever learn not to trust the wind after three o'clock. The Beamans went and two Putnams and Mrs. Lewis and her friends, After supper, the girls rowed me down to the village. Poor girlies have to go back to school next week. I feel selfish to stay here and have an easy time for two weeks longer. But I do mean to burn and paint and have a good time.

Saturday, August 30, 1902

Sat. Aug 30.

Mabel washing so they can start earlier next week.

I have paid her up to next Sat. night – except \$10.00.

Monday, September 1, 1902

Mon. Sep. 1st. 1902

Busy packing the girls up, to go {#35, p.66} tomorrow. Len went to the hop with the boys; but our girlies were too busy getting ready for their journey. Mart V. is to go on with their G.R. and bring down their suppers to them at the train.

Tuesday, September 2, 1902

Tues. Sep. 2.

School opens today. The girls left on 9:30 train. They are to clean house this week and to school next Monday. Helen will go Thurs of this week, I guess, she is so fearful of getting behind. Spent the day scrubbing and cleaning with sand. Off sailing at 2 o'clock, though.

Wednesday, September 3, 1902

Wed. 3.

Took the Jesses & Gillespies – nine people – to sail, and had a fine one, too. It takes me about two months to get over my nervousness, and then I enjoy sailing. Papa & the boys help do up the work – and are awfully good to me. Burned a little today.

Thursday, September 4, 1902

Thurs. 4.

Wrote to the girls. Hope they will write so we get it tonight. In the eve. called at Webb's and then to the Mahon party. {#35, p.67} About eighteen people there. Had a good quiet time, but she oppressed us by her painful pleading anxious desire to keep us doing something. Served marsh-mallows, toasted at the fire.

Friday, September 5, 1902

Frid. 5.

Took our dinner, just we four, and sailed over to Oyster Bay and built a fire, boiled eggs and made cocoa, and had a good time. Afterwards Papa took the boys through the mill, and I sat in the boat and read "Leopard's Spots," by Dixon. It gives a remarkably plain idea of social conditions in the south after the war – similar to the "Crisis," only dealing more with the negro problem. From a southerner's standpoint, the only solution is to send them back to ~~S. America~~ Africa.

The political portions of the book are strong, well written, but the women! And the love is simply impossible. We came back about five o'clock. – and Mrs. Dissett and Brown, Mahon & Wright called.

In eve. I called on Ladd girls. Yesterday at Holden's, Aldrich's, Heaton's, {#36, p.68} Richard's & Mahon's.

Getting them all done up, so I can settle down to burning & reading every chance I get, before going home.

Saturday, September 6, 1902

Sat. Sep. 6.

Sweeping & baking. Our kitchen chimney smoked so awfully we have a new one that turns with the ever-varying wind, so I really enjoy baking. Am saving enough wood, since Mabel left, to put money in the bank. It is a great extravagance to have such a girl in the kitchen. In eve. called at Gillespie's, Dissetts & Barbours.

The boys have been having the usual tussle with the boats in Sept. gales. This morning about 5 o'clock. Mr. Barbour pounded our front door and told us his boat & ours were on the beach.

So, poor Daddy had to take off a little breakfast at one gulp and run down to Rauger's in the rain and get tackle to pull them off. Went into the lake without shoes & stockings for 2 hours and Miss Gillespie's friend from {#36, p.69} Memphis was introduced to him in that guise. Have decided the boats must be kept in Round Lake during September. I burned a coffee-pot stand, to use at home.

Sunday, September 7, 1902

Sun. 7.

Glorious day. Who would dream that we had such a gale yesterday? Papa and Stanton gone to church. Wrote to the girls again. Am trying to wade through Fr. Stockton's "House of Martha." Too flat & tiresome to spend the time on it – but wonder how he will manage to close it.

Monday, September 8, 1902

Mon. 8th.

Wrote to Mrs. Wilcox, Ainsworth, Spalsfury & Holmes about L.A.S. business. Burning a small butterbowl for a nut-bowl. It is horrid wood to burn – (so much dressing in it) but it is going to look quite well, with oak & acorn pattern.

Never saw such gales of wind.

Tuesday, September 9, 1902

Tues. 9th.

Papa & Len were sailing in Round Lake, and a great gust of wind broke an important rope so the boom flew up in the air and wrapped the sail around the mast, and they had to drift ashore. It sounded so, that, when they {#37, p.70} came running home, drenched, carrying their soaked shoes and stockings, and Ben's hat left in the lake – they were a sight to see. I do most of my kitchen work now, dodging around under festoons of trousers, stockings, coats etc. dripping on lines.

Wednesday, September 10, 1902

Wed. Sep. 10. 1902

Gale continues. Ben buying new ropes and hunting for leaks in the Amy. He took Mary Bird's cousin, Mrs. Crook of Memphis, and Miss Hess, for a row through "Old river." No sails these days. Had a woman to wash: Mrs. Nowland. Does fairly well. Down town in eve. with Len – then to call at Gillespie's. Miss Josephine got me to write something for her guest-books, and here it is, for my "posterity" to read sometime.

Prose Idle. (Idyl.)

Oh! Say! Did you see, by the moon's cold, pale light, a vast concourse of ghosts with their robes white-ly gleaming? ~~At The Ku Klux dread call~~

☉ To Pine Lake's wooded isle, at the dread Ku Klux call, with all {#37, p.71} eyes through grim masks, full of fun brightly beaming.

Mr. Price with high hat, & Miss Crane, (very tall) came with Storrs* as a Turk, to the Klan's secret hall. Oh, the songs 'round the camp-fire, jokes, mallows and corn, will ne'er be forgot by the ghost with a horn – J.P.D.

*Begging his pardon.

Thursday, September 11, 1902

Thurs. 11th

The Gillespie family off. Mary Bird and the cousin Mollie waited until the afternoon train, as the cousin had never been in a sail-boat. We had a short but very lively one, and the last sail of the season. Ben put Amy in the lagoon, and had to take out her ballast to do so. These Sept. winds are not made for sailing small craft. Woman ironing this morning, and scrubbing the dining-room.

Friday, September 12, 1902

Frid. 12th.

Last eve. we were at Prices, with Mr. & Mrs. Dissett, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Bourbon. Sat and visited & told stories. Served peaches. Mending so I can do some burning tomorrow.

{#38, p.72} Len at Mahon's for roasting marsh mallows. Said it was awfully slow.

Saturday, September 13, 1902

Sat. Sep. 13.

Papa gone to 26th. lake fishing with Mr. Price, Dissett & Willard Barbour. The men putting the Amy in boat house. I went over to the island to sketch, taking Stanton & Teddy D. Didn't accomplish anything. Very windy & cold. Poor Daddie came home without a fish. But said they had great fun.

Barbours & Prices over in the eve. for a final visit before the break-up.

Served delicious pears. Burning a little waiter – rose & leaf design. The folks seem to think it will work out well. Ben says any nut-bowl is a great success. Wish I could sell enough things to get some more points, and a scorcher.

Sunday, September 14, 1902

Sun. 14.

But these are beautiful Sept. days. Ben finished his 110th. exercise today, which was his stint before going home.

Reading F. Hopkinson Smith's: "Caleb West – Master Driver. It is a good book, with some fine character {#38, p.73} sketches and strong descriptions of sea-life and social life. Took a walk to Lake M. for the last sunset of the lake. Must commence to tear up, tomorrow.

Monday, September 15, 1902

Mon. 15th.

Great times cleaning The "Amy." Ben has spent many hours, besides hiring into men two do the rest. They have a fine arrangement of pulleys to make the job easier next time. It costs a lot to keep a sail-boat. The worst of it is that the anchor-chain burst apart and left the new anchor in the bottom of the lake. The Chamberlains have not found our row-boat yet – which Ed. left on the north beach in a storm. So we shall doubtless have a new one.

Tuesday, September 16, 1902

Tues. 16th.

Nearly finished packing yesterday. I tore my thumb-nail off, so it is impossible to use it, and I realize how important a thumb is in life. The Prices and Barbours were over in eve. Sorry to leave our good neighborhood of Charlevoix.

{#39, p.74} Frank Moore called, but we couldn't ask him to stay I was too dead tired to take another step.

Wednesday, September 17, 1902

Wed 17th. 1902

Left Charlevoix on morning train. Had a fearfully dirty hot ride to G.R. and as I got up this A.M. with a head ache, I was not able to do anything but to try and sleep. The boys were good as gold. Ridie met us in G.R. with a big box of lovely lunch – not a crumb of which I could touch. Jen was too busy baking (4-30 P.M.) for an afternoon tea for Nellie, tomorrow.

Papa stayed over for a couple of days, but I hadn't time.

Mr. & Mrs. Smits met us in Jackson, and we had a little visit during the changing of trains.

Friday, September 19, 1902

Friday 19.

Found the house in order and commenced at once to can and preserve and pickle & jelly everything I could lay hands on. Auntie went home yesterday. She canned all the lovely pineapples {#39, p.75} which Ed sent me, because they were going to spoil. Three remained, and I gave her one and Mrs. Sherzer one. They had already given Helen Pease and Mrs. Hoyt one, each. They are the largest and finest I ever saw. All over to call at Mr. Hoyts in the evening. Mrs. H. looks ten years older than when we last saw her three yrs. ago.

Saturday, September 20, 1902

Sat. 20

Mabel hustling to wash and clean up. She wants to do the washing to earn a little while attending school. I stuffed peppers, pickles, and finished up jelly and canned some more peaches.

Sunday, September 21, 1902

Sun. 21

Sue & Jessie Ainsworth came over last eve. to see if I would sing in the choir today. Nuisance.

I had a good large class in S.S. – The largest in the school. In the afternoon we went walking with the Hoyts, & Walter came over for luncheon. Another Sunday gone and Frau Taxer's letter not mailed yet.

Monday, September 22, 1902

Mon. Sep. 22.

Canning & pickling peaches. Mrs. Sherzer came in the morning and stayed a long time, as usual. In the P.M. the two Quirks called. What in the world did they want to call here for!

Tuesday, September 23, 1902

Tues. 23.

Rain. Called at Hoyt's in the eve. They will be our best neighbors.

Wednesday, September 24, 1902

Wed. 24.

Rec. the wedding-cards of Miss Louise Chamberlain at Charlevoix.

Wednesday is memorable for a horrid cold in my nose. Caught it sitting in the eve. sewing without a wrap. It is so damp & chilly Ben has ordered two tons of coal. It is almost impossible to get coal this year on account of the strikes among the miners.

Thursday, September 25, 1902

Thurs. 25.

Rain. Had a card from Mart that the Ent's are coming {#40, p.77} tomorrow so I baked Angel food & yellow cakes, and baked sweet apples.

Friday, September 26, 1902

Frid. 26.

Nellie & Ent. came for dinner and met the folks at the restaurant. After dinner Ben went up to the Normal and I visited with them. We invited M. & M. for tea, but of course they had an engagement. In the eve. we played dominoes and had wafers & cheese & Bier [German: beer] und wine. They keep saying that they have no appetite but I cannot see but that they eat as much as any one.

Saturday, September 27, 1902

Sat. 27

Papa took Nell, Henry and me to Detroit for "Foxy [sic, Foxy] Grandpa" – which amused Nellie just as he hoped it would. It was quite a show. Came home in a pouring rain, and had supper at Woman's Exchange. Our last meal – as they {#41, p.78} go out of the business today.

Sunday, September 28, 1902

Sun. Sep. 28.

Commenced taking dinners at Mrs. Wood's. Had a good chicken & cranberry-sauce, lemon-ice dinner. A little crowded, but we are glad to get in there.

Miss Shultes & Miss Plunkett came for lunch with us, bringing theirs with them – and we went to church together. Wrote to Helen Smits and Aunt Ida. We pay \$7.70 pr. week for dinners. Mabel waits on table for hers, and I am to pay her 75 cts. a wk. – she to do our washing.

Monday, September 29, 1902

Mon. 29.

Made a lot of calls. Mrs. Hoyt & Mrs. George were here. Mrs. G. wrestling with church supper next Friday. Found Miss Jane Sherzer at her brothers. She is busy correcting proof of her "Arbeit" [German: work, dissertation] and enjoys the distinction of being the third American woman to rec. Dr.'s degree at Berlin. Only one German woman being before them. Now she is waiting for a job.

{#41, p.79}

Tuesday, September 30, 1902

Tues. 30 Sep.

Called last eve. with Ben at Pease's, Lodeman's & Hoyt's. Today took some Iceland moss blanc mange to Mrs. L. who is sick & can't eat fruit, vegetables or meats. Helen was sent home from school by Miss Flanders. Cried her eyes out, and I weakly went to her teacher & tried to excuse her. Did wrong – for she needs just such discipline.

Wednesday, October 1, 1902

Wed. Oct. 1st.

Another dark day. Mrs. Jefferson came in the morning and stayed and stayed until I nearly finished my darning. I didn't have thirteen pairs this week, as I did, last.

Called on three or four church people inviting them to the supper at the church Friday night.

In eve. called, with the girls on Pres. Jones' daughter. She is a nice little girl of 17. Invited them for tea Saturday. We hear that the Presbyterians are after them hot and heavy and they are congregationalists.

{#42, p.80} We were late for prayer-meeting and Mr. Beech said they didn't have much singing until the D'Ooges got there.

Friday, October 3, 1902

Friday Oct. 3d. 1902

Busy canning tomatoes, which are a great luxury this year and made Angel cake for tomorrow. Didn't go to dinner, and laid down part of the afternoon, after I had finished my job. Went to the church supper. A big crowd. The Hoyts were there, and afterwards we called on the Jefferson's with them. There they came in here & we had some apples. They are awfully nice people, & they wish they went to our church. At the supper they "took" with our people.

Saturday, October 4, 1902

Sat. 4th.

Not much rain. We are thankful it held off until after the supper. Ida was initiated in the Beta Nus society last night. Had a great time being walked around blind-folded, rolled in a flour barrel, climbing a pillar, making a speech & eating a banquet.

Ida is just "in it" and no {#42, p.81} mistake. A week ago last night we almost decided to keep her from joining any thing. She went to a H.S. reception and from there with Walter H. to a little informal hop – without sending us word.

So when Ben went after her he found the H. School all dark and no Ida.

She came sauntering home with Walter at 12 o'clock and found a frightened mother waiting. Papa walked a straight hour, hunting for her. And she "never thought" that we would worry! I guess she will not do it again.

Pres. Jones & daughter came at 6 o'clock, and stayed until time for a reception where he had promised to go & receive. The little girl waked up quite a little when they commenced playing "Ping pong."

He is a queer looking man. I do not like the way he doesn't look at me. He looks dissipated to me, but of course I shall not breathe my suspicions to any one. {#43, p.82} He is certainly taking hold of the Normal business with the hand of an expert. They say they are coming to the congregational church, which will be a good thing for us. They say he is independently rich.

Sunday, October 5, 1902

Sun. Oct. 5.

Pouring rain, again. Where does it all come from!

Only three in my S.S. class, and we commenced the new lesson books – Life of Christ.

Monday, October 6, 1902

Mon. 6th

Mending & canning over some fruit. Girl's Club met here at 4 o'clock – and Music Committee at 3 o'clock – so I was unable to get my errands done. In the eve. we attended the 50th anniversary Normal celebration, and heard Pres. Jones speak, for the first time. Very concise, plain and to the point.

Tuesday, October 7, 1902

Tues. 7.

Fixing some waists for Helen. The dear girlie is just as pleased with Ida's made over {#43, p.83} things! I must get her a nice new suit this winter. Miss Skinner came to see if I would give her lessons in Pyrography. Told her if she will get a class of five I will not charge her anything.

The Jeffersons called. She starts for Boston tomorrow or next day, taking Phoebe.

Wednesday, October 8, 1902

Wed. 8th.

The great day at the K. of P. [Knights of Pythias] street fair. Procession of floats which did credit to the town. Stanton was with 25 other infants in Ainsworth's wagon, & felt as if the whole show depended on his waving his flag.

Great doings. Am glad that our ladies decided to give up trying to sell victuals.

Thursday, October 9, 1902

Thurs 9th.

Fixing H's silk dress longer, & whipping & brushing winter things. No traces of moths except one little hole in my evening wrap (that I bought in Munich).

Mrs. Hoyt came and stayed until 3:30 when I scrambled into my clothes & went to missionary meeting – then to club. Am down for {#44, p.84} Michigan news items Oct. 30. Hadn't really decided to attend this winter, but ought to stand by Abbie Pierce, Pres.

Friday, October 10, 1902

Friday 10th. Oct.

Aunt Ida came out for dinner, and took Ida home with her to stay until Sunday afternoon. The K. of P. street Fair closed tonight with a grand rush of 500 students from A.A. The police kept there from any lawlessness – by arresting a few of them. The Roberts called, and after they left, we went down to mail some letters and almost got into the mob.

Saturday, October 11, 1902

Sat. 11th

Helen was at Prof. Pease's last night for dinner and went with them down town. Today she spent with Hazle Reed in the country and had a beautiful time. Sewing all day. Mrs. Barbour & Miss King called, and the Stones.

{#44, p.85}

Sunday, October 12, 1902

Sunday 12.

We are having some fine Autumn weather this last week. "Beautiful blue October days." Invited Miss Lanerse to luncheon, and Mart V. happened out. Miss L. has a sister engaged to Laurence V. She is a sweet little girl – specializing in mathematics. Miss Skinner & Miss Baker called to see about Pyrography. My class commences next Saturday.

Monday, October 13, 1902

Monday 13.

Scurrying around putting Helen's green dress to the dressmaker's. It seems impossible that she meant it when she said she would make corduroy waist, pleated skirt & under-skirt of mercerized cotton & silk flounce for \$3.00. More people want to enter my class in Pyrography. Do not think I can take more than five at a time.

Have ordered three outfits & my two new points from {#45, p.86} Philadelphia.

It is cold as winter, and no nearer a settlement of the coal strikes. There will be immense suffering in the poor classes, even if they should commence work right off. We are only using the range, now, to heat the house.

Tuesday, October 14, 1902

Tues. 14. Oct.

Invitations out for reception to be given by the Training School Faculty for Pres. Jones. We called on him tonight & found them pleasantly settled. Edith staying at home two days from school with sore throat. Poor little girl seems so lonesome and quiet, there in that great house.

Wednesday, October 15, 1902

Wed. 15.

Making calls and telephoning all over the city getting people to come tomorrow to our little church tea-party. Hoyt's called. Prayer-meeting in the eve.

Thursday, October 16, 1902

Thurs. 16.

Rushing around getting my work done – and down to {#45, p.87} the church with basket of cups, table-cloth, tea stove, tea-urn, etc., etc. Then up the hill to dinner & to see if Mrs. Barbour had got her solo ready, which she hadn't. Then up on Summit St. to ask Mrs. Chapman to play at church – which she couldn't. Then rushed home and dressed and loaded up and down to the church on the back streets so I forgot to stop for Mrs. Hoyt, whom I had promised to carry down to the 4 o'clock tea. I felt awfully about it – for I knew she had dressed and waited in vain for me. I'm no good anyway. We had a good crowd of about 32 ladies. Mrs. Spalsbury & Mrs. McGregor and I waited on them, Mrs. Barbour, Miss Wood and Helen sang for us, but the organ was dreadful.

After our supper I was so dead tired, I lay down an hour. Then went, with Ben up to Prof. Sherzer's, where he helped me print some of our pictures {#46, p.88} which we took in Holland. It is great fun to print by a gas-light. They passed some "Fudge," and we visited between times, and watched the moon's eclipse. Did not reach home until nearly midnight.

Friday, October 17, 1902

Frid. 17.

Felt too tired to do anything but was up and down town with Ida before school, buying her a new waist. Then, at Stanton's earnest invitation up to the Training school for morning chapel. Then home to bake the bread.

After dinner went down to see Helen try on her dress, then to the church to carry home some of my duds, then to Mrs. Hoyt's to apologize, and stayed an hour and rested.

Aunt Ida came out for tea, and took Helen home with her. There never was a happier little girl than our Helen with her new green skirt, and red satin-silk under-skirt, and my pink flannel waist with sleeves {#46, p.89} shortened. Miss Skinner called to say the class had reached the number of 10 so will have two divisions of them a week from today and I hope their apparatus will be here by that time.

Saturday, October 18, 1902

Sat. 18.

Rain in the night – but the day is again beautiful. Dr. Cornue leaves today for Mexico, to see if he can get cured of his dreadful attack of rheumatism. I paid him \$9.50 and he gave me med. for Ida & for me. Ida's pimples haven't been treated in so long that they're worse than ever.

Home all day mending. The weeks fly by so fast I do not get anything done, in the line of winter sewing.

In the eve. we called on the newly married Peats. They have a nice, convenient little house, and a lot of pretty things in it. Our Y.W.C.A. delegate came at 11:30 P.M.

Sunday, October 19, 1902

Sunday Oct. 19.

"Beautiful, blue October day." Our delegate went to a 9 o'clock meeting, and we didn't see her again. Asked Dr. Edwards to luncheon, which he seemed to thoroughly enjoy. The boys take

him right into their confidence as a tried friend. He is just a big, nice boy himself. I was amused at Ida today, telling Leonard she hoped he would grow up to be as kind and thoughtful for others as Dr. Edwards is. After supper we rehearsed with Zobo cornets for a serenade which we are going to give Miss Shultes on her birthday. At church we had a delegate talk to us, who got 25¢ out of me for the state work.

Monday, October 20, 1902

Mon. 20

Baking and sewing and going through town hunting for things to match the girls dresses, & to the dress-makers with Helen.

Tuesday, October 21, 1902

Tues. 21.

Rushed around in the A.M. getting things ready for the {#47, p.91} Smitses and went right after dinner to the Miss. meeting at A.A. with Mrs. Hoyt.

Saw a lot of old friends. Mrs. Angell drew me down and kissed me, and asked me to come up some time (?) for luncheon. Mrs. Smits talked very sweetly to the children. About six of our ladies were up there. All came home together and Mr. Smits met us on the car. After tea Mr. Strong, & Francis, Miss Shultes & Miss Plunkett came over.

Later we sent the youngsters to bed, and put on our little table a game of Logomachy and then talked and talked until after eleven o'clock. Had chocolates & apples, and an awfully good visit.

Wednesday, October 22, 1902

Wed. 22.

Calling, with Helen all the morning. Then home and hustling to make up for lost time.

At club with Mrs. Hoyt & home with a tired head ache, {#48, p.92} and early to bed.

Thursday, October 23, 1902

Thurs. Oct. 23.

Ladies' Aid tied a pr. [pair] of comforts for Mrs. Morey, and had foreign Miss. [Missionary] society. Ben left for Clare, where he is to give a lecture on Rome. Decided that we shall not give the Huskin' Bee show, as it is not the kind of our entertainment that we like. Too much vaudeville & darkey dancing.

Went with the Hoyts to the Normal reception given by the training school. They had everything trimmed up beautifully and music in attendance.

Our faculty reception is to be given the 8th. Nov.

Friday, October 24, 1902

Frid. 24

Bad news. Mary Wood came to say the Eastern Star lodge can't give the Huskin' Bee and so we must go down in our pockets & pay the {#48, p.93} the [sic] woman \$40.00 on us this time. Joke is on us this time.

Reception at the church to Normal Congl. [Congregational] students and dozens from other churches were there. Served lemonade.

Saturday, October 25, 1902

Sat. 25

Helped Mabel fix over her green skirt. My two Pyrography classes met from 10 to 12 o'clock. They are all delighted with it and are talking already about carving lessons.

They each give me 50¢ a lesson except Miss Skinner who got up the class. \$4.50 is a good two hrs. work.

In the P.M. went to church-musical at Ainsworth's. Took in about \$4.00. I must commence next Thurs. giving my parties. Have about seven groups made out. The first one must be church people so they won't be jealous – shall have about 24, & {#49, p.94} ask them to meet Mrs. Hoyt. It seems as if I was indebted to every one. Papa came about supper time. Early to bed.

Sunday, October 26, 1902

Sunday Oct. 26.

Bright & hot so we sat on the steps until it poured and rained. Yesterday Len had nine boys in the yard playing big & little. Today George Hay & Walter Hoyt came and spent the P.M. I made

taffy for them & they played with Len's steam engine. I do not think anything is wicked that keeps them happy and doesn't disturb anyone, and is innocent in itself.

{#49, p.95}

Tuesday, October 28, 1902

Tues. Oct. 28

Giving out invitations and making calls where necessary. Meeting of refreshment committee for Normal reception to Dr Pres. Jones. Decided to serve cake & cream, coffee, preserved ginger & punch.

Burning class in the eve. as some of them want to go away Saturday.

Wednesday, October 29, 1902

Wed. 29.

Made angel cake first thing in the morning for Miss Shultes, & have invited about a dozen in to celebrate her birth-day tomorrow night. It will make a full day. Down town twice this morning, because I forgot my list. In the afternoon I shall serve ham sandwiches, wafers & coffee – little candies & salted nuts. In the eve. we shall have nuts & apples cider, cake & ice-cream. And a game of anagrams in candy: "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men." At Club, Mrs. Hatch had relics – and in current events Mrs. Gardam Mrs. Pease & I talked.

{#50, p.96} Had a large prayer-meeting about 34 people.

Thursday, October 30, 1902

Thurs. Oct. 30th

Spent the morning fixing the house pretty, buttering sandwiches etc.

Had intended to have the people at our table down tomorrow eve. to celebrate Miss Shulte's birthday, but they were all invited elsewhere – so I had to hustle to have things ready. The ladies all came but three or four & seemed to enjoy themselves. Pinned names of prominent people on their backs – about which they had to ask questions, to find out whom they represented. Mary Wood sang for us and Ida & Helen, also sang a little German lullaby.

Mrs. Barbour looked sweet and poured tea for me.

In the eve we went, with our zoboos and serenaded Miss S. and brought her over here where each presented her with {#50, p.97} something and poetry. We sang the song Dr. Edwards had written and made Flossie the subject of much merriment. After they had gone I worked until after one o'clock washing up things because Mabel is always rushed so with sweeping Friday mornings.

I wonder if she appreciates it.

Friday, October 31, 1902

Friday 31st. #

Had the little Sherzers and Raymond Weidener over for Hallowe'en fun, after school. They had their performances down in the furnace room and as they all seemed to expect to stay for supper, I let them do so. I had nine children – as Aunt Ida came and stayed all night. After tea Auntie & I went up stairs and mended and visited until nearly 11 o'clock.

Saturday, November 1, 1902

Sat. Nov. 1st.

Went down to the dress-maker's to tell her how I wanted my white crêpôn skirt fixed over. – Had burning class as {#51, p.98} soon as I reached home, and they are quite enthusiastic about the work.

Committee meeting right after dinner deciding to give the furnishing of refreshments for the Normal reception to the Cong. ladies. That means lots of work for us.

Mr. Beach's little David is very sick. Had cholera infantum and broke his elbow and is in bad shape.

Sunday, November 2, 1902

Sun. Nov. 2. 1902

Bright & pleasant. Took a walk with Len, Stanton & Walter Hoyt & did some errands.

Tuesday, November 4, 1902

Tues. 4

L.A.S. meeting - discussing ways and means for the reception at the Normal. Rather the largest understanding we had ventured upon: 18 gals ice-cream, 15 gals. of punch, 8 lbs. preserved ginger, 15 immense cakes etc.

I had everything planned and written down before the meeting, so it went quite well.

Miss Olmstead, of the Decoration Com. [Committee] came over in the eve. and wanted us to have {#51, p.99} twelve little tables instead of one large one in the middle of the room. The ladies decided it would not be practicable to serve refreshments that way – much to her disgust.

Wednesday, November 5, 1902

Wed. 5

Out all the morning (after I had made a cake) looking up cups, tables etc. After hearing that Miss Walton said: “Of course the Episcopal ladies could do the work in better style” – we are determined to do things in good shape.

Thursday, November 6, 1902

Thurs. 6.

Mrs. George came down when I was making cucumber catsup & we went over to order the cakes. Will have Angel food, chocolate & white-cake.

After dinner I went down st. and stopped for Mrs. Hoyt. Then she came in and stayed and watched me darn my eleventh pr. of stockings. Do not see where they all came from. Called at Sherzer's in the eve.

Friday, November 7, 1902

Friday 7.

Sewing all day. At tea-party at Strong's about 12 people were {#52, p.100} served at little tables by Francis in a little fancy apron. Had escalloped veal, Saratogo [sic, Saratoga] chips, jelly & olives, rolls, coffee, ice-cream & cake. Sat around and talked & Fannie played for us. Mr. Peet & Mr. Teetzel helped Ben keep the jokes a-flying.

Saturday, November 8, 1902

Sat. 8th.

I thought I had appointed all the committees necessary to run the refreshment business at the Normal reception, but found that no provision had been made for washing 12 doz. glasses sent from the store. So I had to buckle-to & help Mrs. Snyder do them. The reception was very swell. Had hundreds of palms & plants – a fountain playing among water plants, the refreshment room all draped in white & vines with pink paper roses and pink-shaded candles.

Great center-piece of pink chrysanthemums that cost {#52, p.101} about six dollars etc. I had charge of the refreshment room first half, and Miss Walton second half of the evening. I wore my Paris pink silk dress – and Ida, who helped wait on table wore her pongee silk. There was so much to do afterwards that I didn't get to bed until half-past one o'clock. We had six gals. cream left, which we had sent around in ½ gals. to the different workers.

Monday, November 10, 1902

~~Sun. 9.~~ Monday 10.

Awfully sleepy. I went up early to the Gym. to sort out things and sent them back.

We had a can of ginger on our hands to dispose of, as Davis won't take it back. There were not nearly so many people at the reception as were expected, because it was Sat. night.

Yesterday afternoon the Hoyts were here and who should appear but Martin L. [Luther] who said he thot it was about time he saw {#53, p.102} the dear children.

(When we invited M. & M. down they had engagements)

He stayed for lunch, and we had ice-cream & Angel cake left from the reception. No one went to church, but had a good time with Uncle M. Ben brought out beer and a cigar which delighted his soul. Poor old boy! He would come oftener if it were not for Mary.

Tuesday, November 11, 1902

Tues. 11th.

Nothing out of the ordinary routine of work.

Wednesday, November 12, 1902

Wed. 12.

After dinner Dr. Edwards wanted me to go down and look at curtains for the music cabinet which he had ordered made for the church. We had several prs. sent up and decided on two which would be equally pretty.

{#53, p.103} Then we went over to the parsonage and sat out on the front porch in the warm sunshine, until Mrs. Hoyt came for me to go to Club. Miss King had an excellent paper on "Trusts." She has a good head on her, and can think out things in a way to stun us other poor mortals.

Friday, November 14, 1902

Friday 14.

At L.A.S. yesterday and Missionary meeting. In the eve. we had the Sherzers down for Whist and had a funny game. In twelve boards, we came out exactly even! Served pears and cookies. Tonight we had a fine concert given by the Hahn orchestra, and Aunt Ida, who came out unexpectedly, went with us.

Saturday, November 15, 1902

Sat. 15.

Sewing wildly, trying to fix over my black silk underskirt {#54, p.104} for tomorrow – but failed. Went instead with Ben, to call on the Roberts. Their little house is cute but, awfully bare. They spent all their money on a mahogany table & leather chair and a bureau & chiffonier of mahogany – and haven't much else that I should want to be comfortable. Papa got [12?] gallons of cider today for 70 cts. Cheap enough.

Sunday, November 16, 1902

Sunday. 16th.

Cold. I shall have to get me a winter cloak this week. After dinner, we took a walk and went to Prof. Pease's, to see if she will sing for me next Wed, if I invite a few ladies. So, that is my next hustle. Have three more groups beside my "ten" & a little company for the teachers, which Mrs. Hoyt & I will give together.

{#54, p.105}

Monday, November 17, 1902

Mon. 17.

Made my calls, giving invitations and ordered flowers, a fern, etc. Wrote notes of invitation to Mary W., Ida Clements Wheat & Mary C. and the Douglas girls. Am inviting them at two o'clock to bring their work, and hear Mrs. Pease sing. Will serve tea, ham sandwiches, nut-and-jam sandwiches, the biggest olives I can find, lemons for tea, and candies. (past history)

(The Sherzers were down for Whist in the eve) – No, it was the crowd at Wood's – who came to make their party call. As it was Dr. Edwards 34th. birthday he felt it incumbent upon him to get two boxes of chocolates, and we served some of our new cider. I guess they had a good time, as they stayed until after eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, November 18, 1902

Tues. Nov. 18th.

Helen Smits' birthday.

{#55, p.106} I spent the morning making entire wheat bread – nut butter – boiling ham etc.

In afternoon went to a meeting of the Faculty ladies and ladies of the faculty, to discuss how we can better help the Normal girls to a higher moral tone.

The meeting was a failure, because Mrs. Jefferson & Miss Stowe & Phelps were so talkative, and used all the time in an effort to have all our lists revised so they can have whom they want on their lists. Such selfishness and pettiness I never did see. Miss King almost cried, she was so disappointed.

Wednesday, November 19, 1902

Wed. Nov. 19. 1902

Hustled & dusted all the morning. The A.A. people all came but Mary C. and Kate Douglas. Mary W. {#55, p.107} came along about two o'clock. First time she has been here in nearly a year. Last April she came to the Normal for a concert. Mrs. Quirk, Gardam Wharton & Smith thought they were asked for 4 o'clock so they missed the singing. Mrs. Pease looked very nicely in a Parisian-looking white silk waist and trailing blk. skirts. She sang ten or twelve numbers – and she has some startling new qualities in her voice since studying in Paris.

My girlies helped me beautifully – waiting on my company – and I was proud of them.

Thursday, November 20, 1902

Thurs. 20.

Another bright day. Too good to be true, in November. I have promised Miss Shultes to go into the "Messiah" work for the Normal concert.

L.A.S. in the afternoon and tied a comforter for Mrs. Holmes.

{#56, p.108}

Saturday, November 22, 1902

Sat. Nov. 22.

Yesterday I sewed, making over my blk. silk under skirt with new facing & ruffle. Trying today to get my old blk. velvet jacket into wearable shape. Can't afford a new one this year. I have only \$5.00 to last the rest of the month for everything. In the afternoon today I took Edith Chapin, one of my S.S. class to the "coffee-drinking" or 4 o'clock tea at Mary Wood's benefit of choir-fund.

Mrs. George read aloud from "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." (Edith's 17th. birthday) Bastian came in the eve. He exchanges Mr. Beach for tomorrow.

Sunday, November 23, 1902

Sun. Nov. 23.

A crowded church to hear Mr. Smits preach. He had to skip off right after service to go to Jackson to preach a {#56, 109} funeral sermon – returning here for eve. service. I gave him a box of lunch ham-sandwiches etc. which he heartily appreciated.

Mart Verdier came out to luncheon and went to church with us – greatly to the interest of folks who did not know he was "our cousin" (so said Ida). It was voted today to raise Mr. Beach's salary to \$1200. a yr. and to make up a Christmas purse for them.

Monday, November 24, 1902

Mon. 24

Bastian left on motor after visiting the Normal with Ben. How we all love him! The children feel as much at home with him as with Papa D'Ooge.

Wednesday, November 26, 1902

Wed. 26

Nothing doing. At club in afternoon. Mrs. Laird had a paper on Kindergartens – and Mrs. Lynch another. Prayer-meeting in eve. as usual.

{#57, p.110}

Thursday, November 27, 1902

Thurs. Thanksgiving

What a relief to me and to my purse not to have a Thanksgiving dinner on my mind. Turkeys are high & expensive this year on account of the wet summer.

We were too late in the morning for us all to go – so I stayed home with the boys – Auntie came last night and she went with Ben & the girls, & Mabel.

I sewed the entire day on Mabel's pink silk waist, she was so anxious to have it for Y.W.C.A social tonight. She loved very swell indeed.

We had a good dinner at Mrs. Wood's and in the eve. Had Mrs. Hoyt & Mrs. Laird, Dr. Norton and the little Miss Lanerse girls – one of whom is engaged to Laurence {#57, p.111} Verdier. Played Ping pong and served lemon ice & wafers. Dr. Norton brought me his picture.

Friday, November 28, 1902

Friday Nov. 28.

Worked as usual-fixing Ida's red waist, today. As Missionary meeting after four o'clock. Miss Cutcheon came to invite us there tomorrow afternoon to call on Byron Cutcheon, her big brother, who was in the legislature six years.

In the eve. made our "party call" on Fannie Strong, and found Dr. Edwards & Miss Shultes there by appointment, and we played Whist. Dr. E. must be a good player – for we beat them by two points, until the last hand, when they came up even.

Saturday, November 29, 1902

Sat. 29.

Blustering & cold & snowy. A card from Martin D. that he will be out tomorrow {#58, p.112} so Ben trotted over to German town for some pickled herring.

I hustled to finish, making my dirty white silk waist presentable with a black chiffon vest & blue velvet bow to brighten it up. At Cutcheon's they served such strong tea it puckered me all up. As

Ben & I left there and went down the street we met the Beaches, & changed partners. Ben went down town with her, & Mr. B. went with me to the girl's "chocolatiere." Ida was invited to Lucile's (19th) birthday party. I went down and made their chocolate for them. In the eve. I put on my wrapper & finished my mending, and then read stories!

Sunday, November 30, 1902

Sun. Nov. 30.

Bright weather again.

Mart came and had an awfully good time {#58, p.113} hugging our babes, eating berries, olives, rye bread & Edam cheese etc, and afterwards singing Dutch hymns and then smoking a cigar & drinking beer.

Monday, December 1, 1902

Monday Dec. 1. 1902

Finished Helen's blue skirt, (made out of my bicycle dress) and it looks fine, too.

Miss Kellogg (Miss Smith's cousin) called. She is a very interesting, enterprising girl. Does fine leather work, & has orders for hundreds of dollars worth. She is earning money to go to Europe to study. I am very anxious to take lessons of her, but I hardly dare to ask her.

Tuesday, December 2, 1902

Tues. 2.

Made Stanton's chamois waist and fixed his sweater for the winter. Mrs. Wharton & Mrs. Laird called. At the Messiah rehearsal in the eve. We had several new choruses. Mrs. Shultes & I practiced together today but didn't strike {#59, p.114} any that we sang tonight.

Helen is home from school with tonsillitis. Had Dr. who took a white-patch off from her tonsil, with a little stick! Never saw that down before.

Thursday, December 4, 1902

Thursday Dec. 4.

Helen is much better, and went to school, well wrapped. I am not feeling very well – but went to L.A.S. at 4 o’c for the business meeting. Ida had promised to help out Miss Lodeman at her German booth in the Episcopal Kirmes & Fair. Helen wanted to go – and I thought Ben could take her, but he had to “go to lodge” so I had to drag down there, and stand around – a thing I hate to do. It seemed as if I couldn’t drag my tired feet home. (New shoes were so heavy.)

Friday, December 5, 1902

Friday 5.

Just sick. Was not {#59, p.115} able to do much except to finish up the mending, and early to bed. Mrs. Hoyt in to see me.

Saturday, December 6, 1902

Sat. 6.

Slept from six o’c. until six this morning and woke up rather weak, from having lost my dinner and eating no supper.

Had a cup of hot water & three wafers and went back to bed until eight o’c.

Felt too mean to work, after breakfast so burnt and burnt and had a good time.

Two of my girls came and worked with me.

Papa is getting himself a new suit, and insists that I must spend \$25.00 or more for one, too; although I thought I could just as well get along without one this winter. Such a dear Daddie!

Sunday, December 7, 1902

Sun. 7th.

Rev. Warren, our State Home Miss. Sec. [Secretary], preached this morning, and we asked him for luncheon tonight.

{#60, p.116} As we were coming from Sunday School we were greatly shocked to hear that our good friend Prof. Lodeman died at eleven o’c. He had been troubled with heart weakness and had not told his family. I went right over, after dinner and stayed until tea time, receiving people and answering questions. Probably fifty people called.

Poor Mrs. Lodeman is distracted. It would not be strange if she never recovered from the shock; and poor dear Hilda is heart-broken.

Came home and got lunch – and sent the rest off to church, and read quietly and rested.

Monday, December 8, 1902

Mon. Dec. 8.

Up early and fixed Helen's buttons on her waist for school. ~~Went up to the college to help. Ben draped Prof. Lodeman's chair with crêpe and put a wreath on his table – at Pres. Jone's request.~~ Then hurried over to Lodeman's {#60, p.117} taking pine-apples & cold ham for their supper. Mary Dickerson & I swept & dusted and received the people whom Mrs. L. didn't want to see. Frank L. came from Ithaca about 11 o'clock.

I came home for my nap & dinner and back again, for the afternoon with Miss King. She let me doctor her for a cold, and said I helped her.

Sewed & read in the eve. Ben's "Sprechstunde" [German: office hours] from 7 to 8 o'clock. and over twenty girls came.

Tuesday, December 9, 1902

Tues. 9.

Catching up with my mending. Want to be measured for a new waist made out of Auntie's old red velvet dress.

Made a loaf of Angel cake for the Lodeman's and finished making my blue flannel waist wearable by piecing down the sleeves, waist etc with black. (shrunken in the wash.)

Went over to Mrs. L's with medicine for Miss King and visited a while with Miss L. and Mrs. Sherzer. The latter helped {#61, p.118} me look after Mrs. L. who had a bad spell of hysteria.

Wednesday, December 10, 1902

Wed. Dec. 10.

Went up to the college with Ben to drape Prof. Lodeman's chair with crêpe and put a wreath on his table. Then home in a hurry and over to help Miss King & Miss Putnam got the house in order for the funeral. They had flowers from about twenty different people. The house was crowded, and the Normal students marched from their service at Starkweather hall down to the house and stood on each side of the walk as the coffin was borne to the car. They sent it to be cremated in Detroit.

Poor Mrs. Lodeman walks the floor completely distracted.

They hadn't thought any thing about dinner, so I skipped home after the funeral and fixed a dish of corn, which they greatly appreciated. They made a great fuss, too, over my loaf of Angel's food and cold ham etc. sent over yesterday.

I left them after persuading Miss King & Putnam to stay to {#61, p.119} dinner, for I felt sure they wouldn't eat a thing if left alone.

Thursday, December 11, 1902

Thurs. 11.

L.A.S. tying a comforter for Miss. box, and the ladies served a " [Miss(ionary)] tea – took in about three dollars.

Burning candy boxes in the evening.

Friday, December 12, 1902

Friday 12.

Dear little Stanton's great day in his room at school, where they served mush & milk to the mothers, in connection with studying about grains etc. Auntie came out for tea. In the eve. we left her and went to a card party at Miss Smith's in her rooms at the hotel. Very swell affair – to meet a bride – Mrs. Robinson.

Saturday, December 13, 1902

Sat. 13

A blizzard in the morning for poor Auntie to go home in, but pleasanter after dinner. I started yesterday and today to call on my ten girls – but was detained – today by Mart L. who came out for his little dog. Mary returned from the east, Wednesday. Ben sent off his second batch of mss. [manuscripts] for the Revised A. & G. [Allen and Greenough] Grammar.

{#62, p.120} In the eve. we all went to see "Durno" in his rôle of Sleight of hand performer.

Sunday, December 14, 1902

Sun. Dec. 14. 1902

I am always glad for a bright Sunday like this. Though we have our little family in such good training that no-one dreams of staying at home. It is severely cold, so that Mrs. Hoyt & I couldn't go to see Mrs. Laird – who is sick. I went down and had a little visit with Mrs. H. and had a good nap and rest.

Monday, December 15, 1902

Mon. 15.

Raining & freezing and very slippery. Spent the morning shopping and sending things to Germany. Sent a calendar to the Rubinkams & a letter to Frau Taxer, telling of our photo. soon to follow.

In the eve. although I was tired out, went up to the Normal to hear a lecture on "Wireless Telegraphy." It was very interesting, and made the mysterious process quite understandable.

{#62, p.121}

Tuesday, December 16, 1902

Tues. 16

Dark day. Spent the afternoon packing two barrels to the Home Missionary people of the north. By a very low estimate of values, they amounted to _____

Wednesday, December 17, 1902

Wed 17.

Got my red velvet waist at Mrs. Hall's. Pd. her \$6.20 for making my white silk crêpon skirt over, lining Ida's cloak and making my waist. Took Ida's blue skirt (my old one, washed) to be made.

Glee Club concert in the eve, but we only peeped in a minute, after prayer meeting. Mart V. came over afterwards, and I had some hot chocolate to warm him.

Thursday, December 18, 1902

Thurs. 18.

Ordered things to eat, as Ben expects a Prof. Lotham from Cleveland to confer about the revision of A. & G. Grammar, & has invited Mr. Jones & Edith for tea also.

{#63, p.122}

Friday, December 19, 1902

Frid. Dec. 19.

In the morning I went up to the Training School with Mrs. Hoyt, and saw Len. acting the part of a Sailor doll, and Stanton was one of the children of the "Old Woman who lived in a shoe." In the afternoon to the Central School where Ida & Helen sang in a Cantata entitled: "Counterfeit Santa Claus."

We had a good supper, which I prepared entirely between times.

- I. Oyster cocktail.
- II. Rice & chicken, escalloped corn etc.
- III. Pineapple jelly, with green grapes & cherries in
- IV. Chocolate cake, tea, etc.

I never saw such people to not eat.

Afterwards, Ida, H & I played Halma & Logomachy with Edith, and the men visited in the other room.

Ida left at 8 o'clock for a Spread given by the boys to the Beta {#63, p.123} Nu sorority. They must have a good time for they stayed until after nine o'clock.

Today I ordered my hat & suit. Must have a new outfit once in seven years.

Saturday, December 20, 1902

Sat. 20

Shopping in the morning with Stanton & Jeffrey Jefferson. Over to Lodeman's in the afternoon. I haven't been there lately as I should have done. Choir meeting here in the eve. and Mrs. Sherzer sent down a note asking us to come up and play "Grand" with a party of young folks who were invited to meet Mrs. Tom Jerome of Saginaw.

Somewhat sudden notice, but off we went, and won the "undying love" of Mrs. Sherzer for helping her out in her trouble.

It was a very pretty party. Served cherry salad, pitted and stuffed with hazlenuts [sic, hazelnuts], {#64, p.124} served with wafers and coffee. Then ice-cream & cake & candy wafers. Mrs. Quirk & Bobbie Hempel Jr. won the prizes – two books.

Sunday, December 21, 1902

Sun. Dec. 21st.

Another dark day. Planned for our Christmas festivities at the church. Had good music and lovely decorations & flowers.

My Ben's voice sounded twice as nice in the choir as Dr. Edwards'.

Tuesday, December 23, 1902

Tues. 23.

Busy getting off Xmas things; but are not sending much, as we expect to give our family group to most every one of the friends. I am burning a nut-bowl for H. Smits. and bread board (which Len made) for Auntie. In the eve, our S.S. met and had supper – then some informal exercises and a tree. Then Santa Claus came, empty handed, and the children gave him presents for the poor.

{#64, 125} Was tired enough, after the dishes were washed. About 75 people for supper.

Wednesday, December 24, 1902

Wed. 24

Aunt Ida came out for a visit. Mabel left at noon for a visit in Jackson, with her sister, until Friday night. But I do not expect her then.

In the eve, we were all invited to the Hoyt's for Christmas tree, and spent a pleasant evening. Served ice-cream (booh!) and cake. We almost froze.

Thursday, December 25, 1902

Thurs. 25.

Christmas.

The youngsters had their usual pile of presents, all heaped on tables and chairs. Ida was most pleased, I think, with her turquoise ring & Helen her silver bracelet from Papa. Auntie gave them a lot of ribbon, and they had hdkchfs [handkerchiefs], collars, handglass, manicure-set, satchels, necktie, books etc. My suit from Ben was my biggest present. Auntie gave me a hat-pin, and center-piece for table & collar – Fannie A. sent me two collars – Helen S: a spool-case and loaf of fruit-cake. Mrs. Hoyt a hdkchf – lace. I burned candy-boxes & filled {#65,

p.126} them with Xmas cakes & candies etc. for Mrs. H., Edith Jones, Helen Pease & Therese Kneip. We sent Ed & Nan a barrel of nuts, at their request, and paid the freight - Cost?

They sent us oranges and we had to pay \$3.12 on them. I expect he will refund the amt [amount], else it would be an expensive present. Nan sent me a silver spoon. In the eve. we had Mart & Mary out and lighted our tree, sang Xmas songs and served sliced grape-fruit and Xmas cakes; and later had a few boards of Duplicate Whist.

Friday, December 26, 1902

Friday 26.

Another lazy morning. We get up & have breakfast about 11 o'clock & dinner about three.

Theresa and Edith were over, Helen P. brought our Helen a handkerchief. We are picking up as much as we can with the children so thick under our heels.

In P.M. Ben & I went to Lairds for tea, with the Hoyts, Mr. Norton and a Rev. Brower or Bauer. Had a nice supper & conundrums and a game of {#65, p.127} "Flinch," afterwards.

Saturday, December 27, 1902

Sat. 27.

Sewing & sweeping. Word from Mabel's sister that she would be back Sunday night.

We are having plenty of snow, so the children can go sliding and wear rubber boots. In the eve. we were invited to Prof. Stone's where we met Mr. & Mrs Holmes & played Cribbage, Pedro & Flinch and ate too much. The Stones believe that man cannot live by bread alone. They gave us creamed oysters on toast, coffee, wafers, pickles, fruit salad, doughnuts, candies, nuts & raisins.

Sunday, December 28, 1902

Sun. 28.

Up at 9 o'clock. and of course couldn't go to church. Auntie & I hustled the rest off – and then did up the work and planned dinner. I went to S.S. and gave my girls some little scent-charms to pin inside their waists.

After dinner I had a nap, and the others did up the work. Then Auntie & I went over to Lodemans: Mrs. L. sick again. Poor Hilda must be having a hard time. We sent them a box of cakes & candies, and a {#66, p.128} collar for Hilda & three Lebkucken [sic, Lebkuchen];

German: gingerbread] for Mr. Bauer, the cousin. Mabel came about dark. She was gone 4½ days.

Monday, December 29, 1902

Mon. Dec. 29.

Sending letters of thanks to folks. Mabel washing & I got dinner. Ben went at 12:30 to Saginaw to Teacher's Association.

Had two student girls in the eve. Miss Westgren and a friend of hers, Miss Skillens. We lighted our tree, and served sliced oranges & ginger snaps & played Ping pong and I guess their hearts were cheered up.

Tuesday, December 30, 1902

Tues. 30

Cleared away our tree. It was getting too dry to risk lighting the candles again. Mrs. & Miss Sherzer called & Blanche Rexford & Miss Allen on Ida.

Mrs. Gardam & Miss Smith were here yesterday, while I was at the dress-makers. Am going every day, now, so as to have my dress for Sunday. We are getting lazy, while Ben is in Saginaw. Mary Wood calls it "sloppy."

Early to bed, all of us.

{#66, p.129}

Wednesday, December 31, 1902

Wed. Dec. 31.

Auntie is helping the girls make under-waists and Ida works quite well. Helen, as usual, is a little Flutterbudget, and does not stick to anything very long at a time. Mrs. George took auntie to the Ladies' Club. In the eve. we invited the Hoyts for "Sylvester Abend" [German: New Year's Eve]. Couldn't play games, as Mrs. H. brought her mother; but Ben played on his guitar and we sang and told stories and ate oranges & cookies.

We are making good use of our oranges.

Thursday, January 1, 1903

Thurs. Jan. 1st. 1903.

A bright cold day to usher in the new year. Auntie had to go home to get her students' rooms ready. Poor Skele, we fear, has the distemper, and his brother Shep. died yesterday of it. It would be a sore trial to the boys, and all of us, if Skele should die.

Ida invited to a New Years party, given by the _____ for the Beta Nus. Joe McCarthy – a nice little Irishman asked her.

L.A.S. met here, and there were nine present, in spite of it's being New Years Day when so {#67, p.130} many had engagements.

In the eve. we called on Miss Smith and at the Beaches. Grace George called here.

Dear old Mrs. Smith is so very deaf, and her trumpet does not help her, but she keeps so sweet and cheerful through it all, it is wonderful to see her.

Here is the vacation nearly gone, and what have I accomplished! Just spent the days picking up and writing letters and sending things off and receiving callers. We thought today that our bell must have rung a hundred times.

Friday, January 2, 1903

Frid. Jan. 2. 1903.

Dreadfully slippery. I go about every day to try on my blue suit at Mrs. Corrazi's (Ben's Xmas to me).

In the eve. we called at Mr. George's and then went to play whist at Sherzer's. Served grape juice & store cookies.

Saturday, January 3, 1903

Sat. 3.

Ida has worked well at her sewing this vacation. I was almost glad Abbie Price couldn't come, but sorry she was sick. In the eve. we went down & played "Flinch" at the Hoyts, the four youngsters forming a second table.

{#67, p.131} Walter thinks quite a little of Ida – but, he is rushed by Emma Childs (19 yrs. old.).

Sunday, January 4, 1903

Sun. 4th

Had a good time reading "Little Minister" by Barrie. After church we met to plan for the annual suppers, next Friday.

Monday, January 5, 1903

Mon. 5.

I must have another batch of people to pay up my social debts. Called today on about 20 ladies and it made quick work for Electa Jane.

In the eve. we were telephoned to come to Wortley's to fill vacancies at Whist party. Dressed in about 15 minutes, and had a fine time. I played with Charlie King and we had almost the lowest score. It is hard to play with a new partner, with no chance to compare methods beforehand.

Tuesday, January 6, 1903

Tues. 6.

Baking two angel cakes and some chocolate cakes, and some wintergreen flavored candies to put with some chocolates.

In the eve. we called at Miss Smith's & saw Miss Kellogg's leather work. She will not give {#68, p.132} any lessons. Called at Mellencamp's and asked her for tomorrow afternoon.

Wednesday, January 7, 1903

Wed. Jan. 7th. 1903

Dusted & straightened up & made my chocolate and everything before dinner. Mrs. Laird & Mrs. Hoyt helped me serve, Mrs. H. pouring chocolate and the girls waiting on them. For entertainment I gave them our "Fish Pi" game. Mrs. Burton & Mrs Sherman wining [sic, winning?], and I gave them some carnations. 15 came, and I invited 26 but it snowed and blowed so hard I was surprised to see so many.

Thursday, January 8, 1903

Thurs. 8.

Ladies' Miss. Societies met at the parsonage and elected officers. In the eve. I darned and read "Virginian" by Owen Wister, a fascinating story of western life. Put away 13 pairs of stockings.

Friday, January 9, 1903

Frid. 9 #

Making my bloomers and finishing my mending. At the church annual supper. I was much pleased at the report of {#68, p.133} our work. Mrs. Holmes had said that we hadn't as much money to commence next year as we had at the beginning of this. But by her report tonight we saw that whereas we had \$80.00 over last annual – when we commence 1903 it is with more than \$90.00 on hand.

27 people have joined the church this last yr. Our L.A.S. have raised \$392.13 – and of this \$12.75 is from the afternoon teas in the church parlor (?)

Saturday, January 10, 1903

Sat. 10. Ben's birthday.

Called on my ten Normal girls, and told them of the tea at Starkweather Hall next Sat. In the eve. I asked Mr. Strong & Francis, Miss Shultes & Mr. Edwards around after Hobson's lecture. They brought Ben some candy & a whistle and Dr. E. wrote an Ode. I gave them chocolate & cakes.

Sunday, January 11, 1903

Sunday 11.

I gave Papa a gold Masonic watch-charm & a beer mug, & had a Charlevoix picture framed {#69, p.134} in birchbark. Today he had a lovely time staying home all day except to address the Y.M.C.A. [Young Men's Christian Association] at the Normal. Letters of congratulation from Ridie, Mart and Jen. & necktie from the latter.

Monday, January 12, 1903

Monday Jan. 12. 1903.

Very cold and lots of snow. A letter from Abbie & card from dear Herta Korten. Sewing all day, trying to fix over the blue & green plaid waist that Mrs. Lodeman gave me. It is about as much

work as to make a new one. Our coal is getting so low, I must shut up the parlor and not try to heat up so many rooms.

Tuesday, January 13, 1903

Tues. 13.

Went down street and made a call on Mr. Rexford and he says he cannot promise any more coal – as the situation is worse now than during the miner's strike.

At "Messiah" rehearsal in the eve, the first since Christmas. Mr. Pease {#69, p.135} certainly has his chorus in fine training.

Wednesday, January 14, 1903

Wed. Jan. 14. 1903.

Sewing all the day as usual and at Literary Club in the afternoon wearing my new suit for the first time and new hat. It is a great pleasure to have a new suit once in about 10 or 12 years.

Called at the Lodeman's and they seemed very glad to see me. It is hard for Mrs. L. these days when Hilda has to be with her art classes in A.A.

They gave me some more old duds, which I will send to the poor. There is so much suffering among the poor in our city. We are going to make some mittens for the poor colored children who almost freeze, this cold weather.

{#70, p.136} At prayer-meetings as usual in the evening.

Thursday, January 15, 1903

Thurs. Jan. 15.

Melting & slippery. At Mrs. Collins' baby's funeral. The poor little tot has never been well – It was nine months old. At Mrs. Becker's for L.A.S. 4 o'clock tea, served by Mrs. George. She read aloud "Transfiguration of Miss Filura," while we worked. Eighteen ladies came, which pleased me.

Friday, January 16, 1903

Friday 16.

Baking and brewing, Ida asked Mabel Gass, Kate McFetridge & Rose Hoover for supper. In the eve. we went to "Arm of Honor" party at the Gym. Mrs. Wilcox came in the P.M. and we called on Mrs. Hinckley and Mrs. Howe.

Saturday, January 16, 1903

Sat. 17.

Went to Starkweather hall for reception to the League girls.

{#70, 137} Served tea & wafers. In the eve. again to reception in Gym. – too much of a _____ thing, not a good thing for me. Was so tired I could hardly drag one foot after the other. Served pink lemonade, but we didn't have any. Too much trouble to force our way through the crowd.

Sunday, January 18, 1903

Sun. 18.

I went to go over to Lodeman's today, but was too tired. In the eve. Ben & I went to A.A. and called on Aunt Ida and Martin L. Mary W. had a head-ache, but reclined on the sofa. Served sour cider (icy cold) & cookies. Ben drank his, but it was too cold for me. Their little dog is cute & lively and leads them a life. Our poor Skele cannot live much longer. Ben will not give him up and keeps pouring down beef tea & creamed potatoes. I never knew dogs had such distemper.

{#71, p.138}

Monday, January 19, 1903

Monday Jan. 19. 1903.

Catching up with things, and telephoning about bobs for our L.A.S. sleigh-ride tonight to Mr. McIntyre's in the county. We reached home about eleven o'clock and had a good time. Fed about 96 people and took in \$15.00 – but \$7.00 has to go for the sleighs. Mrs. M. furnished all the refreshments.

Tuesday, January 20, 1903

Tues. 20

Promised to talk to Y.W.C.A. about life in Germany – next Thurs. eve. at our house. This morning at 9:30 our good friend Prof. George died. It is impossible to believe it. Last Sunday he

sat behind us at church, apparently perfectly well. It was heart trouble the same as Prof. Lodeman.

Poor dear Mrs. G. is wonderful in her self-control before people.

Wednesday, January 21, 1903

Wed. 21.

Memorial exercises in the Normal hall – for Prof. Lodeman.

{#71, p.139} Hilda & her cousin Herr Bauer called for me. They were very touching testimonials to Prof. L. by Prof. Putnam, Mr. Gardam, " [Prof.] Barbour & Ben.

Hilda bore up remarkably. They will doubtless move soon to A.A. and go to Germany in the summer.

Thursday, January 22, 1903

Thurs. 22.

Mrs. Ainsworth & I fixed the flowers for Mr. George's funeral in the morning and she took me to the funeral at 2 o'clock. Then we went to the cemetery and fixed the flowers around the grave before the procession reached there.

In the eve. the Y.M.C.A. came here – about thirty to hear my talk. Served coffee and Maarken kuchen. Took in about \$2.50. And Bastian Smits lay in bed all the eve with a sprained ankle.

He came for the funeral, and just as he was going after supper, he slipped on the front steps & fell – and now {#72, p.140} no-body can tell how long before he can step on his foot again. Poor fellow, he is so patient & quiet.

Friday, January 23, 1903

Friday 23. Jan.

Telephoned to Helen Smits to come today. Poor B. didn't sleep a wink it hurt him so. Dr. Frazer says he had rather it had been broken, for then he would get over it sooner. Miss Abbie Pierce's mother died last night of old age & heart failure. Who next?

I fix Bastian's meals and he is so appreciative when I carry them up. Helen S. felt awfully to go home and leave her hubby here – but said she knew I would take good care of him. He is so

patient, it is pathetic. He has had a constant stream of visitors. Mr. & Mrs. Roberts were here for a long call.

Saturday, January 24, 1903

Sat. 24.

I had planned to give a luncheon today; inviting the Sherzers & Peases – but had to contermend [sic, countermand] all my {#72, 141} orders, after Bastian's accident. I went again to try on my waist at Mrs. Hall's. It is going to be quite pretty.

Callers all day. In the afternoon I had four of "my girls" over the served chocolate & cookies. They brought their work and we had a nice visit. Miss Yonkers, Holt, Kotwis and Baker came. The other six are different kind and I will have them together next time.

Edith Jones was here with Ida, so I gave her some chocolate, with the girls.

Sunday, January 25, 1903

Sunday 25

A very full day. We all went to church but Helen, who stayed with Uncle B. In the afternoon Ben & I went to the funeral night after dinner, then to the telephone, to report to Helen S. about Bastian. Then I found she was just telephoning to us to say that four men from their church were coming here with a stretcher, {#73, p.142} after Bastian. I went to see Hilda Lodeman, and found Mrs. L. still in bed. These are hard days for poor Hilda. They gave me two awful black velveteen waists. Will give one to Mabel and the other to the poor with the bundle Edith Jones brought here.

The four men came about 9 o'clock – and then left to see about a sleigh for Bastian and a lot of people from the church came to see him. And the men came with the stretcher and carried him off about eleven o'clock. It looked awfully like a dead man.

Monday, January 26, 1903

Monday 26.

Poor Skeelee passed away in the night – after a month's sickness, and they buried him this morning. Poor fellow – he was stone blind for weeks. Leonard {#73, p.143} feels so badly – I almost wish we never would have another dog.

At Whist club at Mrs. Todd's and supper. They voted me into the club again, but I just cannot go in as a regular member – it costs too much time. Next Tuesday we are to ask our husbands for supper and whist at Mrs. Stevens.

Tuesday, January 27, 1903

Tues. 27.

Down town & sewing. Mrs. Pease called to ask us there next Sat. eve. For a "Stunt party" – each one to do something. I shall finish up my white silk waist, the skirt of which Mrs. Hall has nearly finished – trimmed with blk. lace insertion.

At Messiah rehearsal and then to play whist at Prof. Sherzer's. They have asked us twice now, since we invited them. Had peanut sandwiches & chocolates.

{#74, p.144}

Wednesday, January 28, 1903

Wed. Jan. 28.

Did up my week's mending, and went to Dr. Frothingham's lecture at Normal hall. He came to A.A. from Princeton & stopped here at Ben's invitation to talk on Roman triumphal arches.

Letter from Mr. Smits that their Dr. does not feel sure his leg is broken – but will examine it later with Xray. Old lady Shaw died yesterday – and this morning Mr. Beach rec. a telegram that his mother was found dead in her bed this A.M. Old John Clark died also today. I haven't seen anything of them for years. It seems as if we lived in their house ages ago.

Thursday, January 29, 1903

Thurs.

Sewing. L.A.S. at Mrs. Wood's. Rec. a note of thanks from Mrs. George for flowers sent to Mr. G's funeral. Planned for catering for Normal banquet.

Friday, January 30, 1903

Frid. 30.

Fussing around getting ready for Girl's Club. Social which was held here tonight. About a hundred people, and made about \$13.00. It was a great scheme to offer souvenirs to each person. Nothing the world likes better than to get something for nothing. Served chocolate & wafers and salted peanuts. Didn't get to bed until midnight there was so much clearing up to do.

Saturday, January 31, 1903

Sat. 31.

Helen must stay in bed with her leg in splints. We do not know what is the matter but think she wrenched it walking in the icy side walks. Lots of girls came – Edith J – Winnifred D. – & Rachel Fletcher. Ida went calling with Alice McGregor. I had seven of my Normal girls over – and gave them chocolate & cakes, and thought they never would go. I was so anxious to sew on {#75, p.146} my white silk for the Pease party. Mrs. Hoyt was over the first time in weeks because her mother has been visiting her.

Sunday, February 1, 1903

Sun, Feb. 1st. 1903.

Stayed home from church and slept. Did not get home last eve. until nearly one o'clock. Had a great time performing each in turn. Pres. Jones got one prize & Mrs. Dr. Clifford the other. Mr. Hoyt read "Excelsior" backwards, Ben sang "The Horseshoe" and played on his guitar, Dan Quirk danced & Mrs. Q. showed off her dog.

Miss Smith read a pome [sic] on the Peases, Mr. Pease played on the piano, with a shawl over the key-board, Dr. & Mrs. Clifford gave the dwarf that we have often had at home, Dr. Edwards sang "Peter Gray," Mrs. Roberts recited something, Miss Sherzer related her experience visiting a salt-mine and I spelled my "Abominable Bumblebee, etc etc.

{#75, p.147} They served some kind of meat patties (tough) & lettuch [sic] sandwiches, coffee, olives, cake & cream & mint candied.

Monday, February 2, 1903

Monday. 2.

The wretched old fog has returned and it seems like our German winters.

Dear Helen is trying to keep cheerful – I hear her singing upstairs. We are hoping that it is not a floating cartilage as Dr. Cornue fears. In that case an operation might be necessary. At the Normal Conservatory rehearsing with the altos.

Tuesday, February 3, 1903

Tues. 3.

Helen is cheerfully eating her dinner in bed. She has flowers from Edith Jones and a dear note – and says she is “so happy.” Bless her heart. Papa and I were at Mr. Stevens’ for supper & whist in eve. They persist in making me join the Whist club again, and Ben advises me to do so, because I work so much and play so little.

{#76, p.148} There were eight tables, & I played with Rev. Gardam. We were +1. Ben played with Mrs. Van Fossen and we were two better than they!!

Very rainy & slippery & windy. We never should have ventured out for a prayer meeting on such a night!!

Wednesday, February 4, 1903

Wed. 4.

Nothing happened except sewing and rejoicing because our Arlie is so much better. At prayer-meeting as usual. Poor dear Mr. Beach looked so small and sad. He went to his mother’s funeral last Friday.

Thursday, February 5, 1903

Thurs. 5.

Helen is quite-herself again says it doesn’t hurt her to step at all. I was at L.A.S. at Mrs. E.E. Trim’s – planned the banquet Feb. 21 st. for Phi Beta Ki fraternity. They to give us 85 cts. a plate & guarantee us fifty people. As home quietly in the eve. Ben at the Mason’s lodge. Had a telegram from Boston to hurry up the Mss. as fast as possible. {#76, p.149} He sent off 40 pages today.

Friday, February 6, 1903

Friday Feb. 6.

Hustling to finish Ida’s blue dress waist for her to wear to A.A. tonight but Ben didn’t want her to go – so she gave it up. It was Junior Hop night and she wanted to go, perhaps. Had Lucile here for tea and then they went to Beta Nu meeting.

Saturday, February 7, 1903

Sat. 7.

Another bright cold day. Stanton has brought home a big gray & white cat – greatly to Mabel's disgust. In the afternoon I went to the girl's League meeting, where Miss Walton made some edifying remarks. Learned, for the first time that Lucile H. is pledged to Miss W's sorority in spite of the fact that they all dislike her so. Lottie King is the one that brought it about. Next one will be Edith Jones. In the eve. we went to a concert in Normal hall – rather amateur-ish but the pianiste was very good, especially {#77, p.150} when she gave us the "Fire Music" from Wagner's "Walküre."

So slippery that Ida & I both sat down, on the way home and jarred my head so I went right to bed.

Sunday, February 8, 1903

Sunday Feb. 8. #

The heaviest snow-storm of the season last night. We are having great times trying to adjust the town to standard time – because they insist on changing the times for all meetings. Ben took luncheon, yesterday in A.A. with Mr. Hilton – talking over work. He says that after this A. & G. grammar is revised, and Ben gets out the "First Year Latin" book which they want next, our fortune will be made!! If poor Daddie doesn't kill himself trying to do so much work. Hilton seems to think that Ben is a cast iron machine, made for his use. But of course it is to {#77, p.151} Ben's advantage too.

Ida & Helen gone down to Lucile's to make fudge. I have just finished Tarkington's "Two Van Revels [sic, Vanrevels]" – which has been criticized, but I think it is fascinating, although it certainly is much like "Crisis" in plot & incidents.

Monday, February 9, 1903

Mon. 9.

Hustling to get my work in shape so I can play in the afternoon.

Met at Mrs. Sherman's for Whist – I played with Mrs. Robinson & we were +1 while Fannie Strong & Mrs. Stevens were -5 (which I cannot understand.).

They served lunch in the dining room: chicken patties, olives, pickles, rolls & coffee.

Had a good time, but it was hot as tophet.

Mrs. Gardam was there, although she is so poorly she is going south. Has a bad cough.

{#78, p.152}

Wednesday, February 11, 1903

Wed. Feb. 11.

Had a great debate at Ladies club. Mrs. Pease aff. [affirmative] Mrs. Goodison Neg. [negative] of question "Is University co-education giving best results." I was app. [appointed] judge with Mrs. Stevens & Mrs. Garner – and had to announce our decision in favor of aff. on account of best arguments, but not according to my feelings. By popular vote the neg. had it.

There is certainly a growing re-action against co-education in Universities.

Ida came home, feeling weepsey and shivery and her papa was cross because she ate a good supper, with a head ache, and so I took her, weeping to bed. Guess it will be Grippe or whooping-cough. Aunt Ida was here over night.

Thursday, February 12, 1903

Thurs. 12

I went to L.A.S. just long enough to pray for them and get them started. Strange how these women do not {#78, p.153} dare to pray before folks.

Mrs. George came, the first time since her bereavement. She looked very sweet – but I could see signs of tears unshed, in her dear eyes.

Friday, February 13, 1903

Friday 13

Ida is some better as to cough, but has headache and not much appetite.

Sunday, February 15, 1903

Sun. 15.

I felt wretchedly yesterday from grippy symptoms and bad backache; but went to Mrs. Wharton's Kaffee Klatch [Kaffeeklatsch, coffee klatch] with Mrs. Hoyt – to get our doors & see some one. It seems as if I had been in the house reading aloud to Ida for, a week.

My back ached so I had to come home right after refreshments. She had mandeln kuchen [Mandelkuchen; German: almond cake], kaffee kuchen [Kaffeekuchen; coffee cake], (so-called) bretzels [Bretzeln; pretzels] & marzipan fruits to decorate – & coffee. I couldn't taste a thing – only munched a stale pretzel that made me sick.

{#79, p.154} Ben rubbed my back with Wizard Oil, and sent all the pain away. Today I sent notes and notices around the stayed at home & rested and read to Ida. We have finished: Rudder Grange and another book of Stockton's short stories.

Edith Jones came & spent the P.M. & Rose Hoover called. The youngsters made Fudge, and Edith stayed to lunch although Ida had to stay out in the sitting-room on the lounge. Edith's father was in Cleveland over Sunday. I wonder if he is interested in someone there, as we heard last summer.

Mart V. came out about 7 o'clock and had lunch with Ben after Y.P.S.C.E. (which B. addressed). He hasn't been out since before Christmas.

Says he has been sick.

Guess he had too much Junior Hop with Maud Travis.

{#79, p.155} Stanton and Leonard have had great times with valentines at school.

Monday, February 16, 1903

Monday 16.

Ida doesn't seem so well as I had hoped she would be, Does not want to get up, & coughs too much. I feel better because I had to make cake for my luncheon Wednesday. Have asked the Peases & Sherzers, and Dr. Edwards. No whist for me.

Wednesday, February 18, 1903

Wed. 18.

It has been a hard struggle to get things ready – and wait on Ida & Helen both upstairs.

Nothing came on the table right, but they were so polite as to say things were nice. Had I. Oyster cocktail. II. Mushroom patties, horrid rolls, olives, pickles, III. Baked nuts (in a mould) surrounded by rice and egg, ~~coffee~~. IV. pineapple jelly & whipped cream, and poor white cake, coffee.

I felt so horridly stupid that I didn't have good luck, got {#80, p.156} recipes mixed up etc.

Mrs. Jerome is such a sweet old lady.

Thursday, February 19, 1903

Thurs. Feb. 19.

Another busy day. Had to appoint the church 4 o'clock tea here, as I was too sick to hunt up any-one else. There were eighteen present and we sat in the dining-room and cut the paper favors for the banquet Sat. eve. Mrs. Hadley took them all home to make.

Friday, February 20, 1903

Frid. 20.

Helen sat down in the study where it was cold and added to her Grippe so she is in bed all day again. I wonder if there ever existed a more un-responsible family of youngsters. Ben has succumbed to the general family sickness. I have fully decided in my mind that it is all due to the water standing in our cellar. The drain is stopped up so it cannot run off.

We were at Todd's to play whist, and I played with Mr. Wortley. This score keeping is such a farce! We played {#80, p.157} a better game than Mr. Gardam and I did at Stevens', but our average was -3 because Mrs. Huston was there and brought the average so high.

She and Mrs. Spencer are just about professionals, and shouldn't keep record in such a crowd of amateurs.

Saturday, February 21, 1903

Sat. Feb. 21.

Mrs. George was to take charge of the banquet tonight after I had planned and bought the things; but Grace & Ransom were out here, and so I made her leave the Gym. at 4 o'clock, and stay away until 8:30.

The people didn't get there to sit down, until about an hour late – so we couldn't have things as nice as we might have done. We gave them:

I.
Oyster patties.

II.

creamed chicken. Saratoga chips,
bread & butter sandwiches,
Olives. Pickles
bonbons, almonds,
coffee

III.

Vanilla Cream. Pineapple cream
assorted cakes. Punch.

{#81, p.158} Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt, Pres. Jones & Edith & the Lymans were the guests from faculty. The Lymans, forsooth! Mrs. L. wasn't there of course, as she just lost her father. Well, after working up there until six o'clock, I went home to send up the chicken by Len, and stay home until 9 o'clock. Found that Len had been out of doors all day, when he should have been at home, and had gone to bed with a hoarse throat & a dose of quinine. So, no rest for the wicked, I had to tote that pan of chicken up through the snow, up the road, in the boy's patrol wagon. Should never have reached there, if Ross de Con (a friend of Lucile Hoyt's) had not helped me up the hill and rolled the wagon way to the Gym and up the steps. As it was, I had a dreadful back-ache before the eve. was over. Good Mrs. Green brought me home. Found Ida had not returned and Ben in bed. So Mrs. G took me back way up the {#81, p.159} Gym. after Ida, while her husband walked "to keep warm" he said.

They [are] good, kind-hearted, improvident people.

Sunday, February 22, 1903

Sun. Feb. 22.

A great day for our church. Mr. Ainsworth & Ben pushed the scheme for raising the debt on our church – and in a few minutes raised \$2300. by subscription. Ben promised them \$200. – but I shall pay \$50. of that. Old Ainsworth will give about \$300. and that he might double, with out feeling it.

Mr. George had the matter on his heart, and his last act on earth was to have the pledge cards printed. Mrs. George & Grace & May were there for the first time since his death. I tried to sleep off a head-ache, after dinner, but the door-bell rang so much I couldn't sleep much. Edith & Pres. Jones came for Stanton to ride, then Mr. Beach, Walter Hoyt, Mr. Holmes, Allen Sherzer and I don't know three others.

{#82, p.160}

Monday, February 23, 1903

Mon. Feb. 23.

Sent another message that I can't play whist today at Mrs. Batchelder's. I must be on hand to look after my little harem-scarum [sic, harum-scarum] youngsters. They seem to utterly lack any idea of care for themselves – especially the three youngest. Our Ida is getting quite womanly. Tonight z.b. [zum Beispiel; German: for example] she sent me out of the kitchen and got Papa's lunch & brought me a cup of tea, without being told. She is going to be Mamma's 16 year old baby girl, next Saturday.

Tuesday, February 24, 1903

Tues. 24

Ben stayed home from college and rested in bed until noon. He is "letting me do things for him! The first time since I can remember. I rubbed his back with Wizard Oil and couldn't rub hard enough to do any good – for I haven't my strengths back yet

After supper, Ben was {#82, p.161} standing on the register and coughing, and in some way strained some ligaments in his back so I could hardly get him to bed.

We all retired early – i.e. as soon as Helen & Len returned from country club children's party. They had a fine time, and Len & I had a session at 2 o'clock. A.M. when he disposed of a large quantity of chocolate.

I did not go to rehearsal again. Shall be way behind the other altos.

Wednesday, February 25, 1903

Wed. Feb. 25.

Ben at home again. Dr. Cornue came and put some plasters on his side, and I gave him "bryonia" for his cough. Aunt Ida came out, after dinner, and left before supper, as she had an engagement for "Floradora" in the eve.

I found Ben out of bed & down in his study writing, when I ret. [returned] from dinner. Aunt Ida went to club, with me at Miss King's & heard Mr. Strong give report of Science meeting at Washington. {#83, p.162} He is a smart man, but can't talk worth a cent to people in general. He assumes that they know too much. They served tea & wafers. At prayer-meeting the first time in a month. Twelve people there. Our little minister is discouraged about the small attendance.

Thursday, February 26, 1903

Thurs. 26.

L.A.S. at Mrs. Mereness! – 17 there. I called on Mrs. Bosturich and took her. Hope she will be a 50¢. member, at least.

Saturday, February 28, 1903

Sat. 28. Feb.

Our Ida's 16th. birthday. She has had a happy time. We gave her a writing-desk for her room, and a pr. of rubbers, and \$5.00 from Papa. Helen & Len an umbrella, Stanton a ribbon. Aunt Ida came last night and brought her a pr. of gloves and a ribbon collar.

Lucile was here for tea, and brought a ribbon shower of 16 lumps of sugar: sweet sixteen from Walter. Lucile brought some {#83, p.163} carnations from her mother, & a silver paper-knife for her disk. I fixed the salad she likes, for supper (nuts, celery & apples) and had rice & tomatoes etc. at her request. Next Friday she has the Beta Nu spread here, and I am going to give them extra, a pine-apple-lemon jelly and cake.

Sunday, March 1, 1903

Sunday March 1st. '03.

A bright cold day, after a rainy washday, yesterday.

Ben's back still troubles him, where he strained the ligaments coughing. His three plasters do not help him as I hoped they would. Last night the church trustees met here, and I served coffee, sandwiches & cake, greatly to their satisfaction.

Monday, March 2, 1903

Mon. 2.

Hustled all the morning so I could play whist at Mrs. Conwel's in the afternoon. Rehearsal of altos in the eve.

{#83, p.164}

Tuesday, March 3, 1903

Tues. 3. Mar.

Mrs. Beach's birthday. We sent her a pot of primroses. In the eve. Ben & I called on Mrs. Teetzel & baby, Miss Plunkett, Miss Shultes, Mr. & Mrs. Peat, and the Beaches. Did pretty well for one eve. but forgot the rehearsal for Messiah.

Wednesday, March 4, 1903

Wed. 4.

Got up with a head-ache, and went back again and slept until 9 o'clock. Our domestic arrangements are eminently satisfactory. Going out for dinner gives me such a long day for sewing, & Mabel earns her 75 cts. a week.

Saturday, March 7, 1903

Sat. 7.

Another week slipped by. At the L.A.S. we planned for a chicken-pie supper next Friday night, and I am enjoying the fact that someone else is doing the worrying over it. That is one amenity to being President.

Sunday, March 8, 1903

Sun. 8.

A beautiful Spring day. Poor Stanton ate too much lobster salad and went to bed sick.

{#84, p.165}

Monday, March 9, 1903

Mon. 9.

I had meant to make my silk waist last week - but couldn't get time.

Friday night I had her Beta Nus (about 25 of them) over here, for their spread after initiation of Blanche Amos.

We were so indignant because three of them black-balled Edith Jones that we almost made Ida withdrawn. Miss Lindquist did not come, because I hadn't called on her. Had meant to do so, but it rained when I planned to go.

Sat. night we went to hear Leland Powers give "Mons. Beaucaire" and had him down afterwards for a little while. Served ice-cream and cake. He felt early but the Sherzers, Hoyts & Dr. Edwards stayed until nearly midnight.

And I had to wash up things afterwards. Also the night before, I was washing dishes until nearly two o'clock. I wondered if I do too much for Mabel.

{#85, p.166} Played whist at Mrs. Dr. Clifford's, with Mrs. Stevens who doesn't know putty about whist. Served lobster salad and sandwiches & coffee. In the eve, we went to hear W.J. Bryan lecture on "Value of an Ideal" - which was all moral platitudes except when he got off on to politics - then he waxed eloquent.

Tuesday, March 10, 1903

Tues. Mar. 10. 1903

Foggy & rainy. Stanton was put to bed last night at 5 o'clock with cold cloths on head and throat, hot " [cloths] on ear, hot bottle on feet & belladonna [sic, belladonna] inside of him. Poor darling; we are almost afraid he is going to have a run of fever from our dreadful cellar. The sewer has backed up into the cistern through the over-flow pipe. The idea of putting the over-flow pipe into the sewer! Ben calls it a "fool trick."

We have two men cleaning out both cisterns. Probably have {#85, p.167} not been cleaned in ten years. Of all the smells I ever smelled!! It will be a mercy if we do escape typhoid.

A case of small-pox down on our street. A girl who has been taken to the pest-house in Detroit. What next?

Mrs. Sherzer came this morning and asked me for luncheon tomorrow, & Mrs. George came to see what help I could give in the supper. Told her I would take a table. Might as well have it over. Stanton in school this morning, but at home again in the afternoon because it rained so hard.

Wednesday, March 11, 1903

Wed. 11th.

Stanton is better, but not well enough to go to school. I fixed him with a letter to write and books to read, and went to Sherzer's after giving him his dinner. He is a darling little kitten.

Mrs. Putnam & Mary, Mrs. Jenness, Mrs. Pease & I were the guests. They had a (too) thick tomato soup then beef roll (decorated with parsley), creamed potatoes & peach pickles and bread & butter. Then ice-cream and Angel cake. After we had eaten & visited a while Mrs. Pease & I went to club – at Mrs. Davis’.

{#86, p.168} In the eve. to prayer-meeting & then to young men’s recital at the Normal. A busy day.

Thursday, March 12, 1903

Thurs. Mar. 12. 1903

Dark & dismal. Stanton still has a little sore throat. – so will stay home this morning and take more belladonna [belladonna]. Made four cakes for L.A.S. supper tomorrow & Ben’s S.S. class Sat. eve.

L.A.S. and Home Miss. meeting at Mrs. Holmes’. – nineteen there.

Tilly distinguished herself again by being impolite – (impudent) in her manner towards me, I wish I didn’t notice such a person’s actions. It is beneath me. Rehearsal in the eve.

Friday, March 13, 1903

Frid. 13.

Auntie came last night about nine o’c, and took Ida home tonight to stay over Sunday. Had a good church supper of chicken-pie, mashed potatoes, salad, jelly, cake & coffee, 20¢. Took in about \$18.00.

I of course couldn’t get away till after 8 o’c. – so many dishes to do up and put away. I had Helen, Rose Hoover and Miss Hadley to help. Dead tired. Went right to {#86, p.169} bed. Ben at Lodge.

Saturday, March 14, 1903

Sat. 14.

Sewing and cleaning. Made an effort to call on Mrs. Fred Green. Am afraid she will give us the slip in church work. She is away so much with Gen. Fred.

Went to 4 o’c coffee at Miss King’s where Mrs. Stone, Hoyt, Roberts & I represented the Faculty ladies – and about fifteen of the teachers, to talk over plans for the League. Miss King has the matter very much on her heart. Haven’t quite decided whether I shall join the “Harmonious

Mysteries” as chaperone (with Mrs. Pease) or not. It will be a lot of fussing. She invited me there for tea, last night, to meet them, but I couldn’t go, of course.

Sunday, March 15, 1903

Sunday 15.

At Ben’s S.S. party last night only about twenty came, and I had prepared for 50. We played “Peter Coddle,” then had ice-cream & cake and told conundrums. {#87, p.170} I made a business of committing their names, so I could speak them all when saying goodnight.

Shall have my cream frozen over, and ask the Hoyts, Barbours & Stones over tomorrow eve. Only making an Angel cake tomorrow morning. Also I want to can a lot of apples – having bought a bushel for 40¢. – just half of what I have been paying. They will be very nice in the late Spring or early Fall. Ida came home this P.M. and brought me a present from Mrs. Lodeman, “Emmy Lou” by (Mrs.) Geo. Madden Martin. Must finish “Sentimental Tommy” first.

Monday, March 16, 1903

Monday 16 March

A gray day. Tried to can apples but Mrs. Hoyt & Mrs. George were here – so I couldn’t.

Played Whist at Mrs. Merrill’s with Mrs. Connell – score -1 and the others East & West were -5 and -3.

Went to talk with Dr. Cornue {#87, 171} about vaccination. He will have fresh points from Park Davis & co. and I want to go down tomorrow P.M. with the children to be vaccinated. There are seven cases of small-pox reported today and talk of closing the schools.

Mrs. Hoyt had word of the death of her mother’s only brother. She is feeling very blue these days. They will not come of course – so we sent and asked the Holmeses.

Mrs. Merrill served chicken (slop) and hot rolls & pickles & coffee. They are to be here next Monday.

Tuesday, March 17, 1903

Tues. 17

Had a pleasant evening. Mr. & Mrs. S. & Mr. & Mrs. Holmes played “Pedro”, while we played whist with the Barbours.

I wrote Sunday to ask Mrs. Angell if Wed. would be convenient for me to accept her invitation to luncheon. Today came a telegram telling me to come. Rain in the afternoon, so there was very small attendance at Dr. Edward's concert, just 35 people. The program was so good that I wrote it up for the paper.

It is a shame that more of our church people didn't take the trouble to encourage him by attending. Such stupid folks.

{#88, p.172}

Wednesday, March 18, 1903

Wed. Mar. 18.1903

I scurried around to get my work done, so I could leave for Ann Arbor at 11:45. Stopped at Aunt Ida's on my way up and surprised her. Found Mrs. Angell arrayed in black lace and a flower in her hair. We visited and she read me letters from Fannie A, & Mrs. Mollie Welles Dickerson.

Then Lois came and Mrs. Waldron ran in a minute. She & Mrs. Johnson called again on me last Monday but I was out.

Then Dr. A. came in and we went to the table.

Had I. lovely hot tomato soup in china bouillon cups (with two handles, and covers.) & crackers.

II. Hot tongue, creamed potatoes & macarony [macaroni] & cheese, bread & b. [butter], olives & chopped pickle.

III. Celery salad & cheese-straws

IV. Whipped cream on cake (poor) and little cakes.

V. coffee.

{#88, p.173} Served in great style, with jonquils in center of table & handsome yellow centerpiece.

Lois left soon, as Andrew was at home with inflammation of the ear. (Result of Grippe)

Mrs. A. showed me everything and after a while she ordered her carriage & span of bays which her colored coachman brought around and we drove all the afternoon. Called on Mrs. Lodeman (away) and Mrs. Tripp & Mary W.

All gone but dear Mrs. Tripp. Mrs. A. went in there too. Then she took me to Ida's house just in time for supper – served in her room.

Home too late for rehearsal, so sat in the audience and enjoyed it intensely. In the "Messiah" it seemed to me that the rolling, surging billows of sound were the same in effect as Wagner music. At least their effects on me were the same.

Thursday, March 19, 1903

Thurs. 19.

Miss. tea at Shafer's – took in \$2.10. Meet next week at the parsonage and they serve tea again for Foreign Miss. this time

{#89, p.174} Called last night at Sherzer's and Pease's. I wanted to talk with Mrs. P. before deciding if I would join the "Harmonious Mystics." It would be sort o' nice, but a nuisance, after all.

Friday, March 20, 1903

Friday Mar. 20.

Ida & I left on an early motor for Detroit where we had a great day – buying things. A rain-coat, ribbon, for her and I bought a few little things, hair-ribbons for Helen, collars, ribbon for work-bag, lace for vest etc. We took our lunch in the usual place. Had two little cold chicken pies, hot chocolate & bouillon – and plenty for .40

Rode out with Lillie (Mills) Townsend, and she talked every minute & is coming out to the concert next Wed. P.M. if I can get her a ticket. Have asked her for dinner.

Saturday, March 21, 1903

Sat. March 21.

The girls went up to spend Sunday at Mart's. The poor fellow has been trying all Winter to get them. Ida wore her pink silk waist & dark blue skirt {#89, p.175} and I bought Helen a pretty new white-waist & blue ribbons and she was pretty as a picture.

Mrs. Sherzer & Mrs. Jerome called, & Antoinette Van Cleve. Ben went to Detroit on business, so I had my supper up stairs, as I was busy sewing on Helen's jackets.

Monday, March 23, 1903

Monday 23d

Here's my forty ___th birthday. Time flies, these years. Papa gave me a lovely white silk waist (from Chicago). Ida & H. a pair of silver salt-dishes, and the boys a plant of jonquils.

I [sic] busy day for me. The ladies came to play whist, and I had a good time watching & waiting on them. Gave them tomato-jelly-salad & cheese wafers and ham sandwiches & coffee. They made a great fuss over the things. After supper I hurried up, by appointment to meet Mrs. Pease and talk about sorority matters.

It is a shame that I have waited so long before giving my answers to the "Harmonious {#90, p.176} Mystics," but I rather dreaded to undertake to be a patroness because Mrs. Sherzer has to work so hard.

But Mrs. Pease assured me she has only entertained them once in four years. So I have accepted on condition that she doesn't resign.

After rehearsal Dr. Edwards & Miss Shultes escorted me over to Prof. Shultes escorted me over to Prof. Strong's for my birthday party. Miss Prince was asked in addition to our table folks. Sat around and visited a little (it was ten o'clock before we reached there), then went out to the dining room and had cake & ice-cream & lemonade & played: "Up Jenkins."

Tuesday, March 24, 1903

Tues. 24

Sewing until eleven, then to the dress-maker's, then to dinner. Then sewing again until 3 o'clock. Then with Ben to Prof. Putnam's to help celebrate her 75th. Birthday. Served ice-cream & cake although the snow was flying outdoors.

{#90, p.177} Rehearsal at 4 o'clock. but I did not go. Rested after supper until time for the "Shannah Cumming recital. It was great. A most unique program, and an unusual voice and a big stunning woman with black hair, & blue eyes, dressed in pink, covered with spangles. Her tones were like velvet covered with flashing jewels. And after all her Italian and German songs, she brought the house down with "Maid o' Dundee" playing her own accompaniment.

Wednesday, March 25, 1903

Wed. 25

Rehearsal in the morning, so I left a note for Lill Townsend in the hall, and she made herself at home until we came. Aunt Ida came in time for dinner at the Wood's.

The concert commenced promptly at half past two – and went off like clock-work. The chorus was greatly praised {#91, p.178} and Shannah Cumming did even better than last evening. Prof. Pease was pleased to say that I was a help – a great help which was blarney, of course. Only I

know that every time he looked at me I was looking right at him – which may have been a comfort to know that someone was watching his beats. Lill stayed to supper but couldn't stay for the evening. It was a shame and a disgrace that the orchestra had such a poor house. The music was superb. We sat in front of the Sherzers and had a good time exchanging ideas.

Thursday, March 26, 1903

Thurs. Mar. 26.

Our baby's eighth birthday and a happy boy he was, all day. He found a lot of presents about his plate in the morning: books, toys, shoes & ball-mitten. Had Malcolm Mc. over for tea. Ben & were invited with the Laird's to Mr. Hoyt's for tea, as he left at 10 o'clock and sails Sat, at 4 o'clock. Had a nice tea served farmer fashion – Veal loaf, baked corn jelly, salmon salad & pickles, bread & butter all on one plate. Then delicious fruit with whipped cream over it, and two kinds of cake, & coffee. Lucile waited on table very nicely. Afterwards we had some music, a cake walk - - - anything to cheer up the poor Hoyt's.

Friday, March 27, 1903

Frid. 27.

Cooking & baking for Abbie, who comes tomorrow. Didn't have very good luck with my cakes. Shall steam one of them for pudding. Commence taking dinners at home Sunday. L.A.S. at the parsonage and my Missionary talk on Brahminism [sic, Brahmanism], Buddhism etc. Sher served tea and there were only nine ladies. A shame, but I suppose they were house-cleaning.

Darning stockings. Ben at Schoolmaster's club in A.A.

Saturday, March 28, 1903

Sat. 28

"Putzing" [putzen (German: tidying) + -ing] all the morning, and after dinner Ben said: "Come {#92, p.180} on Mamma and go with us to Detroit to meet Abbie Price." So I hustled and we got the car just in the nick of time. We did a little shopping – Ida bought her white muslin & Helen & Papa snooped around while we looked at trimmings. I bought my blue muslin – which is all the summer dress I shall have this year. We went for A. at 4:20 and afterwards visited a peep-show (automats) and "Wonderland" leaving for Ypsi. at about 9 o'clock. reaching home about 11 o'clock. Too late for little folks, but what a good time they had. We took our supper at "Delmont's," a new restaurant, where we ate all we could of: baked potatoes & chicken-pie, beef-steak & poached eggs, chocolate, and baked apples with cream – for five people: \$1.05

Am glad we went there for they are so generous they are sure to fail soon.

Sunday, March 29, 1903

Sun. 29

Bright day. All at church but Mabel. Good dinner at home of: sliced ham, creamed potatoes, sweet potatoes, pickles, brown & white bread, pineapple jelly with whipped cream, and chocolate cake. The girls went for a walk after dinner, and Lucile & Edith Jones were here. They made candy, and went home with her. Lucile & Walter went to church with us.

Monday, March 30, 1903

Mon. 30.

Girls off to A.A. to visit Aunt Ida; and telephoned back that she wanted them to stay all night. Sewed all the morning. Afternoon played whist with Miss Pierce at Sherzer's and our score was; +10 all other N. & S. people being -3 & -2, which was a great surprise to us. Miss P. is a fine player.

Tuesday, March 31, 1903

Tues. 31.

Planning jokes for Helen's April Fool party, tomorrow.

Edith J. came soon after breakfast for the girls to ride, but as they did not get home until after 11 o'clock, they went {#93, 182} right after dinner – in a swell double carriage and dashing span of bays.

Came home just in time to dress for dinner party at Lucile Hoyt's.

Mart Verdier came out for supper with us and spent the eve. Mrs. Hoyt has had two letters from Mr. H. – the last just as they sailed out with band playing & colors flying. She is lonely these days, and I must go in there often. This P.M. I made her chocolate for the party.

Wednesday, April 1, 1903

Wed. Apr. 1st. 1903.

Another bright day. Mabel cleaned the parlor almost before we were up. She is a hustler anyway. Yesterday she washed the last four white bed-spreads. I am paying her \$5.00 for the 10 days work of vacation, so she can have a suit. And she works well at \$3.50 a week, and keeps good natured, too.

{#93, p.183} I did most of my baking & fixing yesterday, so this A.M. I got time just before dinner to paint 16 place-cards for the party. Put a daffodil on eight and pussy willows on eight of them. We served chicken salad, wafers, ham sandwiches, nut sandwiches, ice-cream with hot chocolate dressing, Angel cake and Dutch cookies, & stuffed figs & candies and our girlies were delighted with everything. We played all sorts of tricks on them, in honor of the day and they seemed to enjoy themselves. The girls were invited to Jackson to visit the Smitses on Thurs. but Abbie must go home tomorrow as she is going to join the church next Sunday.

Thursday, April 2, 1903

Thurs. 2d

A rainy morning, but Mabel and Leonard were whipping rugs before the rain came – at seven o'clock. Abbie & I left for Detroit, on the M.C.R.R. [Michigan Central Railroad] at 11:45 and I felt better in my mind when I had her safe on the car for Toledo. As our train was twenty {#94, p.184} min. late, the conductor had to telegraph for them to hold the train. I went for my lunch at the Delmont – 20¢ for 3 soft poached eggs, mashed potato & cup of chocolate, with all the rolls & butter & a ginger cake I wanted. Did a little shopping – getting trimmings for the girl's dresses which I could not have found in Ypsi. Wanted to get myself a hat, but didn't have time.

Came home about 5 o'clock, and Ben left at 6 o'clock for Detroit. Meeting of the Blk. Diamond Mine Stock-holders. I did not try to go to the L.A.S. Didn't have to.

Saturday, April 4, 1903

Sat. Apr. 4.

Had two good days free from outside things, and I sewed and we cleaned house as much as we could, with the snow flying outside. Len has been a Darling – getting up early and helping so good I am going to give him a dollar to encourage him. The poor boy has had bad luck lately – losing money. Fixing over Ida's pink silk waist & Helen's dotted {#94, p.185} muslin for hop Monday eve – the last of dancing school.

Sunday, April 5, 1903

Palm Sunday 5th.

A bright day with snow melting on the roofs, and very muddy roads.

Had Lucile & Mrs. Hoyt over for luncheon, and took them to church with us. Prof. Strong is so sick that they have a nurse from Ann Arbor for him. Have just finished Gilbert Parker's "Right of Way." It is a strong story, but very, very sad. A good picture of life in a back village of Canada.

Monday, April 6, 1903

Mon. 6.

Busy all day painting floor of the spare room and finishing Helen's white dress after I ironed it. At the party tonight she was the sweetest thing in the room, in her pink under dotted muslin & pink (or old rose) ribbon & sash. It was the last hop of the dancing school. No whist on account of Holy Week.

Tuesday, April 7, 1903

Tues. 7.

Mrs. George came down to see if I would help solicit the "Easter Offering" to take the place of our annual Easter supper. A nuisance. Went to Mrs. Jefferson's & got 25¢ and then to Mrs. Sherzer's {#95, p.186} and found her & Jerome both sick in bed. She had a bad stomach attack – but is just as bright & plucky as ever.

I couldn't ask her for anything.

Leonard's 12th. Birthday. His presents were mostly useful: Gingham for shirt-waist, a pocket comb, collar, & rings for trapeze – & a book from auntie who came out (for supper) about 2:30 o'clock. I had intended calling on my S.S. class, but we got a lot of mending done.

Wednesday, April 8, 1903

Wed. Apr. 8.

Baking bread & sewing & soliciting. Mrs. Becker is coming with her horse tomorrow & we are going to make a thorough canvass.

Club in P.M. Mrs. George and Mrs. Peet had papers.

Afterwards I went to call on Mrs. Wilcox, but met her coming to the city, so turned around and visited with her. She has been sick & suffering from a bad fall. Prayer meeting in the eve. There were thirty five present, & nine names read of people going to join next Sunday, {#95, p.187} among them Edith Jones.

Thursday, April 9, 1903

Thurs. 9.

A fearfully windy day to drive about soliciting – but my head was so bad I couldn't have worked any – and the sunshine did me good. We got about \$7.00 and are going to use part of it for entertaining the Jackson Ass'n next week.

Home Miss. meet. at church & Mrs. Beach read extracts from Jacob Rees' [sic, Riis's] experiences in Slum work. How very little we know of the dreadful conditions among the poor of our great cities!

Friday, April 10, 1903

Friday 10.

Mrs. Sherzer is still sick, but not in bed. She thinks and the Dr. says she was poisoned by something she ate. She looks worse than I ever saw her.

The last of our Holy-week meetings tonight, was led by Prof. Laird. Andrew Campbell gave a good (characteristic) talk last evening. Mrs. Hoyt {#96, p.188} went with me.

Have heard of Mr. H's safe arrival in Germany. Am making trimming for Helen's blue dress. It is so dark, and brightening it a little with white & red braid under the passmenterie [sic, passementerie].

Mr. & Mrs. Pease & Helen called. Mrs. P. wanted to talk over "our girls" in the Sorority and tell me about them.

Sunday, April 12, 1903

Sunday 12. Easter

This rain reminds us of a year ago when, as today we all went to church in our old clothes, in a pouring rain. Had very fine music. Really Dr. Edwards quite out-did himself. Ida sang in the chorus.

Went to see Miss Mize, the first time in months. It is a shame that I neglect the poor old thing so much.

Am reading the "de Willoughby Claim" – but not much for I must copy the "Union" Constitution – because the Sec. [secretary] wants to resign rather than write up the back records.

Monday, April 13, 1903

Monday 13.

Dark & rainy again. Poor Mabel is so cross because it rains on her washdays.

Wednesday, April 15, 1903

Wed. 15.

Sewing – sewing. These rainy days are fine for sewing. Am determined to finish my silk waist this week. I call it my “Joseph’s coat of many colors.” It is almost too giddy for an old girl, but the blk. velvet relieves it.

Thursday, April 16, 1903

Thurs. 16.

4 o’c tea at Mrs. Laird’s. 17 ladies present. I read selections from “Emmy Loo [sic, Lou].”

In the eve. attended the first meeting of the “Harmonious Mystics.” Met twelve of the girls, and heard a little program and lots of music. It is very hard to remember them all; but it will be easier next time.

Helen took care of Beech’s [Beach’s?] baby (so Mrs. B. could go to the tea) and she & Mr. B. got supper. He brought her home about nine o’c.

{#97, p.190}

Thursday, April 17, 1903

Frid. (Thurs.) Apr. 17, 1903

Auntie came yesterday & stayed over night to have Mrs. Bacon fix her bonnet, & she had to pay \$2.50 for it. Went back today. Work for me this P.M. I made nineteen calls, & had Mr. Bostwick for tea, and took him to Normal entertainment in the eve. He is a nice little boy and a very hard worker. He is certainly doing good work training the High Sch. choir. Auntie brought a letter from good Fr. Cornetius. Frau Taxer has been sick with influenza, & Fr. [Fräulein] with bad catarrh. How often we wish we had taken more photos of their yard. Now it is all built up with blocks of houses to rent.

Saturday, April 18, 1903

Sat. 18.

Sewing all day – while my girls worked. They do very well I think for girls that age. Ben keeps grumbling because they do not do more. It looks now as if we shall be without {#97, p.191} a girl this summer. Ben thinks we do not need one, but I would like to have one to scrub up anyway, after dinner. Else I shall have no vacation, that's sure.

Called on two or three people but found no-one at home, it was such a lovely day.

In the eve. went up to League meeting at the Gymnasium, although I was tired enough to drop.

Sunday, April 19, 1903

Sunday 19.

Bright day. We are passing through a "Sturm und Drang" period with our domestic, & do not know how it will turn out. She had her trunk nearly packed to leave, yesterday – but Ben mollycoddled a little & she hasn't gone yet. Have decided to endure her until June 1st. if she will stay.

Monday, April 20, 1903

Mon. 20

Hustled and mended up and put away clothes and got ready for Whist-luncheon and went

{#98, p.192} to Dr. Hueston's and found I had made a mistake in the day, and it is tomorrow, when I cannot go!

That Daddie was so naughty and plagued me so about going out to luncheon!

Tuesday, April 21, 1903

Tues. Apr. 21.

Dressed early and went to greet delegates at the church. We took 41 to dinner at Dewey Café and it cost us \$8.00. A very good lunch, but cold and poorly served.

Helen Smits came but we had to let them go to the Holmes' because their feelings would have been hurt. Our delegates are from Webster & Grass Lake.

Queer duffers, both of them. As I was delegate from our Miss. Society I had to be at the church & take notes and report about our work.

Wednesday, April 22, 1903

Wed. 22.

I sent our delegates to Mrs. Newton's & had the Smitses here for dinner – and it was a joy to see them eat radishes {#98, p.193} & veal steak & spinach and ice-cream & kisses, etc. They go back tomorrow & we can't have any more of them. Tonight Bastian gave an address, but he followed a rather prosey one so that we got impatient waiting for him.

Mrs. Gibson has roped me into a paper on Young People's work – the first Wednesday in June. I hate it – for there is absolutely nothing new to say.

Friday, April 24, 1903

Friday 24.

Dark & rainy. Sewing after attending Stanton's exercises at school. The little sonny spoke very well: "I'm found of the dear old apple-tree." We like our dinners at home; although of course we do not have as great a variety as at Wood's.

I was at Mrs. Wilcox's for tea, with Mrs. Goodison & Bertha. Afterwards we played Flinch, just we three and had a lively time. They are such Dears – both of them.

{#99, p.194}

Saturday, April 25, 1903

Sat. Apr. 25. 1903

Sewing all day. Miss Boardman, Peters and another girl – called at Mrs. Sherzer's sorority party in the Gymnasium. I never can remember the names of them. The girls were very prettily dressed, and a lot of A.A. students were down, in street suits. I didn't like it because I know they never would do it in A.A.

It is remarkable how Mrs. Sherzer can be in bed all the week, and then go to receptions and things and seem as well as any one.

Sunday, April 26, 1903

Sun. 26

Bright lovely day. Len went to A.A. last night to spend Sunday at Aunt Ida's. He went up to see Uncle Mart (on his invitation at church) and stayed until after five o'clock. And they never asked him to stay for lunch! Such cordiality!

We found Mart Verdier here, when we returned from church.

Monday, April 27, 1903

Mon. 27

This bright weather is too good to last long. Sewing on Ida's white-dress, at Mrs. Hall's, all the morning; and played whist with Mrs. Herrick at Mrs. Wortley's. We were "average" in our score.

Wednesday, April 29, 1903

Wed. 29.

At home all day sewing. Felt so comfortable, but found that I should have gone to Club, when Mrs. Inglis of Detroit & her daughter gave the program at Mrs. George's invitation.

Thursday, April 30, 1903

Thurs. 30.

Union & Foreign Miss. at church. In the eve. at Harmonious Mystics, where they were making plans for their party to be given the 22d.

Aunt Ida came to spend the night. Has been visiting Mrs. Mahon at Jane's invitation. Mr. & Mrs. Pease called.

Friday, May 1, 1903

Friday May 1st.

Cooking class at the Gas range store and I got several new recipes. Auntie & Ida went to A.A. Helen's turn, but she gave it up to Ida.

Saturday, May 2, 1903

Sat. 2.

I made a macaroon pudding for tomorrow after cooking class recipe. Hope it will suit my family.

Helen Pease was here for supper, and she & our H. & Leonard went to a party at the Club House.

Mr. & Mrs. Pease came in for a while. They spent the day in Detroit and Helen was there alone for dinner. Said she ate bread and jam, fried cake, salted peanuts, glass of milk, icecream & candy.

{#100, p.196} Tonight have finished reading Conan Doyle's "Hound of the Baskervilles." Very thrilling story.

Thursday, May 7, 1903

Thurs. May 7th.

Not much "doing" these days except sewing and cleaning house. Finishing up Ida's white muslin for the concert Sat. eve. Played whist at Strong's with Mrs. Clifford and were -3!! Invitation to Louis McLaughlin's at A.A. for a reception, but do not think I have any thing just right to wear to A.A.!! They are so critical and so stylish there.

Tonight we have H's teacher Miss Roy & Stanton's Miss Jackson for supper. Union at church, 18 ladies present, tied comforter for Mrs. Holmes.

Sunday, May 10, 1903

(9th. #) Sun. 10th

I hustled & fixed over my blk. silk & went to A.A. It was a grand affair. 350 invitations from 4 to 8 o'clock. Served salad of cucumbers (they're 10¢ apiece here) & tomatoes & radishes with mayonnaise. Then cake and cream. The house was beautifully decorated & everyone {#100, p.197} dressed in handsome light silks. If we lived there I guess Ben would see a difference in the amount we spend. Aunt Ida was at sewing-school, & came down here for the H.S. concert. Our Ida looked very sweet in her new white dress with blue under it.

Last Friday I went with the "Fiddling Fisticks" (as Ben calls them) and had a group picture.

Mrs. Pease absolutely will not have her picture taken.

Three of the girls were here yesterday when I was gone, probably with a proof to show me. Aunt Ida went home after dinner – about 5 o’c. because she must heat bath-water for her girls tonight.

She is afraid her tenant will skip off without paying her three months back rent.

Monday, May 11, 1903

Mon. 11.

Played at Mrs. Gardam’s with Fannie Strong & and we were +1. She has lot of interesting pictures & things. She served punch & sponge-cake.

{#101, p.198}

Wednesday, May 13, 1903

Wed. May. 13.

Sewing all day on Helen’s blue muslin. At Club Mrs. Pease read a review of “Sartor Resartus.” In eve. at P. [Prayer] Meeting and then to meeting of “Mystics” making final arrangements for our party.

Friday, May 15, 1903

Friday 15th.

Ida at home all the morning with “tummey ake” and I just hustling to get Helen’s dress done for concert at A.A. ~~tomorrow~~ this afternoon – Helen Pease invited her. Also fixing new sleeves in Ida’s pongee, so she can have it Saturday.

Saturday, May 16, 1903

Sat. 16

Helen went to A.A. about 2 o’c & I left about 4:30. I got off at State St. and went to call on Mrs. ~~Garreison~~ Lodeman, then to Ida’s for supper, and to the most enjoyable concert I have heard in many a day – entirely of Wagner’s composition. Selections from “Rienzi,” “Lohengrin,” “Meistersinger,” {#101, p.199} “Siegfred” & “Tristan & Isolde.” All beautifully rendered by Boston

Symphony Orchestra. Helen enjoyed the one in the afternoon ever so much also. This morning she left at nine o'clock to spend the day at King's (or near there) in the country. Had a beautiful day out of doors. We want to keep her out as much as possible. It is so hot for the dear girlie these days – having her wrist in a plaster cast, but she is so patient and good about it. Ida went to A.A. this P.M. and it will cost her (or me) a dollar.

Sunday, May 17, 1903

Sun. 17.

Bright & dusty. Have had no rain for weeks. Really the first very hot day. We had a sixteen-page letter from Frau Taxer. She still hopes that we shall fill her rooms with americans.

I slept two hours in the afternoon, and then Mrs. Hoyt & Lucile came & stayed until 6 o'clock.

{#102, 200}

Monday, May 18, 1903

Mon. May 18, 1903

Hot & windy, ending in a rain at tea-time. Sewing medallions on my blue muslin and finishing an underwaist for Helen & shortening sleeves of Len's waist for Stanton, and letting out the fullness in Len's waist, etc.

Played whist at Mrs. Van Fossen's with Mrs. Herrick, & we were "average."

She served ice-cream & cake & lemonade. A great mixture. Concert at Cleary hall, but I didn't go. It was hot and horrid, they tell me. Glad I stayed home; but sorry I read that horrible book: "House with the Green Shutters," by Geo. Douglas. He is dead, and I'm glad he can't write any more. It is the most inexcusably awful book, with not a ray of brightness or humour to relieve the hopeless horror.

Tuesday, May 19, 1903

Tues. 19

Sewing all day. Down to the {#102, p.201} library and got "Mistress Brent," by Lucy Thruston.

The girls went to the Halliday twins recital, but it's too hot for me. Mrs. Hoyt came up to be comforted, she felt so blue.

Wednesday, May 20, 1903

Wed. 20.

Called on Esther Barnum, and invited her to S.S. party next Saturday. Did not have time to call on any others, as Ida had her committee of Beta Nu girls over, and wanted my help in practicing for their show on Sat. night. Mrs. Hoyt & I have decided to call on and invite all the unmarried teachers at the Normal. They are neglected in a social way. Mr. Laird led the prayer meeting and did it better than Mr. Beach.

Thursday, May 21, 1903

Thurs. 21.

Sewing on my blue muslin, getting ready to put on in a hurry for a musical at Owen's next Sat.

L.A.S. tea at Mrs. Fred Green's. She had everything lovely – cut glass, iced tea, sandwiches & sugar kisses – and only nine ladies present. A shame.

{#103, p.202} In the eve. we called at Pease's and sat on the verandah a long time. She can be perfectly charming when she wants to.

Friday, May 22, 1903

Frid. May 22d. 1903

Our Helen's 14th. birthday, and a happy day for the dear girlies. Besides our presents (a skirt, fan, candy, umbrella, collar, \$5.00, book-mark & pens), Mrs. Barbour sent over a cream cake with Helen, 14, in red candies. Bless her, kind heart. Helen planned the dinner – icecream, of course. Almost a head-ache for me, but I had to work at the Gym. getting ready for the Harmonious Mystic party, tonight.

Saturday, May 23, 1903

Sat. 23d

After breakfast I flurried around, getting things ready for my S.S. class, and decorated a nut bowl for Ida to give to the Beta Nu Fair, and made a suit for their dwarf to wear.

Edith Jones came right after dinner, in fact while we were eating. Her father is away so much and she gets very lonesome.

My girls came early, and Helen played with them (ten came) while I went to a Musicale at Mrs. Owen's. Herr Ernt of {#103, 203} Detroit played the violin in the most satisfying manner. Served strawberry ice-cream and cakes. Hurried home about 5 o'clock and found Mabel & Helen had served the things. I had everything all ready: White sandwiches, & brown ones with nuts in & pickles – then ice-cream & Angel's food & blk. cake. They all seemed very happy.

Edith J. came again for us to go to Beta Nu Fair. It was a great success. I bought a collar, sofa cushion cover, work bag, candy, etc. Everything was marked very low, and well made too. My bowl sold for 25¢. and it cost 5¢.

Sunday, May 24, 1903

Sunday 24.

Mabel doctoring for a tape-worm. She has passed a lot of it but I do not feel sure that the head came. So it may grow again.

Am reading "Confessions of a Wife." It has been greatly discussed and criticized – but it is not half bad. It is certainly a vivid & accurate picture of the inmost thoughts of a woman, {#104, p.204} especially when she feels that her husband's love is getting old & cold.

She writes: "I do not know whether to laugh or cry, but, as a rule I find the former works better. Masculine tenderness is said to respond to tears; but since my marriage, I do not find it so."

When she was poorly: "I expected to be comforted, but find myself most solitary.

I suppose this a common, or a frequent occurrence. Men are so busy and so strong. There is something cruel in their physical freedom."

"Oh! the silence and the freedom and the sacred solitude of maidenhood!" "I never love you so much as when you remember to love me and to comfort me in little ways." "A woman can never afford to be cross. Why is it that a man can?"

"She adored her husband with that kind of too-tolerant tenderness for which, as a sex, we seem to be distinguished."

"Tonight, the house is as still as {#104, p.205} resignation." "I have read rather more than usual lately; but I can't say that he has seemed aware of any accumulated intellectual force in me. He says I am narrowing to a domestic horizon."

"If a woman does not make a man happy, has she any ~~write~~ *right* – to assume that it is his fault?"

"He makes me feel that in some way the blame must be my own."

George Eliot said truly: "Half the misery in women's lives would be prevented if they could only keep back the things which they had resolved not to say."

“This morning he went to his day’s work, without the ceremony of a kiss. Alas, that a kiss should ever become a ceremony.”

“Must a woman make all the advances, after marriage, as she must make none before?”

“I do not understand him. Sometimes I think I understand almost any other friend I have, better than I do my husband.”

“Indeed I try to be patient – not to expect too much. I do try to be the kind of woman he prefers.” Men wince under another {#105, p.206} man’s rebuke, I observe, “when a woman may pour her heart at their feet and with no visible impression.”

The writer, Mary Adams, certainly writes her book as if she had lived it.

Monday, May 25, 1903

Mon. 25 May.

I am doing all the work, as Mable is fasting & doctoring with pumpkin seeds. Played whist at Robinson’s with Mrs. Sherman, and we had top score, +2.

Wednesday, May 27, 1903

Wed. 27

Yesterday was hot again. Served all day – Mabel better.

Called on Mrs. Gareisson with the eve.

Hot again.

Thursday, May 28, 1903

Thurs. 28.

Missionary meeting. Nine present. Afterwards an ice cream social but I went with Benj. to supper at the Country Club House. We invited Mr. & Mrs. Cleary, and they were very appreciative. Also too Edith Jones. I hope Pres. J. appreciates how much we have done for them. He has never called yet.

I stayed a while in the eve. as {#105, p.207} Ida & Edith were wild to dance. It was a queer gum-chewing crowd for us to be in.

Friday, May 29, 1903

Friday 29.

Mr. Child's birthday, and he invited the trustees to tea. Ben returned about 9 o'clock and we went to the Junior reception a little while.

Saturday, May 30, 1903

Sat. 30

Decoration Day. Not so hot either. Sewing, sewing. Papa & Ida went to play golf – Helen down to read to Mrs. Hoyt, who is not well.

Helen is not well either. Came home Thurs. noon with bad sore throat and is in bed much of the time. Much better today.

Sunday, May 31, 1903

Sunday 31.

Helen went to church but left before S.S. her head ached so. Poor girlie. We think she is bilious & has catarrhal? cold.

Monday, June 1, 1903

Monday June 1.

Colder than Greenland the last few days. Furnace pipe broken so we had our two gas stoves down to heat the parlors for the {#105, p.208} Whist Club.

Had cucumber & radish salad & wafers, kisses & coffee.

Helen some better but the head ache still remains.

She is so sweet and patient, it is pathetic. Mabel is going to leave the 19th. So we must be hustling to get some one else. She is going to live in the country, where she can "be one of the family." That is the goal of her ambitions.

Tuesday, June 2, 1903

Tues. June 2d.

Sewing as usual, & writing on my Missionary paper for tomorrow. At Miss Riblet's recital in the eve. She was gorgeous in pale blue silk.

Wednesday, June 3, 1903

Wed. 3.

Mabel now has a carbuncle under her arm. What next? But she is so plucky and comes down stairs and works so I can go to Chelsea. Have planned the dinner so it will be easy for her. Reached C. about one o'clock with Miss Higley, and had quite a time finding the church and then the hotel where they {#106, p.209} were eating dinner.

Saw Helen Smits, & Mrs. Hull – & Mrs. Angell threw me a kiss from the other end of the table, and our ladies: Mrs. Holmes & Collins.

They all made a great ado about my "breezy helpful paper" on "How to interest young folks in Missions." Helen & I skipped off & had bannanas [sic, bananas] & cream and a little visit before her car came.

She invited us there next Tues. June 9th. to celebrate their wedding anniversary. I hope we can go.

Came home about six o'clock. and walked up with Ben, who was just coming to supper.

Found Aunt Ida here, & Helen all right. Head better.

Took auntie to prayer-meeting and to her car. Then bought some ice-cream for poor Mabel and brought home. Then I combed my hair and went to a little sorority party at Miss Riblets no honor of her mother – a {#107, p.210} very fat old party in a muslin dress. About thirty young folks there, who all played or sang. Served strawberry ice – and wafers.

{#106, p.209}

[Undated newspaper clipping, inserted with the June 3, 1903, diary entry, about Benjamin L. D'Ooge's invitation to speak at the National Education Association conference, held in Boston July 6–10, 1903]

Prof. B. L. D'Ooge has been invited to address the classical conference of the National Educational association which will meet in Boston the first week of July. This is

considered quite an honor and Prof D'Ooge ranks as one of the best classical students of the country. He has been associated in the last few years with the late Prof. Greenough of Harvard college in revising the Allen & Greenough series of classical textbooks.

{#107, p.210}

Thursday, June 4, 1903

Thurs June 4.

Mabel's carbuncle pains her so I had Dr. Cornus come and lance it – greatly to her disgust – until it was all over with. Helen home again with a dizzy head. Dr. says her liver is gorged and left medicine for that.

Pd. [Paid] his bill – \$8.50. The plaster cast cost \$5.00.

The dear girlie is so happy now to have it off every day to wash and massage her arm.

L.A.S. at church. 10 present. Planned to give the Frat. banquet the 13th. About 40 people, at 60 cts. a plate.

Invitation to Mary Worcester's next Wednesday. Says it is to be informal – so I may venture to wear my 11¢. a yd. blue muslin.

Jefferson's called in the eve. & {#107, p.211} what bores they are! They are so positive that nothing good can come out of the west – that they would be funny if they were not tiresome.

Arlie dressed herself & came down stairs a few minutes after her teacher Miss Ray called and told her she need not come to school again this year – in order to graduate from the Grammar grades. Which was good news for us.

Friday, June 5, 1903

Friday 5. #

Helen out of school – and went to visit her Aunt Ida, over Sunday. I made another chocolate cake – but didn't consider it a great success.

However, when I passed it, in the eve. to Mr. & Mrs. Sherzer, they each took two pieces – and praised it and the strawberries & cream. The gentlemen beat us by five points.

Moral: You can't always know what to expect from men who do not play whist, often.

{#108, p.116} They stayed until after eleven o'clock and went home in the rain.

Saturday, June 6, 1903

Sat. June 6.

Hustled to finish a blk. lace yoke for my white eve. dress (trimmed with blk insertion) but finally gave it up – to dress for our sorority trip to Northville – knowing that it would be impossible to return in time for the senior reception tonight. We had a great day at Dr. Wallin's where we initiated Rachel Fletcher and Tilla (!!) Wilkinson and had a banquet and toasts. There were twenty at the table, and we were served in best style with a fine dinner. Afterwards had a musical program, and started home about half-past eight – which was too late. Rode two miles in the rain to Northville village – then by car to Plymouth & changed at Wayne to electric for Ypsilanti. Reached here about eleven {#108, p.213} and found dear devoted Prof. Pease waiting. He is certainly the best trained husband I know. But then he has not much to do, evenings except to run attendance to his young wife.

Mrs. Pease & I visited all the way – and I must say she is a charming woman when she wants to be.

Sunday, June 1903

Sun. 7.

We had a terrible rant at church: a man working for the anti-saloon league, and too narrow-minded to see that they are not suppressing saloons by shutting their front doors. I waited to ask him, what he is giving to these poor men to take the place of the saloon. A place where they can meet socially.

We ran away after church to dine with Mart at the Zeta Psi house in A.A. Stopped at Ida's and found Helen was {#109, p.214} invited too. We found Mart and about a dozen boys out on the front verandah and were introduced all around and soon went out to the dining-room. Had a disappointingly plain dinner of soup, roast beef & browned potatoes, canned corn, pickles, bread – and a poor specimen of cream-pie & coffee.

Mart showed us over the house which is pleasant and rather handsome on the first floor but plain & rather shabby above stairs.

At three o'clock Arlie & I went to Aunt Ida's and Ben to Mart's – and had ice-cream & berries! We had some of Leonora's fudge, anyway.

Home at 4 o'clock – and found our three other babies posing on the porch as if for a picture of some good Sunday children. Len led the Junior Ch. [Christian] Endeavor meeting today.

{#109, p.215}

Monday, June 8, 1903

Monday June 8.

Mabel will only be here one Sunday more. I have a mind to go ahead and invite the teachers for this week Friday – for Mrs. Hoyt will not be well enough to help me – and who knows what kind of a girl we shall have next Fall.

Played whist at Mrs. Todds with Mary Wood, and we were -1. It was so hot I did not think they would meet again – but oh yes.

I'm ashamed to ask a substitute to go, when it is so hot. A Miss Bailey came in behalf of a friend Edith Hoyle – to get her a place to work. Miss Hoyle wrote us a very nice letter, and I think we will take her up north with us.

Tuesday, June 9, 1903

Tues. 9.

Sewed "like fury" on my blue under-skirt, putting on silk {#110, p.216} flounce so as to have it to wear at Jackson, and more especially at A.A.

We left on 5 o'clock car for Mich. Center, where we met the Smitses and Miss Higley!! Had an elegant supper of frog's legs, fried chicken, fresh green peas, in cream, and fine creamed potatoes, salad of cucumbers & tomatoes, salad of cucumber & tomatoes and strawberries & cake.

We had a dining-room by ourselves, and were quite festive in spite of the "Festive Hig" as Mrs. Beach called her. The boys had to resort to Dutch quite often.

We went to Jackson about nine o'clock – and had a little visit & then Ben came home & I stayed over night. They are very comfortably fixed, now, and it seems more like home than that barn where they were at first.

Wednesday, June 10, 1903

Wed. 10.

Reached A.A. (with Miss Higley about 10 o'clock. And went to Dr. Carrow's to have my ear {#110, p.217} fixed (\$1.00). Then to Ida's and found her hustling around getting her girls' lunch. They are coming back next year again, and love her most to death. Took dinner with her, and pressed out my blue muslin, and then dressed and waited for it to stop raining so I could go to M.W's

[Mary Worcester's] reception. Had expected to go early and leave early to reach here in time for Miss Pearce's club day at her home – but couldn't.

When I got to Ypsi. about 6:15 – I went and called on Miss Lindquist & Miss Lombard, inviting them here Sat. P.M.

Have decided to invite the teachers (36 females) whom I have not even called upon before this.

Thursday, June 11, 1903

Thurs. 11 June.

Sewing as usual. L.A.S. & Missionary Soc. in the P.M. at church, 13 present. Tied comforter.

Afterwards went to M.E. [Methodist Episcopal] social (invited by Mrs. Hoyt), at Mrs. James. They had 60! people there!

{#111, p.218} Made some more calls & invited folks. Have also invited my sorority to hold their meeting here next week.

Friday, June 12, 1903

Friday June 12

Made two angel cakes and some kisses and salad dressing and veal loaf for banquet at the church tomorrow night.

Also made 13 calls in the afternoon, and finished up the lot. Which shows what a body can do.

Saturday, June 13, 1903

Sat. 13

Very cold – so we had a furnace fire in order to make the guests want ice-cream. Gave them preserved ginger with it. Also it rained so hard I didn't expect any one would come. But there were 20 who were so venturesome & good-natured as to accept my invitation; and they seemed to have a good time, although I forgot the entertainment. I was going to have them draw {#111, p.219} pictures using suggestive lines already made on the cards.

Aunt Ida came while I was lying down (instead of eating supper).

At the banquet I didn't work – but acted as head-waiter. Everything was really beautiful. Gave them veal loaf, cold ham, Boston chips, olives, brown & white sandwiches. Then salad & wafers followed by layer cream & cakes – and strawberry punch. They are to pay 60 cts. a plate.

Sunday, June 14, 1903

Sun. 14

Cold rain again, for Children's Day. They did very nicely & Jerome Sherzer was the cutest youngster.

Stanton & Leonard spoke the best of any, we thought.

Of course I have a headache; but had invited my League girls here this P.M. Papa addressed the Y.W.C.A. at the Normal, but I was too sick to go. Helen {#112, p.220} says it was "just fine."

Only three of my girls came (fortunately) but they had a good time and enjoyed two glasses of punch and two pieces of angel cake around.

Of course only the three nicest came.

After the S.S. performance, Aunt Ida went home and I to bed for an hour, and then we went to call on Mrs. Sherzer's friend Mrs. Harnet – a wealthy Philadelphia widow, who talked and talked and talked as soon as I got her started on her own affairs and I hope I proved a sympathetic listener.

Home and to bed.

Monday, June 15, 1903

Mon. 15.

Another full day. Mabel doing her last washing for us. Shall be glad to have her out of my way. She is getting to [sic] domineering & too smart for her shoes.

{#112, p.221} It will be a relief to put things and keep them where I want to. But she has been a good helper for two years, before she got so smart.

Played whist at Mrs. Wortleys & with Mrs. Robinson's mother, Mrs. Cummings of Toledo. Score -2, others -4 and -6.

Went out to the Beta Nu party at the Clubhouse, and the youngsters had a lively time. Mabel went to wash the glasses & spoons, but acted so horrid we sent her home before the close of the eve. She does not deserve the dollar.

Home at half-part-one and pretty tired. Mart stayed over night.

Tuesday, June 16, 1903

Tues. June 16.

Rainy. Glad it was nice for the girls' party last eve.

Had Mrs. Garreison & Miss Higley for dinner, & the latter for tea also. Enjoyed Mrs. G's playing. She is a wonderful old lady I think, and is so lonesome, all alone in a boarding-house. I do not think her children are very devoted to her.

Miss Brayton called in the eve., {#113, p.222} is the girl we sent to Frau Taxer's last summer; so we had many questions to ask, and views to compare.

If it does not get warmer, we shall not be very anxious to go north.

Wednesday, June 17, 1903

Wed. June 17.

Ida is being rushed practicing with the choir for Commencement music at at [sic] the H.S. and final exams. She stood so well that she had only to be exam. [examined] in Latin & Algebra. Passed all right, of course. All passed except Len who has not been paying as good attention, as he should – and was conditioned in Arithmetic. Must study this summer. Our Arlie graduates into the troubles of High School. Today I hustled to catch up with my sewing, left over from last week's work.

Thursday, June 18, 1903

Thurs. 18.

Baking cookies & canning pineapples & strawberries. The Beta Nu girls sent me some beautiful red roses, because I helped them last Monday. It was Miss Lindquist's doings, I'm sure. {#113, p.223} The girls would never have thought of it all alone.

In the eve. I had the Harmonious Mystics [o]ver, and after their meeting served chocolate & cookies – which seemed to make a great impression upon them.

Guess I'm about through with entertaining for this year and next.

Friday, June 19, 1903

Frid. 19.

A busy day. Mabel gone. Went to Helen's exercises from nine o'clock until dinner time. Our Darling sang twice alone, very sweetly, and looked like a picture.

After dinner she & the boys did up the work & I had a good nap. Ida helped me get dinner. What a comfort it is to be my own boss, and to be able to buy some new dishes. M. hardly left us & whole dish (except my best china). In the eve. we attended Lucile Hoyt's graduating exercises. She spoke on co-education.

{#114, p.224} It seems queer not to see quantities of flowers given; but it is more sensible to give presents. Lucile had a pretty watch chatelaine and a watch (not so pretty), set of 100 calling cards, Cuckoo clock, spoons etc. We gave her an orange-spoon.

Saturday, June 20, 1903

Sat. June 20.

Rainy as usual & cool enough for a grate fire if we had a grate. Prof. Norton called. He has been bounced from Holland college. Says they are too conservative and strait-laced to have a chair of psychology there.

Now he is looking for a job and Ben is writing letters of recommendation for him.

Mrs. Crosby came to wash, & three of us took dinners at home – the rest at Dewey Café.

Sunday, June 21, 1903

Sun. 21

Cold – regular Charlevoix weather. Scarlet fever, across the road, and I'm so anxious to get away from it. We expect to leave next Monday week. Ben, Ida & I attended the Baccalaureate address {#114, p.225} given by Pres. Jones – a good one.

Monday, June 22, 1903

Mon. 22.

Sewing & ironing. The girls take hold of the work quite well – but with sighs & groans from Ida on account of her back-ache – which comes from using un-used muscles. Helen is such a Darling she never complains.

Raining as usual, and I said a number of times: "How glad I am that nothing is doing today!" and forgot all about whist-club at Mrs. Sherman's. At the Normal concert in the eve. – good – & then to conservatory reception.

Tuesday, June 23, 1903

Tues. 23.

Sewing on my white silk & crepon waist which wore to the alumni reception in the eve.

We stood next to the Pres. in the line receiving – and shook hands until ready to drop. Ida went with us for the first time. Met a lot of the old students and at the Alumni meeting, heard some of the old ones sing.

Wednesday, June 24, 1903

Wed. 24.

Commencement day – and how little it means to me, except the dinner. {#115, p.226} They fed about 225 people & did it well – a contrast between it & the Alumni dinner at A.A. which was so scanty, cold and poorly served. Good Dr. Angell came and responded to a toast. Martin L. refused to come, as he "had an engagement." Aunt Ida came out on the car with him & Prof. Craig, going to play golf. Ben feels cross at him. They haven't acted nice this year at all. Mart only been here for last X-mas – not once since. Mary once on my invitation & has invited me once. Ben will not let the children visit them Sat. (postponed twice)

Aunt Ida started for Charlevoix tonight – and says she is going to have our beds made when we come, Monday.

Our new girl, Edith Hoyle, is to join us in G.R.

I hope she will be neat & pleasant and tolerably quick & a little appreciative for {#115, p.227} what we do for her. That doesn't seem too much to ask. Mrs. Childs came home with us from P. Meeting. Only twelve there – so the D'Ooges made $\frac{1}{3}$ of the meeting.

Thursday, June 25, 1903

Our eighteenth wedding-anniversary. We ought to celebrate, but doubt if we have time to even remind Ben.

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"	" [Mrs.] Dr. Chislett	3128 Prairie Av.
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"	Dr. Rubinkam	5635 Lexington Av.
"	Mrs. Sidney Eastman	1807 Wilmington Place

Things we ought to buy abroad next time.

Roman blankets, hat-pins, queer cards (whist), beer mugs.

{#116, inside back cover}

[Undated newspaper clipping promoting an upcoming series of "travel talks" hosted by the Y.W.C.A., starting with a presentation on Germany by members of the D'Ooge family, pasted into the inside of the diary's back cover; the top right corner is torn, thus hindering the ability to read the entire article title or beginning of article]

TRAVE[?] AT THE [?]

The Y. W. C. A. are arra[nging a?] series of "travel talks" to be [held at?] the different homes of the city. [?] all cannot enjoy the great privilege [of] foreign travel, one can gain much from hearing those who have been abroad tell of their experiences while visiting the various places of interest. Next Thursday evening at 7:30 the first talk in the series will be given at the home of Prof. D'Ooge. Mrs. D'Ooge will tell in her interesting way of her travels in Germany. The Misses D'Ooge will add to the enjoyment of the evening by rendering the following vocal selections: "Fruehlingszeit," by Franz Abt; "Im Walde," by Mendelssohn. At the close of the evening German refreshments will be served, namely, Maarken kuchen and coffee, and a silver collection taken. The public are cordially invited to come and bring friends.