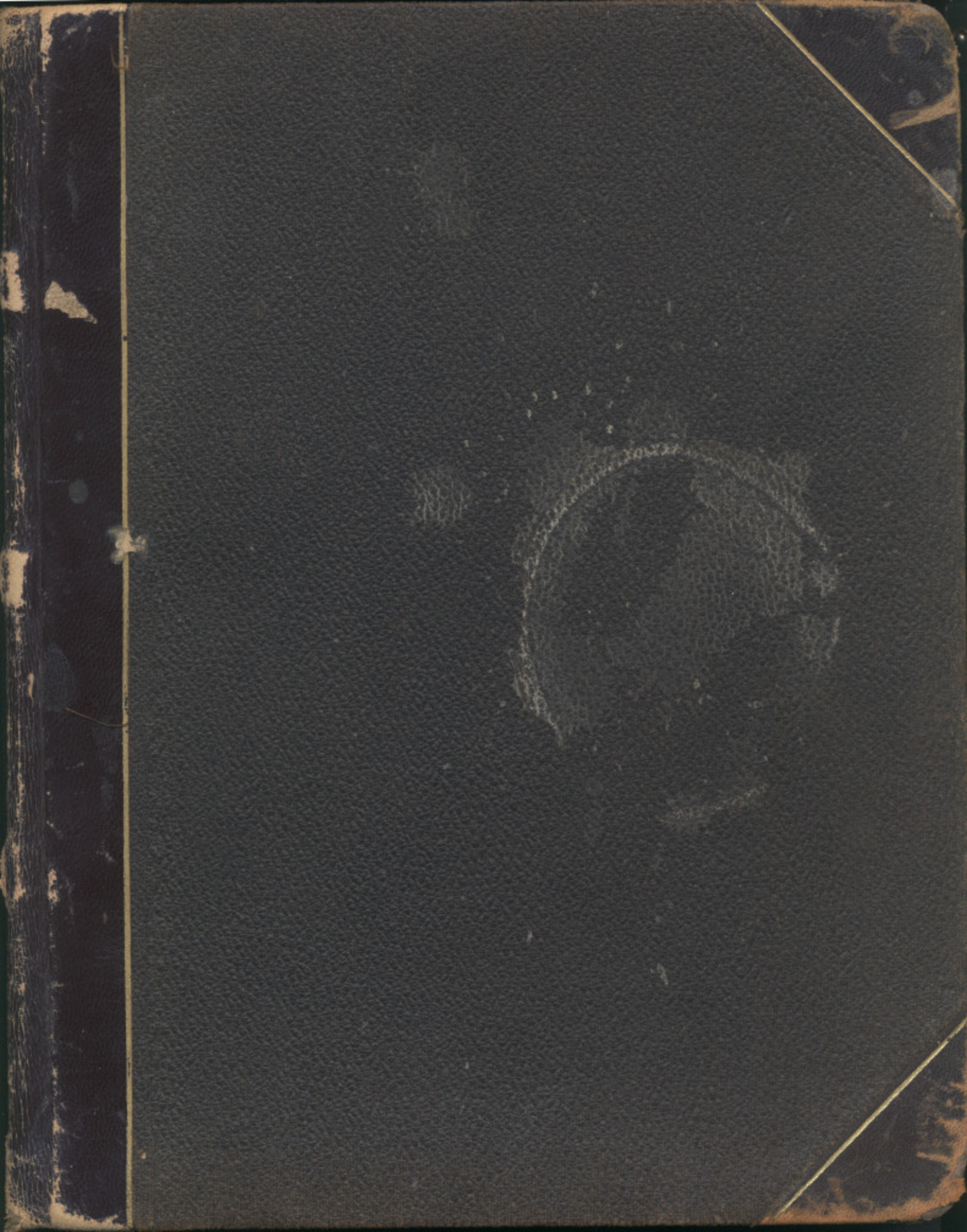




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With the advent of the New Year the usual number of good resolutions are made and among others I have concluded to keep a diary. George says it would be nice & Percy laughed and said it would be nothing but "got-baby his bottle; baby cried; attended baby" baby cried again &c. but I will try to have a little about other things. George is not well today has "la grippe" we tell him but he says it is only an old fashioned bad cold. John called to see him a little while. He spent a quiet day. Grace went home last night for fear she might take sick.

Jan 2nd It is quite cold so we got up late & it took nearly all day to get the work done. Percy is sick with cold.

Jan 3rd It is still quite cold. Robert went down town and took my spoons to be engraved.

Jan. 4th Percy is still sick. The water was frozen, but it came out all right. Made blackberry pie, darned stockings till 1/4 to 1/2 o'clock.

Jan 5th He did not attend church today George and Percy to sick. Robert had a cold.

Jan 6th Awoke this morning to find the ground covered with more snow. The cars did not commence to make regular trips till after two o'clock. The boys are both suffering from colds but could not stay in from coasting. I must put Constance to bed. She is much excited for the 8th she will be seven years old. She is anxious for it to come. She is such a help and comfort so kind and thoughtful of baby.

7th Today has been a busy one for me. My Swede came to work and we have only finished on time for dinner.

Frank Grubbe called. I have not seen him for years. He is so proud of Waif and well he may be from what I hear. St. Nicholas came to gladden Constance heart. I read her several stories. She loves to see her name on the wrapper.

Jan. 8th George has gone to church as this is the week of prayer. Robert has come in from coasting. Percy has

been reading "The Century" & I have read a story to Constance from the Interior. Today was her birthday and she found a box of parrots awaiting her arrival this morning which delighted her very much. I wonder if all mothers get discouraged at the amount of work they have to do & yet accomplish so little. Robert is so good to help, so I must not depend. He made a lovely jelly cake.

Jan 29. It has been some time since I wrote before but we have all had colds & I have not felt like writing. Today is my birthday. I am forty three but I am sure I do not feel old. The man came with the sewing machine, it works nicely now. Baby put his toe in his mouth today to the great delight of the family. We had a hard hail storm this afternoon and thunder and lightning. Mrs Howe called & told of her some visit to Europe. What a delightful time they must have had! Just think of a month in Paris, a ride in Mt. Cenis tunnel, up Mt. Duvivier, and all through Great Britain.

Jan 30

Took dinner with four hundred
 Americans in Berlin. It is time
 for prayers & will close for tonight.
 I have had quite a busy day as I had
 to iron after the work was done. Just as
 I finished Mrs Grizmacher came to try
 my dress on. She was so kind to come
 so far out as the cars are still blockaded.
 Charley came with her. My dress is to
 be done for the Williams-Thurkheim
 wedding. The boys made a cold frame
 for violets tonight. That sounds like
 spring but we have had quite a cold
 stormy day half rain and snow.
 George cut his first tooth today &
 there was general rejoicing over the
 event. The dear little fellow is the
 center of attraction.

I have thought today so much of
 the fact. If one could begin life
 all over how differently we would
 live. So much more considerate &
 charitable. How many lovely traits
 we could see in ones that we had
 never seen. I see by today's paper
 Mrs Huns is dead. One more of the
 good old missionaries passed over the
 river. The cars have started again
 but how long it will last is a question.
 Constance & baby are asleep & I must follow

31" It is now a quarter to eleven and I have just finished sewing. I made baby a little shirt from an old pair of drawers of his papa's. The boys frame is not large enough as they are to have one made by a man & we are to get some double brooks at a green house.

Robert read Mark Twains letter in the St. Nicholas aloud to me this afternoon also an article about the launching of the Baltimore. Constance made yeast and it rose beautifully prettily good for seven years & the first time. I am trying to make George some short clothes & I find it up hill work with all the other things to do.

Feb. 2" I was as tired last night & it was so late I did not write. It had rained very hard all day. George & Percy came home & told that the Lander Creek sewer had broken & the water raised thirty feet. Today Constance & George went to hear Mr. Boyd & the boys went to our own church. In the afternoon we took baby & went down to see the Corbett Street bridge. It is a total wreck from the water, by tomorrow Ross Deland will be covered. Yesterday Henry Moller came to see Robert.

George said today that Mr Boyd in his sermon said some great author said that the Jews prepared the world for religion & the Pagans prepared it for civilization. Some thing I had never heard before.

Percy has gone to church tonight but we thought it to raining to venture out.

Feb. 3" It has rained exceedingly hard nearly all day but has ceased this evening & we all hope the storm has spent its fury. The river very high, Ross Island entirely covered bridges washed away, people moving their goods to places of safety. It is exciting & crowds of people are standing for hours watching the drift pass down. If it clears up we expect to spend the day with the girls, the first day away from home for nine months & the first one the baby has ever taken.

4" Went down to the Williams wedding. But it was so crowded we did not get into Trinity Church. Called at Dr Wells & found the family at home except the Dr. It seemed so good to go out once more with George after so many months at home. Walked to Second Street there met Mr Shipley & rode home on the cars it was crowded. The water

was up so we had to get out at
 Washington St. & then we crossed the
 St. on boards. It is still raining, we have
 seen houses, barns, bridges & going
 down the river all day. It is rather
 a pitiful sight to see so much
 going to waste. Powers factory went
 this morning, the care cannot run
 the powder magazine has gone & the
 river is filled with kegs of powder.
 Nothing but water & desolation every
 where & sad news from all towns
 up the valley. Mrs Kirkley came
 over & kept the children. It is now
 twelve o'clock. Emma Wells, Kittie
 Holman, Frank & Bittle came out
 a little while tonight.

7" I have not written for three days
 He went to spend the day with
 the girls Wednesday & found "water
 every where & not a drop to
 drink." At second & Washington a man
 was rowing a skiff in the middle
 of the street & yet the people on the
 Steedman part of town could not
 get any water as the water was
 so high they could not jump
 Every one was out to see the un-
 usual sight & it was difficult to
 get along the street for the crowd.

We dressed George in short clothes for the first time on the 5th. He was patted & loved by all. I was so tired yesterday from my trip I did not try to write. Went to see Mrs. Hines a few minutes in the afternoon.

Today Robert & I set out some rose bushes. It is still early but we want to do what we can every pleasant day. In spite of the cold weather we find the roses are beginning to bud & Constance is actually found a rose nearly blooming on her button rose.

The river is slowly falling since yesterday morning & the bridges are still standing although somewhat strained. It has been quite warm & pleasant today & things begin to look spring like.

8" This morning I did my usual Saturday work & in the afternoon went down street. I met George at Lerans & then we went to the different art stores to try to find a copy of Millet's Angelus (an Etching) but was not successful as they were all out & I was much disappointed. Fine etchings are so expensive and so beautiful I wonder why I was made

with such extravagant taste & yet no means to gratify it.

He went to the Golden rule Bazar & bought quite a pretty vase of Worcestershire ware & we are to call it Aunt Mary's Vase as she gave us the money to buy it with.

Also got George a horse buggy & then came home on the car.

Constance made her first cake & she is quite proud of it. It is a jelly cake. The boys planted Pansy seed tonight. Percy got hurt playing with Harry Wood. It has been quite pleasant all day except a slight shower once or twice. George and the boys went to church. Constance to Mr Boyde Sabbath School & George & I sat her. He enjoys his buggy. He took a long walk this afternoon & he was very good. The river is still high but receding fast. What a lovely view we have of the city up near Mr Gillette's house one could stand for hours looking up & down the river. I do not believe it can be surpassed any where. The children commence school tomorrow so we must go to bed early. I hope they can go all this term without sickness.

Yesterday I stayed at home all day
 & made baby a dress. This morning
 my woman came but only stayed
 till 2 P.M. as she did not feel
 well, so Constance, baby & I went out-
 to make a few neighborly calls.
 We found some of them out to the
 Society & not knowing it met at
 Mrs. Lambersons, went there but
 did not remain. Made quite a
 call on Mrs. Gillette found her the
 same pleasant nice good woman
 she always was, her rooming & fine
 house makes no difference with her.
 Mrs. Gillette is cutting out native trees
 & shrubbery, they will have a lovely
 place there. Tonight I read an
 article on Robert Browning. What
 a good Christian man he was.
 Last night I read aloud from
 the North American review an
 article about its late editor Thorndyke
 Rice. What a brilliant man he
 must have been & accomplish so
 much in such a short space of time.
 It has been a beautiful day
 warm & sunny, I must do some
 gardening soon.

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I stayed home all day yesterday & made baby another dress. Today I took him & made a few calls on my neighbors. It is not a delight to call with him but I find it my only way. Mrs. Herschel was quite pleasant. Tonight Percy is away. Robert read the "Merry Chamber" in the Century. What a comical writer Shockley is & what ridiculous positions his characters are placed. Loaned Mrs. Bowen our Century for last month. I find her a cultivated educated lady who has been unfortunate. It rained some late this afternoon. Today's Oregonian speaks of Mrs. Hatch's death at Salem. I can scarcely realize that her gently spirit has fled & we will meet her no more. I think she was one of the sweetest & purest Christians I ever knew. While a girl at school nothing delighted me more than to spend the afternoon with her & gather knowledge from her lips. What she might have been with means at her command I do not know, as it was she was the embodiment of all knowledge to me. She was my Sabbath School Teacher. "He giveth his beloved sleep"

I have not written for several days.
 I have been so busy for the last few
 days. Constance received a valentine
 & was much delighted. I went down
 street Saturday & left the children with
 Mrs Bowen. I bought Constance flannel
 for a skirt & myself a pair of shoes.
 Went to church yesterday the first
 time for nine months. It did seem
 so good to hear a sermon once more.
 The text "Prove all things; hold fast
 that which is good." was well handled
 by Mr Brown. Stopped to see Mrs
 Gore on the way home about Robert.
 Found her quite pleasant. In the
 evening George went to hear Mr Boyd.
 Today have been busy evening. Pearl
 came over to see Constance. Robert
 went down to see Harry (H.) who got
 quite badly burned with powder
 which he threw into the furnace.
 This evening heard Robert's Latin
 & Higher English. Percy goes to drill.
 The China man came for the clothes.
 He had given us a Lily which bloomed
 out very full, he hovered over it as if
 it were something sacred & said
 we were to have "lucky good luck"
 this year because the flower had so
 many blossoms on it.

- 18 Today my woman failed to materialize & I had to do the washing myself. Rev. Brown called in the afternoon & Lizzie H. came to see Constance. I sent Mr. Father a loaf of fresh bread as he is sick. Received a letter & papers from T. E. L. Grand father is really dead. I shall sadly miss his letters, he was such a good correspondent. He had lived a long & useful life of eighty six years.
- 22 Today is Washington's birthday but I should not have thought of it if I had not seen the flags flying from the steamers as they passed up & down the river. George & Percy went to work as usual.
- 23 Today is the twentieth anniversary of our marriage. It is a long time to look back over & yet I feel very little older than I did then. Of course I must look older & I have added about one hundred lbs. to my weight. All things considered, time has dealt very kindly with me. A great many of my early ambitions have been forever laid aside & I now know that God's hand has all the time been leading me in the way that was best. While sickener

has occasionally visited us, yet our little family has remained without a break. I have not felt well today as George & Robert got breakfast I did not go to church. Schwabe called

24 It is quite cold today with some snow & rain & a little sunshine.

25 My woman came & I have been very busy all day. Mrs. Thomas called this afternoon. It is still colder & we will bleed the pipes for fear they freeze.

26 Been busy all morning & this afternoon went to Chatangua at Mrs. Robbs. Had a delightful time & a delicious lunch! It was Longfellow day and we had quite a number of reminiscences by Miss Lamberon who came from Pittsfield Mass. & had often visited the house with the broad hall & the old clock on the stairs. It is the first time I have been out this year to their meetings. I did not know what a treat it was missing, & then they were all so cordial. Arrived home at five to find a nice warm fire & Mrs. Brown, Pearl, Constance & baby all right. Constance has been again provoked so she does not come home till 1/2 past 2. Very cold today but pipes all right.

27 Some warmer today but still quite-cold. Been very busy all day, ironed, made bread & cakes, & did not get through till time to get dinner. This evening have read a chapter in Tom Brown school days with Robert. Found it quite interesting. How much more attractive they make school now than they did twenty years ago. No one thought of reading such things in school then. George read to night that beautiful chapter beginning "No every one that-thirtieth" it always seems such a comforting chapter. No one called today except three peddlars all women. Percy has gone to drill. Robert & Constance to bed, baby asleep & George & I are alone.

28 Colder again, found a leak in the water pipes outside, have been very fortunate as far, no breaks in the house.

March 1888 Constance & baby sick, did not get much sleep last night & fear I will not tonight. In between the children & a boil on the back of the neck I am not comfortable. Leath's came late this afternoon.

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and stayed to dinner. George & Robert tried to stop the leak in the pipe but did not succeed very well. Leathe went home on the car. some warmer. Percy went skating. fell in. This has been a lovely day, clear, shining, not so cold. How I longed to go out but could not wear a dress on account of that "boil". George, Lydia & Grace came over & stayed awhile.

The boys went out for a walk. The cars have been crowded all day over simply passengers each time. Walter came out to dinner with Percy. Constance not much better, but baby is easier. Have not opened a book today. George says they had such a good sermon on Luke. One violet in bloom in the hot bed.

It really begins to feel like spring & I shall be glad for we have had a rather long cold winter while in the east it has been lovely. peach trees in bloom no snow & we are continually twitted about our eternal Spring &c by our Eastern friends.

3rd It commenced to rain last night & it has continued without intermission all day. Robert & Constance both sick so did not go to school baby better. This afternoon commenced to make Robert a night shirt.

Percy gone to drill. It is much warmer & we hope winter has at last gone. By today's paper saw that they were having a fearful storm in the East. Baby has gone to sleep & I must read a story to Constance from St. Nicholas.

4. Began very busy all day sweeping, dusting &c it still continues to rain. Man brought wood. Robert tried to stop pipe but did not succeed entirely. Constance better, baby still sick.

5. Arose early & finished work, started for Lydia's in East Portland but found it quite an undertaking. Went on care, baby enjoyed it spent the day there, & started home in a drenching rain. Borrowed an umbrella from Lydia as it was so pleasant I did not come prepared for rain. The first time I had been there since last May. Looked her some letters to read. She has a lovely set of China

beautiful waves. I read to her from Longfellow's *Mother's Salutation* the last part is so pretty. She is reading *Looking Backward* by Arthur Bellamy. Jessie received all Bulwer's works. They are very well bound. Arrived home at five to find Robert home and fire started. George came and he is reading the *Merry Chantier* while I get dinner. George has just found a proverb while reading "Where the devil cannot go he finds woman" quite different from the Jewish one "God could not be every where so he made mothers."

- 8" Busy all day, made cake, pie, bread &c. Constance sick with cold, I scarcely realize how much help she is to me until she is unable to go. Her little feet save me many a step & she is so willing. Robert bought a suit of clothes today. It has rained hard most of the day. I went to Mrs. Earhart's a little while yesterday saw Addie & her baby. He is quite pretty. I then went down street. Caught in a shower & came home wet & tired. I believe I am getting old & I live

so easily & cannot endure nearly so much as I used to.

- 9" Went to church this morning, left baby with George & Constance. He had such a good sermon, I like Mr. Brown more and more all the time. He must be a great reader. His sermons are a literary treat - aside from any ^{thing} spiritual. How good, it does seem to be able to attend church once more, I fear one becomes somewhat callous if they neglect church, or at least they lose interest in such things. I now understand why the one talent-unused should be taken away. We even imagine we can do nothing & the less we try the less we can do. I wonder if I can not do more for the Master; even if my hands are full. I feel that a way will be opened, how I do not know if I only show a willingness for work. My great desire and prayer is for my boys to come forward and become earnest followers of Christ. None but a mother can understand how hard it is to see them ready to enter, but still waiting, waiting. Rain & snow & blow & one violent

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Have little to write about, been busy all day, cut out a night shirt for Robert; partially made it; but one gets so little time to sew, there are so many interruptions.

The Interior came today, we are much interested in a story in it. Tomorrow is missionary day, I do so want to go but I do not like to leave baby for others to take care of.

We had considerable variety in the weather; lovely sunshine, snow, rain and wind. Heard Robert's Latin, & Constance's spelling. Percy did not come home to dinner, went to drill.

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Wrote two letters last night after writing here, one to Prince Edwards Island.

Today have been busy with the woman till late, started out with baby & Constance & then went to Mrs. Newhouse a little while; then came home & got dinner. It has been pleasant today although we had storms & sunshine as usual. Our spring is very late and it still stays so cold.

I am patiently waiting to send East for shoes as soon as it is warm enough. Usually we have some things out by this time. The roads are in a fearful state. Same mud every day.

- 12 Mrs De Lin called this afternoon, after she went away, baby, Constance & I went for a short walk, called at Mrs Hackmeyer. They were doing a little gardening they have so many nice flowers. She gave Constance two dozen fresh eggs. The boys are making another cold frame as the first one was too small. Sunshiny and pleasant but a little cool. I am so tired and sleepy I must go to bed.
- 13 A lovely day but have been so busy could not go out to enjoy it. Made cake & pie, did not finish till late, sewed a little & then took baby out in the yard. The Huns children came up, then Miss De Lin called, then Mrs Snowhouse, Mrs Walker and Parker. Percy goes to drill Robert - studying for examination. Constance in bed & baby asleep, George reading the paper. Froge are croaking so spring is coming although slowly.
- 14 Another lovely day, but fear it will pass before morning. They commenced to open Kelly Street this morning. Went over to Mrs De Lin's to see about some flowers. All at home & spent the evening reading. I want to do some gardening tomorrow if I can. More violets in bloom.

- 15 Busy all morning. Helped Robert set out some rose bushes. Miss Delin came to end for some roses. Grace came to find something about epidemics for an essay. Went down street with Constance to get her a hat & cloak. Could not find cloak. Came home in a hard rain. Baby at Mrs New House. Percy went to party at Dr. Wells. R. brought the
- 16 Did not go to church baby sick cutting teeth, sent to Dr. for prescription. Constance went to Sunday School. Robert went to Lydia's after church. He put baby in perambulator & took him out a little while. It seemed to do him good. George & Percy went to church in the evening.
- 17 Baby sick all night. Did not get much sleep, he has been cross all day. George brought him some medicine. Percy goes to drill. Rained steady all day. Not very cold. St. Patrick's Day in the morning.
- 18 Sent for roses this morning. Woman came to wash. Baby better made bread & cake, Mrs Thomas sent over bread & cookies. Did a little work in garden. Made baby a skirt. Read the Interior. Rained occasionally during the day, mostly pleasant.

- 21 A lovely day, took Constance and baby and went down to the gardeners to see some plants. They had quite a variety especially pansies. How expressive I fancy is, one can almost see them looking at you with their dear little faces. The beauty and variety of color cannot be equalled. John, Roy, Margaret & Leathi came in this evening.
- 22 Robert & I did a little gardening today, it commenced raining about noon & cut short proceedings, as we had to stop. Percy came home sick with cold. Constance invited to party at Mrs Hackney's, not able to go. She does not get very strong since this sickness. Poor child she does not understand that she must economize her strength.
- 23 George and Robert gone to church, Percy not able. Constance gone to Sabbath School. I did not feel like going I was so tired. I live so easily now. Is the machinery of life wearing out? Perhaps I depend too much on the unnecessary things of life and like Martha of old am troubled about many things. This a real April day, showers and sunshine alternating, but it is still cool, strange things will grow in such weather but they do and rapidly to

Went to hear Mr Bryd preach but he was sick & they had a song service instead. Dr. Munroe, Mrs Bryd & others spoke of the authors of the hymns. It was very interesting. Mrs Bryd speaks without any apparent effort & has perfect command of herself.

- 24 Robert not very well, did not go to school, so we worked some among the flowers. The wall flowers are nearly in bloom. Set out some currant & gooseberry bushes. Made a bed for roses & tipped around the other things.

Mrs & Miss Lamberson called. They are so pleasant & intelligent. What an elevating influence such women have on society. They seem to live above all the petty trials and vexations of life. & yet I know they have troubles to bear as well as the rest of us. Percy bought coat and vest. A lovely day.

- 25 My woman did not come today so I had to do my washing myself. Baby good & finished every thing by three o'clock and am now resting a little before

- getting dinner. Pleasant this morning but it commenced to rain at noon & it looks quite threatening.
- 26 The boys have gone to hear Bill Nye's lecture. Quite pleasant today but some rain. Read to Constance from Longfellow "The Childrens Hour." They have commenced on Harry Strick again. I wonder when it will be completed. Mrs. Swanson came in a few minutes, did a little gardening, some sewing, read the paper, and so the day passed. Abundance of violets.
- 27 Went down to the school for Constance & took her down street. Called at Mrs. Plummers & got a slip of blotting. Took the car & went to see "the girls" then to Mrs. Earhart with some plants. I called at Alfs to see Mrs. Odell, she is sinking and soon will pass to the home for which she has so longed. One by one the old Pioneers are passing away.
- Went to Lillie's to get Constance a coat found what I wanted. got baby his first pair of shoes. A lovely day cool but clear, I went without a wrap. George goes to the Annual meeting at the church & Percy to drill. Read to G-d from his new St. Nicholas.

- 28 Took baby out for a walk & made two calls. Brought home some choice rose slips & set them in water to root - as an experiment. I read in the Oregonian that - was the easiest way to start them. Very pleasant.
- 29 Robert & I started out early to do some gardening as it looked like rain & sure enough it commenced & has kept it up all day. Every Saturday for weeks it has rained so we could not work at all. Baby is to stay with Mrs Newhouse tomorrow & we are, all, to go to church.
- 30 All went to church this morning, and it did seem so good to be all together again after two months. It was Communion Sabbath & we had such good services. Mr Brown has the happy faculty of being exceedingly interesting but not tedious. Took a short walk in the afternoon. Rained a little in the morning but cleared off and was beautiful in the afternoon. George went to see Mrs Odell found her very low.
- 31 Spent all afternoon in the garden. It is so delightful to work among the flowers. Had some ^{white} violets sent to us, set them out also some slips

of cherries & other plants. We are getting quite a variety of plants. The boys are so interested in the work. Very pleasant all day.

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April Washed this morning. George & Percy came home to lunch & told me they were to have services at Alpe for Mrs Odell at four P.M. So I left everything & took baby to Mrs Bowler. Mr Brown & Rev. Harrington conducted the service. They go to Salem tomorrow. W. H. Smith met me & came home & took dinner & spent the evening. Frank Wells came out with Percy.

- 3rd Constance not very well today did not go to school.
- 4th Constance still sick. Telephoned for Dr Wells. He came & pronounced it a case of measles. Mrs Bennet & Bowrick called.
- 5th Pearl came over this morning to assist me. Such a sweet girl, she gives promise of a noble woman. Constance still quite sick.
- 6th Today is Easter. I had looked forward to this for a long time, but could not go to church. George & Percy

went & pronounced the sermon fine
& the singing by the Gerson Grice
exceedingly fine. Song service in
the evening. They all went. Margaret
& Lathi came out in the afternoon.
7 Constance seems better. Pearl came
over to see her.

8 Washed today; my woman not com-
ing any more. Got up early & succeeded
nicely. I find it all depends on
getting up early. If I can only do
that I will succeed without help.

10 Very busy this forenoon. Mrs. Carhart,
Hoyt & Northup called. I had not had
time to dress. I wonder if everyone
has the same experience & is as
mortified as I am when caught
with every thing in disorder. Mrs. E.
spent the afternoon. Had a lovely visit.
Went down street after dinner but
was too late to make any purchases.
Took the car & went to Pfundres to find
Constance a lemon verbena, but could
not get one, so went to Ehlers & found
a hellebore in bloom & took it.
She was so delighted to get it.

11 Set out some geraniums & made
Constance a flower garden. Lovely day
but cool for this time of year. I fear
my voice will suffer.

- 11 Snow & hail this morning; it is kept up most of the day. The sun was warm when it was out but that was seldom.
- This is one of my discouraged days I accomplish so little & there seems so much to do. Never be discouraged.
- Mrs C. Ladd called this morning to see about the Ramothia Society.
- 17 George taken down with measles & dressmakers came. Am preparing to go to the Presbyterian Bangout tomorrow evening. Mrs K. will take care of baby.
- 18 Baby quite sick, measles will definitely
- 19 Went to Bangout, ^{Mollie G. came out a little while} everything very nice. The Hotel Portland is certainly elegant; the menu fine & well served. Did not get home till 1/2 past one. Have stopped running, took a Gurney.
- 20 Very tired today, did not get much sleep, baby still quite sick.
- 21 Baby better, did not attend church.
- 23 Girl came to wash, entirely to show for even an Argonian.
- 24 Dressmakers finished today.
- 25 Called on Mrs Hines & Lamberson.
- 26 Did some gardening. Harold G. came to see Robert, also Jessie G. Will S. came home with Percy & stayed to dinner.

- 27 All went to church & left baby with Mrs. A. Had a good sermon. Took quite a walk in afternoon. George went to hear Mr. Bryd in evening.
- 28 Washed today. George & Percy came to lunch. Went to greenhouse got some flowers.
- 29 Ruled today & commenced to dress.
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May² Miss Sabir called this evening. We were all so glad to hear her talk & see her once more. She is so refreshing. Mrs. T. M.
- 28 was invited to go to see the cable road work. To which could
- 29 A long time has elapsed since I have written before but I have been through a siege of house cleaning. Jessie & Grace came out to dinner a week ago Sunday & we did not have a carpet down or a place to sit. We are once more straightened. Constance is not well so we went to Lydia's. George enjoyed the ride on the cars. John & Roy came
- 30 John came out this morning and we arranged some flowers for Lou's grave. George went over with him. Lydia & Jessie came in this afternoon & Percy & Jessie went to Fulton Park. John & Roy came to dinner. We had several hard showers during the day.

31 Took Constance & George & went to Mrs Hackneys she gave us some lovely seeds.

June^{1st} All gone to church but George & myself

July^{4th} Gone all day to see the sights, even the fire works in the evening
 July 17th It has been a long time since I have written any in my diary. So many things to do and only one pair of hands to do it all. Yesterday I spent with Lydia & came home thankful I had so many things to do instead of darning from "ennui". It is better to sew out than to rust out - some one said & I believe it. Guess, & Harri & Robert went black berrying yesterday. Herman Mother came in the afternoon, wants Robert to go to the coast. We have the most beautiful roses I have ever seen and from this year thank to Dingy & Leonard. We have a bout forty varieties in bloom now.

"Sig" went out hunting with some men & they sent us two grouse today which were very fine. George is getting so cute, he says "true" "pig" "please" Percy &c. Of course

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we think it very well. He has great affinity for sloes & climbs up by one every day to the destruction of his white dresses. We are having a strange summer, is much cloudy weather, light rain & but little very warm. One has no excuse to go away from the heat although it might be nice to get away from so much noise even for a day. Less than two years ago we moved here and then were considered out into the country & now it is much noisier than where we were before. The Electric Cars running till almost midnight, a hotel next door and all the appurtenances that go to make up a large city. I fear we will have to follow Greeley's advice & "move West young man". Still we are the only one on the block & are somewhat secluded in that way & after one has seen & valued & seen things grow up under their care for even a little while it is hard to give them up. Although the Americans are not wedded to their home as other nations are & even the most sacred spots are decorated by the ruthless hand of improvement.

19 Been busy all morning. Jessie & Lydia came over in the afternoon and stayed to dinner. I went with them in the evening to the opening of the Metropolitan Market. The stalls were not all filled but were snarked taken. The music was excellent & quite a number were there. I bought our Sunday roast & we came home at half past nine. Found George with the children at play.

20 Went to church this morning, heard an excellent sermon on faith. Mr Brown must live very near to Christ to be able to preach such good sermons. George did not feel well so Constance stayed at home to help take care of baby.

Robert & I came home by "The Portland" to see the "Court" and its flowers. I had never seen an India rubber tree before. The tree palms were also curiosities.

21 Stacked this morning. Went shopping in the afternoon. Met Mrs D. P. Thomson & had quite a talk. She has just come from the "Court" & goes back tomorrow. Called at Mrs M. M. Ladd's had a delightful call. She thinks so much of Percy & is so interested in his plans and prospects. Bought chairs for "Tonight" George wanted the room ^(dining room)

and held out his hands for it. A child is no more unreasonable in its demands than a grown person. Very warm today.

Bought 1/2 doz Chairs for dining room.
Today is Robert's birthday. ^{He got all knives} fifteen years
old. I can scarcely realize that it
has been so long since he was born.
Such a great big boy as tall as his
father. I hope he will grow up to be
as good a one. I made a jelly cake
for him as that is his favorite cake.
George is reading aloud from the Interior
but the baby does not allow any
literary work to interfere with his
enjoyment; so he has to stop and
hold him. Very warm today.

23 Every one has gone to bed long ago. I have been busy all day making George a dress for we would like to have him baptized next Sunday if he is well enough. It is still quite warm Robert wants to get up at four tomorrow as Annie starts for the coast & he is to take his paper route. What a beautiful life Walter Scott must have led when a boy with his mother. George was reading to me tonight about great authors & their devotion to their mothers. Among the

number were Scott, Carlyle & Aggazio.
I have a lovely bed of geraniums.
Four weeks ago I planted one
dozen slips & they are now blooming
very good for Oregon.

24 Froh & Lillie to Aunt Mary today. Went to
Mrs. Annie & she gave me some geranium
slips. I hope they will grow.

Quite warm again today, but nice cool
evening. The boys bursted tonight but
Robert says he will mend them tomorrow.
The boys are so handy with tools they
can mend or make almost anything.

25 Finished the baby's dress today for him
to wear Sunday. Margaret and Leathie
came this afternoon. Margaret stayed
to dinner. Robert went down and
brought home a alarm clock to keep
till Pa comes back.

It has become quite smoky, but some
cooler today. Fred came to call this
afternoon, he goes back to Hoguim
in the morning. Gracie came with
him. Georgie is not very well.

26 Georgie been sick all day. Had to get
medicine for him. Went out on the side
walk with him.

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We had expected to have baby baptized but he is too sick to go. So one went but George to church. Robert could not find his collar button. Percy did not find his collar. Constance stayed to assist me. George is our bell-ringer & I fear he may have quite a siege. but the weather is fortunately cool. Commenced to read Looking Backward like it very much.

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Washed today, baby very fretful & did not finish till nearly time for dinner. Constance goes to see Stella Wood. We expect the McNamee boys tomorrow. I hope they will have a nice time and only wish I could devote more of my time to them. but the prospect is not very favorable.

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Baby had a very bad night awake most of the time so I did not get much sleep, he is still fretful today & I have quite a time getting his work done.

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The McNamee boys came last night & George went to Ales. to see them this morning. They came home with him to dinner & then we all went to Ales. to spend the evening. It is now half past twelve & I

have just finished the dishes. I must go to bed for I have lost so much sleep lately. The boys are all that could be desired in young men. Very polite and affable. Their mother must be proud of such boys. We heard a funny letter from their father Rev. Little that he had written to Alf warning him of their arrival.

- 31 Nothing of special interest transpired today took baby over to Mrs Thomas a little while. I think he is some better but wants to be held. It was quite warm yesterday but cooler today, in fact the fire in the kitchen seemed good this evening. The boys are delighted with our flowers, they say they are much finer than they have in Indiana.

Aug Have been busy all day preparing for company. Made cake, cleaned the parlor, arranged to go to town and in the evening all the Stovells were here, also Rev. Boyd and Mr & Mrs Mann who are friends of the McNamees. They all said they had a lovely time and left at eleven. There was lovely weather came to spend the day. Over to Eugene tomorrow.

of us all together. Percy, George and I cleaned the house up & washed the dishes & it was nearly one o'clock before we were ready for bed.

George did beautifully all evening. While I write he is sitting on the floor trying to catch sunbeams.

2. Alf & the two M^{rs} started for Colatop this morning to be gone ten days. I hope it will be pleasant. I went down street this afternoon and did some shopping for baby, bought him some colored dresses to keep his, his red & one blue & a pair of shoes. Went to the dentist & left baby with the girls, he was not at all good & cried very hard. When I came home I found Constance there before me, she had made a fire, peeled the potatoes and had them cooking and was just commencing to cook the steak. Pretty good for only seven years.

George & Robert each bought a pair of shoes tonight.

I have to do all my mending yet so must close this evening.
Pleasantly warm today.

- 3rd He arose quite late & consequently no one went to church but George in the morning and Percy at night. Spent most of the day in the yard with the children. Read to Constance. Frank H. came in the afternoon. George, Robert & Constance went down to the river, as we saw a crowd there & found that a man had been drowned.
- 4 It is now half past five & I have only just finished my work. It has been an unusually hard day. I heard yesterday Mrs Hackney had quick consumption. She is one of the best of neighbours & I can scarcely realize it is so. What her poor husband and helpless children will do without her the Lord only knows.
- 5 Ironed this morning. Mrs Fritz - came this afternoon. Some children came to play with Constance. In the evening we walked to Mrs Hackney's. Found her sitting up but very weak and coughing a great deal. Her baby sick, Frank's hand burned. Poor woman even with a nurse and girl there is a great many things that only a mother can do.

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Received a letter from Australia.
 Am to have company to dinner.
 Mrs Byers a friend of George's
 have been preparing all morning.
 Stella Wood came up to ask Constance
 down there. Cannot write, baby
 pulls my dress so. Quite warm.
 It is now eleven o'clock and I have
 just finished washing my dishes.
 George helped me put things to
 rights. Our dinner passed off quite
 pleasantly & in the evening Mr &
 Mrs Lu and Virginia called.
 Mrs Lu looked lovely all in white
 with her gray hair. She is such
 a fine looking woman and has
 such a superior air about her.
 I found that Mr Byers was an
 old schoolmate of mine, that is
 he attended at the same time
 but I was in a lower grade.
 We have many mutual friends.
 Sent Constance and Robert to see
 "the girls" this morning and I followed
 with baby, arrived about lunch time
 in the afternoon went to the dentist
 & ^{then} we all stayed to dinner.
 Stopped at Mrs Birrell's to see her
 pretty flowers. She has such a lovely
 place! Five hundred geraniums
 in full bloom.

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- 8 Came home at half past nine. Warm
 Stock up stairs today and finished
 at three o'clock. Mrs Raymond called
 & also Mrs Thomas. Quite warm wind
- 9 Ben busy all day, made three
 dozen glasses of jelly (crab) had such
 good success. Lizzie H. came down
 to play with Constance. Frank W.
 to see the boys, but they had gone
 to Harry's. Must try to go to dentist.
 Left baby with Constance & Lizzie, he slept
 all the time I was gone. George received
 a letter from Alf wanting him to go to
 the coast today. Miss Arbuckle called
 she is such a lovely girl. Baby told
 her she was pretty.
- 10 Spent the day at home except a
 walk with George & the children in the
 afternoon. George Constance & the boys
 went to church & heard Dr. Lindsey
 preach & then stayed to Sabbath school.
 Read today that when Matt Carpenter
 wanted to study law, he went to Rufus
 Chvala & was told to go & study the
 Bible. He followed the advice & for
 seven months devoted most of his time
 to its study until he could repeat
 it. He said he never had a case
 that he did not make some
 reference to the Bible or a quotation
 from it.

Am reading the Anglo-maniac
in the Century. It is a pretty
good "take of" on the Americans
& the way they sacrifice their
daughters on the altar of English
aristocracy.

- 11 Been busy washing all day, very
tired tonight. Cool and pleasant.
- 12 Ironed, baked bread &c. Took a
nap with baby this afternoon.
Constance went to play with
Ethel. P. sent her mamma a bouquet.
Lacked up some vaccination virus
& tied up the dahlias. Saw Mrs
H. go by this morning in a cab for
Wilhoite Springs. She looked very
frail.

Georgie is learning his first hard
lesson. He fell out of bed yesterday
& hurt his head, today he fell
down stairs & then went out in
the yard & burned the hose on
himself until he was so wet &
had to take every thing off.
It is very dusty & a high wind
blowing. Quite warm in the
sun but deliciously ^{cool} warm in
the shade. The Alder at the
back of the house is a delightful
place to sit all forenoon.

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Busy all day preparing for Wilbur and Harry as we expected them tonight from Clatsop. I should have gone to the dentist but could not get away. Baby not very well, the hot weather very trying on him. My old girl Anna came with a girl to see if I would not take her. Bless her heart she has never forgotten me & wants all her Swedish friends to work for me. I gave her some flowers & promised some sheep in the fall.

Today is John's birthday. Poor boy I am so sorry for him away from all his friends. How different it might have been if his mother had lived.

The boat will not arrive till half past two A. M. so we will not see the boys till tomorrow. Very very warm today. He used the hooking bag & late tonight to sort things down some but did not succeed much.

Percy cut grass, Robert raked, George watered & Constance took care of baby while I did the work.

- 14 Harry & Wilbur will not be here till after they go to Salem which will be next week. Mrs Howe came this morning & I gave her some rose slips. The old lady was quite delighted with our garden. George not very well. The weather is so hot it is very enervating for him. He stood all alone for the first time.
- 15 A little cooler today, still it is not by any means chilly. Made a contract for our winter wood. He gathered twelve different kinds of roses this morning all of them such lovely shades.
- 16 Busy all day preparing for company. Alf, Wilbur & Harry to be here for dinner tomorrow. Constance made a cake, had good success & she was delighted!
- 17 Did not go to church today. George & the boys went. Ben so busy all morning getting dinner ready. They told Constance her cake was lovely. Harry was so pleased with my collection of shells & corals.
- 18 Lydia came this afternoon & took care of baby while I served. He saw her that & said by, by, please.

Received a letter from Agnes & Mrs Church

19 Went to see Mrs Word about Harry & the boys going on a trip down the Columbia. I dislike to have them go but I admire the pluck & energy they display & while I will not have a moment's absence while they are away I know one must let them rely on themselves some time. It makes them more manly & self reliant. Called on Mrs Gray.

Robert received a note from Harold Gilbert inviting him to spend two weeks with him on the farm. I hope he will accept. They are such a nice family.

20 Went to dentist. Left George with the girls. They said he cried loud & long. Called on Mrs Quackenbush, also to see when Fannie will come home. did some shopping. Found Fannie here when I came home, she stayed to dinner. Had callers in the evening.

21 Swept up stairs today. did not finish till late. Mrs Sturges called also Mrs Quackenbush to see about a girl. Percy went sailing.

22 Swept down stairs, cleaned lamps, dusted &c. Went down street, bought some knives, a bull's knife, a certain

for bathroom, a pair of bud glasses
a call-pot. for Constance. Left
baby with Constance & Pearl.
He is not at all well but slept
while I was away. Expect this
bye tomorrow.

23 Bye not coming till Monday.
Jessie came out to dinner.

24 Went to church. Heard such an
excellent sermon from Dr Lindsey
just what I needed. Florence &
Frank Wells came home to dinner
with us. Florence starts for Europe
soon to be gone two years.

25 Washed & been so busy all day
Bye came to dinner. Like him
so much. Mabel & Walter came
to spend the evening. Had music
& a good time generally.

26 Jessie & Mabel came to dinner &
spent the evening. Had a lively
time. They went home late &
Percy took Jessie & Harry took
Mabel. Cars stopped & Harry
had to walk home. I went in
the afternoon to call with the
boys on Mrs Mann. He are to
dine there tomorrow & spend the
evening. Did not go to bed till
nearly twelve. Slept—

27 Spent most of the day pulling things to rights after last night's drinker. Robert is getting ready to visit the Gilberts.

George is taking his afternoon nap. I have just received a letter from Aunt Mary. She says the boys are having a lovely time.

28 Leath's came and stayed with the children while George & I went to tea with W. & H. to Mrs Mann last night. He spent the evening. Mrs Lewis a lady of seventy seven entertained us with reminiscences of her early life. She is a Quaker and her "thou" sounded so sweet and quaint in this artificial world. Mrs Mann has the best collection of curios in Oregon & we were shown a great many shells, corals, costumes &c from the South Sea Islands & Alaska. A day long to be remembered.

Took a long drive with W. & H. & Mabel went to the Bosch country residence. It is called Eichenhof Villa.

The boys were perfectly delighted with the fruit in the orchard. They had never seen it grow so luxuriantly. Mrs I. gave us some

body fears and plums.

Came home by the Slaven road it was delightfully cool & shady compared to Mt. Zion.

- 29 Wilbur brought me some a body quilt from his mother orange & blue. The work was nicely done & the combination very effective. They all go up to Bonnaville tomorrow but I have concluded to stay at home on account of George. I am so glad George is to go it has been two years since he has been out of the office. I must go to bed for the boat starts at six & we will have to get up early.

- 30 Arose at four, prepared George's breakfast and after he started, went back to bed, I was so tired. Had rather a quiet day. Rested most of the afternoon. George came home about six had a nice time but rather cool.

- 31 While we were eating breakfast the water back bursted & we have been in rather a damp condition all day. If it were any other day but Sunday we could call a plumber, but we will have to wait with what patience we can

birth day ^{celebrating}.

till tomorrow. Wilbur sent Georgie five dol. for his
 -Sept. 1 Plumbers came about noon and we
 are once more happy.

We all went to Alfs tonight. They had
 quite a company. He took baby
 and he was very good. He
 missed the last car & had to walk
 home. Constance was very tired
 and it was after twelve before
 we went to bed. I said good
 bye to the boys as I could not
 go to the depot to see them off.
 We have had a nice visit and
 think they enjoyed it.

2 George did not come home to lunch
 as he wanted to go to the train
 & would not have time. The boys
 go without seeing Mt. Hood as it
 has been so smoky all the time
 they were here, it was not visible
 St. James Saturday night & Sunday
 and this afternoon we could see
 the Mt. but not until the boys were
 gone. Heard from Robert, all well.

3 I have been so busy all day.
 Percy and Harry Wood took baby's
 picture this afternoon. I want to
 finish Looking Backward & the
 new Century book is riveting
 I can scarcely resist the temptation

to read it. Florence tells start for Germany tomorrow. Went down this evening to say good bye to Florence. There was quite a number in and we had such a good social time. Mrs Gillette called this afternoon with her sister.

- 4 Bessie & Ella came to spend the day with Constance. I made pickled beets & ironed. Had callers in the afternoon. Walter came for the children in the evening. Percy late for dinner.

- 5 Mr Byers & son to be here for dinner & had been busy all day preparing for them. What a delightful thing it would be if one did not have to eat or at least make preparations for the feast. It would save the women a great deal of weariness and trouble.

"With all thy getting, get a Specialty."

- 6 Went down street this afternoon and had George and Constance sit for their pictures. I hope they will be good. Saw Mrs Gill, she says Jessie is to be married soon & she feels old. She certainly does not look like the bright and sprightly girl that graduated twenty-five years ago with me.

Went to see the girls "a little while".
 Came home to find Robert home from
 the "Gibbels". He is highly delighted
 with his trip and tells it in a
 very graphic way.

George's book four days today.

- 7 Went to church this morning. Had such
 a good sermon just suited me. Spoke
 of the patience of God and made me
 feel stronger than ever to overcome
 my besetting sin a habit of temper.
 Harry Lee came home with Percy &
 soon after Mabel came & stayed a
 little while. George has gone to
 church. George is helping me write
 I have read some beautiful things
 from Edwin Arnold

"Write me a song unstained by any tear."
 "Deep hollow where the winter hides
 away"

- 8 Been busy all day preparing to go to
 Salem tomorrow to stay a short time.
 I read a pretty Japanese motto:
 "We are separated by many things
 besides distance, but you know the
 blossoms scattered by the waters of the
 torrent shall meet at the end."
 So quaint and pretty for a book
 mark.

- 9 Still I did not get any farther than the ferry landing on my way to Salem as I received a telegram from Amanda saying they were moving. So we came back home. After all "there is no place like home" & one can appreciate it if they go no farther than the Stark Street Ferry. I had Constance sit again for a picture today.
- 10 Robert made a flower bed for me this morning as I intend to plant some rose slips & get them ready for next spring. The boys want to have a great many more flowers next year but I do not know how we can care for any more than we have. Still I love to have them care for such things.
- "When dreams come true through the gate of Horn"
- 11 Made some calls this afternoon but it was rather unsatisfactory work as George was fretful. I do not believe babies care to go calling, at least they do not seem to enjoy it & I know the mother does not. I have never seen it so duly before they are improving so many

- 12 streets & after they are improved they are impassable from dust & will be from mud in the winter.
- What a wonderful land Palestine must be and how delightful it must be to travel the same road that Jesus trod. What thoughts must pass through one's mind as they see the ruins of all the magnificent temples. "The Column Eastern night, purple & diamonded with stars, the mellowness of the delicious sunset are unconsciously reflected."
- 12 Went to Mrs Gillett's but found her gone to Astoria. It was so smoky we could not see any thing at all. She will all be glad of a little rain.
- 13 Late this afternoon went to see Mrs Hachney, she is much better. Called on Mrs Seare, found her just lovely, a bright, active, New England woman. She had a lovely picture of Burns.
- 14 Did not attend church all the rest went except George & L. They all reported a splendid sermon. Robert felt quite proud in a new "dicer" & the boys are all calling "where did you get that hat?"

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Robert & Constance started to school again this morning. Constance is happy in the possession of a Second Reader. Grace came over this afternoon & is to stay all night. I feel so sorry for a motherless child. She never knows where she is to be a day before hand. Her father is perfectly indifferent to her wants.

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Made sweet-pickle pears today. They are very good. Grace went home tonight loaded with rose and geranium slips. I hope they will grow.

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Did some sewing on the machine but found it necessary to keep a strict watch as Georgie is anxious to see how the machine is put together.

Constance & I put the baby in the buggy & went down to the little grocery store to get some thing for dinner. Both the children enjoyed the walk.

Our summer is past and I feel as if we have scarcely had any. The days have been delightful very few warm ones, mostly cool and pleasant. On the hills the

vine maples are coming out in their new garb-all the shades of red & yellow. Our autumnal woods are not to be compared to with any thing I have ever seen, in brilliancy of color. They did the poet write "The melancholy day have come, the saddest of the year, when to me it has so much beauty. It seems to me like the close of a beautiful life, going out through the dark winter to bloom more brightly the next spring. So death opens the portals to a more beautiful and blessed life beyond.

- 18 "In spite of slander and mistrust;
Of burdens great and hard to bear;
So that alone that's right and just
Put thine thy hand and keep it there."
Went down street & left the children with Mrs Bowen. Constance was sick all night so did not attend school.
Called on Mrs A. J. Brown & Mrs Gibson
Then went to the High School & saw Mrs Allen & Tove about Robert taking the Elective course. They are all opposed to it but as he failed last term I wish to give him one more trial & let him take up Algebra

Called on Miss Sabin, found her
very as usual.

Went to Granis and met Mrs
Stroud, had quite a talk with
her about her family. She would
like to have me come over and
spend the day soon.

It is still pleasant but very
dusty. I shall be glad when
the streets are completed &
side walks laid we will then
have things a little cleaner.

- 19 Went to Mrs Garhart to spend the
afternoon & took baby, came home
& got dinner & sewed some this
evening. George & Percy finished
filting six cords of wool.

It sprinkled a little this morning
but cleared up this afternoon.

We got excellent photo's of the children.

- 20 Busy all day preparing for the
Sabbath. Made bread, pie and cake.
Very foggy this morning, Percy
not very well. Robert went down
this evening and bought a pair
of shoes.

I am trying to plan for the winter
work how I can get time to read
the German language course and
keep up with my other work,

I am going to try even if I fail.

- 21 Went to church this morning, had a most excellent sermon. A strong plea was made for more young men to enter the ministry. In the evening the service was an "Evening with Cardinal Newman." What a strange gifted man he was. After writing so many unkind truths about the Catholic Church to go and embrace its religious belief. Yet much as we disagree with him, we cannot but feel grateful for that one grandly pathetic hymn. Lead kindly light.
- 22 Run very busy all day, washed swept all up stairs. Peter gone to drill. He sure lost for Frank started last night for Ann Arbor to attend school.
- I see by the papers that some one has built an ancestral house at Saratoga. It is furnished in the style prevailing at the time of Christ and is called the house of Parua.
- At this meal they never had "less than the Grace nor more than the Grace."

- 23 Mrs. Holbrook called this afternoon made cake, boiled a tongue and otherwise prepared for a lunch tomorrow as I am to have company.
- 24 Mrs. H. B. Gilbert, Mrs. Dr. Helle and Miss Goodwin were here. Miss Goodwin starts for Boston to take a year course in Shakespeare and Elocution.

We had a delightful time. Dorothy came with her mother & George had a nice time playing, although he is a month older he does not walk but a few steps and she goes every where, but he can talk.

It is quite cloudy and damp and seems like rain.

"Reverence the faculty which produces opinion"

- 25 Spent the morning cleaning and putting things away.

This afternoon called at three places. Went to see Miss Arbuckle about the chataqua. They are so anxious to have me meet with them but yet I cannot see the way clear. Baby is too young to take and I have no one to have him with. Can I do it I wonder? Percy is practicing on the bugle. Robert, Constance & Georgie are in bed.

It still looks like rain.

- 26 This has been one of the most perfect days I ever saw. Clear, bright, but not too warm, such as we have occasionally just before the fall rains set in.

Percy is playing on the piano. It has such a lovely tone I love to hear it.

The Exposition opened last night and they expect it to be a grand success.

Robert & Constance are in bed, but little George is toddling round busy as he can be. He says "poor papa" "where papa", "No. Bob. and Letta for Lillian. Persi &c

- 27 Busy Busy all the day preparing for Sunday. This is a beautiful evening, bright moonlight. The East Portland fire bell pealed forth its note in thundering tone a few minutes ago.

"Oh lovely day - so soft, so calm so bright - the bridal of the earth and sky."

- 28 This morning Robert was not well so he kept baby while we went to church. As it was quite warm we attended Mr Boyde church and heard Rev.

Dunlap from Kiled. Wash. It was an unusually fine sermon. He seems to be quite young and I think will yet be heard in larger churches. In the afternoon went to Lydia's. They were much surprised to see us, we took baby and left consolation with Mary & Mrs Thomas. George walks everywhere now and is in to every thing. His busy little feet are never still.

29 Did a little sewing after I finished my work. Percy at drill did not come home to dinner. Robert forgot his Algebra and left it at G. Wells office so had to go & get it.

30 Sent for my Chaucer & Brooke today so I can commence work. I enter into it with many misgivings for fear of failure, but I know there is nothing done without an effort.

The Mac Nils called this afternoon. A lovely day for calling. Miss Alice dressed in white - it was so pleasant.

Worked in the garden a little but found it entirely too dry.

Oct 1 Prepared Constance & baby pictures for the mail to send to Australia and Prince Edwards Island. Also one for Aunt Mary.

Percy brought home a book on China and pottery for me to read knowing my fondness for those things.

A long description of the service at the White House was given. George & Robert gone to the fair tonight. Percy at work in his room on some invention. Constance and George both in bed.

I read quite an interesting article on the Egyptian Book of the dead. What a wonderful people they were and we are just beginning to understand a little of their great learning.

- 2 Ben busy all day. Looks like rain.
- 3 Took baby in the buggy & passed the school house and got Constance & went down street. Did some shopping, among other things bought myself a clock. Baby was very good still I am so tired I shall not attempt it again. Robert has gone to the fair.
- 4 Sick all day, have a very sore throat & severe headache, have taken cold.

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Went to church. It was Communion Sabbath and our hearts were gladdened by Percy coming forward and joining. God is very good to us and I realize more fully every day, how little I do and how much there is to be accomplished that I might if I would remember to not forget the gifts that are in this household. Hellos also came forward. All the family in now but the two little ones. What a plea for the mother.

George & Percy are at church as it is the Rejoicentail night.

Rev. Brown is happy over the advent of a daughter last Friday.

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Busy all day, did not finish till late in the afternoon. Lydia came over, gave her some flowers.

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Went to the Phalanx meeting today. Officers elected. I was chosen president. I do not see how I can accept. I have so much to do outside & yet this day we must not shirk anything that we are asked to do.

Lovely weather after the rain.

- 8 Busy all day but did not accomplish much. Went with Percy to the "Fair". He went in a jam & came home in a jam & were in a jam all the time we were there. It being wedding night every one was there to see. Two couples were married by Rev. Thornby from East-Portland. The music was the finest I ever heard. The Anvil chorus was especially so. I do not admire many of the pictures. I suppose my faith is not educated to such a height yet that I can unthinkingly stand and criticize made forms.
- 9 Making Constance a dress but do progress very rapidly as Georgie prefers to run the machine. Another perfect day, cool with a slight tinge of frost in the air. Our side walk & porch is finished at last after a year of work.
- 10 Busy all day with Constance dress. It is now eleven o'clock & I am just putting the finishing stitches in. George & Robert went to the "Archer" concert. They have just come home & pronounce it a success. The organ is perfect & stood the test admirably. Percy gone to drill.

- 11 Constance went to the Exposition this afternoon with Pearl. Came home with her hands full of picture cards & all the other appurtenances belonging to a great fair. Received invitations to the Fall wedding. Percy & I went to the "Archer Concert" at our church. It was exceedingly fine. I never heard an organ played before.
- 12 All the family attended church except baby & I. Rev. Thomson from Corvallis preached. In the afternoon we took a walk on Hoffmans hill where the have laid out a town. It is very beautiful but somewhat inaccessible. Came home & read Esther to Constance. She was much interested in poor Mordecai.
- 13 Took baby & went to the Chateau. It was not a model & I find it a little hard to manage, but like Lincoln I will live today in hope of tomorrow being better. Constance had a very severe cold, so has George. A lovely day. It is going to rain tonight.

- 14 Busy all day. Miss McCabe called to see about joining the Chautauquan. I hope she will as she has plenty of time to devote to it. Went to the Fair ^{with} ^{the} ^{girls}.
- 15 Made quince jelly today - glad it does not come but once a year. I feel very tired we walked around a good deal last night; met some friends & had a good time generally. Mrs Hachemy called with her baby. She does not look well. Raining hard.
- 16 Made quince preserves & finished making my jelly. Percy at work tonight. He is very industrious. Robert is sick again & out of school. Constance is talking to me so I can scarcely write. Raining.
- 17 A lovely day cool and pleasant. Anna came over with a girl for me, such a nice looking one, I wish I could take her for a short time. I am so tired I fear I will never get rested. But baby is so good I must not complain. John & Roy came and spent the evening. The first time they have been here for months.

18 So busy all day I have scarcely had time to breathe. Did not finish till late in the afternoon. George came home early & we went down town together to get some shirts for Robert. It has rained quite hard most of the day. Percy wanted to make a flower bed but it was too wet. Georgie climbed up on a chair, then fell down stairs & wound up by pouring ground coffee all over the floor. Such a little mischief.

19 Did not go to church today, was so tired. I did want to for it was the first Sunday in the new church. They said the sermon and music were fine. Mr Gray & Amanda called in the afternoon. Robert & I went to hear Mr Boyd in the evening. Had a most excellent sermon on "The way to be saved". Percy took dinner at Dr. Hille. Quite cool but no rain.

20 Went to Chautauqua this afternoon and left baby with Mrs Bowen. She said he was very good. I did a little shopping for Constance & Georgie. Pleasant today.

- 21 Busy all day with household duties.
- 22 Robert- sick again & out of school.
- 23 Robert- still sick. I do not feel like writing for I am tired. He went to the Gills wedding at Grace Church & afterward to the Library to get Greene's History of the English People. I wanted it for reference in the Chautauqua in regard to Alfred's life. What a delightful work it is more fascinating than any novel.
- 24 Did a little sewing on the machine. We are having such lovely weather and the leaves on the trees have put on their royal robes and are decked in all the most brilliant colors of the rainbow. Nothing can equal our vine maple for beauty.
- Went to see Jessie Gills wedding presents. I could not begin to describe the number of lovely and costly things she received from friends.
- It does not seem possible that I attended her mother's wedding twenty five years ago.
- 25 Went to Church. A great many there & an excellent sermon. George & Robert went in the evening.

a perfect day.

26

Went to Chautauqua today. Took George, he was not very good. Mrs Thomas came with us. We had a very good meeting. It is to meet at our house next month & I am so glad for it will be easier for me.

27

John Roy and the girls spent the evening with us. Had a nice time. Hunter Wells called a little while.

30

Went down town with left baby with Mrs Newhouse till Constance came home from school.

31

Went down town with Constance to get a hat. Left baby with a woman I had working for me. He was not very good. She said. I went to Shedd's to get some chairs. Found four I liked one rocker & two odd ones besides one pretty little wicker work one. They are to come Monday morning.

Went Did not go to church today. All the others went.

2

Chautauqua met here today. There were ~~twelve~~ ^{thirteen} there and we had a good meeting. It was a delightful day clear and bright. They all admired the place so much. The flowers were in full bloom especially the roses.

Blandina stayed after the others had gone & I gave her some rose slips of all I had. Got dinner & George went to the Chaulangua at the church.

- 3 Busy all day not a moment to spare for any thing.
- 4 Expected to go calling today but it rained so hard I did not.
- 5 Leathi came this afternoon while I was at work in the garden taking up plants & so I went calling. Made seven, pretty good as I got started so late. George went with Leathi to prayer-meeting. Mrs Earhart came to spend the afternoon.
- 6 Busy all day setting out rose & other shrubs for winter. Did not know I had so many.
- 7 Went out this morning & set out some more flowers. Must have taken cold yesterday as I do not feel well today.
- 8 Am not able to attend church my face is very much swollen & I am scarcely able to sit up.
- 9 Chaulangua still here today but I was unable to attend. Miss McCabe promised to do the honors for me. I do not know how many

were here. I feel some better now
I hope to be myself again in a day
or two.

Percy has gone to drill, & George &
Robert have gone to hear Joseph
Cook the great lecturer.

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It has been several years since I
have written in this book, but
Constance found this book and incited
me keeping a diary again.
The day has been delightful but it
turned a little cool tonight and
we had a fire in the dining room.
I did not go to church today I
was so tired. The children went.
George assisted me in getting dinner.
Percy made the salad & Robert cut
the cake. Constance & I did the
work up and then she & George
went to walk with their papa.
They brought home such lovely wild
flowers, anemones, Lobelia seed and
wild lilies of the valley. I remained
at home & read the life of David
Livingstone by Taylor. What a
wonderful life and how plainly Taylor shows up
his defects as well as his virtues.

Mr J. Marquand called to see George a few minutes. There is a mass meeting at the Marquand tonight (Sunday) the good citizens. Tomorrow is election and politics are so mixed & so many candidates are in the field. I think eight for councilman in this ward. If men only had the courage of their convictions what a difference it would make.

George has gone to the meeting. Mr Burr Thomas called to see George but he had gone. Ridd to the children about Abraham receiving the angels. The boys picked their first-satisfactory bouquet today, our roses are so late this season. A "chilling frost" killed all the early ones and we only had a very few for Decoration Day. We will have all we want in a few days.

June 14

This is a lovely day. George went to be one of the judges of election this morning. He does not expect to get home till late. Mrs Judge Bronough called also Mrs Mann & Mrs Rhodes from Indiana. It is now twelve o'clock & Robert has taken coffee & sandwiches to his father. Percy brought a new

Century and St. Nicholas. The Century has an article on the Alaska boundary & as I am reading that country up just now it is quite timely.

June 2 George did not get home till half past eight this morning. The vote was so mixed it took long to count it. There are many sad hearts in Portland today. Penroyer is Mayor unfortunately, but it may be better than we hope. Percy & I spaded around the rose till we could no longer see. Lovely all day but is raining now.

3 George & I came out and worked in the garden awhile, the boys came home to lunch on their bicycle. I went down town and bought a dress for myself also a coral one for Constance & a waist for Georgie. Called at Mrs. Holbing with the children this evening. It is trying to rain a little.

4 It rained some last night and things are so fresh and nice this morning. Our vegetable garden looks so green. I went over to consult Mrs. Kimbick about my dress and came back and did the work up & made a cake. Georgie came in in great distress to me & said a boy told him he & Mildred would not live long they were so smart. He says it is not so. George went to prayer meeting. Constance & I made a crys anthemum bed. rained hard this afternoon.

- 5 Showery today. John came this morning to get a valise, he starts for Union tonight on a visit.
- 6 Busy all day preparing for Sunday. Finished George a waist & made Constance a pair of drawers. Robert killed two chickens.
- 7 Constance went down to church & brought Leath's home with her to spend the day as she is alone. After dinner took a walk up on the hill, raining. Went to hear Mr. Boyd preach in the morning & heard one of the best of sermons. Gus Fritz called in the eve.
- 8 Busy all morning in the house & in the afternoon out in the yard tying up vines. The lawn is all in order. Beds all made & every thing growing nicely although the roses are not as fine as previous years. Showery. Robert came home late & said he had to go back to the Armory as the militia might be ordered to Astoria on account of the strike. I fear the U. S. greatest danger is from their unrestricted admission of foreigners. Susan B. Anthony here attending the women's Congress.
- 9 Busy in the morning, cool and showery. So tired had to go to bed in the afternoon.
- 10 Commenced to clean house. Finished my room & closet. Leath's came to spend the

- day and night: Went to Mrs Kerich to see about my black dress & plan for making it: Had two calls for roses, but Robert had promised all of them for St. Helene Hall. Took a little walk with Leathie & George.
- 11 Had to go down street this morning to get some trimming for my dress. Leathie went with me. Stopped at Lifman's to make my purchase. very warm, made George a pair of pants & waist.
- 12 Cleaned Constance room today & the boys about: Mrs Whitcomb called & I did not get to finish the room. Constance picked her first roses for a pillow today & I picked some sage to dry. George is studying the Sunday School lesson he has to take Mr McGamant's class. for two Sundays as he is to go East. Percy has gone on his wheel. Mrs Rose came over to see the roses. George went to the "merry go round" with Gladys & Mrs Rose. he would like to own one & run it in the back yard.
- 13 Very busy all day. The Mrs Rose came over & we talked of roses. In the afternoon Mrs Spaulding came to see about Chataqua. Warm & pleasant. Things growing fast.
- 14 Went to church. It was children's day. The church was decorated beautifully & every one was presented with a bouquet.

Dr. Hille's address was very appropriate:
 & the children did well. Came home
 & got dinner. George took Constance & George
 for a walk & while they were away
 Mr. & Mrs. Schwab called. Mrs. Rose sent
 me some Claire Carrol roses. Sang some
 hymns with the children & had prayer
 & retired. A beautiful day.

15. Warm & beautiful. Washed most of the
 day. My new dress came home. It looks
 well. I am on the last chapter of the
 life of David. It has been immensely
 interesting from the beginning.

I cannot close this record without quoting
 some from it: "When God says 'Be strong'
 we get the strength which we need
 by acting in such a way as implies
 that we already possess it. 'The mo-
 ment religion ceases to command
 men to attempt the impossible, it
 ceases to be religion'. The days seem
 all too short to read & study all one
 wants. I think I shall read the
 conquest of Mexico next. The boys are
 both at home this evening we evaluated
 the geraniums & carnations & also the
 green house. Constance rode the wheel
 for an hour or so. She does remarkably
 well for so little practice on a boy's
 wheel. She is completely fascinated.

16

How little we know what a day will bring forth. Last night we went to tell a united family & before twelve o'clock the summons came for Robert to go to Astoria to assist in quelling the fishermen. They started at four o'clock, we have heard nothing today but they fear trouble tomorrow. There have been many heavy hearts in Portland today. Only a mother knows the agony of such a parting. O Lord keep my boy in the hollow of Thine hand and make him strong to do that which is right. Washed all day. Warm & pleasant. Pioneer day. Constance marched with the school children. George went down & heard Joaquin Miller's poem. Am drying rose leaves to make a pillow, they are so fragrant.

17

Warm & pleasant. Festive today I was so tired. No letter from our boy today but we heard indirectly that all was "quiet on the Potomac." We have fifty six varieties of roses in bloom. Constance brought all her books home today as the exams are over.

18

Good & pleasant broke a little like rain. Cleaned the boys room today lifted the carpet & put it down again in the afternoon. Looks considerably better. Percy came at noon & said he would be home later. Oscar

Wells called. Then John Wells & his wife. He wanted me to use my influence with Mrs Penoyer to have him appointed city physician. Had a postal from Robert: he has hard tack & coffee & is not very well pleased. I wish he were home. It seems strange that people cannot learn that if they sow the wind they must reap the whirlwind. The people of Victoria hired ignorant, degraded Russians, Finns, Italians, Scandinavians to fish & the result is they have no respect for law & order, their city is one of immorality & vice. What a difference it would have made if they had planted colonies of hardy, sturdy, thrifty New Englanders there, but their desire for cheap labor has brought the inevitable result.

- 19 Busy all day cleaning house. Have nearly finished up stairs. Delightfully pleasant. Gathered one hundred & sixty roses to dry for a pillow & picked five large bogues. Our roses have never done better than this year, the place has been made to "blossom as the rose".
- 20 Cleaned the china closet & finished up stairs. Made over Constance's pounce & Mrs Ross made her a belt & bow for her dress.
- 21 Went to church with Constance & Georgie but did not stay to Sunday school for

Georgie did not feel well. George went to the Congregational Church & then went down to our own to Sunday School, to teach Mr McCamant's class.

Mrs Ross came over a little while in the evening & then Mrs Holberg came. Constance went to Junior branch and then in the evening to the exercises as it was children's day. The church was beautifully decorated with roses & one magnificent cactus in full bloom. Quite warm in the sun.

Auntie Hanchett was buried yesterday at Eugene. After a life of usefulness and great charity she has gone to her reward. She was the friend of all the poor, sick & oppressed of Lane Co. and many homes will miss her kindly ministrations.

- 22 Warm & pleasant. Cleaned house again today, washed my lace curtains. They did up beautifully. Percy helped put ^{the} ~~them~~ ^{the} ~~in~~ ^{brance} in.
- 23 Warm & clear. Washed all day. I had so many things that I do not usually have.
- 24 Still warm & exceedingly dusty. Cleaned the back parlor. Jessie came in the morning & stayed all day. She darned all my stockings. It was such a help. Went in the evening to Jennie Goodwins.

wedding & then called on Mr & Mrs Hill father & mother of our pastor. They are lovely people & are perfectly charmed with Oregon especially the roses.

25 Look up the hall carpet - cleaned it & put it down again. Then look up the dining room carpet & cleaned the wood work. It is merely two in the shade but we were on the north side of the house & did not feel it so much.

26 Still warm. A china man came & cleaned the carpet & blacked the stove & put the carpet down again so I have the dining room finished.

27 Washed & ironed a little & prepared for Sunday. Mr & Mrs Boyer called to see the roses. We have hundreds of them & they never have done better.

28 We all went to church this morning. Dr. Hill preached a good sermon. I have commenced the history of Ireland by Justin McCarthy. He is such an interesting writer.

29 Warm a little like rain. Cleaned the pantry today very tired.

30 Clear & warm, washed. Then showed Mrs. Rose how to stretch her lace curtains to dry. Went to Mrs. Shroder the old gentleman died suddenly.

July 1 cleaned the kitchen. Jessie came & stayed all day & darned stockings for me. Warm. John came in the morning.

July 2 Warm & clear. Georgie Eakin spent the day here. She is such a sweet girl & shows such careful training. All the family goes to the "bike" parade but I was too tired. Even Georgie has gone.

3rd Percy is going on a picnic tomorrow & I have been busy making pressed chicken, stuffed eggs & nut cake. Went down in the afternoon to see the boat races. It was cool on the boat house but warm in the sun. Clear & warm.

4 George took Georgie down to see the parade. I did not feel well so stayed at home & rested all day. Mrs. Ross sent me ice cream. Constance went with Mrs. Gibbs to the fire works. did not get home till twelve.

5- It was communion Sabbath. All went to church. Dr. Hill is such a good pastor. He leaves on his vacation of two months & the pulpit will be supplied by various other ministers from the E. St. Episcopally suffrag. Read some Bible stories to the children.

- 6 Washed this morning & then went in the afternoon to the East-side to call on Mrs Foreyth. She had gone to town but spent a pleasant time with Mrs S. Lockwood who was at home. Robert went to Astoria tonight.
- 7 Did not feel well today & I vertice most of the time. Commenced the Sermon by that Cain. It is a painful story from the first. Why will people bring out the evil & misery & disgrace of life & leave so much of its beauty out. "Gods providence is mine inheritance" was written over the fireplace of the Semter. Still warm a good rain would be welcome.
- Percy showed me his medal he won for rowing a pretty gold one.
- 8 Lived most of the day. Made George another wait. Poor child if the wait is good there is a hole in the pants & when the pants are good a worn wait. He says a nail catches it. He says he is to be a preacher but if he cannot get a "job" right away he will be an ice man. Mrs Ross sent over some raspberry shortbread. It was quite acceptable such a warm day. Read to the children about Elisha & the last Kings of Israel.

- 9 Went out with Constance & transplanted some flowers. Swept up stairs, & sewed in the afternoon. Had dinner earlier for Percy wanted to go away in the evening. Still exceedingly warm, but we manage to keep cool by closing up the house & watering the lawn well. What a blessing Portland has in good pure water & plenty of it. George came in & said he did not like a boy because he said there was no God because he could not see one.
- 10 Miss McCabe spent most of the afternoon with me. Constance went down town to get a pair of low shoes.
- 11 Made jelly & made a success of it. In the afternoon my cherries came & I made sweet pickle. Finished a shirt waist for Constance. Worked in the yard tying up flowers till to dark to see. It is late & I have just finished darning. It is a relief to know that tomorrow is the Sabbath the day of rest. What would we do without it. Robert is still away.
- 12 All went to church. The children stayed in Sabbath school. Judge Ward came to dinner. Mrs Ward is at Gladstone attending the Chautauqua meetings. Took a little walk with the children.

in the evening. Much cooler today & chilly this evening. Rev. Blair preached for Mr. Boyd & Thompson of Tacoma for Dr. Hill.

13 George & Constance went to Alfs this morning on the ten o'clock boat to be gone a few days. Percy, Georgie & I are all alone. Mrs. Gibbs came over this evening. Had a letter from Lydia Read to Georgie about Jezebel. He is so fond of Bible stories.

14 Washed this morning & went to missionary meeting in the afternoon. Mrs. Hill asked me to lead for August as she will be away. The subject is the McCall missions in Paris. I walked down to Lipsmans with Mrs. Moller. She recited a beautiful piece for us at the meeting. Did some shopping & then came home it was exceedingly warm. Percy, Georgie & I enjoyed the cool evening.

15 Made three dozen glasses of currant-jelly this morning. George came home today Constance will not come till Monday. How I miss her in so many ways. 94 on the shade.

16 Still warm but not quite so bad as yesterday. Grace came over to stay all day. Finished a gingham waist for myself with Grace's help.

had beans & beets from our own garden. They were so nice.

Dr. Boyd called to ask me to speak to the young people Sunday evening on "what to read." I do not feel competent & scarcely know what to say. The Bible and Shakespeare are the only ones I can recommend & if they were well read, how much more one would know & how much more elevating our thoughts would be. I once saw "those who read know much, but those who observe sometimes know more."

"Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne, - But that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown, Standeth God within the shadow, Keeping watch above his own."

- 17 Made Giorgio a pair of pants today. It is still very hot & getting smokier.
- 18 Robert came home before breakfast from Astoria looking brown as a berry. He had the usual number of adventures &c. Wrote a little for tomorrow evening. Heard from Constance, she will be home Monday.
- 19 All went to church this morning heard Dr. Ludlow preach. It was a very fine sermon. In the evening

- went to the young people meeting & spoke to them about what they should read. Mrs Plummer, McCommon & Mr Earl Brownough also spoke. Their remarks were all good. Judge Ward & wife came. Hol.
- 20 Constance came home this morning & brought some raspberries. She had a delightful visit. What a charm country life has for a child. The woods, birds, flowers, & animals are such an attraction. It is still exceedingly hot & fears are entertained that the crops may suffer & do not often have such a long dry time. It is cooler tonight, so we will at least be able to sleep. The smoke obscures the mountains.
- 21 Washed today. It is not quite so warm. Constance & I made two calls in the evening.
- 22 Put up a crate of raspberries this morning & wound. Have not felt well all day. Had callus. It is much cooler. George wants to go & see the Philadelphia. He calls it "filthydelphia". He wants to know who anointed George the 3rd King. This is Robert's birthday, he is twenty one today. I can scarcely realize it. Our lawn looks so green & fresh & since we can sprinkle the street it is much cooler & cleaner.

- 23 Did not get up till noon, have not felt well. Constance did the work. In the afternoon did some mending, Constance & Bessie F. sewed for their dolls. Had a caller. In reading a book tonight I found that Kent is the only county in all England whose lands are held "by the tenure of gavelkind" - that is when there is no right of primogeniture unless specially established by law, and where the father's estate is equally divided among the sons. George went to see the "Philadelphia", was much impressed with its greatness. He saw an antelopes which one of the sailors had. Much cooler.
- 24 Not well today. Slept today up stairs. Sewed some. Gathered our first cucumbers to pickle. Had beans for dinner. Percy went rowing & did not come home for dinner. Amanda & Mr Gray spent the evening. Constance gathered a bouquet of roses for them. They thought we had a lovely lawn & I think we have, but one becomes accustomed to their blessings & forgets they are blessings, cooler.
- 25 Am not much better. Constance did most of the work. This afternoon she went to see the drill of the men of the Philadelphia. She was much pleased, and thought their movements were perfect. cool & pleasant.

- 26 Cool & delightful. Went to church & heard a most delightful & helpful sermon from Dr. Boyd about the "common people". Took a little walk with the children. Georgie read the 23rd Psalm for us & did it well. What a quiet, restful day the sabbath is to us & how we enjoy it alone with the children. I hope we are not selfish in our desire to be alone.
- 27 It tried to rain this morning but did not succeed very well. It has been cool all day & this evening we started a little fire. Put up raspberries & made jam. Constance has been developing a fondness for the bicycle & rides well. The boys are developing pictures. Read to the children about Jesus making wine at Cana. Georgie knew the story & told me about it.
- 28 Washed today & made gooseberry jam. Did not finish little Cal's darned stocking & prepared the clothes for ironing. Have been reading about Crammer & Henry the 8th. How weak & vacillating Crammer was & what a monstrous Henry was. It is said seventy-two thousand persons perished from martyrdom during his reign. The boys are practicing ironing & did not come home early.
- 29 Went down street & bought Constance a dainty dress, pink & white - she is pleased with it. Called on Mrs. Bell. She loaned me Browning to read his Saul.

Leathi came & spent the afternoon.
How cheap summer goods are now.

Percy brought home the June Century.
We are all fond of it & also St. Nicholas.

30 Busy sewing all day. Swept up stairs
in the morning. Had a letter from
Lydia. Gathered cucumbers for
pickles.

31 Swept the parlor this morning & ironed,
made a corn starch pudding.

Aug. 1st Busy all day preparing for Sunday.
Went to see Mabel in the afternoon, but
she was not at home, Mrs. Fay treated me to
cherries & sent some home to the children.

2 Went to church. George was not able to go.
Leathi & John came to dinner. Took a little
walk with the children. Constance wore her new dress.

3 Washed the flannels & in the afternoon
called on Miss Breck, MaCabe & Mrs.
Brunough. I brought home some lovely
heliothrips. Showery.

4 Put up blackberries, washed, ironed,
made cake & bread. Constance wore
her new shoe on the "bike". She went out
with Mrs. Voss for a spin.

5 It has been raining more or less for a week.
The smoke is cleared away & the dust settles
so that it is delightful. Commenced to
hem stitch some napkins. Read the paper
but it is filled with nothing but free
silver or gold. Planted some carrots &

feet. The boys are still practicing for the boat races. Robert is up & away at five & Percy is not home at night till eight so we have meals at all hours.

- 6 Miss McCabe called & Mrs Rose brought her work & spent the afternoon. Constance & Mrs R. went out on the White house road on bikes this evening. George & I tied up the rose bushes. The roses are coming out again after the rain. Cool & cloudy.

- 7 George & I tied up the tomatoes & he cut the grass. Our garden is such a help, we have all we can use from it. Read Brownings Saul. Some parts I like very much. He is considered so obscure. Constance is practicing on the piano. She is much interested in her stitching & embroidery.
"I have lived, even God's hand thro' a lifetime; and all was for best."

- 8 Made bread, cake, brown bread, but-pickles for Sunday dinner. Mrs Gibbs came in this afternoon. I did some hem stitching & bathed George & felt as if I were ready for Sunday.

- 9 Did not go to church today had a severe head ache, but slept it off in the afternoon. Read some to the children from the Bible about the prodigal son then read a chapter in Irish history

How terribly they suffered, fighting for their freedom. Founde says that "the howling of a cow or the sound of a plough boys whistle was not to be heard from Valentia to the rock of Cashel."

This has been one of the pleasantest days of the summer, not any dust & cool. I fear the rain is not over & the crops are suffering for the rain has come to late to do any good.

- 10 I have been busy all day, till late made "Chile sauce" by Mrs Roes recipe, read the Interior & must now find some thing ^{about} the McCall mission in Paris, for tomorrow's missionary society. Pleasantly cool
- 11 Went to missionary society. There was not many out but more than we expected considering so many were out of town. Mrs Davis gave an interesting talk about the "crisis of the mission" I afterwards did some shopping & went down to see Jessie & remained to dinner. Not so warm
- 12 Spent the afternoon with Miss McCabe. Percy was thrown from his "bike" & considerably injured. He had to go to the Dr., have his head sewed up. Mr Mart brought him home
- 13 Percy better today. The children went to spend the day with their Aunt Lathie so I am all alone. Have tied & latched. vines & bushes all forenoon. Read a short

sketch of Ah. Ho's life by Mrs Bell. She was a very consecrated Christian. weather delightful.

- 14 Busy all day. I do not think one could ask for a more delightful summer. While people are dying from heat in the east it is cool and pleasant here.
- 15 Made peach pickle & darned & mended in the afternoon. Went to the meal shop with George & met Judge Ward & walked home with him. Pleasantly cool.
- 16 Did not go to church. Had to dress Percy's head & get the children ready & then it was too late. Went down to see Jessie in the afternoon & took Georgie. Found Percy & Alice there. On the way home stopped to see the Miss Semperons who are visiting Kellingworths. They are very lady like & refined. I can scarcely realize that it has been eighteen years since I saw them last. They were mere babies then. ^(rain)
- 17 Busy all day but did not accomplish much. Did some hem stitching. ^{Wife called} Judge Ward
- 18 Started to wash but Rev. Pierce & Mrs Ward called the former for me to buy Beacon Lights of History & the latter for me to subscribe for a magazine so did not get much done. Had callers in the afternoon. Cool and pleasant.
- 19 Finished washing but it was cool

- and cloudy so they did not dry much.
- 20 George took the children to see the circus parade this morning. They came home hot & tired & Georgie thinks he will have them come by our house so he will not have to walk so far. He wanted to know tonight if the "River of Life" was as clear as Bull Run. Cool.
- 21 Busy all day. Made soft gingerbread. went with Constance & George to Lowitz to see if he would bud some roses. They have such lovely begonias. Pleasant.
- 22 Constance went to see Julie. Lowitz came & budded some Marchant Scale on a wild stalk. I hope to have some satisfactory rose next year on the yellow order. Lovely day.
- 23 So warm I did not attempt to attend church. Called in the evening on Miss Ribble Hunter Wells affianced who is on her way to Cuba to join him. She is lovely both in mind & form & seems to be highly accomplished. I shall be in the shade.
- 24 Busy all day. Cooler. John Leath ^(Cousin) & Roy
- 25 Busy today. Robert Eakin came a little while.
- 26 Attended a reception at Mrs. Dr. Wells for Miss Ribble quite a number there & had a lovely time. The rooms

were beautifully decorated. Called on Mrs Duackinbush & Mrs Hill.

- 27 Snowed today. Cool and pleasant - rained slightly in the morning. Constance went after hazel nuts.
- 28 Jessie & Grace came to spend the day. Put up a box of peaches & made some plum butter. Cool.
- 29 Canned fifteen lbs of beans. hope they will keep they are the first I ever tried. George is not well he went to the Dr. to see if he could get some thing to relieve him. Percy & Robert started for Vancouver B. C. for a weeks outing & attend the "regatta". Percy is stroke for the Seniors & Robert the same for the Juniors I am very proud of the strokes.
- 30 Went to church this morning with George. Heard a powerful sermon from Rev. Snyder he is certainly a wonderful preacher. his text was from the 13th chapter of Joshua. let us see. Constance took Percy's "bike" & went to see Mabel & George went to church in the evening. He was not well but did not like to miss the sermon.
- 31 Mabel & Charlie start for Amherst tomorrow to make their home. so we all went to Mr Faye to spend the evening

Conelance stayed all night with
 Lathu. Georgie wants to know who
 named papa & grandpa. I told him
 their fathers did. He said it does
 it go back that way, then Adam
 & Eve were named. I told him.

Today is Georgie's birthday he is
 seven. Percy left a knife for him &
 I baked a cake. Rained a little.

Sept. 1st. Washed & was busy most of the
 day. cloudy and cool.

2nd. Went down to see Amanda but
 she was not at home. so went over
 to see the Killingerworths since their
 accident on Mt. Hood. I am afraid
 we will have to conclude that
 it is an active volcano after all.
 Clear & cool today. Mr Gray and
 Amanda spent the evening with us.

Feb 16, 1897

It has been a long time since I have opened this book to write & many things have happened since. A new year has come & this old with it many joys & few sorrows has passed away. The winter is passing pleasantly but quietly & with the exception of the weekly reading club nothing happens to break the monotony. We are studying the Colonial Period of U. S. History & Shakespeare's Henry the 8th. Last night we met at Mrs Spaulding's & Mr Earl Brownough led the class in the 3rd act of Henry the 8th. I have just commenced the Little Minister by Barrie & one passage struck me as particularly fine "The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story, and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he vowed to make it." But how true that is & in the delineation of character in the humble peasant life how well Barrie does his work. I have just finished Sentimental Tommy. Constance Chase has been transferred to the Harrison school & it will be her last term in the grammar grade. Georgie goes one hour a day to learn to write, but has been sick since Friday so could not go yesterday or today. He frets considerably over this restraint. He has just discovered that we once had a war with Mexico & is much excited over it. Had a letter from Lialhi she likes this new home at Union.

- 18 This has been a beautiful day clear & cool. I baked & made cookies in the morning. Mrs. Eashart came to spend the afternoon. Mrs. Lolan called. We have been making a sweet pea bed. Georgie went to school & took a writing lesson. I have not read any thing today have been so busy sewing on a dress for myself trying to make "old chaps look amiable as well as new". Miss Bruck called yesterday & we had a nice long talk.

August 12 1898

It has been a long time since I have written in here.

We arose earlier than usual for Percy wanted to take a family group. George started for Sitka, Alaska & we all went down to the train to see him off. The house seemed rather desolate when we came back & Georgie thought there was no use getting lunch if Papa was gone.

- 13 Been busy all day. Leona, Belle & May came to spend the afternoon with Constance. Mrs. Leary came over.
- 14 Constance & Percy were the only

me to go to church. Georgie went to baseball school. In the afternoon Mr & Mrs Thompson & Dr. Siger called. I read to Georgie some. Mr & Mrs Ross came over a little while. We then read in the Bible, had prayers & retired.

- 15 But all day. Cool & pleasant. Read a chapter in the Queens of England about Anne Boleyn.
- 16 Washed today. Mrs Gibbs called & afterward Mrs Judge Ward. The children went to a picnic to Johnson creek with the Gregory's. gave commenced a letter to George. Letters are rather unsatisfactory things after all. & yet what would we do without them.
- 17 Trained this morning. Mrs Strode called. Robert came to lunch but Percy did not get here. Constance went to Jessie's to stay a few days.
- 18 Finished my letter to George & sent it away. Georgie & I went to the meat shop. After dinner called at Mrs Gibbs. The papers are full of war news. How very deplorable the Spanish are & how pre-occupied & ignorant the masses of the people are. Our Manila boys will

soon be turning their faces westward. Robert has just come in. It is nearly twelve & I must retire. Robert & I have been talking for over two hours. Cool & pleasant today.

19 Georgie & I are alone tonight; the boys have gone to Astoria to row & Constance is still away. Mrs. Rose came over a little while this afternoon & brought some custard. Have been reading Walt Whitman for the first time. "O Captain my Captain!" I like but I do not think he would ever be my favorite. Georgie wants me to read "The Jubilee story book" by Sted. Rained last night.

20 Did not do much today in the house as we are still alone. Called on Mrs. Gregory in the afternoon, & at the Hamblins in the evening. He is not so well again. Read to Georgie & then finished the sketch of Jane Seymour & commenced Anne of Cleves. Poor Anne but still she was happier away from such a wretch. Her family motto "Our Faith is spotless." The terms of peace have not been settled on yet but I hope we will keep all we have won, & show to the world what a Christian nation can do.

- 21 Georgie & I went down to Jessie's to spend the day & take dinner. Had fried chicken & ice cream, which George enjoyed very much. The cars were crowded with excursionists going to the Parks to spend the day. I did not feel right in such a crowd, it seemed such a desecration of the Sabbath. They had their lunches, hammocks, blankets &c. Yet many of them were apparently working people, whose only outing is on the Sabbath, so it is a hard question to decide. Isaiah 58: 13 & 14. Came home read in the Bible & had prayers, also read a chapter in Anne of Cleves. The motto on her wedding ring, "God send me what I keep." Rained last night - cool.
- 22 Received two letters from George one postpaid at Juneau, he expected to arrive in Sitka last Saturday. Washed a little today. Heard Georgie's lesson, he wants to start a restaurant & sell tomato soup. Helen and Robert came in for the evening have finished Anne of Cleves. Cool and pleasant today. Have picked 3 gal. of cucumbers for pickle. Sweet peas glorious.

- 23 The children went to Johnson creek on a picnic. Did not reach home till late. Dr & Mrs Gary called. The two -meyer came home. Katherine came over to see George.
It has been exceedingly warm today. They have been rolling Corbett Street today & the crunching of the roller on the stones has been very disagreeable, but it will be a lovely street this winter. Commenced the life of Catherine Howard tonight. Received news tonight that the Hawaiian Republic is no more.
- 24 Very warm today. Passed the afternoon on the lawn with the children. George & the Gary boys had a tub of water out there & took off their clothes except a pair of pants & had a great time swimming. Heard that some of our boys at Manila have died of typhoid fever. In that hot climate disease claims more victims than war. Read to Constance about K. H. Constance took flowers to Edith Campbell.
- 25 Cooler & pleasant. Time to rain.
- 26 Still cool & raining slightly in the morning.
- 27 Wrote to George today for the steamer sails for Sitka on the 28. I can scarcely realize he is so far away. Lenore & Mr Williams

called & afterward Charles Gritz - & his mother. He has just graduated from Anshelm.

28 Did not go to church today, Georgie & I all alone. Constance gone to the country with the Williams. Took Georgie on the canoe to Moulavilla. He walked up the hill beyond. I was surprised to see so much fruit going to waste. Many poor families would be glad of the opportunity of gathering it up.

29 Had a letter from George the first one since he arrived at Sitka, was glad he had such a nice trip. Cool & pleasant.

30 Rained some today but managed to dry clothes between showers. Raked up the lawn some. The leaves are beginning to fall.

31 This is Georgie's birthday he had a little party - only ice cream & cake for refreshments. Mrs Thompson & Mrs Ross came over to see the children. Bessie Gibbs & Constance entertained them. Had another letter from George. He is much pleased with his position.

Sept 1 Mrs Gray came up this morning & we went there in the afternoon & did some shopping. Bought George a suit & Constance material for a dress skirt. Came home late. The children bought Georgie some

- birth day presents. The boys gave him the money the day before.
- 2" Made Constance's shirt, pickled & preserved peaches. The children cleaned out the green house. Sent my regrets to the Wards, could not attend their reception, not cloudy. They are all getting home from the coast now the cool days have come.
- 3" Mended & cooked preparing for Sunday. In the evening played Authors with the children.
- 4 Did not attend church, but sent the rest of the family. Went to see Mr Hamlin in the evening. He is worse poor man. I fear his days are numbered.
- 5 Washed some & made Constance a shirt-wait. Had a telephone message from Jessie wanting Constance to come down tomorrow to stay a few days. Commenced the life of Mary, Henry's 8" daughter. Read to Georgie from the Queens Jubilee Book. Bessie S. came to lunch.
- 6 Washed today, very warm & windy. Alarms of fire are continually being rung & forest fires are raging so it is disagreeably smoky. Mrs. Lutz came over in the evening.
- 7 Snowed today, still quite warm but no dust as our street is improved.

and it is an improvement. Dr & Mrs Hill called & I entertained them under the Walnut tree. It was delightfully cool & pleasant there. The boys are both rowing for a regatta again so were not home to dinner. Georgie & I ate alone, & must read to Georgie about London Bridge. warm.

- 8 Bored nearly all day. Mrs Bodley called this afternoon. Percy took George & Eirell-Geary out boating this evening they report a lovely time. Georgie has just gone to bed & I read the Earl of Jubilee Book to him. He wrote a letter to his father addressed it and all. Of course he felt quite proud of his first letter. He is improving in his writing and I have him practice every day. Constance came home this afternoon. Read several pages from Mary, warm. Called on Mrs Rice tonight. Also at the Gregorys.

- 9 Swept up stairs. Heard Georgie's Cuckoo. Went up stairs early with the children & was called down by Helen & Robert. Served peaches & grapes which Mrs Geary sent over. They were from southern Oregon & were delicious, so sweet, much better than they have in market here. A bright light in the west over the

- little indicate a fire somewhere. cooler
 10 Busy all day preparing for the Sabbath
 Went over this afternoon to see Mrs K.
 Aunt E. act. poor woman she has been
 a great care to the neighbors. I hope
 she will arrive safely in Albany.
 Had Georgie's shoes half soled
 Read a chapter in the Life of Mary
 Constance called on May Gray this
 afternoon. cooler.
- 11 Spent today quietly at home. The
 children went to church & Sabbath
 school. Read in the Century a descrip-
 tion of the Colossus of Rhodes & Diana
 of Ephesus. Have just had prayers
 & must retire. It has been cool &
 cloudy all day.
- 12 Received two nice long letters from George
 today. It was such a pleasure after two
 weeks of waiting. Percy & Georgie also
 received one. The children started
 to school today. Georgie bought his
 first geography which pleased him
 so much. I find my hands full with
 them all away, but if they only do well
 I will be more than paid. cool & cloudy
- 13 Washed today. Mrs Twomey & Katherine came
 in this afternoon. Made up a package
 of papers to send to Sitka. Assisted
 Georgie to commence a letter to his father

Helped Constance with her physiology.
 After dinner Percy cut some wood.
 The boys are practicing for another
 regatta. Read the 39. Psalm

14 Have been so busy all day. Put up a box of
 pears & some tomatoes. Read to Georgie
 made up a package of papers for George
 & a bundle of clothes for an old woman.
 I must now hear Constance lessons.
 Delightfully cool & pleasant, ideal
 Sept. weather.

15 Ironed today & read Georgie's letter to Grand
 ma Rose. Went to see Mr Gregory about
 street improvement. Read from Mrs
 Mitchell Greek Sculpture. What super-
 ior advantages she must have
 enjoyed.

16 Jessie came to lunch & spent the after-
 noon. Constance came from school
 & brought Lennie they went to the
 kitchen & ate brown bread, butter
 & pickles. Very warm today for this
 time of year.

17 This was a Jewish holiday & the boys
 were at home. They spent the time
 mending the front steps & putting glass
 in the hot house. It is very warm
 for this time of year & quite smoky.
 We do not need fires & sit comfortably
 on our front porch without a wrap all

- evening. Sent a letter & papers to George today. Georgie is getting to be quite a help, he split & carried up all the wood today. Read a chapter on the Parthenon last night from Mrs Mitchell's Sculpture.
- 18 This is the Sabbath. Constance & Georgie went to church & sabbath school. They met Bessie & Etta who have come over to attend school at the Academy. Robert & Helen came in the afternoon & in the evening we read in the Bible & had prayers & then I had to tell Georgie the story of Samuel.
- 19 The wind blew hard last night & this forenoon it rained with considerable thunder & lightning. It was welcome as we had a great deal of dust & every thing was very dry. Constance & Mrs Geary went to the High School tonight to hear some one lecture on music.
- 20 Worked today. Miss McCabe called in the afternoon. Put up some bonafides. Mrs Geary brought over a pan of peaches & Mrs Loomis some pumpkin pie. I took some rye bread to Mr Hamlin. Mr Shrode called to see about the street arrangement. It has been pleasant all day but is raining again this evening. We have had a lovely fall & we cannot complain of a little rain now.

- 21 Been raining all day with considerable wind. Ironed & made soup which the children enjoyed very much. Read to George from an English book about giants. Percy came home late. Read a chapter on Queen Mary.
- 22 Wrote a letter to Martha tonight. Read to Georgie. Mrs Brown called to see about the street - there seems to be much disappointment about it being a poor job. It still rains but more like April showers than Sept.
- 23 Slightly showery today. The lawn is green & pretty once more & the roses are blooming again. Even the sweet peas have put on a new dress & are blooming. Mrs Gearing spent the evening here & Everett came over. Read to Georgie & read the 47th Ps.
- 24 This has been an ideal autumn day, clear warm & sunshiny & after the rain everything so clean & sweet. Constance & Georgie went to Mrs Thomsons to Evelyn's party & I went to Mrs Hamblins to sit with him while she went down town. Poor woman she is kept in so closely now. Read to Georgie & read the Luteal. It is always so fresh & racy.
- 25 This is the Sabbath. The children did not go to church as they both have colds, but went to Sabbath School.

We read in 11 Chron. 14 chap. also in
Eccles. 7 & 8 chap. It has been a very beautiful
day clear & warm & the cars have been
crowded all day. People know that - not
many such days are in store for us
& are taking advantage of every minute.

26 This was a Jewish holiday & Percy worked
all day on the greenhouse preparing
things for winter. Each one of the family
received a letter from George except
Georgie. They are so full of information
about that country especially that
quaint old town of Sitka with its
wonderful Greek Church & valuable
oil paintings.

27 Washed & was busy all day putting up
tomatoes rained slightly.

28 Went down town today to pay the A.O.U.W.
assessment & called on Mrs. Thomsons & then
on Amanda but she had gone to
Forest Grove, raining hard.

29 Still raining & cold. Ironed & sewed some.

30 Went to Mrs. McKenzie's to a high tea & reception
for returned missionaries. A great many there
in spite of the cold rain. In the evening
took the children & went to the Exposition.
Miss Bloch sang Star Spangled Banner.
Nearly twelve when we got home tired
& damp.

- Oct. 1st Went down town & bought Constance a jacket, gloves, shoes, handkerchiefs & umbrella and Georgie shoes & umbrella. Still cold & rainy.
- 2 Robert brought Helen up in the evening.
- 2 Today communion Sabbath all went to church. Several joined the church. Did not go tonight. It was rainy & cold. Amanda came this afternoon & stayed awhile. Read George's letters to her.
- 3 Cleaned the parlors today & then went over to Dr. Helle in the afternoon. Saw Florence's baby & a picture of Huntine.
- 4 Washed today. Mrs. Geary & the children came over in the evening. Clear & cool.
- 5 Went to the Art Class this morning quite a number there & I think the work will be interesting. Sent papers to George. Robert & Helen came up to spend the evening.
- 7 Busy all day preparing for company. Had Dr. & Mrs. Geary, Mr. & Mrs. Thomson & Mrs. Ward. Mr. McKinley & Mrs. McCormack & the Rosses served cake & coffee.
- 8 Rained most of the day. Georgie washed his finger & fear he will lose the nail.
- 9 Constance & Percy went to church. Georgie to Sabbath school. In the afternoon Mrs. J. B. Shovel from Eugene & her daughter Alice & husband & Amanda came out to see us. Read the book of Esther.

in the evening. Rather pleasant.

10 Busy all day. Rained some. R. brought a dog

11 Washed & was busy. Read in the evening about Scorpae & Rapetiles. rained

12 Went to Art Class in the morning & then to see Fred in the afternoon. Did not find any one at home. Saw a beautiful picture of St. Cecilia at Bernettin. Showery. Had a letter from Sitka which was very welcome as it was overdue two days.

13 Warm & pleasant today. Named the dog Beppo. Went to the Camera Club exhibit. It was exceedingly good especially a moonlight view of Mt Hood & a head of Joaquin Miller. Met Mrs Sherman & Mrs Arnold. Heard today that Mrs Kerrieh was dead

Nov 16 Georgie took cold yesterday & has been in bed all day. Went to hear a lecture on prints at the library by Mr. Torrey last night. It was very instructive, the house was full. It was given under the auspices of the Art Class. Had a letter from George today the first for nearly three weeks. which is a long time for to be without mail.

Portland Oregon

Oct-15: 1900 Sitka Alaska

I resume this diary after a long silence of nearly two years. Many things have transpired in that time. Robert's long sickness & death the 13 of March 1900 has cast a shade of sadness over the home hold that will never be effaced. Helen came home with me & we arrived the first of April 1900 she remained till Sept-4 when she accompanied Constance to Portland Helen to go back to her father's house after a brief married life of only eighteen months. Constance to enter the High school after a years vacation. My life in Sitka has been a pleasant one aside from our great sorrow & I have found pleasant companions & plenty of work both at home & for our little church. Reading classes have also been established in which I have taken a lively interest. The Society of Ethnology has been revived & good meetings were held all last winter. I hoped it will be as profitable for all this winter.

Went to have a dress fitted this afternoon worked on my first piece of lace a little & started to hem stitch a handkerchief. Mr & Mrs Apgerson called very rainy & stormy tonight.

Oct 16 Sewed this morning on a sofa pillow, also did some hem stitching on a handkerchief for Constance. Went down town ^{in the afternoon} & bought some linen for more & lining for Georgie's pants & a pair of drawers for Georgie. Received an invitation to dinner for tomorrow evening at Mr Apperens. Went to take Miss Shaw some milk tonight with Georgie. Pleasant & clear most of the day & clear tonight. Wrote a little on a paper & am preparing on "Basketry".
August 25 1906. Sitka Alaska

After several years of silence, at Georgie's solicitation I again commence this diary. Today has been a busy one, picking raspberries & other household duties. Georgie's vacation will soon be over & he will return to Portland for his last year in the High School. He will be left all alone for another year, but lonely as it is I know it's best for him to go. The day has been cloudy but no rain. Mrs Rowe & Mrs Tappan called. Sold \$1.50 worth of raspberries, they have been so plentiful this year. Called at Mrs Stewart's but did not finish them at home.

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Ganette McCalley Stowell was a woman of marked individuality. She had a vigorous and well trained mind, being a graduate of the Willamette University, of Salem Oregon. She was an assiduous reader of well selected literature. The Bible and Shakespeare's works were her favorite books.

While a devoted reader she was not a bookworm. She was a fine housekeeper, took after the comfort of her husband and children assiduously and was active in all efforts for the promotion of civic betterments and the moral advancement, in ^{each} ~~every~~ locality that she occupied.

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Early in January 1916 Son Percy, came to take us to Portland, as I was seriously sick at the time also. Janette was so seriously sick that the removal of her such a long distance was a serious undertaking, but as there was a strong trained nurse employed to come to Portland with us to care for ^{her} on the journey, this difficulty was largely minimized. Altho it was midwinter the weather was clear and calm and the water as smooth as glass. We arrived at Portland January 17, 1916, where ^{she} lingered, most of the time in a semi-conscious state until the early morning of February 4, when the vital spark of heavenly flame quit her mortal frame.

Janette McCalley Stowell was a person of strong individuality. She possessed a vigorous and well trained mind and a bodily frame of unusual energy and force. She was a graduate of Willamette University of ¹⁹⁰⁶ Salem Oregon, and taught a while, just after her graduation in the primary department of that institution.

She was a great admirer of classic literature, and the range of her reading was wide. Her favorite books

were Shakespeare's works and the Bible.

Altho a lover of literature she was not a bookworm. She took lively interest in current events, and was active in every effort that had for its object the civic betterment, social uplift and moral advancement of each locality that the vicissitudes of life cast her lot. She was a natural leader and always forged to the front in every society and association with which she became identified, without personal effort and sometimes against her will. She made many warm friends in each locality in which she lived. "Many daughters have done virtuously but ^{she} excelled them all."

Portland Oregon

December 19, 1918

George Stowell?

Addenda

Janette McCalley was born in Kirkcaldy, a suburb of Edinburgh, Scotland, January 29, 1847, came to America with her parents in 1854, and to Salem Oregon in 1859.

She was married to the writer of this ^{sketch} February 20, 1870, in Springfield, Oregon, where her father and family then lived. Four children were the fruitage of the union, - three sons and one daughter, of whom two sons and one daughter are, so far as known, still living.

