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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 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 Shutter & Francis Strong. Everyone is working on the costumes for the Queen Esther.

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 rehearse get mixed up in such a business again. He is a miserable drunken fellow, who has, alas, a good voice.

Frid. 7th.

The great day of Queen Esther dawned cloudless. I 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.

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.

* Sat. Mar. 8.

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

Sun. 9.

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

Wed. 12.

Have been feeling wretchedly for a few days - but followed up the 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. who talked on both sides and had the arguments of any weight to offer.

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. 3

Friday 14.

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

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 Mark's, and stayed all night. M & M. came to tea yesterday, and we played Whist in the eve. Mark is such a Dear. I love to play with him although he plays wild, without any system.

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. School, and we sat with our classes. Most of my thirteen girls were there. Rehearsed our Easter carol, before service.

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

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 Wed. 19.

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

Thurs. 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 & angelsfood 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

Auntie came out for the Gym. entertainment - to see Stanton & hear perform. They were "deffel 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.

Sat.

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

At night, after the show they went to bed without finishing the wash so no bread was made. Guess I give them too many privileges. 5

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 theatre we went to the place around the corner and had some "bier mit shinken und Butter brod" 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.

Sun. 23d.

May — 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 Chitworth is so "chested" over it, he can hardly button his coat.

Had Chorus choir at church, and we think Mr. Snowdon is taking hold of the choir work - in good shape. In the eve. B. & I called at the

Lodemans. Found Dr & Mrs. Small there with music. He sings rather unusually well. They passed beer & cookies. 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. 11th. 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.

Tues. 25.

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

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

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 30.

A dark rainy Easter — no one wearing new hats. Our S.S. service at 9:30 was poorly attended. Collection 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 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.

8 Leonard has come out with a good case of mumps - looks like the guinea pigs.

2d # Thurs. Apr. 1st. 1902

Mabel & Helen had to do some fooling at the table; had my tea-box empty - potato grated for horseradish 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 lessons of her.

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 4

Ida & I 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. Cost $10.00

She went to A. A. feeling very big indeed, with her new white waist, all gilt buttons, and a new spring hat & jacket, & her skirt she had to leave to have made shorter. 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 6.

Another rainy Sunday. Communion & and four united 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 right, too. He thinks he is too smart, because he is a sophomore & Zeta Psi.

Monday 7.

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

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 set faces, firmly shut teeth, study of the ceiling etc - to keep from laughing.

Poor Mrs. Beach 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. Sat. 12. Friday 11th

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

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 our errands.

Tues. 15.

Another bright day. Sewing and receiving callers. Miss Muir, Mrs. Hatch - two Miss Arnolds. I trimmed up my old Spring hat, and thought it would do very nicely, but B. L. W. sat down on it & 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 felt cold. 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 Apr. 11 th.

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 16.

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

At the Peaslee's dinner we found Mrs. Sherger & Mrs. Boone. Had a nice plain dinner: soup, mashed potatoes fried sweet-breads, beans again

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.

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: Mycenian walls, gates market-place, thalos & "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.

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 skirts which had accumulated because Mabel does not get them stiff. It was

raining in the afternoon. Ida at Van Cleve's for tea.

Stanton is down with the mumps – not so very much "down" either.

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 then propped him up in bed, 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.

Thurs. 24

Just hustling to get Helen's white dotted muslin ready for Ida to wear to the H. S. concert tomorrow night. Helen is a dear little girl to do it to her. Fri. 25. Th. Apr.

Mrs. Sherzer asked us up to play "Ping-pong" with the Jeffersons, but

had to decline, on account of the concert. Mr. Bostwick's chorus did very well indeed. - Sang "Daughter of Jairus". Ida looked very sweet in the white dress, with pale pink ribbons. 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 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.

Mon. 28.

Have I recorded the advent of our baby "Skeaky"? 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 stopped in for Paris addresses. She sails the last of June.

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. Tues. 29.

Getting ready for the Rummage Sale in the main. Pleasant business! Invited with the Shergers to play Ping pong at Jeffersons. and I got along quite well. Mr. J. & I made the best score I am sure - or should have, if they had kept score. 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

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'c same day. I wonder if I can possibly make it. - May George's graduating recital tonight was very good. - especially the Fire-Music from Wagner's "Niebelungen Ring". May is quite a girl.

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

Friday May 2

Up early, and hustling. It rained hard but stopped about 11 o'c. 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 (nasty stuff) and running through eight or more courses. I was at table with Mrs. Sherger, Pease & Quirk.

Afterwards went on Woodward Av. car out to the Palmer log-cabin & enjoyed the glimpse of country & smell of cherry blossoms.

Left the cabin a little after three o'c and hoped to reach A. A. by six o'c 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

17 aching head on auntie's bed a while — then came home and retired. The cavier is what upset me, I guess. I thought I must learn to like it, — but I never can.

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 W. of M. — Normal alumni reception at 9 o'c. and came away early. Ben has some glimmer of hope of a change — to Oberlin or Stanford Univ. or somewhere — anywhere 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 5.

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

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

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 Aunt Selva, 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. Joe Kimball had her chest & book-shelves 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 9.

Aunt Ida came to take Stanton home for Sunday. He is greatly elated to go without Rikoard. Ben & I invited 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 Clubhouse. The men went a little early & played Golf - and when we reached there, at five o'c - we played a while - about three or four holes. Saw Charlie & Elsie Cobley the Dowglas girls and other A. A. people.

About a hundred sat down to supper. Had fine roast beef, creamed potatoes, pickles, salad, cake, coffee & pink ice cream.

Monday 12.

Helen & Mabel into the mumps up to their eyes. Have written to cousin Maud & Kittie Hattstaedt, 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.

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. Result: 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 16.

Went down to Dr. Cornue & got med. for Helen. He said she must go to bed for two days

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.

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 & 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 & Redmune lined with black silk. They all say it is really next year's style — it cost enough to be 21 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'c. found us back, and hustling to wash & brush & dress for dinner, where they had invited Lou Castle & Mr. Mack & A. A. (who is a cousin of John's) In the eve. some of the others came, and we played "Pingpong." A full day.

Sunday 18.

Hot. Ben Kittie & I went to Presb. 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.

He speaks so low that dear Ben couldn't hear very much that he said. I could hardly hear him myself. Maud's home is filled with 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'c and will reach home tonight.

Monday May 19.

I helped Kittie H. fix belts on two of Louise's dresses. About 11 o'c she went with me to find Mrs. Hendrickson's, and then went to market leaving me with Mrs.

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 had not come so late - we had a nice one of cold veal, br. & 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.

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.

Tues. 20th.

Kittie H. came, about 11 o'c 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 anything in session. They have a great, large, well-equipped house. Lots of good water-colors & framed photographs. We went through the "Creche" where were about forty young-sters, 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 a staff a dozen noisy kids romping

& squealing. A cross-looking woman, (who wouldn't answer a question) was getting quilts to cover them — this hot day.
We took luncheon there, in 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'c — 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.

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 Maud lives the easiest lazy life imaginable, while

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 Matinée @ Weber & Fields Variety Show. Some of it funny. Glad to see Lillian Russell, De Wolf Hopper & Faly Templeton & wished I had often heard.

Too much leg-show to suit my country tastes.

In the eve. we read a while - and then, while the Dr. got through his work, we went out for soda-water, Still hot.

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 should 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 X ray 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

and put on a lot of style.
Found them in full dress - Annie with trailing silk-muslin, and pompon in hair; light blue, to match her velvet girdle. Mr. Burritt 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 cut plates with a little sugar in the middle; then beef-steak, creamed potatoes & asparagus, beer, green candies, salad & stuffed cucumbers (good) - ice cream & macaroons. coffee. When John & I reached Mabel's - found her on the front steps with her big dog "Duke," waiting for Dr. Chislett, who did not return until 10-30. Had performed four hard operations in that day, and was almost too tired to drag home. He cannot stand this strain for many years.

Friday May 28.

Yesterday was our Helen's thirteenth

birthday, and I was not there. I hope she liked her "Pugsong" 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 Smiths 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.

Sunday May 25, 1902

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

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, Annie & Mrs. Hendrickson & a card to Mrs. Rubinkam.

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. I labored with Helen and insisted upon marks of expression. She looked very sweet in her white with blue sash & ribbons.

Prof. Norton came around and we went to H. Lodeman's studio together. She served coffee from her new chafing dish (pre-

sented by the Sketching Club) and cream, cake & candies. Played cards and visited. Ben came over after me, and had some cream etc.

Thurs. 29.

Mabel and I went to A.A. on 12 o'c motor, and to the Univ. clinic to have her eyes examined & treated. We rushed dd so, without eating much dinner - and the car stumbled 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 aunties rooms for a call. When I reached home I went straight to bed, after writing invitations to Shergers & Miss Cutcheon to lunch here tomorrow with Mr & Mrs. Stuart whom Ben asked earlier.

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'c. 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.

We had a nice little lunch if I do say so: First we had mixed fruits in glasses: pine-apple, 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 & pineapple for supper stuffed eggs and fixed things 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.

Sat. 31.

All the children invited to uncle Mart's for dinner at noon - or luncheon, Mary called it. I served all day.

Sunday June 1st.

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

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

this occasion.

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

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

Thurs. 5th.

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. silk instead of pink. Mrs. Peare had on a new white lace, and everyone was in light

clothes. Served ice cream & cake & coffee & had music at intervals and bowl of lemonade in the study.

Frid. June 6

At a very pretty lawn party given by Mrs. Wade Kirk. Every one in their best clothes and they had a long table with Miss Tower & 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 Jolbo concert & lawn party. Took in about $17.00 & had to pay out $10. of it.

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.

Sun. 8th.

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

We had a telephone that John & Ridie Vorbies 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'c for service - but Ben stayed home and visited with them. He had to leave on 9 o'c train for Reading and some other country towns where he examined the condition of the schools.

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

them - especially Ridie. They left, after dinner for A. Arbor, Tues. June 10.

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

Wed. 11th.

We invited the Lairds and Peases for lunch today. The latter could not come, so asked the Rodemans - who were too tired and too busy - so asked the Leonards who came. They seemed to enjoy themselves, and stayed until four o'c - so I could not go to Club - the last meeting, & presidents day.

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 Smith came with a crowd of her parishioners and I hardly had a glimpse of her.

Poor Daddie has a regular attack of biliousness - taking medicine of Dr. Connie.

Reception at Normal, but Ben felt too wretched to go.

Sat. 14.

Sewing 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.

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 too short - she said I could not 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

at 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 over 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.

Thurs. June 19.

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

Friday 20.

This was another full day. Finished Ida's pongee for her to wear tonight, when she sings in the Commencement choir. Frosted some little cakes

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 & 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 Conk. Concert Monday eve.

We went to the closing Gym. show in the eve. When we returned found Mart and Lew V. had walked in and made themselves at home. Were playing "Ping pong." They stayed all night; so Bert & I slept in the sewing room. Sometime we will have a guest room. Was never so tired in my

life as when I went to bed last night.

Sunday June 22.

After a week of rains, we have another bright Sunday. Mr. Beach gave us a good sermon on "Brotherly 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 Hayts 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 & trees.

Last night Ida & I went over to Rodemans to borrow books and they loaded us down with German literature and treated us to strawberry sherb.

Monday 23.

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

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.

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 ~~of~~, 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.

I suppose this is their last appearance on such an occasion in Ypsi. It is understood that Lie 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 27th. June.

Am having a little interim loafing before beginning the rush & packing for Charlevoix.

Went to call with Ben at Pease's and Sherzer's. Asked the latter down for cards tomorrow eve, and they made us stay for Ping/pong. Had a lively time.

Sunday 29.

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

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 Mon. 30 Mary Scott Carter.

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 preparations for Ch.

Ben is golfing these days.

Thes. 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. 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 struggle today at packing. Early to bed.

Thurs. 10.

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

Mart V. came down to the Station in G.R. Mrs. W. Mahon 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 didnt have to pay any extra.

Frid. July 11th. Charlevoix

Reached here about 9 o'c. 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.

Sat. 12.

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

Sun. 13.

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

boat level. Skele tried to swim out to us, but couldnt 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 Smith swam out afterwards and couldnt catch our boat as it passed him, so had to swim back, and was nearly played out when he came in; had to lie down on the dock - and I made him some ginger-tea.

Tues. 15.

Annual meeting of the association. Voted to have sewerage & 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.

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. Smith. a great meeting of the Masons here. Too bad Papa isnt here to see his brethren.

The girls & Ben at Bissett's cottage, making "Fudge".

Thurs. 17th.

We took our dinner, & Ralph & Abby down to Lake M. 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 & Church Fairs and affairs & sd must be sleeping better than when we first came up.

Sun. 20th.

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

Mon. 21.

Nothing new - washing today. I have classes in Algebra, Arith. and Spelling every morning that we think of it.

Ben & I 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 - a story of a burgler who gives his personal experiences. 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 "burgel".

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 Smith 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 gamecocks."

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 & Lee 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.

Stanton is delighted to be invited to go with her.

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. 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.

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 and lay in the hammock until after ten o'c. 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 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. Rodeman & Nan C.

Monday 28.

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

Tues. 29.

Working on the veranda with Kittie H. and sailing after dinner.

After tea Papa, B & H. & I went down town in row-boat and had a treat.

Helen & Len took supper with the Hatteads and in the eve. Abbie Price gave a marsh-mallow roast on Price Lake.

Wed. 30th & 2 & Th. 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. Thurs. 30.

Ben & Lee Smith 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).

Thurs. 31. Friday 31

Ben home about 3 o'C. 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. came on 8-30 train, and had not had any supper; so we built a fire, made tea, warmed up potatoes & did the best we 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" (Miss Filera's a little take-off on Christian Science.) and treated us to chocolate cream.

Sat. Aug. 1st.

John Hattstaedt came this morning, and we had a lively crowd on our front piazza. They went sailing and I went to the kitchen, where I spent most of the day.

In the afternoon Ben dragged me down for a row to the village. After supper I went over to the Gillespie's while Jen dressed for the hop at the Gun. 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 "Indian Doone". Had great fun at the Gun watching the fine clothes & diamonds.

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

All attended service at Cong. ch. 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.

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.

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.

Tues. 5. Aug.

Ironing & baking in the morning while the rest went sailing except Johnnie, who helped fix the veg. for dinner. After an early luncheon, ave. 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 "Pingpong" & Logomachy and ate fudge. - and made a great noise.

Wed. 6.

I do not have much time for anything except mending and cooking. In the eve. the Hallstadts came and we all went up to

Smiths'. afterwards they had Pingpong here. I can't play worth anything - but the Kittie has had a lot of practice - so she beat me (in "matched singles".

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 embarassing 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.

Fri. 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 the com-pat-i-bility. The Weidemann's gave "Trio" - Others had: "Hypothenuse" "Chanticleer" & "Forefather's". They passed cream and cake.

Sat. 9.

Another lovely Charlevoix day. We hustled around in the morn-

ing and got ready for a family picnic. All would have been ready promptly at 2 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 Kitty H. & Louise. Had a grand good time, and a moonlight sail home. In the eve. we read until 9 o'c

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.

Mon. Aug 11.

Dark and drizzley. A picture card came from Fran Taxer & Miss Brayton written up on Vennsberg. 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. 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 " 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 popcorn fritters and plain. Wed. 13.

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

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 Whitty 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 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

A.M. and P.M. - all but we. 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.

* 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 17.

A lovely day, with strong south wind. The Amy" dragged her anchor about church time and

the first we knew our neighbor Gardnier 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 father, Rev. Burton. Kittie etc. staid at our cottage with Ben, who declared he couldn't stand it. At Dissett cottage in eve.

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 helping 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 Pingpong & Flinch & ate caramels. Ben left on 8-20 train, and greatly to our surprise Mart & Laurence Verdier came at the same

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.

Tues. 19.

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

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

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

Wed. 20.

Raing. Boys gone to Bay View etc. for the day, returning on 10-30 motor. I copied patterns from Mrs. Price's and in eve. bowled my Pingpong 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 box of peaches; also one from Jen D. to the same effect. (She heard me read auntie's letter about sending us peaches!) Poor Laurence had a great scare — thought he had lost his watch, a fine one. and was nearly sick about it.

Thurs. Aug. 21.

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

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 here that can un-pehnd and pee chelly, and sing a little"? After ten o'c. when the crowd went home, we had a moonlight sail.

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 Barbours, Smithes, Hattstaedts & D'Oages - 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'c. Mabel certainly keeps her temper better than one could expect - having such irregular meals.

In the eve. at 8 o'c we all went to Mr. Dissette'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

done my part - to spell "abominable Bumblebee", and sing a poem which Mr. Dissett wrote to the tune of "Greenland's Icy Hills,

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 Mark & Laurence Ida & Helen. A great throng of Jews flashing in diamonds & furbelows galore,

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 Mark 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 Laura at 8-30, then Mr. & Mrs. Smith called.

Mon. 25.

Mark went over to Bay View and brought back Miss Anna Carpenter

Ben Vs betrothed, for luncheon & to sail. She is a large, dark brown-eyed girl with lots of glance. I hope she will make Ben a good wife.

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

Tues. 26.

Ida fix her pink waist Helping 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. (Mark left at 9-50 morning train) Ida & Helen went through. But the eve B. & I were with the Barbour's at Smith's cottage, and all the youngsters were at our house playing Pingpong. Abbie P. and her Grandma go home tomorrow.

Wed. 27.

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

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 Smiths were here for a while, but couldn't stay long, they were so tired. Passed fruits & candies.

Am reading "Kentucky Cardinal" & "Aftermath" by J. G. Allen. Liked the first much better. It has a breezy woodsy flavor of Thoreau. The writer has a great admiration for him.

Thurs. Aug. 28,

All down to see the Smiths 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 when they do not want it & and are suffering from it.

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 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'c - because we went too far, and the wind went down. When shall we ever learn not to trust the wind after three o'c. 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.

Sat. Aug 30 -

Mabel washing so they can start earlier next week. I have paid her up to next Sat. night - except $10.00

Mon. Sep. 1st. 1902

Busy packing the girls up, to go

tomorrow. Lew went to the hop with the boys; but our girlies were too busy getting ready for their journey. Aunt V. is to go on with them from G.R. and bring down their suppers to them at the train.

Tues. Sep. 2.

School opens today. The girls left on 2-30 train. They are to clean house this week and go 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'c., though.

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.

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.

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.

Fri 5.

Took our dinners, 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. 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'c. - and Mrs. Disselt and Brown, Mahon & Wright called.

In eve. I called on Ladd girls. Yesterday at Holden's, Aldrich's, Heaton's

Richards' & Mahon's.
Getting them all done up, so I can settle down to planning + reading every chance I get, before going home.

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, Dissitts & Barbours.
The boys have been having the usual tussel with the boats in Dept. gales. This morning about 5 o'c. 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 Rangers — in the rain and get tackle to pull them off. Went into the lake for 2 hours without shoes & stockings & and Miss Gillespie's friend from 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.

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.

Mon. 8th.

Wrote to Mrs. Wilcox, Ainsworth, Salsbury + Holmes about R. A. S. business.
Burning a small butter-ines bowl 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.

Tues. 9th.

Papa & Lew 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 soured so that, when they

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.

Wed. Sept. 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. Howland. Does fairly well. Down town in eve. with Ben — then to call at Gillespie's. Miss Josephine got me to write something for her guest-book, 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? Ah the Ku Klux dread call

To Pine Lake's wooded isle,
At the dread Ku Klux call, with all

eyes through grim masks, full of fun brightly beaming.

Mr. Price with high hat, & Miss Crane, (very tall) came with Stors* 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.

Thurs. 11th

The Gillespie family & Mary Bird and the Southern Belle 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 the 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.

Frid. 12th.

Last eve. we were at Prices, with Mr. & Mrs. Wissett, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Barbour. Sat and visited & told stories. Served peaches.

Mending so I can do some burning tomorrow.

Ben at Mahon's for roasting marsh mallows. Said it was awfully slow. Sat. Sep. 13.

Papa gone to 26th. Lake fishing with Mr. Price, Dissett & Willard Barbour. The men putting the Ann 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 water-rose & leaf design. The folks seem to think it will work out well. Ben says my nut-bowl is a great success.

Wish I could sell enough things to get some more points, and a scorcher. 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 Colet West-Master Diver. It is a good book, with some fine character sketches and strong descriptions of sea-life and social life.

Took a walk to Lake Ms. for the last sunset on the lake.

Must commence to tear up, to-morrow. Mon. 15th.

Great times clearing the "Ann". Ben has spent many hours, besides hiring two men to 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.

Tues. 16th.

Nearly finished packing yesterday. I tore off my thumb-nail (R), 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.

Frank Moore called, but we couldn't ask him to stay I was too dead tired to take an other step. 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 had'nt time.

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

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 which Ed sent me, because they were going to spoil. Three rec'd, and I gave her one and Mrs. Sherger one. They had already given Helen Rose 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.

Sat. 20

Mabel insisting 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.

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.

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!

Tues. 23.

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

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.

Thurs. 25.

Rain. Had a card from Mart that the Eats are coming tomorrow so I baked angel food & yellow cakes, and baked sweet apples.

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 N. & N. for tea, but of course they had an engagement. In the eve. we played dominoes and had wafers & cheese & Bier and wine. They keep saying that they have no appetite but I cannot see but that they eat as much as any one.

Sat. 27

Papa took Nell Henry and me to Detroit for "Fox's 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

go out of the business today.

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 Smith 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.

Mon. 29.

Made a lot of calls. Mrs. Hoyt & Mrs. George were here. Mrs. H. wrestling with church supper next Friday.

Found Miss Jane Sherger at her brothers. She is busy correcting proof of her "Arbeit" 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."

Tues. 30 Sep.

Called last eve. with Bon at Reases' Rodeman'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 weakley went to her teacher & tried to excuse her. Did wrong - for she needs just such discipline.

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 their hot and heavy and they are copying churches

We were late for prayer-meeting and Mr. Beech said they didn't have much singing until the D'Oages got there.

Friday Oct. 3d. 1902.

Busy canning tomatoes, which are a great luxury this year, and made angel kake for to-morrow. 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 Jeffersons with them. Then 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.

Sat. 4th.

Not much rain. We are thankful it held off until after the supper.

Ida was initiated in the Bela Nus society last night. Had a great time being walked around blindfolded, rolled in a flour barrel, climbing a pillar, making a speech & eating a banquet.

Ida is just "in it" and no

mistake. A week ago last night we almost decided to keep her from joining anything. 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'c. 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'c. and stayed until time for a reception where he had promised to go & receive.

The little girl waked up quite a little while they conversed 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.

He is certainly taking hold of the Normal business with a 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.

Sept. 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.

Mon. 6th

Mending & canning over some fruit. Girls' Club met here at 4 o'c — and Music Committee at 3 o'c — as I was unable to get my errands done, on the 4th. We attended the 60th anniversary Normal celebration, and heard Pres. Jones speak, for the first time. Very concise, plain and to the point.

Tues. 7.

Fixing some waists for Helen. The dear girlie is just as pleased with Ida's made over 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.

Wed. 8th 8th.

The great day at the K. of P. 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.

* Thurs 9th. *

Fixing H's silk dress longer, & whipping & brushing minor things. Not a stitch of woolen 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

Michigan news items Oct. 30
Hadit really decided to attend
this winter, but ought to stand
by Abbie Pierce. Pres.

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
them from any lawless-
ness. — 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.

Sat. 11th.

Helen was at Prof. Reese'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. Berbour
& Miss King called, and the
stores.

Sunday 12

We are having some fine
autumn weather this last
week. "Beautiful blue Octo-
ber days" Invited Miss
Lawrence to luncheon, and
Mark 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 Pyrogra-
phy. My class commences
next Saturday.

Monday 13

Scurrying around getting Hel-
en's green dress to the dress-
maker's. It seems impossi-
ble 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

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.

Tues. 14. Oct.

Invitations out for reception to be given by the Training School Faculty for Pres. Jones. We called on them 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.

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.

Thurs. 16.

Rushing around getting my work done - and I doctor to

the church with basket of cups, table-cloth, tea stove tea-urn, &c &c. Then up the hill to dinner & to see if Mrs. Barbour had got her solo ready, which she had not. Then up on Summit St. to ask Mrs. Chapman to play at church. - which she could not. 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 40'c 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

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. Frid. 17.

Felt too tired to do anything
but was up and down town
with Ida before school, buy-
ing 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 satine-silk
underskirt, and my pink
flannel waist with sleeves

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.

Sat. 18.

Rain in the night — but the
day is again beautiful.
Dr. Connie 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
principles haven't been treat-
ed in so long that they're
worse than ever.
Home all day mending. The
weeks fly by so fast I do
not get any thing done, in
the line of winter sewing.
In the eve. we called on
the newly-married Peats.
They have a nice convenient
little home, and a lot of pretty
things in it. Our Y. W. C. A
delegate came at 11-30 P. M.

Sunday Oct. 19.

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

Mon. 20

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

Tues. 21

Rushed around in the A. M. getting things ready for the Smutses 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. Smuts talked very sweetly to the children. About six of our ladies were up there. All came home together and Mr. Smuts met us on the car. After tea Mr. Strong & Francis, Miss Shultes & Miss Plunkett came over. Later we sent the youngsters to bed, and sat on our little table a game of Logomachy and then talked and talked until after eleven o'c. Had chocolates & apples, and an awfully good visit.

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 headache.

and early to bed.

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Thurs. Oct. 23.

Ladies' Aid tied a pr. of comforts for Mrs. Morey, and had foreign Miss. society. Ben left for Clare, where he is to give a lecture at Rowe.

Decided that we shall not give the Huskin' Bee show, as it is not the kind of an 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.

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

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the woman $40.00 or us this time. Joke is

Reception at the church to Normal Coug. students and dozens from other churches were there. Served lemonade.

Sat. 25

Helping Mabel fix over her green skirt. My two Pyrography classes met from 10 to 12 & 1 to 5 P.M. They are all delighted with it and are talking already about can-ing 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 Ainsworths. 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,

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 Oct. 26.

Bright & hot so we sat on the steps until it poured and rained.

Yesterday Lew 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 Lew's steam engines. I do not think anything is wicked that keeps them happy and doesn't disturb anyone and is innocent in itself.

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.

Wed. 29.

Made angel cake first thing in the morning for Miss Shuttles, & 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. Reade & I talked.

Had a large prayer-meeting about 84 people.

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 Shutte'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 goboes and serenaded Miss S. and brought her over here, where each presented her with

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'c washing up things because Mabel is always rushed so with sweeping Friday mornings.
I wonder if she appreciates it.

Friday 31st. #

Had the little Shergers and Raymond Weidener over for Hallowe'en fun, after school.
They had their performances down in the parlor-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'c.

Sat. Nov. 1st.

Went down to the dress-maker's to tell her how I wanted my white crêpon skirt fixed over. — Had burning class as

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.

Sun. Nov. 2. 1902

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

Tues. 4

L.A.S. meeting - discussing ways and means for the reception at the Normal. Rather the largest undertaking we have 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. came over in the eve, and wanted us to have

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.

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. # 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 come from. Called at Shergers in the eve.

Friday 7.

Sewing all day. At tea-party at Strong's about 12 people were

served at little tables by Francis
on a little fancy apron. Had es-
calloped veal, 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.

Sat. 8th.

I thought I had appointed all
the committees necessary to run
the refreshment business at the Nor-
mal 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 well. 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 centre-piece of pink
chrysanthemums that cost

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.

Exam. M. Monday 10.

Awfully sleepy. I went up
early to the Gym. to sort out
things and send 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 D. who said he thot
it was about time he saw

the dear children.
(When we invited Mr. & Mr. 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.

Tues. 11th.

Nothing out of the ordinary routine of work.

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.

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 14.

At L. A. S. yesterday and missionary meeting. In the eve. we had the Shergers 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 Halm orchestra, and aunt Ida, who came out unexpectedly, went with us.

Sat. 15.

Sewing wildly, trying to fix over my black silk under-

skirt 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 mahogony table & leather chair and a bureau & chiffonier of mahogony — 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. 16th.

Cold. I shall have to get me a winter cloak this week. Afterdinner, we took a walk and went to Prof. Rease'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.

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'c 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 Sherers were down for Whist in the eve) — No, it was the crowd at Woods — 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'c.

Tues. Nov. 18th.

Helen Smith's birthday.

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 & Shelps 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. Afterwards Miss King almost cried, she was so disappointed.

Wed. Nov. 19. 1902

Hustled & dusted all the morning. The A.A. people all came but Mary C. and Kate Douglas. Mary W.

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, Gardiner Wharton & Smith thought they were asked for 4 o'c so they missed the singing. Mrs. Pease looked very nice in a Parisian-looking white silk waist and trailing silk 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. Thurs. 20-

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

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

Sat. Nov. 22.

Yesterday I sewed, making over my blk. silk underskirt 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'c tea at Mary Wood's. Seemed fit & choir-fund.
Mrs. George read aloud from "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch". (Edith's 17th. birthday)
Bastian came in the eve. He exchanges with Mr. Beach for tomorrow.

Sun. Nov. 23.

A crowded church to hear Mr. Smith preach. He had to skip off right after service to go to Jackson to preach a

funeral sermon — returning here for eve. service.
I gave him a box of handy lunch-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 Edd.) It was voted today to raise Mr. Beach's salary to $1200. a yr. and to make up a Christmas purse for them.

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.

Wed. 26

Nothing doing at club in afternoon. Mrs. Laird had a paper on Kindergartens, — and Miss Lynch another. Prayer-meeting in eve. as usual.

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 looed 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 Lourse girls - one of whom is engaged to Laurence Verdier. Played Ping-pong and served lemonade & wafers. Dr. Norton brought me his picture.

Friday Nov. 28.

Worked as usual - fixing Ida's red waist today.

At Missionary meeting after four o'c. 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 Shutes 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. Sat. 29.

Blustering & cold & snowy. A card from Martin D. that he will be out tomorrow.

20 Ben trotted over to Genuan town for some pickled herring.

I hustled to finish making my dirty white silk waist presentable with a black chiffon vest & blue velet bow to brighten it up.

At Cutcheon's they served such strong tea it fluckered me all up. As Beck & 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 girls' "chocoletiere". 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!

Sun. Nov. 30.

Bright weather again.

Mark came and had an awfully good time

hugging our babes, eating herring, olives, rye bread & Edam cheese etc, and afterwards singing Dutch hymns and then smoking a cigar & drinking beer.

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 hardly dare to ask her. Inst. 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.

Miss Shultes & I practiced together today but didn't strike

ning that we sang tonight.

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

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 Kermess & 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 5.

Just sick. Was not

able to do much except to finish up the mending and early to bed - Mrs. Hoyt in to see me. Sat. 6.

Slept from six o'c. until six this morning and woke up rather weak, from having lost my dinner and eaten 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 visits 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! Sun. 7th.

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

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 of it to church, and read quietly and rested.

Mon. Dec. 6.

Up early and fixed Helen's buttons on her waist for school. Went up to the college to help Ben drape Prof. Lodeman's chair with crêpe and put a wreath on his table - at Pres. Jones' request. Then hurried over to Lodeman's 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'c.

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" from 7 to 8 o'c. and over twenty girls came.

Tues. 7.

Catching up with my mending. Went to be measured for a new waist made out of aunt- ie's old red velvet dress.

Made a loaf of angel cake for the Lodemans & 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 Mrs. L. and Mrs. Sherger. The latter helped

me look after Mrs. L. who has a bad spell of hysteria.

Wed. Dec. 10.

Went up to the college with Ben to drape Prof. Rodeman's chair with crepe and put a wreath on his table. Then home in a hurry and over to help Miss King & Miss Putnam get 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. Rodeman walks the floor completely distracted.

They hadn't thought anything 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 angels food and cold ham etc. sent over yesterday.

I left them after persuading Miss King & Putnam to stay

dinner, for I felt sure they wouldn't eat a thing if left to alone.

Thurs. 11.

Ben & I tying a comforter for Miss Fox, and the ladies served a 4 o'clock tea. — took in about three dollars.

Burning candy boxes in the evening.

Friday 12.

Dear little Stanton's great day in this 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.

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 after his little dog.

Mary returned from the east, Wednesday. Ben sent off his second batch of Mss. for the Revised G. & G. Grammar

In the eve. we all went to see Drew in his role of Sleight of hand performer.

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 dreades staying at home. It is severely cold, so that Mrs. Hoyt & I couldn't go to see Mrs. Baird - who is sick.

I went down and had a little visit with Mrs. H. and had a good nap and rest.

Mon. 15.

Raining & freezing and very slippery. I spent the morning shopping and sending things to Germany. Sent a calendar to the Rubinkams & a letter to Frau Taxer, telling of our photos. 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.

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 ✓

Wed 17.

Got my red velvet waist at Mrs. Halls. Pd. her $ 6.20 for making my white silk crepe 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 prayermeeting. Mark V, came over afterwards, and I had some hot chocolate to warm him.

Thurs. 18.

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

Frid. Dec. 19.

In the morning I went up to the Training School with Mrs. Hoyt. and saw Lew. acting the part of a Sailor doll. and Stanton was one of the children in 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 it. Chocolate cake, tea, etc.

I never saw such people to not eat.

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

Ida left at 8 o'c. for a spread given by the boys to the Beta

Nu sorority. They must have a good time for they stayed until after nine o'c.

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

Sat. 20

Shopping in the morning with Stanton & Jeffrey Jefferson. Over to Lodenkamp's in the afternoon; I haven't been there lately as I should have done. Choir meeting here in the eve, and Mrs. Sherger 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 all we went, and won the "undying love" of Mrs. Sherger, for helping her out in her trouble.

It was a very pretty party. Served cherry salad (pitted and stuffed with raspberries.

served with wafers and coffee. Then ice-cream & cake & candy wafers. Mrs. Quirk & Bobbie Hemsted Jr. won the prizes - two books.

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'.

Tues. 23.

Busy getting Xmas things; but are not studying much, as we expect to give our family groups to most everyone of the friends. I am burning a nut-bowl for H. Smith. and bread board (which Ben 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.

Was tired enough, after the dishes were washed. About 75 people for supper. 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 Hoyts for Christmas tree, and spent a pleasant evening. Served ice-cream (book!) and cake. We almost froze.

Thurs. 25.

Christmas.

The youngsters had their usual pile of presents, all heaped on table 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 kidcliffs, collars, hand glass, 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 kidcliff - lace. I turned candy-boxes & filled

there 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, 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 26.

Another lazy morning. We get up & have breakfast about 11 o'c & dinner about three.
Therese and Edith were over. Helen P. brought our Helen a hakoff. We are picking up as much as we can with the children so thick under our heels.
In P.M. Pen & I went to Laird's for tea, with the Hoyts, Mr. Norton and a Rev. Brower or Bauer.
Had a nice supper & communions and a game of "Flinch" afterwards.

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.

Sun. 28.

Up at 9 o'c. and of course couldn't go to church. Auntie & I hustled the rest of - 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 Rodemans'. Mrs. R. sick again. Poor Hilda must be having a hard time. We sent them a box of cakes & candies, and a

collar for Hilda & three Reb. kuckens for Mr. Bauer, the cousins

Mabel came about dark. She was gone 4½ days.

Mon. Dec. 29.

Sending letters & thanks to folks. Mabel washing & I got dinner. Ben went off 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 & gingersnaps & played Pinpoint and I guess their hearts were cheered up. 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.

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." 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. # 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 Beta Mus. . Joe McCarthy — for the little Irishman asked her. K.A.S. met here, and there were nine present, in spite of it's being New Years Day when so

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 ac-
complished! Just spent the
days picking up and writing letters
and sending things & and
receiving callers. We thought
today that our bell must have
rung a hundred times.

Frid. Jan. 2, 1903.

Dreadfully slippery. I go about ev-
ery day to try on my blue suit at
Mrs. Corrage's. (Bed & mass to me)
In the eve. We called at Mr. George's
and then went to play whist at
Sherger's. Served grape juice &
store cookies. Sat. 3,
Ida has worked well at her sew-
ing this vacation. I was al-
most 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.

Walter thinks quite a little of
Ida - but he is rushed by
Emma Childs (19 yrs. old).

Sun. 4th

Had a good time reading "Lit-
tle Minister" by Barrie. After
church we met to plan for the
annual supper, next Friday.

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 Worthy's to fill vacan-
cies 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 be-
forehand. 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

any lessons. Called at Mellen-camp's and asked her for tomorrow afternoon.

Wed. Jan. 7th. 1903

Dusted & straightened up & made my chocolate and everything before dinner. Mrs. Baird & Mrs. Hoyt helped me serve, Mrs. H. pouring chocolate and the girls waiting on them. And we sang two trios which seemed to please them. For entertainment I gave them our "Fish Pi" game. Mrs. Burton & Mrs Sherman winning, and I gave them some carnations. It came, and I invited 26 but it snowed and blowed so hard I was surprised to see so many. 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 18 pairs of stockings.

Frid. 9 #

Making my bloomers and finishing my mending. At the church annual Supper. I was much pleased at the report of our work. Mrs. Holmes had said that we had'nt 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. or over last annual — when we commence 1903 it is with more than $90. 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 (?)

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 11.

I gave Papa a gold Masonic watch-charm & a beer mug, & had a Charlevoix picture framed

in birchbark. Today he had a lovely time staying home all day except to address the Y.M.C.A. at the Normal. Letters of congratulation from Ridie Mart and Jen. & neck tie from the latter.

Monday Jan. 12, 1903.

Very cold and lots of snow. A letter from Abbie & card from dear Herld Korten. Sewing all day trying to fix over the blue & green plaid waist that Mrs. Lodeman gave me. It is about as much a work as to make a new one. Our coal is getting so low, I must shut off the parlor and not try to heat up so many rooms.

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. Pearce certainly has his chorus in fine training.

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 Lodemans 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

At prayer-meeting as usual in the evening.

Thurs. Jan. 15.

Melting & slippery. At Mrs. Colkins' baby's funeral. The poor little tot has never been well — It was nine months old. At Mrs Becker's for L.A.S. 40¢ tea, served by Mrs. George. She read aloud "Transfiguration" Miss Filura, while we worked. Eighteen ladies came, which pleased me.

Friday 16.

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

Sat. 17.

Went to Starkweather hall for reception to the League girls.

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.

Sun. 18.

I meant to go over to Hodsdon's today, but was too tired. In the eve. Ben & I went to A.A. and called on aunt Ida and Martin's. 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.

Monday Jan. 19. 1903.

Catching up with things, and telephoning about bobs for our h. W.S. sleigh-ride tonight to Mr. McIntyre's in the country. We reached home about eleven o'c. and had a good time. Fed about 96 people and took in $15 or so - but $7.00 has to go for the sleighs. Mrs. M. furnished all the refreshments.

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. He was heart trouble the same as Prof. Lodeman.

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

Wed. 21.

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

Hilda & her cousin Herr Bauer called for me. They were very touching testimonials to Prof. L., by Prof. Putnam, Mr. Gardner, Barbour & Ben. Hilda bore up remarkably. They will doubtless move soon to C.A. and go to Germany in the summer.

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'c. Then we went to the cemetery and fixed the flowers around the grave, before the procession reached there.

In the eve, the Y.W.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

no-body can tell how long before he can step on his foot again. Poor fellow, he is so patient & quiet.

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 90 old age & heart failure. Who next?

I fix Bastian's meals and he is so appreciative when I carry them up. Helen S. felt dev. fully 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.

Sat. 24.

I had planned to give a luncheon today; inviting the Sherger's Peases - but had to countermand all my

orders, after Bastian's accident. I went again to try on my waist at Mrs. Halls. It is going to be quite pretty.

Callers all day. In the afternoon I had four of "my girls" over and 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 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 right after dinner, then to the telephone to report to Helen S. about Bastian. There I found she was just telephoning to us to say that four men from their church were coming here with a stretcher,

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

Monday 26.

Poor Skeele 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

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.

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. Sherger's. They have asked us twice now, since we invited them. Had peanut sandwiches & chocolates

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 X ray. 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 dies also today. I haven't seen anything of them for years. It seems as if we lived in their house ages ago.

Thurs.

Sewing. L.A.S. at Mrs. Woods

Rec. a note of thanks from Mrs. George for flowers sent to Mr. G's funeral. Planned for catering for Normal banquet.

Frid. 30.

Fussing around getting ready for Girls' 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.

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 on the icy sidewalks.

Lots of girls came - Edith J. - Winnifred D. & Rachel Fletcher. Ida went calling with Alice Mc Gregor.. 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

my white silk for the Pease party. Mrs. Hoyt was over the first time in weeks, because her mother has been visiting her.

Sun. Feb. 1st, 1903.

Stayed home from church and slept. Did not get home last eve. until nearly one o'c. Had a great time performing each in turn. Pres. Jones got one finger & Mrs. Dr. Clifford the other. Mr. Hoyt read "Excelsior backwards, Ben sang "The Horseshoe" and played on his guitar, Dan Quirk danced & Mrs. D. showed off her dog. Miss Smith read a poem on the Peases, Mr. Pease played on the piano, with a shawl over the key-board, Dr. & Mrs. Clifford gave the dwarf that she have often had at home, Dr. Edwards sang "Peter Gray" Mrs. Roberts recited something, Miss Sherger related her experience visiting a salt-mine and I spelled by "Abominable Bumblebee," etc. etc.

They served some kind of meat patties (tough) & lettuce sandwiches, coffee, olives cake & cream & mint candied.

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.

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.

There were eight tables, & I played with Rev. Gardam. We were # 1. Ben played with Mrs. VanFossen 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!!

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.

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. 21st. for Phi Beta Ki fraternity. They to give us 85 ct. a plate & guarantee us fifty people. At 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.

He sent # 40 pages today.

Friday Feb. 6.

Hustling to finish Ida's blue dress waist for her to wear to L.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 Mu. meeting.

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 girls' 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 amateurish but the pianiste was very good, especially

when she gave us the "Fire Music" from Wagner's "Walkür"
So slippery that Ida & I both sat down. On the way home and jarred my head so I went right to bed.

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!!
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

Ben's advantage too.
Ida & Helen gone down to Lucile's to make fudge.
I have just finished Tarkington's "Two Van Revals" - which has been criticized, but I think it is fascinating, although it certainly is much like "Crisis" in plot & incidents.

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 table, but it was not as tophet.
Mrs. Gardam was there, although she is so poorly she is going south. Has a bad cough.

Wed. Feb. 11.

Had a great debate at Ladies Club. Mrs. Pease aff. Mrs. Goodison Neg. Question "Is University co-education giving best results?" I was app. judge with Mrs. Stevens & Mrs. Gather - 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 headache, and so I took her, weeping to bed. Guess it will be Grippe or whooping-cough. Aunt Ida was here over night.

Thurs. 12

I went to L.C.S. just long enough to pray for them and get them started. Strange how these women do not

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 ushed, in her dear eyes.

Friday 13

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

Sun. 15.

I felt wretchedly yesterday from grippy symptoms and had backache; but went to Mrs. Wharton's Kaffee Klatch with Mrs. Hoyt - to get out 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 Mandelkuchen, Kaffee kuchen (so-called) pretzels & marzepan fruits to decorate - & coffee. I couldn't taste a thing - only munched a stale pretzel that made me sick.

Ben rubbed my back with Wizard Oil, and sent all the pain away. Today I sent notes and notices around and stayed at home & rested and read to Ida. We have finished: Rudder Grange and another book I 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'c 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.

Stanton and Leonard have had great times with valentines at school.

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 & Shergers, and Dr. Edwards. No whist for me.

Wed. 18.

It has been a hard struggle to get things ready - and wait on Ida & Helen both up stairs. Nothing came on the table right, but they were so polite as to say things were nice. Had I. Oyster cocktail. II. Mushroom patties, hot rolls, olives, pickles, III. Baked nuts (in a mould) surrounded by rice and egg. ~~coffee~~ II. pineapple jelly & whipped cream, and sour white cake, coffee.

I felt so horribly stupid that I didn't have good luck, got

recipes mixed up etc.
Mrs. Jerome is such a sweet old lady.

Thurs. Feb. 19

Another busy day. Had to postpone the afternoon 4 o'clock tea here, as I was too sick to host up anyone 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.

Fri. 20.

Helen sat down in the study where it was cold and added to her "Grippe" & she is in bed all day again. I wonder if there ever existed a more irresponsible family of youngsters. Ben has also 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. His score keeping is such a farce! We played 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.

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 4.0'c, 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.

Mrs. 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'c. I went home to send up the chicken by Ben, and stay home until 7 o'c. Found that Ben had been out doors all day, when he should have been at home, and had gone to bed with a hoarse ~~throat~~ 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 Cou (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 to the

Gym. after Ida while her husband walked "to keep warm" he said:

They good kind-hearted, improvident people.

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, without 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 headache, after dinner, but the door-bell rang so much I couldn't sleep much. Edith & Pres. Jones came for Slauton to ride them Mr. Beach, Walter Hoyt, Mr. Holmes, Allen Sherzer and I don't know three others.

Mon. Feb. 23.

Sent another message that I cant play whist today at Mrs. Batchelder's I must be on hand to look after my little harem-scarum youngsters. They seem to utterly lack any idea of care for themselves - especially the three youngest. Aunt Ida is getting quite womanly. Tonight f.b. she sent me out of the kitchen and got Papa's lunch + brought me a cup of tea without being told. Elie is going to be Mamma's 16 year old baby girl, next Saturday.

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 couldnt rub hard enough to do any good. - for I haven't my strength back yet.

After supper, Ben was

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 & Ben returned from Country Club Children's party. They had a fine time, and Ben & I had a session at 20°C. 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.

Wed. Feb. 25.

Ben at home again. Dr. Conine came and put some plasters on his side, and I gave him bromia 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. from dinner. Aunt Ida went to Club with me at Miss King's & heard Mr. Strong give report of Science meeting at Washington

He is a smart man, but cant 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.

Thurs. 26.

L.A.S. at Mrs. Mereness'; - 17 then I called on Mrs. Bostwick and took her. Hope she will be a 50c. member, at least.

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, as from Papa, Helen & Lew 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 carnations from her mother, & a silver paper-knife for her desk. 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 lu spread here, and I am going to give them extra, a pine-apple-lemon jelly and cake.

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.

Mon. 2.

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

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 Shultis, Mr. & Mrs. Peat, and the Beaches. Did pretty well for one eve. but forgot the rehearsal for Messiah.

Wed. 4.

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

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.

Sun. 8.

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

Mon. 9.

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

Friday night I had her Beta Mus (about 25) 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 withdraw. Miss Reid-just 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 Ireland Powers give "Mrs. Beaucaire" and had him down afterwards for a little while. Served ice-cream and cake. He left 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'c.

I wonder if I do too much for Mabel.

Played whist at Mrs. Dr. Clifford's, with Mrs. Stevens who doesn't know fuutty 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.

Tues. Mar. 10. 1903

Foggy & rainy. Stanton was put to bed last night at 5 o'c with cold cloths on head and throat, hot " on ear, hot bottle on feet & belladona inside & 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

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 on 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.

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's a darling little kitten. Mrs. Putnam & Mary, Mrs. Jamess Mrs. Pease & I were the guests. They had a (too) thick tomato soup. Then beef roll (decorated with parsley) creamed potatoes & peach pickles & bread & butter. Then ice-cream and angel cake. After we had eaten & visited a while Mrs. Pease & I went to Club - at Mrs. Davis'.

In the eve. to prayer-meeting & then to young men's recital at the Normal. A busy day.

Thurs. Mar. 12, 1903

Dark & dismal. Stanton still has a little sore throat. - so will stay home this morning and take some belladona. 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.

Frid. 13.

Auntie came last night about nine o'c. and took Ida home tonight to stay over Sunday.

Had a good church supper - 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 bed. Ben at Lodge.

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 Mystics" 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 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.

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. when we cannot buy them. 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 16 March

A gray day. Tried to can apples but Mrs. Hoyt & Mrs. George were here - so I couldn't. Played Whist at Mrs. Merril's with Mrs. Connell - score -1 and the others East & West were -5 and -3. Went to talk with Dr. Conine 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. Merril served chicken (slop) and hot rolls & pickles & coffee. They are to be here next Monday.

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. Connell 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 a very small attendance at Dr. Edwards' 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.

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. Abgell arrayed in black lace and a flower in her hair. We visited and she read me letters from Fannie A. & Mrs. Nellie 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 & macaroni & cheese, bread & b. olives & chopped pickle,
III. Whipped cream on cake. (poor) and little cakes.
III. Celery salad & cheese-straws.
IV. coffee.

served in great style, with jonquils in center of table & handsome yellow centerpiece.

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

Mrs. A. showed me every thing 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. Rodemade (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.

Thurs. 19.

Miss. tea at Shafer's - took in $2.10. Met next week at the parsonage and they serve tea again for Foreign Miss. This time

called last night at Sherger's and Rease's; I wanted to talk with Mrs. P. before deciding if I would join the "Hermodians Phystes". It would be sort o' nice, but a nuisance, after all.

Friday Mar. 20.

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

Sat. 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.

and I bought Helen a pretty new white waist & blue ribbons and she was pretty as a picture. Mrs. Sherger & 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 jacket.

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. A 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. Reade and talk about sorority matters. It is a shame that I have waited so long before giving my answer to the Hermes-

nious Mystics", but I rather dreaded to undertake to be a patroness because Mrs. Sherger has to work so hard. But Mrs. Reese 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. 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'c before we reached there) then went out to the dining room and had cake & ice-cream & lemonade & played "Up Jenkins".

Tues. 24

Sewing until eleven, then to the dress-maker's then to dinner. Then sewing again until 8 o'c. Then with Ben to Prof. Putnam's to help celebrate her 75th. birthday. Served ice-cream & cake although the snow was flying outdoors.

Rehearsal at 4 o'c. but I did not go. Rested after supper until time for the "Shamah 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.

Wed. 25

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

The concert commenced promptly at half past two - and went off like clock-work. The chorus was greatly praised

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 flattering 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 Shergers and had a good time exchanging ideas. 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 Nicol over for tea. Ben & I were invited with the Laird's to Mr. Hoyt's for tea, as he left at 10 o'c - and sails Sat. at 4 o'c. 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. 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.

Commenced taking dinners at home Sunday.

L. A. S. at the parsonage and my Missionary talk on Brahminism Buddhism etc. Shan 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.

Sat. 28

Putzing all the morning, and after dinner Ben said: "Come

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 9, at 4-20 and afterwards visited a peep-show (automats) and "Wonderland" leaving for Ypsi. at about 9 5/6 C, reaching home about 11 5/6 C, Too late for little folks, but what a good time they had. We took our supper at "Delmonts" a new restaurant, where we ate all we could ; baked potatoes & chicken pie, beef-steak & poached eggs chocolate and baked apples with cream — for five people ; $1.05 — And glad we went there for they are so generous they are sure to fail soon.

Sun. 29

Bright day. all at church but Mabel. Good dinner at home ; ; sliced ham, cream 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.

Mon. 30.

Girls ; to A. A. to visit aunt Ida ; aftd telephoned back that she wanted them to stay all night. Sewed all the morning. Afternoon played whist with Miss Pierce at Sherger's and our score was + 10 all other N. & S. people being — 3 & — 4, which was a great surprise to us. Miss P. is a fine player.

Tues. 31.

Planning jokes for Helen's April Fool party, tomorrow. Edith came soon after breakfast for the girls to ride, but as they did not get home until after 11 0C — They went

right after dinner — in a swell double carriage and dashing span I have.

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 Nov. 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.

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 & vacation - so she can have a suit. And she works well at $3.50 a week, and keeps good natured too.

I did most of my baking & fixing yesterday, so that 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 Smiths on Thurs., but Abbie must go home tomorrow as she is going to join the church next Sunday.

Thurs. 2d

A rainy morning, but Mabel and Leonard were whitewashing rugs before the rain came - at seven O'C.

Abbie & I left for Detroit, on the W.C.R.R 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

min. late, the conductor had to telegraph for them to hold the train. I went for my lunch at the Delmont — 20¢ for 8 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 girls' 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'c, and Ben left at 6 o'c 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.

Sat. Apr. 4.

Had two good days I see from outside things, and I sewed and we cleaned house as much as we could, with the snow flying outside.

Ben 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 muslin for hop Monday eve. The last of dancing school.

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. Monk.

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. 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. Sharpless

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.

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 & 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.

among them Edith Jones.

Thurs. 9.

A fearfully windy day to drive about soliciting / but my head was so bad I could not 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 Miss'n next week.
Home Miss. meet. at church & Mrs. Beach read extracts from Jacob Rees' experience in Slum work. How very little we know of the dreadful conditions among the poor of our great cities!

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. Baird. Andrew Campbell gave a good (characteristic) talk last evening. Mrs. Hoyt

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, am brightening it a little with white & red braid under the passementerie.
Mr. & Mrs. Pease & Helen called - Mrs. P. wanted to talk over our girls" in the Sorority and tell me about them.

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. Lad sang in the chorus.
Went to see Miss Nige, 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. wants to resign rather than write up the back records.

Monday 13.

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

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.

Thurs. 16

40c tea at Mrs. Baird's. 17 ladies present. I read selections from "Emmy Lou". In the eve. attended the first meeting of the "Harmonious Mystics". Met twelve of the girls, and had 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 baby so Mrs. B. could go to the tea and she & Mr. B. got supper.
He brought her home about nine o'c.

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 Frl. Cornelius. Frau Baxer has been sick with influenza, & Frl. 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.

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

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 19. *

Bright day. We are passing through a "Sturm und Drang" period with our domestic, I 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.

Mon. 20

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

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!

Tues. Apr. 21.

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

Helen Smith 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.

Wed. 22.

I sent our delegates to Mrs. Newton's & had the Smiths here for dinner — and it was a joy to see them eat radishes & 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 prosy one so that we got impatient waiting for him.

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

Friday 24.

Dark & rainy. Sewing after attending Stanton's exercises at school. The little sonny spoke very well: "I'm found of the deaf 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.

Sat. Apr. 26, 1903

Sewing all day. Miss Boardman, Peters and another girl - called.
At Mrs. Sherger'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. Sherger can be in bed all the week, and then go to receptions and things and seem as well as anyone.

Sun. 26

Bright lovely day. Lew 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'C. and they never asked him to stay for lunch!
Such cordiality!
We found Mart Verder here, when we returned from church.

Mon. 27

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

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.

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 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.

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

Tonight have finished reading Conan Doyle's "Hound of the Baskerville's". Very thrilling story.

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 Lois McLaughlin's at A. A. for a reception, but do not think I have anything just right to wear to A. A.!!

They are so critical and so stylish there.

Tonight we have H's teacher Miss Ray + Stanton's Miss Jackson for supper. Union at church

18 ladies present, tied comforter for Mrs. Holmes.

(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'c. Served salad: cucumbers (they're 10¢ apiece here) + tomatoes + radishes with Mayonnaise. Then cake and cream. The house was beautifully decorated + everyone

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 Fishsticks" (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.

Mon. 11.

Played at Mrs. Gardam's with Fairie Strong + and we were +1.

She has lot of interesting pictures + things! She served punch + sponge-cake.

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. Meeting, and then to meeting of "Mystics" making final arrangements for our party.

Friday 15th.

Ida at home all the morning with "tummy ake" and I just hustling to get Helen's dress done for concert at A.A. this afternoon - Helen Pease invited her. Also fixing new sleeves in Ida's pongee, so she can have it Saturday

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. Rodeman. Then to Ida's for supper, and to the most enjoyable concert I have heard in many a day - entirely of Wagner's compositions. Selections from "Rienzi," "Lohengrin" Meister-

singer," "Siegfried" & "Tristan & Isolde." All beautifully rendered by Boston Symphony Orchestra. Helen enjoyed the one in the afternoon almost as much also. This morning she left at nine o'c. 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 plastercast, 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.

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'c.

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 Lou's waist for Stanton, and letting out the fullness in Lou'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.

Tues 19

Sewing all day. Down to the 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.

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 & Beta the 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. Baird led the prayer meeting, and did it better than Mr. Beach.

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 pleasure.

In the eve. we called at Pearl's and sat on the verandah a long time. She can be perfectly charming when she wants to.

Frid. May 22d. 1903

Our Helen's 14th. birthday, and a happy day for the dear girlie. Besides our presents, (a skirt, fan, candy, umbrella, collar $3.50, book-mark & pens) Mrs. Barbour sent over a cream cake with Helen. 14 in red candies. Bless her kind heart. Helen planned the dinner — ice cream of course. Almost a head ache for me, but I had to work at the Gym. getting ready for the Harmonious Mystic party, tonight.

Sat. 23d

After breakfast I flurried around, getting things ready for my S. S. class, and decorated a shirt bosom for Ida to give to the Beta Nu Fair, and made a suit for their divan 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 Ernst of Detroit played the violin in the most satisfying manner.

Served strawberry ice-cream and cakes. Hurried home about 5 & C 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 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 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 criticised — but it is not half bad. It is certainly a vivid & accurate picture of the inmost thoughts of a woman.

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 found 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 never can 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

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 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"

Then widow married another

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.

Mon. 25th May.

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

Wed. 27

Yesterday was hot again. Sewed all day — Mabel better.

Called on Mrs. Fareisson in the eve.

Hot again.

Thurs. 28,

Missionary meeting. Nine present. Afterwards an ice cream social but I went with Bert. to supper at the Country club House. We invited Mr. & Mrs. Cleary, and they were very appreciative. Also too Edith Jones. I hope Mrs. J. appreciates how much we have done for them.

He has never called yet.

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

Friday 29.

Mr. Child's birthday, and he invited the trustees to tea.

Bert returned about 9 o'c and we went to the Junior reception a little while.

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 31.

Helen went to church but left before S. S. her head ached so.

Poor girlie. We think she is bilious & has catarrahal? cold.

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

Whist Club.
Had cucumber & radish salad & wafers, kisses & coffee.
Helen some better but the headache 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.

Thurs. 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.

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'c with Miss Higley, and had quite a time finding the church and then the hotel where they

were eating dinner.
Saw Helen Smith & 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 bananas & cokenut and a little visit before her car came.
She invited us there next Thurs. June 9th. to celebrate their wedding anniversary.
I hope we can go.
Came home about six o'c. 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 in honor of her mother — a

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.

very fat old party in a muslin dress. About thirty young folks there, who all played or sang. Served strawberry ice- and wafers.

Thurs June 4.

Mabel's carbuncle pains her so I had Dr. Conrad 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. 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 Fruit, bought the 13th. About 40 people, at 60 cts. a plate.

Invitation to Mary Worcesters next Wednesday. Says it is to be informal. - so I may venture to wear my 11 c. a yd. blue muslin.

Jefferson's called in the eve & 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 so 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 5th

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. Sherger, they each took two pieces and praised it and the strawberries & cream. The gentleman beat us by five points.

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

They stayed until after eleven o'c and went home in the rain.

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

and found dear devoted Prof. Peake waiting. He is certainly the best beloved husband I know. But then he has not much to do, evenings except to run attendance to his young wife.

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

Sun. 7.

We had a terrible rantor at church; a man working for the anti-saloon league, jaded too narrow-minded to see that they are not suppressing saloons by shutting their front doors. I wanted 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

invited too. We found Mart and about a dozen boys out on the front veraddah 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 at 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'c. 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'c — and found our three other babies posing on the side stoop-porch as if for a picture of some good Sunday children. Ben led the Junior C. E. meeting today.

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.

Tues. 9.

Sewed "like fury" on my flue under-skirt, putting on silk

florence so as to have it to wear at Jackson, and more especially at A. A.

We left on 3 o'c car for Mich. Center, where we met the Smutzes and Miss Higley!! Had an elegant supper V frog's legs, fried chicken fresh green peas, in cream, and fine creamed potatoes, salad cucumbers & 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'c - 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 farm where they were at first.

Wed. 10

Reached A. A. (with Miss Higley about 10 o'c. and went to Dr. Carrow's to have my ear

fixed. ($1.00) Then to Ida's and found her bustling 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 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 Mrs. Kinnaird & 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.

Thurs. 11 June.

Sewing as usual. L. C. D. & Missionary Soc. in the P. M. at church 13 present. Tied comforter.

Afterwards went to M. E. social (invited by Mrs. Hoyt) at Mrs. James. They had 60! people there!

Made some more calls, & invited folks. Have also invited my sorority to hold their meeting here next week

* 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 my lot. Which shows what a body can do.

Sat, 13

Very cold - so we had a fire, make 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

pictures using suggestive lines already made on the cards.

Aunt Lida 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. I gave them: Veal loaf, cold ham, Boston chips, olives, brown & potato sandwiches, then salad & wafers - followed by layer cream & cakes - and strawberry punch.

They are to pay 60 cts. a plate.

Sun. 14

Cold rain again. For Children's Day. They did very nicely - Jerome Sherger was the cutest youngster. Stanton & Leonard spoke the best I say, 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

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. Sherger's friend Mrs. Harriet - 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

Mon. 15.

Another full day. Mabel doing her last dressing for us. Shall be glad to have her out of my way. She is getting to domineering & too smart for her shoes.

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. Wordley's with Mrs. Robison'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-past-one, and pretty tired. Pearl stayed over night.

Tues. June 16.

Rainy. Glad it was nice for the girls' party last eve.

Had Mrs. Garrison & 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.

is the girl we sent to Fran 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.

Wed. June 17.

Ida is being rushed practicing with the choir for Commencement music at at the H.S. and final exams. She stood so well that she had only to be exam. in Latin & Algebra. Passed all right, of course. All passed except Ben 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.

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.

The girls would never have thought of it all alone.
In the eve. I had the Harmonious Mystics over, 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.

Frid. 19.

A busy day. Mabel gone. Went to Helen's exercises from nine o'c 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 a whole dish (except my best china) In the eve. we attended Lucile Hoyt's graduating exercises. She spoke on Co-education.

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 (not so pretty) set of 100 calling cards, Cuckoo clock, spoons &c. We gave her an orangl-spoon.

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 & recommendation for him. Mrs. Crosby came to wash, & three of us took dinners at home — the rest at Dewey Cafe.

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 given by Pres. Jones. - a good one.

Mon. 22.

Sewing & rowing. The girls take hold of the work quite well - but with sighs & groans from Ida on account of her backache - which comes from using ill-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.

Tues. 23.

Sewing on my white silk & crepon waist which is more 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.

Wed. 24.

Commencement day - and how little it means to me, except the dinner,

They fed about 225 people & 226
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 R. refused to come, as he
"had an engagement"; Aunt
Ida came out in the car
with him & Prof. Craig, going to
play golf. Bert feels cross at
him. They have'nt acted
nice this year at all.
Mart only been here for last
Xmas – 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 Cheerwine 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
which we do for her 227
that doesn't seem too much to
ask. Mrs. Childs came home
with us from P. Meeting. Only
twelve there – so the D Hoges
made 1/3 of the meeting.

Thurs. June 25,

Our eighteenth wedding-anniversary. We ought to celebrate,
but doubt if we have time to
even remind Ben.

Addresses.

Chicago. Mrs. Jno. ~~Hattstaedt~~ 212 E. 57th St.
" " Dr. Chislett 3128 Prairie Av.
" " E. C. Hendrickson 5510 Cornell " Hyde Park.
" 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. (wurst) beer mugs -

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Thursday evening at 7:30 the first talk
in the series will be given at the home
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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 selec-
tions: "Fruehlingszeit," by Franz Abt:
"Im Walde," by Mendelssohn. At the
close of the evening German refresh-
ments will be served, namely, Maar-
ken kuchen and coffee, and a silver
collection taken. The public are cor-
dially invited to come and bring
friends.