

# 1865 Diary Written by J. Lena Park

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Note: Julia Helena Park was the daughter of Isaac and Emeline Park. B: 30 May 1844 Dixfield D: 25 Jun 1866 Dixfield
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Sunday, January 01

Have passed the day very pleasantly. This forenoon attended meeting at chapel. Albert, mother and I took dinner at Aunt Mary's. Rilly Hinds took dinner there. In evening Gusta and I called at Mrs. Hinds and got a bowl of hulled corn and milk which was quite a treat. I am now going to read in the Bible to mother and then retire, ought to write some letters but shall not – leave that for tomorrow after every body has gone to the ball. If I don't go it will be the first time for a number of years that I have not been to a New Year Ball. [notation along top of page: Albert must have been Albert D at Dixfield to school H W Park]

Monday, January 02

Very pleasant. Not as many went to Zircon as it was anticipated. I recv'd a call from Lizzie Howe in morning. In the afternoon I went down to Aunt Mary's and persuaded her to come up. She and I sewed on a dress for Augusta. In the evening there was quite a little dance at Mr. Marbles. We had oysters and a very nice supper. For music two violins and a melodeon. Rilly waited upon Gusta and I. There was enough for a good time, and we enjoyed it I think much better then we should at Zircon. I am sure I had not the slightest desire to go to Zircon could had I wished to.

Tuesday, January 03

Felt a little sleepy. Mrs. Amos Griffith called here in AM. I commenced a letter to Mell in PM. It was a beautiful day and about three o'clock Rilly called for me to take a short ride it was such nice sleighing. We went up to the corner did not get back until after dark. There was a singing school but I did not attend hardly think I shall this term. Finished my letter and read in the evening. Uncle Win called in also the Severy girls and Miss Tucker spent part of evening here. Hiram and Ella were married I suppose and started for Boston.

Wednesday, January 04

Pleasant. Henry Leavitt and Rilly called in the afternoon. Louise came in and we sung and played some. Christania also called and wanted us to join the dramatic club – Rilly invited Louise and I to spend the evening with him at Mr. Howard's. Louise did not go as they have not called on her. I did and spent a very pleasant eve. It was quite a cold evening. Retired half past ten.

Thursday, January 05

Beautiful day. The sewing circle met here. Quite a full circle. Vester was up and she and Christania beset us again about joining the Club. We consented to meet with them in eve, which we did. They met at Dr. Johnson's room as there was a dance in Hall. We did not conclude to join that night. After they got through we went into the dance. There was a very large company for so short notice, and we enjoyed it much, had an oyster supper. Returned about eleven satisfied with dancing for one while. But felt undecided about the Dramatic.

Friday, January 06

Pleasant again. I ironed in forenoon. In PM called down to aunt Mary's a few minutes then Louise and I went into Stephen's shop, and gave he and Dr. Johnson as we thought our final decision. About half past two Rilly, Louise and I started over to Mrs. Elijah Holman's to make a visit. Had a nice ride and a good time after we got there. Found other company there. It snowed some in evening coming home yet it was quite light. Got a letter form Mell. Late again when I retired. Resolved to turn over a new leaf.

Saturday, January 07

Snowy. There was a lottery at Canton and some from here went down. Mother and I had a clearing up day. Arranging draws, boxes etc. Mother was not very well all day. Mandana called in afternoon, Louise was in also, Mrs. Stanley some time in eve. I also went in there a while. I wrote part of a letter also in eve. Retired for a wonder before ten o'clock.

Sunday, January 08

Quite pleasant and yet bad traveling. Read and wrote all day. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm were up and took tea with us. Uncle Wm carried Augusta home. In eve Gusta and Christania called again to see us about that old Club. We have about concluded the best way for us to do is to forgive and forget. I told them pretty plainly what we thought about it. They have got up an original piece for us to take part in. Rilly also called in eve to say goodbye. Read in Bible some and retired about ten.

Monday, January 09

Pleasant. Washed in AM and after dinner got started down to aunt Mary's to spend the PM but met Vesta going up to our house, so turned about. Louise and I wrote off our parts; then I made a short call down to aunt Mary's. In the evening went to the rehearsal at Hall and joined the Club. I felt somewhat discouraged about the piece when I returned home. Am afraid it will not take well. Aunt Mary spent eve up here. Rec'd two letters and a paper.

Tuesday, January 10

Snowy. Snowed quite steadily all day. Mrs. Brown and Elma called here AM. In PM uncle Wm was up and wanting me to go down there so I went. Trimmed my thibet [a type of fine wool cloth] dress, a job I have dreaded some time. Uncle Wm went up street in eve, and I read a while aloud to aunt Mary. When he came back, we played cards a little while and then I came home. Louise and I then made a short call into Mandana's. Retired about ten.

Wednesday, January 11

Very pleasant; Mother baked. Called into aunt Marble's of an errand in AM. In PM Chanie and Louise were in and sang some, and then Christania and I called up to see Celia. She was out and we found her at the Milliner's Shop. Spent the remainder of PM in with Louise. Mrs. Mary Mitchell and sister called here in eve. I went to the rehearsal at hall. Found Mandana here when I got home. Ellen and Hiram arrived.

Thursday, January 12

A fine day. Quite early in morning, I paid the bride a call. Stopped an hour or so and saw all the pretty things, bridal presents, etc. When I came home, found Cynthia here; she stopped with us to dinner. In afternoon Ella called and I went with her down to aunt Mary's. Did not accomplish much work during the day. In the eve aunt Mary and uncle Win were up. I wrote a letter. Rec'd a present from C[urtis] by way of Hiram and Ellen, of a buckle and belt also several other ....

Friday, January 13

Pleasant. Ironed in forenoon. Mrs. Elijah Holman called here in the afternoon, also Ella. I went down to Vesta's when Ella went home and spent remainder of afternoon arranging for the "theatre." Came home with sick head ache, did not do much of any thing in eve. Louise was in a while. Retired quite early. There was a party at Mrs. French's on Devitt and Celia's acct I suppose.

Saturday, January 14

Quite pleasant in AM. Snowed hard in afternoon and evening. Mrs. Butterfield called here in the afternoon. I practiced some sewed some etc., etc. Louise spent the most of day up to Mr. Barden's. After she got home, she and Mary came in here. Also Mandana and mother entertained us telling us stories of her "younger days" until it was time to go to the rehearsal. Had a good rehearsal. The band was in, and I feel quite encouraged things went so nicely. Dr. Johnson came and brought the programmes. It was half past ten when we got home. Could not get to sleep for a long time thinking of the coming performance. Hope it will be pleasant.

Sunday, January 15

Arose late, found that the snow had drifted a good deal during night and was still blowing – Spent the day sending and writing as usual on Sunday. Several called during day. For all it was so bad, I thought I could not get out possibly. There was a sing appointed here, but all that came were Christania and Dr. Johnson. I felt most discouraged about the singing for that evening, am afraid the traveling will be so bad Emma cannot come. Mail did not get in last evening or today. Do not feel satisfied with the way I have spent the day; I had planned to do so much more.

Monday, January 16

Pleasant yet cold. Roads were broken in the forenoon. We washed. In PM I went out and collected together some of my finery for the Dramatic. Aunt Mary was up in PM. I called down to Ella's in afternoon. There was a rehearsal in the evening. We have quite good times meeting together if it does no good. And I think we shall raise considerable money, and perhaps it will be a benefit to our selves, but I do not think Louise's and my parts this time will be apt to refine or improve us a great deal. Do not regret taking it however.

Tuesday, January 17

Quite pleasant. Bad traveling. The afternoon was set to trim the hall. Louise and I went down but could not seem to do much that day. We made a few calls. In the evening there was another rehearsal. Quite a number of spectators were in. I rec'd several letters and papers. Got good news from Readfield for which I feel very thankful – for I feared my aunt Whittier would never be better again. Mell and Lu also get along nicely in school for which I am very glad – should like to visit their schools before they close.

Wednesday, January 18

Windy and cold yet sunny. We were back and forth to the hall all day trimming, etc. In the evening we had a rehearsal. Had the music singing etc as we are to have it at the Grand Finale Christania, and I called up to see Emma Griffith who came last evening. She was down to rehearsal, and I invited her to spend the night with me which invitation she accepted. We did not retire very early – and I did not rest very well after I did go to bed. Thinking and worrying about the Exhibition!

Thursday, January 19

Fair and pleasant. We rehearsed in forenoon. In afternoon I called down to aunt Mary's. Afterwards she came up here. Olivia, Elma, Helen and Ellen also came down to attend the exhibition and were all here to tea. In eve the wonderful performance came off. The house was literally packed and quite never was so full before. Everything passed off splendidly so every body, said although it did not seem to me that our piece did. Afterwards we had a dance and oyster supper. I had for a partner Dr. Johnson. Met a good many acquaintances who I was very happy to meet. Had a nice time. Elma and Olivia spent night here

Friday, January 20

Pleasant and quite warm. Went down to Hall in AM to pick up my things, etc. Ella called up to see Olivia and children. Presented little Ella with a silver cup. We all took dinner at aunt Mary's; as we came home called at Ella's room – the girls and baby went home about half past three. Ella stopped with us. In eve we repeated our exhibition – there were not as many as the night before, but I think we performed full better. Our piece went off decidedly better. Got all through and home again about ten o'clock, feeling tired enough.

Saturday, January 21

Warmer. Was down to hall twice during day packing. Ironed in forenoon. Mother baked. Aunt Mary called in PM, also Clara Bolster. Feel sort of [low] because I have not got to rehearse or any thing of kind this eve. Wrote Mell in eve. Little Ellen was full of her tricks. Louise was in a little while. Read awhile before retiring.

Sunday, January 22

Beautiful day. I made a few calls in forenoon with Mandana's and aunt Marbles. Took my lunch in Mandana's. Georgia started for Canton on her way to Boston. Wrote some and read some. Mandana was in here towards night. We rec'd a letter from Henry. He wrote in good spirits and seems determined that Nell and baby shall go out there. In eve there was a lecture at chapel, soliciting aid for Sanitary commission. I went down and went with uncle Win's folks; Ella Hiram and Tex went with us too.

Monday, January 23

It snowed hard all day. I washed in forenoon. In afternoon was up to a little of everything mother spent most of afternoon in Mrs. Stanley's room. Ella and I were alone. In eve had a fire in parlor and practiced some Louise was in. Wrote a letter to Lou. Helen Severy was in a while also. Read aloud a while before retiring.

Tuesday, January 24

Not very cold but windy. Sewed the most of day. Mother baked in forenoon. In afternoon I went in Louise's awhile. There was a Club Meeting in eve at Dr. Johnson's room which I attended, although it was terrible walking. There was a meeting of the Sanitary Commission Committee at Mandana's in PM. Louise spent night with me.

Wednesday, January 25

Pleasant. Spent day sewing went down to aunt Mary's in afternoon, stopped till eve, when she and uncle Wm and I went up to Ella's room and spent eve. When I got home found Mandana here. Sat up and sewed a while, then read in Bible and retired. Rec'd a letter from Mell, saying he is coming home Saturday and is going to bring company with him. Feel very much pleased it is so long since we were both home together.

Thursday, January 26

Pleasant but cold. Called down to aunt Mary's in morning. Ella also called here. I ironed. Mother and Mrs. Stanley spent PM at aunt Mary's. Ella spent afternoon here. In eve Mary and Louise were in. I wrote a letter. Ella did also. They spent nearly all the eve at aunt Mary's.

Friday, January 27

Pleasant. I worked about until middle of afternoon. George Bisbee called before we got our work out of way. Mrs. Howard also called during the afternoon. I framed some pictures. In the evening Louise and I went down to Dr Johnson's room to a Club Meeting. Returned in good season. I read aloud from the Banner sometime before retiring.

Saturday, January 28

Beautiful day yet cold. Was very busy in forenoon preparing for Mell and his company. They arrived about three o'clock (Mell and Isa). Her brother and sister were unable to come as we expected; I felt very much disappointed. In the eve aunt Mary and uncle Win, Ella and Hiram were up. We had a very social and pleasant time singing playing etc., etc. It was quite

late when we retired. If Brother Henry and family could but have been here our family circle could have seemed to be complete. As a substitute we had several excellent letters from him read.

Sunday, January 29

Cold but pleasant. Isa and Mell went to Weld in morning. We felt badly not to have him with us today to preach, but circumstances rendered it impossible. I made a call into Mrs. Severy's in AM. Mandana called here. Aunt Mary was up in afternoon – Louise was in in the eve a while. I wrote Henry.

Monday, January 30

Pleasant. I did not wash. We expected Mell and Isa, but they did not come, but we had some very unexpected company come about four o'clock: Miss Lucia Whittier and Mr. Curtis Luce. Ellen called up after they came and invited us down to spend the eve. Accordingly we went. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm were also there, and if Mell and Isa could only have been there we should have been very well satisfied. Enjoyed the eve very well as it was. Texanna is quite sick was not able to be up stairs. Did not retire very early.

Tuesday, January 31

Lucia and Curtis went home. It was a beautiful day. Mother made a few calls in PM. Mell and Isa returned. The ladies aid society met at aunt Mary's. We all took tea there. Also spent eve. I called down to Vesta's and got the Johnathan piece and read the company. Met ... Lovina Childs there. Retired in quite good season for me of late.

Wednesday, February 01

In morning aunt Mary came up and called at Mrs. Eaton's. She was very low and requested Mell to go in which he did and prayed with her. Isa and I went down to Dr Johnson's, she to have some teeth filled – I partly to read over the play that has been assigned me. About noon after taking a lunch we went to Mexico – Isa, Mell and I – carried little Ella home, stopped until about four. When we got home to a late dinner, uncle Wm and aunt Mary were up. Also stopped in eve. Henry and Mary were in. Had music on piano and violin etc. etc. Retired late.

Thursday, February 02

Isa and Mell started away about ten o'clock. Felt badly to have them go. Passed rather a blue day. Clara Bolster - was down in AM for me to go up and play on her new piano and give her a lesson. I gave the house a cleaning and sweeping in AM. In PM went up to Mr. Bolster's. Christania was in, and we read over one of the plays. There was a meeting of the Club in eve, but we didn't know anything about it. Wrote a letter in eve and sewed some. Ella was in a little while. Mrs. Eaton died in the night.

Friday, February 03

Pleasant: I washed - Christania was in in the afternoon, also Louise. Spent the remainder of afternoon writing. Helen Severy was in in the evening, also Mrs. Stanley. I spent part of evening in with Mary. There was a sing at Mr. Chase's which Louise attended.

Saturday, February 04

Ironed in AM. There was a lottery here and more drunkards about than I have seen before for a long time. I practiced some in afternoon. Aunt Mary and Blanch Wait were up – Did a little mending etc in eve.

Sunday, February 05

Stormy. Mrs. Eaton was buried – It was a sad funeral. Mr. Elliott preached; they had it at the house and buried her in the new cemetery. In morning I got a letter which I answered in afternoon. Uncle Wm. and aunt Mary came in after the funeral a while. In the eve, Louise and I sung some and studied our pieces. Retired early.

Monday, February 06

Washed. In the afternoon went up to Mr. Bolsters and gave Clara a music lesson. Called at Mr. Cox's to see Texanna, who is very sick. In the evening went down to the hall to a rehearsal. Late when I retired. Wrote Mell a note in evening before going to rehearsal.

Tuesday, February 07

Sewed most all day. Ella called up in afternoon. The aid society met at Mandana's, and I attended. I took dinner at aunt Mary's. In the evening there was a rehearsal – I went in a little while then went over to Mr. Cox's and watched with Texanna – come home about four o'clock.

Wednesday, February 08

Arose about eight o'clock. It rained a little during day. Aunt Mary was up a little while in the afternoon. Ella also came up dressed incognito. I made a few calls with her. Uncle Wm took us to ride etc., etc. Mandana had sort of a party. Spent the evening at home sewing and reading. There was a rehearsal at hall – Louise and I went down and stopped about ten minutes.

Thursday, February 09

I sewed and ripped my light silk dress to pieces in the forenoon – We were invited into Mary Stanley's to spend the afternoon. Also uncle Wm and aunt Mary and Mr. Randall and wife. Had a fine time; played cards some in eve. Louise and I had a private confab in our room the first of evening.

Friday, February 10

Gave Clara a music lesson in afternoon. Then called up to Alonzo Peck's and Mrs. Abbott's; got home about five o'clock went to a rehearsal in eve

Saturday, February 11

Ironed – Did up my white dress and several things preparatory to our Exhibition – Thursday in the evening there was a rehearsal. Louise went down a very little while.

Sunday, February 12

Uncle Wm. went to Augusta – for Dr Hill for Mr. Cox's folks. I spent the day down at aunt Mary's, also the night. George Cox also staid there all night. Ellen was down in afternoon; Mr. Kidder was in in eve. It was a cold lonesome day.

Monday, February 13

Arose quite early, came home before breakfast and washed; got through in good season. Gave Clara a lesson in afternoon. In the evening there was a rehearsal at hall. I called at Ella's room a little while. Uncle Wm got home from Augusta.

Tuesday, February 14

Called down to Mrs. Libby's, aunt Mary's and at Dr Johnson's room in forenoon. We did not have a rehearsal as we expected to during day, but there was one in the evening. Our bills for the exhibition did not come, and we were somewhat disappointed.

Wednesday, February 15

Ironed etc. in forenoon. Drury had some company come to see her from Norway. Mrs. Stanley went to Canton, brought us up some fancy fixings for the Dramatic from Mrs. Thorn's. There was a rehearsal – I dressed up for the first time in my bonnet, etc., which I got at Mrs. Libby's this morning. Mrs. Stanley spent the evening here. Dr. Hill came to see Texanna. Stopped at uncle Wm's. Did not give them much encouragement he could cure her.

Thursday, February 16

Snowed hard in morning but cleared off a little afternoon beautifully. Louise and I had to go down in forenoon and afternoon both and rehearse our piece. I called in to Ella's towards night. Did not go home to get ready for our performance which was to come off that eve until nearly dark. Mary helped me dress. The hall was only about two-thirds full, and I was glad of it for our piece did not go off very well. I have got tired of them and wish they would stop where they are and have no more, but some of them would like have them all winter

Friday, February 17

Felt pretty tired in forenoon. I went down to hall to get my things but could not get in the hall. Called at Ella's, also Mrs. Hinds as I came up, then in Mandana's a few minutes and found Louise Parlin and Johnson there. In afternoon we went down and picked up our things. Johnson and Parlin brought them home for us. I then went up and gave Clara her lesson. Mandana spent most of afternoon here. Louise and Mary were in in eve

Saturday, February 18

I went down to aunt Mary's a few minutes in forenoon. During forenoon some of the members of Club sent up word for Louise and I to come down in afternoon and help clean up the hall. But we were not quite fools enough to go. I went down to Johnson's room and told he and Parlin without any preamble that we were not coming; also told them pretty plainly any views about having a third exhibition, hardly think they will try to. Aunt Mary was up in afternoon, also uncle Wm to tea.

Sunday, February 19

I staid at home all day and read or wrote. In the evening Mrs. Hinds called in, also Mrs. Stanley; they spent most of evening. I called down to Mr. Cox in evening. Found them all in great distress as Texanna has been worse all day and probably will not live but a very short time. It seems hard to think that this dispensation is "all for the best." There was a sign at Viola Chase's to prepare music for the next Dramatic. How they can feel like meeting together I cannot see. I feel as though I should be very glad if the whole thing could be given up at once.

Monday, February 20

Washed in forenoon. In PM gave Clara a lesson then called down to Ella's; Texanna was in great distress, did not stop long. Came home and practiced some. While I was out Vesta called. Called again in eve and persuaded us to go down to hall and help her along with a motion she wished to make before the Club. We did accordingly and came home rather dissatisfied all around. We only stopped a few minutes; Vesta came up about eight o'clock and stopped until half past ten, talking over their proceedings. Texanna died in the eve.

Tuesday, February 21

Very pleasant. Mr. Sewell from Lewiston was up tuning pianos, tuned mine in AM and was here to dinner. I called down to aunt Mary's a little while in the morning, also at Mr. Cox's. Went in to see Texanna – should not have known her had I seen her any where else. Vester came up after noon and tried to persuade me to go down and speak my piece. Aunt Mary was up in afternoon and she and mother thought I better. So I went down quite late in evening and spoke it although I did not feel a bit like it. There was a crowded house and the entertainment passed off well.

Wednesday, February 22

Did not arise very early and did not accomplish much during day except a little mending and helped mother some on her patch work. Wrote a letter in evening. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm were up in the evening. Louise also called in.

Thursday, February 23

Cut patch work and sewed it nearly all forenoon after ironing which took but a short time. In PM went down to Ella's with Mary Stanley. While we were there they put Texanna into her coffin – she does not look a bit natural. It does not seem possible she is dead. Mother and aunt Mary went to circle into Florentine's. Louise and I were intending to spend the evening up at Mrs. Randall's, but I had company so could not go. Mrs. Alonzo Peck and Frances spent the eve here. Louise also called a little while.

Friday, February 24

Pleasant but cold - Aunt Mary was up a few moments in morning. I went up and gave Clara a lesson before noon. Texanna was buried in afternoon. Funeral services commenced about one. Mr. Elliot preached, a good many present. It was a solemn occasion especially to us young people. After the funeral I went to Mexico with Lizzie Howe and Mrs. Thomas. Ada and Elma and Mrs. Bradford were also down. Ada went home with Mrs. Thomas and left Olivia and I alone with children, but we had plenty of callers and Alverado Reed came in in the stage and stopped all night.

Saturday, February 25

Helped Olivia all day; She baked. Ada did not return until night then to go right away again as there was to be a surprise party up to her fathers that eve I went up home with her. Nearly all the young people at the Corner and thereabouts were there and we had a very nice time. Returned a little before twelve.

Sunday, February 26

Arose late helped Olivia do up the work - read a while then went over to Elma's took tea there and spent the evening. Olivia and Ada came over also Mr. Bradford and wife and several others had quite a sing. David Parsons and True Gleason were in. David starts for Washington in the morning. Late when we retired. The girls wrote and I read sometime after we came home:

Monday, February 27

Pleasant, Ada and Olivia washed. We had several callers. Harvey and Alverado Reed also their sister Myrn. Olivia and father were here to dinner. Ada was most sick in afternoon, so she had to go lie down. In eve I went over to Elma's and played a while. Then she and Olivia and I went into Mrs. Bradford's where we had quite a sing. Lizzie, Frank Parsons, True Gleason, Farwell, Walton, and numerous others were there. We stopped till after the mail got in and learned that there was glorious war news and got a letter from Henry.

Tuesday, February 28,

There was a court here and we had several callers, the Reed boys and others. Ada was not very well all day, gave up towards night with diphtheria. We put her to bed and sent for the doctor – I sat up with her all night. The doctor did not get here until about half past twelve. Stopped till nearly three; she had a very sick night. Elma and several of the young people from here went over to Mr. Foster's avising.

Wednesday, March 01

Took care of Ada all the forenoon. Mrs. Smith, Ada's mother, came in the afternoon and then I went to bed did not get up till supper was nearly ready. Elma was over toward night. Elma and I went over to Lizzie's and spent the evening. Retired about ten o'clock. Slept with Olivia and baby. Finished today the book I have been reading "Light". It is a high toned interesting story. The most so of any I have read lately. Gustavius Bartlett came down with diphtheria also today and stayed here.

Thursday, March 02

Cloudy and rather cold. Ada was no better. Olive Hall came down to wait upon her. Old Mrs. Smith went home. Several called during day. I called into Elma's in PM. Lizzy, Martha and Mrs. Bradford were there. I played some towards night -- came down home with Henry Smith. Aunt Mary and Win were up in evening. They are all interested about the ball tomorrow night. Have invited mother and I to go with them. I wrote Mell in evening.

Friday, March 03

Rainy. Sewed some in AM. In PM went up to Clara's and gave her music lesson. Afterwards called at Ella's, also at Louise Stanley's, then came home and got ready to go over to the hall -- to Mr. Severy's long talked of Old folk Ball. Mother and uncle Wm folks went also. The most of the people in the place, not many strangers on account of rain. The entertainment was nice. Enjoyed myself as well as I expected. though not as well as I sometimes did. Retired about half past one.

Saturday, March 04

Felt rather sleepy, Mother and I over handled old boxes etc. In forenoon cleared up things about house. In afternoon got ready to go down to Aunt Mary's but she came up here before I had a chance. There was an auction at Chase's Store. I went down a while. In the evening I sewed a little then practiced till quite late. Louise called in a few minutes. Mary had company Mr. Glidden and wife from Winthrop.

Sunday, March 05

Wrote some and read some. In PM called down to Aunt Mary's, Ella's and Frank's; came home with headache and retired very early. It was a beautiful day though a little windy.

Monday, March 06

Very pleasant. Did a very large washing in forenoon. In afternoon went up and gave Clara a lesson. On my way up called at Louise's a moment, at Mary Mitchell's, of errands -- There was a ball at Zircon. A few went up from here including Henry and Mary. There was the largest company in attendance they have ever had a Zircon. Ella was up here a while in eve also Hiram. I sewed nearly all the eve. Got a letter from Henry.

Tuesday, March 07

Beautiful weather. Sewed in forenoon at home. Practiced a very little. Went to the Aid Society in PM. Then Ella and I called down to aunt Mary's in the evening. Mrs. Severy called in. Louise and I spent the evening in up at Mrs. Randall's. Hiram was at home. We played cards and had a good time generally. Retired quite late.

Wednesday, March 08

Fine again. In the forenoon I went down to Ella's and carried my music to practice a little while. Ella persuaded me to stop to dinner, and so I spent the most of the afternoon there. Little Albert was down, said Ada Hayes was better. In the evening Mother and I went down to Uncle Wm's and spent the evening. There was a ... down to Canton.

Thursday, March 09

Snowy in forenoon. Rainy in PM. I did a large ironing in forenoon, practiced in afternoon sometime. Mother attended the Circle which met at Mandana's. I was alone all the afternoon and evening until mother came home. Then went over to Tavern and waited for mail. Got several papers that was all.

Friday, March 10

It rained. Sewed pretty steadily in forenoon and in evening -- gave Clara a lesson in afternoon. Aunt Mary was up a while. Spent greater part of evening at Mrs. Severy's

Saturday, March 11

Baked in forenoon. A little girl from Carthage took dinner here. Aunt Mary and Gusta came up in afternoon, and we went to the auction at Chase's. Louise and I called at Frank's and got the remainder of our things at the Hall. I came home sick with headache and was real sick in the eve. Dr. Johnson called to inform me that there would be a club meeting at this room and wished me to attend. I told him I did not care to take part in any more should they have any and he took his leave after prescribing for my headache, which I was very glad on some acc'ts then to have.

Sunday, March 12

Pleasant but cold. Did not rise very early. Uncle Wm came up and invited us to dine there. Louise was up a few minutes in forenoon. Told me about her call at the doctor's room last eve -- he treated them in great style -- Oranges, figs, nuts, confectionery etc., etc. What a pity I was sick! Uncle Wm came up after us and brought us home from their house. Mrs. Hinds called while there. I practiced some in eve. Also read in Bible to mother in evening. Went to Mary's a little while.

Monday, March 13

I rose about seven and found it snowy. Felt bad as it was washing day. However, I washed. Gave Clara a lesson in afternoon. Aunt Mary came up and stopped some time.

Tuesday, March 14

Sewed considerable in forenoon. Louise, Mary and I undertook to make picture frames but did not accomplish much. In afternoon went to Aid Society. Ella was there, quite a full society, had a good time. Mary was in here most all the evening.

Wednesday, March 15

Called down to Ella's in forenoon; she came home with me. We called a minute at Mrs. Hinds. Got our quilt in in forenoon. In PM had a quilting in afternoon consisting of Mary, Louise and Ellen, Mrs. Hinds, aunt Mary and Augusta. We had a very lively time. Hiram, Henry and uncle Wm came in to tea ... we had a little music and good time. I practiced a while after they all left. We did not get the quilt near done.

Thursday, March 16

Pleasant. I went right to quilting after breakfast and worked at it all day steadily. Mother worked a while in forenoon. In PM she went to Mexico with Uncle Win and aunt Mary. Mary Stanley came in and helped me in afternoon, and we got the quilt out before Mother returned. Had a call from Miss Rawson who has come here to give music lessons. I had the blues in the evening wretchedly.

Friday, March 17

Ironed in forenoon. Mary was in a while. Miss Rawson called. I told her I would take a lesson the next day. In PM called down to Ella's a few moments of an errand – came home, practiced some and then crocheted. Spent the evening at home.

Saturday, March 18

Took a music lesson at ten o'clock. Aunt Mary was up and took dinner with us. The funeral of Dr. Lingley's youngest child was at church at one o'clock. Mr. Wolcott preached a very good sermon too. Louise and I went home from funeral with Louise Trask and made the long talked of visit in the evening. Mister and Adrienne Marble came up; it snowed when we came home.

Sunday, March 19

Lonely windy day. Wrote almost all day. Took a short ride in PM with "James" and Lucy Severy. In the evening I called down to Louise and spent most of evening. Came home, read a little and retired quite early.

Monday, March 20

Arose quite early for me. Washed in morning got through and practiced some before noon. In PM went down Aunt Mary's; Aunt Mary was gone, and Gusta and I spent most of the afternoon alone. Stopped till after tea. Called at Ella's and at Tavern a few minutes to see Miss Rawson. As I came up home Mandana was in a few minutes. Also Mary and Louise during the evening.

Tuesday, March 21

Took a lesson in music AM. In PM aunt Mary was up awhile. I folded draws etc., etc. upstairs. Commenced my sofa pillow in the evening. Mary was in a while it rained in forenoon cleared away at noon.

Wednesday, March 22

Rainy AM, clear PM. I got a puff into the frames in the AM also practiced a very little. Mrs. Torrey and Jane spent the afternoon here. There was an auction in PM. I went down a little while called at Ella's a few moments. Practiced nearly all the evening.

Thursday, March 23

Ironed in AM. Sarah Mitchell called. Practiced two hours in afternoon. Worked on cushion in evening. There was a dance at B. L. Marble's but no one from this home went. Holt and Henry did not play. Lucy Severy spent the evening here. Mason Wilson died.

Friday, March 24

Took a music lesson AM. Like Miss Rawson very well for a teacher; think she will be thorough. Spent the afternoon making picture frames. Attended a lyceum at school house in evening. It seemed like old times. Sue Bartlett had an excellent and the lyceum was very interesting, much more so than I had any idea it would be. The students are all so young this term. Waited for mail and read some time after I came home. Late when I retired. Chandler Abbot whom they supposed dead returned from California.

Saturday, March 25

We baked in forenoon. I had the headache some all day. In the afternoon there was an auction. Mother went. I practiced some then read. Mrs. Elijah Holman made me quite a long call. I went in Mrs. Severy's a little while after mother came home. Louise called here after tea. Also, some of the school girls with Clara Bolster to hear me play. I played a while then spent the remainder of the evening reading aloud to mother.

Sunday, March 26

Pleasant but cold. Dr. Wilson's funeral was appointed in the morning, but the minister could not come so they did not have it. Mother and I took dinner down to aunt Mary's. Uncle Wm came down after us and arrived us back. Mrs. Hinds and Delphina Root called there towards night. We stopped till dark then came home, and I read nearly all the evening aloud.

Monday, March 27

Arose in quite good season and washed. It was a beautiful morning practiced a little in the forenoon also in the afternoon sometime then sewed. Mary was in then after tea. True Gleason called. I went down to Ella's and spent the evening. Had a very good time.

Tuesday, March 28

Practiced and took a lesson in the forenoon. Aunt Deborah came down in the morning and spent the day. The Aid Society met in the afternoon although there was not much done but prepare for the next meeting as there was no work. Ellen and I went in a little while then she came home with me and stopped till after tea. Then she and I made several calls. Found Mrs. Severy here when I got home around nine.

Wednesday, March 29

There was an auction. Uncle Wm's folks were all here to dinner. In afternoon, we all went down to the auction a while. I made no purchases at all. After tea Louise and I went down to Mister Griffith's and spent the evening. It was very bad walking and then we came home. We could hardly see our hand before us.

Thursday, March 30

Practiced considerable during the day. Mary Stanley had a quilting in PM. Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Eustis, Mrs. Sarah Mitchell, Mrs. Stanley, Louise, Mother, Viola Chase and myself were the invited ones. We had a nice time and did quite a job on the quilt. Came home and practiced in eve. Had several callers, girls who go to school, heard me play, and come in to hear me.

Friday, March 31

Did not feel well in forenoon. Practiced a while then went back to bed. Got up at noon and felt better. Took a music lesson PM. Mrs. Severy was in after tea. I went down to Aunt Mary's of an errand. Came home and made two squares of patchwork for the soldiers album quilt. Retired in good season.

Saturday, April 01

Rainy in morning – Uncle Wm called at the door and informed me that Aunt Mary wanted to see me. So accordingly after breakfast, I took work in hand and went down as deliberately as could be and found I was nicely April Fooled! However I stopped nearly all day. For the afternoon Augusta and I had a horseback ride. I called to see the Lovejoy girls who are sick; came home and sewed in evening. Was in Mary's a short time after tea.

Sunday, April 02

Stayed at home all day and either read or wrote. Ella and Hiram came up toward night and stopped a little while. Mandana was in in eve, also Uncle Wm. I read a while after they left in Ladies Friend and Bible then retired.

Monday, April 03

Washed and cleaned house got through middle of afternoon – Practiced an hour of so then – After tea folded clothes, etc. Went down to Ella's, and she and I made other calls at Frank Marble's also at Mr. Howard's – had very pleasant calls. Aunt Mary and Augusta were up. Bartlett Richardson called to tell us that Olivia's baby is sick, they are fearful with diphtheria. Did not retire very early.

Tuesday, April 04

In forenoon ironed. PM took a music lesson then went to the soldiers' aid society, had a very pleasant time there, laughed till I felt quite weak. After tea mother made some calls. I practiced a little then went in Mary's room. Mrs. Hinds called while there. We got glorious news from the army that Richmond is taken – a flag was raised and at night after the news was confirmed, they rang the bell etc., etc., kept it up nearly all night.

Wednesday, April 05

Bells were rung most all day of some kind. Every one seems jubilant over the late news. From "Babalon" the school boys were out, nearly all of them riding horseback after tea and cheered several times neath the flag. They seem to have had a

holiday today. Mother and I cleaned house all day, felt very tired when we got through which was about seven o'clock PM. In eve I wrote a short piece for Louise Trask's paper suggested by something I saw over at Morrill House. Late when I retired

Thursday, April 06

Commenced cleaning or rather regulating where I had cleaned quite early. Spent all forenoon mending an old carpet. Did not get through till tea time. Aunt Mary was up in forenoon. She and mother went shopping at Mr. Morse's. I was in Mary's a while after tea, had a very pleasant chat with her, was sorry to be interrupted by Henry who came in from store early. Read a while aloud to mother before retiring.

Friday, April 07

Rainy most of day. Cleaned again today which finished the cleaning up stairs. Got through a little after noon. Mrs. Severy spent part of PM here. I went in Mary's and we finished our talk of the night before. Helen Severy called after tea. In the evening went to lyceum; enjoyed it ever so much. Louise had an excellent paper and they had in the whole rather a better lyceum than it was last week. The question was that of Printed literature vs Public Speaking – discussion very good.

Saturday, April 08

Finished putting the chambers to rights – It was a beautiful day though a little cold. Had several callers during day, Florentine, Mandana, Georgia, Ella etc – hardly to be noticed as callers. I took a walk down to aunt Mary's after tea and then called at Ella's and found her up at our house. Went home and she and I took another walk. In going into Mrs. Stanley's, I got my dress and cloak covered with paint and had to come home and work sometime to get it off. Retired about ten.

Sunday, April 09

Arose late. Spent forenoon doing a little of everything. Reading a very little in a paper brother Henry sent me from Washington containing a description of their jubilees after rec'ing news of the "fall of Babylon." Took dinner at Aunt Mary's; she came up here. PM I went down to Ella's and spent two or three hours – spent evening reading – wrote Mell during the day.

Monday, April 10

Washed as usual – then practiced some. It rained considerably during day. I went down St. after tea. When the stage got in about 1/2 past nine eve, got the glorious news that Lee's whole army or rather his army of Northern Virginia had surrendered to Grant – then wasn't there cheering and then men marched through the village singing and cheering! The bell was rung and it was very late before it was still and we went to bed. I was reading aloud to mother when we heard the first outcry.

Tuesday, April 11

Practiced considerable in forenoon – Took a lesson about 1 PM, then went to the aid society. We had a good time and did considerable work – stimulated by the good news – quilted one quilt and after getting it done strung it out for a flag with something red white and blue upon it. After tea Aunt Mary and I called up to Mr. Chase's; Celia was not at home. In the evening there was a general jubilee; illuminations, torch lights, procession, etc., etc. It was adjourned to Fast Day (week from next Thursday) in hopes that peace will be declared before then.

Wednesday, April 12

Raining in forenoon. I ironed. Len was here. While washing Ella called in forenoon. After dinner I practiced a very little while then went down to Ella's, and we began us some flags. I nearly finished mine before night, as I practiced a little after tea then sewed on it until about ten in evening. Aunt Mary was up a while after tea. Rec'd a letter from Henry - very interesting

Thursday, April 13

Ella came up in forenoon, and we finished our flags and "raised them." They looked finely – Ella's stopped to dinner – We raced most all the afternoon – called at Mrs. Hinds and on Miss Rawson – After tea we had a horseback ride – quite a long one. I rode "Old Bill" she uncle Wm's other horse. Rode till we were quite tired and lame. It was Ella's first attempt - After that went up in Ella's room and had a sing. Ella met with quite an accident just after lighting me to door or rather her lamp did – tipped over, broke globe etc

Friday, April 14

Practiced a little while in AM. After dinner Louise Trask called; Miss Rawson came early to give me my lesson. Then went to Soldiers Aid Society, packed another box; we girls wrote some notes and put in the socks. After tea mother went out street; I practiced, sewed etc. Louise called in, and we had a good chat and sing. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm were up in the evening. Sat up for mail but got nothing. War news continues good. Gusta rode horse back tonight. School scholars took a walk. How I wish I was one of them "as of old".

Saturday, April 15

Sewed a good part of day. Practiced a little. Olivia and her sister came down in forenoon, were here to dinner. We were right glad to see them. After tea I pleated and sewed the skirt of my dress on the waist, then called in to Adrian's to see her rug. From thence down to Louise's where I spent the evening. Soon after I got home the stage came bringing the sad and horrible intelligence that President Lincoln has been murdered. The lives of Sec Seward and his son and several of his family were attempted but were alive at last accounts. Did not retire until very late

Sunday, April 16

Arose late. Draped my flag in black and put it out the first thing. During forenoon, the large flag was trimmed in black and raised also any amt of small flags, doorknobs dressed in black etc., etc. Everyone seems to mourn as well they may – it seems the greatest calamity of the war – tis hard to see that good can grow out of it, but "with God nothing is impossible" and nothing is done but for our good. Was down to Aunt Mary's in eve had some hulled corn and milk. Wrote Lucia and Ellen.

Monday, April 17

Pleasant. Washed AM. Practiced considerable in PM. Ella called also. Aunt Mary, Ella and I concluded to make some calls after tea. Accordingly set out – met Eliza Brackett whom we were going to call on for one coming up street, so we did not go down that way at all. Called up to Mr. Bolster's where we had a nice call, then went to her room, sung a while then I came home. Sat up for the mail and heard the news read. Nothing relative to the assassins has been learned Sec. Seward yet, it is thought, will recover. President Lincoln to be buried Wednesday

Tuesday, April 18

Quite pleasant. Practiced then ironed AM. Took a music lesson in PM. After tea Louise and I went up to meeting house from there out on the plains to walk. Then we called down to Ella's. Had a good sing, came home, and I read aloud to mother until the stage got in. Then went over and heard the news. It seems so strange this week – gloomy and sad as though something dreadful had happened that cast a gloom over everything. I think every one here even the most rank of the Copperheads except a few ignorant ones seem to lament the death of President Lincoln. R. Hinds returned from Portland.

Wednesday, April 19

Windy and quite cold – some of we girls had planned to go a maying but gave it up it was so cold. Mrs. Babb was here making soap, etc. Mary and I fixed our flags etc., in forenoon. Attended the funeral of Mr. Brown at the church in afternoon. After tea did some millinery work. Ella, Mary, Clara Bolster and others called. When Ella went home we went down to uncle Wm's a moment and got some papers, came home, and read the news to mother. I almost feel as though I could see those assassins strung up myself as well as "Magnanimous Lee." Went up to church and helped decorate it after the funeral.

Thursday, April 20

Fast Day. Very pleasant yet cold. Services at church commenced at one PM. Aunt Mary and I raced around considerable in morning. Were up to church helping sometime; it looks beautifully, considering the time and materials we had to do with. There was a very large congregation out, and Mr. Johnson preached a very excellent discourse from the text Prob. 34th and 35th verses of 14th Chap. The only fault was it was not half long enough. After tea Mandana, Abbie and Jane Edmunds called. I read some before retiring.

Friday, April 21

Rainy and cold. It snowed considerable during night and rained during day. A few of us went up to the meeting house and took down the things in morning. In afternoon mother and I cleaned our china closet and washed the dishes. Aunt Mary was up and Mr. Harlow also made quite a lengthy call here during afternoon. After tea I practiced. There was a Lyceum but it was so rainy I did not attend. Had the blues in eve but drove them off by reading in Home Magazine. Retired quite early for us of late.

Saturday, April 22

Cloudy in forenoon, but it cleared away about noon and was splendid PM. We baked etc., etc. AM I went down and helped aunt Mary sew. PM Abbie Stone was there. Mrs. Hinds and Rilly also came down. Rilly stopped to tea called with me at Ella's in eve. Came home and found May and Louise here popping corn. Little Albert came down PM to make a visit. Mrs. Severy was taken very sick this eve. Louise and I were in there to hear news read and get our mail

Sunday, April 23

Pleasant but windy. Arose quite early for Sunday morning wrote and practiced some AM. After tea went down to aunt Mary's to get a paper; Hiram and Ella were there. Came home and read till quite late.

Monday, April 24

Washed early in forenoon got through and did some cleaning house before dinner. I also practiced a while. In afternoon practiced sometime. Mary was in. After tea went down to Ella's. She and I made several calls at Mrs. Bent's and Miss Rawson's.

Tuesday, April 25

Mrs. Babb was here, and we finished house cleaning. I worked hard all day, did not get fairly through till dark. Took a music lesson in PM. We rec'd a letter from aunt Whittier and Ellen. Very interesting, aunt is some better for which I feel very thankful. Retired late. Hiram and Ella started for Brunswick.

Wednesday, April 26

Beautiful morning. Ironed then practiced. Called down to see Miss Rawson before dinner. She and I went up to school in PM. It seemed dull – not a bit like old times. After tea Miss Rawson called sang and played some. We are going to try and get up some singing for Mr. Howard's examination.

Thursday, April 27

Very pleasant. Mary and I went May flowering in morn, did not have very good luck yet had a nice walk. Cleaned up the front door yard after we got home. In the afternoon I tried to practice but had such a headache it did not amount to much. Mother went to the circle at Mrs. French's. After tea felt better. Rilly Hinds and Augusta called and took me to a ride. Afterwards Mrs. Hinds, Aunt Mary, and Rilly called spent most of eve. We got the news of Booth's arrest.

Friday, April 28

Worked in door yard most of forenoon, practiced a very short time. Took a lesson in afternoon. "Aunt Hitty" was here to tea. Louise and I called up at Celia Chase's and at Mrs. Edmunds' after tea; then went to a teachers' meeting at the school house. I had a present of a bottle of very nice cologne. Mrs. Severy was very sick in the night; they feared she would not get well.

Saturday, April 29

Rainy in forenoon. I went down Aunt Mary's a while in morning. Came home and practiced till noon – crocheted in PM, was in Mary's a while. After tea there was a sing here preparatory to Examination. Had a good time. Aunt Mary was up in eve. Rec'd a letter from Mell saying he will not be at home until the last of May – feel disappointed on several accounts.

Sunday, April 30

Pleasant, arose late. Read, played and sang, wrote etc., etc. During day Gusta was up several times. After tea Louise and I went out Mayflowering, had very good luck and found plenty of flowers and had a nice walk. Called at Mrs. Trask's coming home. Rilly called with Gusta soon after I got back Mandana was in in the evening. Retired in quite good season.

Monday, May 01

Quite pleasant until eve then rainy. Arose early and washed etc – got about two hours to practice AM. In afternoon went down to Louise's a while and with her down to Tavern and milliner's shop. Came home and sewed some. There was a big time generally up at Mexico Corner picnic, walk, ride, and dance. The "ride out" came down here. In the eve the girls met here to sing. Have made a good beginning to day; hope I shall continue to do as much every day this week as today; shall feel very well satisfied if I do.

Tuesday, May 02

Pleasant. Practiced some AM. Took a lesson PM. Rec'd a note from Ella and answered it. They met here to sing quite early got through before dark. Mother made some calls after tea. Mrs. Hinds, Louise and Mary were in in the evening. Mrs. Severy had a very sick day. The river drivers came to town. Got a paper from Henry and sat up late to read it. News is so interesting now, I want to read a great deal more than I have time to.

Wednesday, May 03

Arose late. Not very pleasant. Ironed AM, practiced some also a white in afternoon then went down to aunt Mary's, stopped to tea. The girls came in to sing after tea - Louise and Mary were in. Louise brought in a paper, dropped in the Street accidentally on purpose, stating the political sentiments of Mrs. L.[amont] E. Griffith. Got another paper from Henry. Late when I retired.

Thursday, May 04

Worked in garden and practiced in AM. PM took a music lesson and sewed. After tea the girls came in and sung. There was a party of horseback riders down from Mexico. Spent the evening reading. Mrs. Hinds Mary and Louise were in. Louise and I sat up with Mrs. Severy – I took a bad cold as we had to have windows and doors open.

Friday, May 05

Came home from Mrs. Severy's about six o'clock, went to bed and slept little over an hour, then arose and prepared to attend the examination. The exercises were very interesting indeed – we had quite good success in our music. Quite a number were present – they did not get through until late, then it was raining quite hard, and we had to come home with out umbrellas which somewhat added to my cold. In the eve Mr. Howard had a party. I did not attend on account of the rain and my cold. Retired early – spent the eve reading.

Saturday, May 06

Raining, was most sick, managed to practice a little in AM and sew some after taking a nap in PM. Aunt Mary was up a while PM – Mrs. Eliza White also called. Mary was in in the evening.

Sunday, May 07

Arose late – read some AM. Augusta came up for me to go down to see the Indians encamped about two miles from here with her – were going with Uncle Wm team but Rilly offered to carry and so he did. George Drowns, Addie Lovejoy, and Mary Mitchell also went. We carried them some provisions of which they seemed in great need. Stopped at Uncle Wm's to dinner then came home and took a nap. Wrote Mell. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm were up after tea. Mrs. Severy had a very bad spell.

Monday, May 08

Washed AM then practiced. Spent part of afternoon in Mary's – called into Mr. Allen's after tea; also at Mary Mitchell's. Mary and I went down to shop to see the new goods – Went down to aunt Mary's of an errand in eve.

Tuesday, May 09

Sewed some, practiced a good deal. Took a lesson PM. Was very hoarse and most sick with a cold.

Wednesday, May 10

Pleasant. Practiced considerable, should have done so more, but it disturbed Mrs. Severy, so I stopped. Louise was in PM, and I promised to go down to her house after tea but had callers so did not – Mrs. Howard and Miss Woodbury called. Rained all day. I was most sick. George Small painted our sitting room over one coat. We had to live in the parlor, which was not very agreeable. Aunt Mary and Uncle Wm were up awhile after tea.

Friday, May 12

Still Rainy. Cold not much better. Practiced some and took my lesson. The rain abated the middle of the afternoon. Louise and Mrs. Stanley called after tea, spent most of the evening.

Saturday, May 13

Pleasant. My cold was very much better, so I walked out in morning. Mother went to Mexico. In PM I practiced – George Small was here painting PM. After tea went down to Louise's with my work, Louise Trask was there also – towards dark Louise and I called up to Celia's. Had a nice call. Rec'd a letter from Mell. Ella returned from Brunswick.

Sunday, May 14

Beautiful Day – Called down to see Ella a moment in morn. Went to Sabbath School at 9 o'clock. Mr. Johnson entered upon his labors here today – preached two very interesting discourses. Had quite a large congregation all day. The organization of the Sabbath School was highly pleasing – it seems encouraging to have a minister who will aid in the Sabbath School. After tea Louise and I took a walk down to the grave yard; as we came up I called at Mr. Stanley's a few minutes. Aunt Mary was up in eve.

Monday, May 15

Pleasant and very warm. Washed in morning – Practiced a little before dinner – called in to see Mrs. Severy and found her appearing quite – she is so much better. PM called down to Ella's. Practiced some down there and trimmed my hat. She came up home with me – After ten Ella and I made five or six calls that we had been delaying a long time. When the stage came we got the glorious news of Jeff Davis' capture – but not many particulars. We rec'd a letter from Hen. Hope I shall feel as happy one week from tonight as I do tonight – Mary's father came.

Tuesday, May 16

Very warm – Practiced early in morning then worked in the garden till noon, got very tired. Took my music lesson PM then took a nap – Read a very little and called into Mrs. Severy's. She continues better. After tea folded clothes, etc., then went down to Ella's. Called at Aunt Mary's and Mr. Howard to get my certificate, but he was not at home. Ella came home with me and we had a good sing. Sat up and read the news awhile after stage came. Albert Park was buried today.

Wednesday, May 17

Still warmer than it was yesterday – Mrs. Taylor was here papering. I ironed in AM – practiced a very little. Called in to Adrian's a while PM – A peddler called here and Louise, Mary, and I had some fun with him. I made a few purchases. After tea worked in garden a while. Aunt Mary was up in eve. Sue Woodbury called AM.

Thursday, May 18

Worked hard all day till about three PM about house; put carpet in sitting room down, set the chambers to rights parlor, etc., in short had one of "Aunt Dinah's clearing up days." In PM practiced some. After tea went down Street a while. Got a letter when mail got in from Henry.

Friday, May 19

Practiced considerable, also worked in garden some. Took my lesson in AM, spent the afternoon down at Aunt Mary's. It rained in PM quite hard. Came home and studied some in eve. Mother was most sick. Retired quite early.

Saturday, May 20

Washed in forenoon, got through and practiced some before noon. Did not do much PM. Clara Bolster and Janette Burnham called PM. After tea went down to Louise's. She was out and Mrs. Stanley and I had a good chat. While there Mrs. Stowell and her children came. When Louise got home, we went out to a walk. Ella joined us and we had a very pleasant one. Louise and I called at Mrs. John Griffith's. Afterwards Ella and I called at Mrs. Hinds.

Sunday, May 21

Arose in very good season. Went to Sabbath School in morning. Came home and played a little. Louise was in after dinner. Went in Mandana's and spent two or three hours reading and studying with Christania. We had a nice shower towards night. Gusta came up and I went home with her. Stopped awhile then Aunt Mary came home with me. Wrote a long letter to Louise Knight.

Monday, May 22

Rainy. Commenced my school, had forty-eight scholars. They all seemed well disposed and I think I shall like well. Practiced a little after tea. Went into Mrs. Severy's a little while after school. Spent the evening reading. The day I have dreaded most for sometime is passed, and I think I have survived the ordeal very well. Feel very well satisfied with my day's exploits.

Tuesday, May 23

Rainy again until towards night – when it cleared away quite pleasant. After tea I made some bouquets – put one in Mell's chamber. The stage got in in quite good season, and with it came Mell. Did not retire very early – had to sit up and talk sometime after Mell came. My school continues pleasant, had several new scholars.

Wednesday, May 24

Very pleasant. School went as usual. After tea went down St – called at Mr. Ludden's of an errand and at Marg Davis'; then Ella and I went down to aunt Mary's, and then came up home, got Mell and went back to Ella's and had a little sing. I went over to Holt's and got his violin and Mell and I played a little. Mrs. John Kidder called in here in eve, also uncle Wm. Mr. Cox folks had company from Norway come.

Thursday, May 25

Cool. School goes well – Get pretty tired at night as I have to teach until nearly five at night. When I got home from school at night, we had a caller, Mr. Albert Richardson. After tea practiced a very little. Commenced a letter to Olie Brackett. Clara came down and recited her first Latin lesson – In eve I went down to aunt Mary's called to see Miss Rawson a moment. Mell and Ella were down to aunt Mary's; had a nice time. Uncle Win was right on ....

Friday, May 26

Pleasant. School went as usual; felt glad when it was done though to know that one week's labor was over. Yet I enjoy it after all; some parts of it are very pleasant. Went down to Mr. Stanley's and stopped a while after tea. Carried them some hulled corn. Clara was down to recite after tea. She gets excellent lessons in Latin.

Saturday May 27

Beautiful morn and quite warm but grew quite cold in afternoon. I worked hard in AM till nearly noon, then took a music lesson. In PM I had company, a small party of young ladies. Ella stopped some time in eve. Mell and I played a little, violin and piano, we sang etc., etc., as usual when we are together. After all had gone, Mell, Mother, and I looked at the Sabbath school lesson for tomorrow. Wish I could have Mell all the time to help me get it.

Sunday, May 28

Pleasant AM, Rainy PM. Attended church all day. Mr. Johnson preached quite full congregations. Mell made a prayer in PM. We had an interesting Sabbath School in morn, also Bible Class at noon. After meeting Mell, Mother and I went down to Uncle Wm's to tea. Mr. Johnson stopped there. We stopped until eve, then Mell and I came home, sung a little, read a little, and then retired.

Monday, May 29

Arose early. Washed before going to school or helped wash. My number of scholars increased to fifty. It rained again in forenoon but cleared away in afternoon, and Mother and Mell went to Mexico, but it rained again towards night before they got home. Hellen Severy and George Drowns made me a call after tea. I practiced some and read some. Mandana was in. There was a performance of some kind at hall. Mismeric or something of kind

Tuesday, May 30

Rainy again. I am getting most tired of this kind of weather. School went so-so. Heard Clara's lesson at school house after school. Mell and I called down to Mr. Stanley's after tea. Ella and Hiram spent the evening with us. We had a good chat, sing, play, etc., etc. It was my birthday. Uncle Wm gave me a cent, Mell a book, and mother the promise of a dress. Could have got it had I chosen. Got a letter containing a photograph from Emma Fish, which I was happy enough to receive.

Wednesday, May 31

Pleasant and warm for a wonder. Mell and Ella visited school PM. Aunt Mary took tea here. I had the blues terribly about tea time, and a while after cried and then felt better – Clara Bolster was down to recite. We had lots of callers. I was obliged to drive my blues a way and was quite willing to. Louise and I took a short ride with Rilly. In eve Mrs. Hinds and Rilly, Uncle Wm and aunt Mary, Gusta, Ella and Hiram spent the eve here. Mrs. Trask and others were in we had a very lively time. Sung played etc.

Thursday, June 01

What shall I do and where be this day and what will the state of the nation and its affairs. Beautiful Day. Our National Fast Day – yet not publicly observed here. I did not teach school in afternoon. Ironed etc. Arose very early in morning. Mell went in stage. I scarcely ever felt so badly to have him leave home. Felt sad all day. Emma Holland was up for me to assist her some in afternoon. After tea I went down to aunt Mary's after tea with my sewing. Gusta was alone and we had quite a chat. When aunt Mary came, she and Gusta came up with me. The gentlemen met to see about and what will be the state of the nation and its affairs.

Friday, June 02

Having a celebration the 4th of July next. It is kind of singular. I should have written what I did above the day set for our national Fast. It was written some months ago. Friday school went well – did not have quite as many as usual. Mr. Howard was in in forenoon, made some remarks which encouraged me a good deal. After school practiced some. After tea sewed. Called in Vinna's room a few minutes. Aunt Mary was up, and we called into Mrs. Hinds. Mrs. Rose called here. (Have written in my journal for the last two weeks tonight.)

Saturday, June 03

Warm. Miss Gleason worked here sewing. I sewed very steadily all day. Ella called in PM. After tea Miss Delia Gleason and Hattie Wheeler called. Ella was also up again in eve. I got Sabbath School lesson in evening etc., etc. Accomplished a good deal during day.

Sunday, June 04

Very warm. We had showers after tea. Attended Sabbath School in morning. Came home and played a little. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm were up and I went home with them and took dinner there. Wrote a letter in PM. Uncle Wm carried Gusta and I to a ride towards night – Louise and I went up to the grave yard. Rilly was out riding, overtook us and carried us to a short one. In eve I was up stairs with my window open and three great beetle bugs came in. I had quite a battle with them.

Monday, June 05

Got up early and washed, then went to school as usual. School went well. After tea sewed on my dress. Went down to aunt Mary's and Gusta helped me. Ella was down in eve. Got a catalogue from Mell.

Tuesday, June 06

Warm and pleasant. Alverado Reed brought little Ella down AM. They were here to dinner. Ella went to school PM. Olivia and Mary Leavitt were down in PM. Olie and Mrs. Cadworth arrived before I got home from school. Olivia and Ella went home before tea. Olie and I made some calls after tea. Did not go to sleep very early.

Wednesday, June 07

Warm. Felt sorry to go to school and leave Olie. We all took dinner at aunt Mary's. It was the warmest afternoon of the season. Went down to aunt Mary's to tea. Olie spent the afternoon at Mr. Wheeler's. After tea wrote Lou, sitting out on aunt Mary's piazza. There was a thunder shower in eve. I felt very tired at night. Scholars stopped and trimmed the school house after school.

Thursday, June 08

Warm again. Olie visited my school in AM. Mrs. C, aunt Mary, Gusta, etc., spent afternoon at our house. After tea we walked out up to church, etc. Then in eve we took a ride by moonlight – there were five teams in all that went had a nice time. Sang and played some afterwards. Olie and I sat up till nearly eleven waiting for mail. Went to sleep that night pretty soon after retiring.

Friday, June 09

Pleasant. D. Austin and wife called here while I was at school. Olie went up to see L. Stockwell. Took tea at aunt Mary's. After tea they all came up here I took a music lesson after tea, then we made a call at Ella's also aunt Mary's. We did not go to bed again very early.

Saturday, June 10

Warm, but we had several showers. Mrs. C and Olie went home. In morning ironed; had a very large ironing and felt very tired when I got through. Took a nap then ate my dinner about 1 o'clock afterwards. Cleaned up and sewed remainder of PM and after tea a while. Then went down to Ella's. She came up home with me in eve. I looked out Sabbath School lesson. Rec'd two papers.

Sunday, June 11

Attended meeting all day. Mr. Johnson preached two splendid discourses. Did not stop to Bible class at noon. Mrs. Brown and bub called here at noon took dinner here. After meeting PM Aunt Mary and uncle Wm called. After they went I went up stairs and lay down. Had lain but a short time and the bell rang. Went down and Rilly had called to invite me to a ride with he and Louise. We went nearly down to Canton. It was a splendid night and we enjoyed the ride much. Found Ella here when I got back. She is going to Brunswick tomorrow.

Monday, June 12

School went as usual. It was quite warm, had a shower. After tea Louise was up here awhile and I went down home with her. Practiced a little in eve, felt very tired at bed time.

Tuesday, June 13

School went very well, better than day before – It was quite a cool day. Aunt Mary was here to dinner. In PM Louise and Rilly Hinds visited my school. After school we went out to "Charley's Camp". Were very much amused at many of his sayings and doings but yet cannot say as our call was altogether pleasant. After tea practiced some. Lovina Allen called here. Went down to Louise's in eve, and we had a good time sing etc., etc.

Wednesday, June 14

Cool. School went well. Practiced a little in morn also at night. Felt very tired at night. Laid down and got rested after tea, then went down to aunt Mary's. Called at Mrs. Hinds a few minutes. Gusta came up home with me. Louise is most sick with toothache. We expected Hen would come to Mexico in stage but he did not.

Thursday, June 15

Decidedly cold, in evening a fire felt decidedly comfortable. Ironed some before school. After tea studied some, then practiced. Mrs. Severy was in. I called at Louise's coming from school she looks quite comical, her face is swollen so. We looked for Henry some. Wrote Ella a note in eve.

Friday, June 16

Rained several times during day. Had speaking and select reading in PM at school. After tea took a music lesson; mother went to ride. Met Lieut. George Bisbee in St, just to speak with him a moment. He and several other soldiers returned last night. He saw Henry a week or more since. After I took my lesson at night. Miss Rawson and I took a walk. Then I went in to the tavern and spent most of eve with them. Frank walked home with me. The band played in eve at Scott Chase's. Got a paper from C and also my magazine.

Saturday, June 17

Practiced two hours and worked about house in forenoon. Spent afternoon down at aunt Mary's, After tea Lieut Ludden and wife and child called, also Mrs. Mitchell. After they went I called over to Mrs. Chapman's. While there Rilly called and asked me to go to ride. We rode up to Corner – had quite a talk about matters and things. Recd a paper.

Sunday, June 18

Extremely warm. Got up early got Sabbath School lesson before breakfast. Attended Sabbath School at nine AM. Went down to Louise's with her a little while after Sabbath School – Came home and read a little, wrote a little, practiced a little, etc. Mandana was in a while – there was a sing after tea at meeting house, after which some of us went out on plains and got some young checkerberries. Called up to Mrs. Edmunds a little while. Had callers, a number of them in eve. Ella among rest who returned last night.

Monday, June 19

Very warm again, rather tedious teaching. School went as well as could be expected this warm weather. I washed some in morning. At night went down to shop with mother, called at Ella's. Aunt Mary and Gusta were up in eve. We had strawberries for tea for the first time. Did not get home from school till nearly five PM, felt pretty tired. There was an earthquake in the night, but I heard nothing of it; most everyone did in town.

Tuesday, June 20

Cloudy in morning, looked like rain. Very warm PM. Let school out considerable early as I was invited to Louise to a small tea party, but just as I got ready to go who should call but Mrs. Livingston Randall who stopped till five o'clock. I then went down to tea and spent a very pleasant evening – We had a nice shower in eve. Rec'd a letter from Henry saying he had made application for a furlough but was by no means sure of it.

Wednesday, June 21

Warm again. School went well. Practiced a little in morning. After school went down to aunt Mary's to tea. The Wheeler girls who are home on a visit spent the afternoon there. There was a meeting of the Sabbath School teachers after tea, but I felt so tired I did not attend it – sewed some on my balmoral – towards night called in to Sue B's. Some of my scholars were in our house in eve. Bella Chapman, Mary and Louise also Hellen Kidder, Gusta and Ella. Uncle Wm and aunt Mary were up for mail. Retired about ten pretty tired. Should have written a letter tonight.

Thursday, June 22

Had a good school. Called into Louise a few moments in morning before school. She and Mary and some others went up river a strawberrying AM. Called at Mr. Bolster's a few moments coming home from school, also at Louise's. After tea we had a short shower after which Louise and I went out begging for the Sabbath School library or rather for funds to replenish it. Not a very enviable job but we succeeded very well. And had some very pleasant calls. All seemed to give very cheerfully. Commenced a letter to aunt Whitter after I got home. We rec'd a letter from Mell.

Friday, June 23

Over to Mrs. Chapman's. While there Rilly called and asked me to go to ride. We rode up to Corner – had quite a talk about matters and things. Rec'd a paper.

Saturday, June 24

Quite warm and a very busy day with me. Ada was here AM and cut my silk dress. I ironed, sewed, curled my curls etc., etc. Aunt Mary was up awhile PM. Aurora and Livingston Randall spent PM with Mary. After tea I was in there. We went out to walk called at Mrs. Edmunds - I afterwards called down to Ella's. Felt very tired at night. Looked over my Sabbath School lesson in eve. Rec'd two papers from Milwaukee.

Sunday, June 25

Extremely warm till towards night when we had showers had one at noon. Mr. Johnson preached two splendid discourses, especially the afternoon sermon which was something quite new to me at least. Mr. and Mrs. Gleason and their mother from Mexico were here at noon. Had a good Sabbath School. After meeting read some and practiced some, then Louise and I went down to grave yard and called in to aunt Mary's as we came back and got caught in a long shower. Mrs. Hinds and Rilly were also there. Got some wet coming home. Retired about nine.

Monday, June 26

School went as usual – but had a little something out side of school to disturb me. Some one got into school house from Friday night to Sunday and damaged some of Mr. Howard's things up stairs considerable. I felt dreadfully about it. Had headache and was most sick after school. Miss Rawson called and cheered me up, so that I felt nicely when she left. She made quite a long call. Mary was also in and Mrs. Severy. Studied some in eve.

Tuesday, June 27

Quite cool. School went well; Miss Gleason was here at work. Heard at noon that Henry has got home. When I got home at night he was down here; I was glad enough to see him. He did not stop long after tea. Called down to Mrs. Howard's after he went home, then went to ride with Ella down to lower grave yard – enjoyed it much – then made a short call up in Ella's room and into lower hotel. Florence and Miss Rawson came home with me. Retired about ten o'clock, quite tired.

Wednesday, June 28

Felt very tired after school. Wind blew hard all day. Miss Rawson and Lilly Austin made me a call at school. After tea Miss Rawson gave me a music lesson. Ella and aunt Mary were up towards night. Miss Rawson stopped sometime after giving my lesson. I think her very agreeable in conversation and like her ever so much better upon acquaintance

Thursday, June 29

After tea, Ella, Miss Rawson and myself went over to Charley Chase's camp. Had a very pleasant call. He sang with us, etc. Afterwards called at aunt Mary's. Frank Marble invited me to go with her up to Mexico tomorrow night. Practiced a little after I got home.

Friday, June 30

Pleasant and very warm. School went well all day. Scholars wrote and spoke pieces in PM. After tea rec'd a call from Mrs. Celia Chase. She invited me to go up to the grave yard with her which I did. Had a very pleasant walk afterward. Called at Ella's, Mrs. Harlow's, etc. Aunt Mary was up in eve. Rec'd a paper from Milwaukee.

Saturday, July 01

Showery all day. I was about sick all day until towards night. Ada Gleason was here PM. In afternoon sewed. In forenoon, I commenced to wash but was able only to get the clothes on to boil, and mother had to finish them, and I go to bed. After tea was a good deal better and went down to milliner's with mother and spent the evening with Ella. After I came home got my Sabbath School lesson. Had another Milwaukee paper sent me.

Sunday, July 02

Rainy. Did not attend Sabbath School as I was not very well, passed rather a lonely day – Read some, wrote some, practiced some. Retired quite early with headache. Was in Mary's a while after tea. Mandana was in during day.

Monday, July 03

It was a splendid day to ride. Quite cool yet warm enough for comfort. Arose late feeling better. Commenced school with pretty good courage. Scholars had considerable to say about their exploits. The next day soon found their minds were not on study so much as on some other things. Ella came up to school about 1/2 past 10 and invited me to go to Augusta in PM with she and Hiram. So I dismissed school about eleven went home and got ready. We started at a little after one o'clock. Stopped at Livermore to tea. Got to Readfield about half past eight, found Lou and aunt all alone. Readfield people had all made arrangements to go to Lewiston, so we changed our plan. Retired about 12 o'clock pretty tired.

Tuesday, July 04

Bells commenced to ring soon after we got to bed and rung all the morning. Did not get much sleep. However got up quite early and prepared for one excursion. Got down to depot a little after seven. Met Costello in morn. He went to depot, met Mell and Isa and many other acquaintances. Had to wait there a long time for cars. There were about a dozen in our particular company. Lou left Readfield depot. Got nice seats going down and returning. Arrived in Livermore about noon, proceeded from depot to common. Saw procession pass, etc., heard some of oration which was splendid – Went to L's saloon to dinner all of us – though we had a room at Dewitt, had a nice dinner and their private parlor all to our selves. From thence, Mell ...

Wednesday, July 05

... Isa and myself went up to College, saw Sarah Ricker and Fannie White. Returned to Dewitt, found our company stopped there a while, then went out on Common and heard the music, waiting for the Balloon ascension which did not come off till about six. Took tea at Dewitt, then we girls went out to walk down street. Got back just in season to go out and see fireworks. Started for home about eleven. Arrived there about one. Tired enough. (Wednesday) Arose late. Breakfasted about ten o'clock. Lou and I called down to school a few moments before noon. Dined at aunt Gile's. Ella and Hiram went to Augusta. I called at Viola's PM and at John W about 3 o'clock PM. We all started for Mr. Hawes's where we were invited to tea. Ellen was there, also Hiram, and Ella came there from A, had a nice time. Aunt Whittier went which made it seem better. I spent the night there. In the eve we had music of course. Ella and Hiram spent the night at William's. We retired in quite good season.

Thursday, July 06

Pleasant. Mell carried me to Corner about eight o'clock. Lu and I had quite a talk in parlor in private – hardly know what to make of some things she told me. Afterwards we all made a few calls. Lu and I called at Vance's. Took an early dinner and got started about half past twelve. Called at Mr. Cadworths on our way – did not stop at Livermore but came straight along. Had a nice ride home. Arrived here a little after six. I had the headache in eve. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm were up in eve. I had a good deal to tell them. Retired in good season. Mother had given out word there would be no more school this week.

Friday, July 07

Arose in quite good season. Had considerable clearing up to do. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm took dinner here. Louise and Miss Rawson called in PM. After tea called in Mandana's; while there Rilly and Louise called to take me to ride. It was quite cool riding, still we had a very good time. Uncle Wm was in in eve. We had to have a fire it was so cool.

Saturday, July 08

Warmer. I did a large wash in morn. Did not get through till about noon practiced a very little. PM took a short nap. Albert and Ella came down to stop a few days – I went down to Ella's and aunt Mary's when I got rested. After tea Louise and I

went out again with our subscription paper, had pretty good luck. Uncle Wm and aunt Mary were up waiting for mail. We got the news of the execution of several of the conspirators. Lurs, Lurrat, Harrold, Paine and Alzeroth. Mary Stanley's baby was born about 7 o'clock morn.

Sunday, July 9

Pleasant but cool. Attended Sabbath school in morning also meeting all day and Bible class at noon. Mrs. Elijah Holman was here at noon. After tea there was a lecture up at Newman school house by Mr. Johnson, and lots from here went up. I went with George and Gusta. It was very cold but was glad I went. Mr. Johnson preached finally. Put down Adventism to my satisfaction. People seemed much pleased generally. Preaches there again in a fortnight; hope to go up.

Monday, July 10

Cool. Commenced school again – it seemed all most like commencing again the first day. Had rather less than common. After school went down St a little while Louise and Rilly called and spent most of evening. I went in to see our new baby. It is as pretty as need to be. I really love it now. Retired in pretty good season. Albert went up to farm with uncle Wm's folks.

Tuesday, July 11

Cool. Albert went up on the plains and got some blueberrys AM. Mrs. Torrey was here sewing in AM. She and Jane were here to dinner. After tea felt pretty tired. However went down to aunt Mary's, Ella's, and called at Mr. Mitchell's – went in to see the baby a moment. Louise called here – also aunt Mary Gusta and uncle Wm. Took a music lesson at Mr. Marble's right away after school as Miss Rawson was down. She stops at home now having company from N. York. Retired early but was restless all night.

Wednesday, July 12

Showery. Had good school all day smaller than usual. Henry came down before noon, was here to dinner – did not go home till towards night, carried the children. Ella was up after tea, also Gusta. I went down to Louise's after they went home and Louise persuaded me to spend the night with her, so we went up to get the mail and went in and told mother.

Thursday, July 13

Met Mr. Howard going to school, and he told me he should visit school in afternoon but did not. Two ladies from Carthage took dinner here. After tea went into Mandana's a while, then went down to Ella's a while and practiced. Had a very small school.

Friday, July 14

Had a good school though small. Mrs. Col. Morrill and Mrs. Smith and her son from Mass. took dinner here. They are stopping in Peru now but are going to visit in the village here, and Mrs. Morrill will make it her headquarters here. After tea I made quite a long call up in Mary's room. Then went down to aunt Mary's. Afterwards Ella Louise and I walked a little ways.

Saturday, July 15

Arose in quite good season. Ironed in morning and about ten o'clock went with Gusta up to uncle Wm's farm and spent the rest of the day there. Aunt Mary went up early in morning. I had a splendid appetite for my dinner and enjoyed the day much till in PM we went out a raspberrying and the sun was so hot that it gave me a severe headache. After I got home at night I was quite sick. Retired for a wonder before the stages got in. Ella was up in evening. Did not feel able to get my Sabbath School lesson as usual Saturday evening.

Sunday, July 16

Cloudy and showery. Got my lesson in morning and went to Sabbath school. Afterwards down to aunt Mary's to get some papers – aunt and uncle came up home with me. We called in Mary's room PM attended meeting at chapel. Rev. L. G. Norcross preached a very good discourse too. Mother went also. It rained some when we came home. Continued raining all night. Uncle Win was up a while in eve. I wrote Mell.

Monday, July 17

Washed in morning. It rained torrents at school time in morning. I had only ten scholars AM. The storm cleared off about noon. I carried my dinner but came home after all. In PM had more scholars. After tea called down to Mr. Brock's, also at Mr. Wheeler's. Ella and I also called at Louise's. Ella spent part of eve here. Louise was also in a little while. There was some pretty loud talk on tavern piazza in eve.

Tuesday, July 18

Ella went to Harpswell. I was down to Louise's after tea we intended to make some calls, but Mrs. Stanley was gone away so we did not get started out till too late. Took a short walk however, the New daily commenced to run. Mother had a letter that pleased us somewhat.

Wednesday, July 19

Pleasant. Mother spent the afternoon at Mrs. Stanley's; they had a small party – Mrs. Morrill and Mrs. Smith being there. Aunt Mary was up after tea. Louise and I went out to walk towards night, and I called there a few minutes. Wrote a letter for mother.

Thursday, July 20

Rainy in morning but cleared away about school time. Brother Henry came down AM and spent the day. After tea he and I went out and picked some peas. I picked a bouquet for him to carry Nell. Did a little writing etc., preparatory to the close of my school. Called at Louise's a few moments as usual. Celia was there; they had been a blueberrying. Rec'd a couple of papers from Ohio, also a letter from Mell.

Friday, July 21

Beautiful day though we had a shower at noon. The last day of my school. I had no public examination though the parents were invited to come in. Flora Bartlett and Mrs. Howard were all the company we had. I felt kind of glad to have school close yet not so overjoyed as I have felt sometimes. Everything passed off pleasantly, etc. Mother went up to Henry's in PM, did not return till night.

Saturday, July 22

Pleasant. Cool in morning. I went up to Henry's with Hiram and spent the day. Had a very good time and helped Nell considerable. Spent the evening with Florence and Elma. Mrs. B went to Lewiston and C Stockbridge is dead. In the eve commenced ["Cudjues Cave"] like it much; did not retire very early. Henry and Hiram did not get through till nearly midnight.

Sunday, July 23

Arose about seven. It was a beautiful day very warm. We came home in morning in time for Sabbath School. I went S. School but not to church AM. Attended in PM and it was uncomfortably warm in church. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm were in after meeting. Also George and Gusta. George invited Gusta and I to go to Carthage to meeting with him but we did not go – I did not feel as though I wanted to go a bit. Though would have gone with George as quick as anyone and felt sorry to refuse. Wrote some letters. Was in Mandana's in eve and sung some.

Monday, July 24

In forenoon washed swept chambers etc., etc. In afternoon practiced and did a little of everything had several callers after tea: Clara Bolster, Hannah Lovejoy, Gusta and aunt Mary. Clara invited me to go a blueberrying with their folks next day. Aunt Mary invited mother to go to farm with her; we both decided to go. Louise went to Canton after tea. Clara and I called in there a few moments to see the new instrument. Like it much.

Tuesday, July 25

Pleasant. I went down to aunt Mary's and picked a six quart pail full of currants then went up to Mr. Bolster's. From thence onto Red Ledge with them blueberrying. We rode up to Mr. Stockbridge's: Aunt Deborah, Mrs. Bolster, Ben, Clara, Gerry Harlow and myself made up our party. There were others on the mount. I will not stop to enumerate our adventures for they are too numerous. I had sick headache as usual – we did not get home until after seven, almost tired to death. I think it is the last of my blueberrying this year.

Wednesday, July 26

Warm. Did a large ironing in forenoon. Mother made jelly and preserves. In PM practiced some, sewed a little. After tea went down to Louise's a little while. Came home and read a while, then retired quite early

Thursday, July 27

Washed windows and "cleaned up round" in morning. Took a lesson towards noon. In afternoon commenced the sleeves to my silk dress. Mary took dinner with us, Mrs. Severy was in PM. After tea mended some, had several callers. I went down to aunt Mary's towards night. Read after coming home a while. Called at Mr. Howard's a few moments to get my register.

Friday, July 28

Sewed quite steadily all day, practiced but very little. Nearly finished my dress. Our new neighbors arrived in PM. Aunt Nelly Parker took tea with us. I was in Mary's room a while in PM. Aunt Mary made us a short call after tea. In eve I read and filled out my school register. Mary Eustis got home.

Saturday, July 29

Dog Days weather. Sewed most all day practiced a while. In PM received a call from Emma Farnham. After tea Clara Bolster and Frank Marble called. After they went, practiced a while then got my Sabbath School lesson. One of our new landlords' daughter's plays and sings very prettily. Has been singing nearly all eve. Has a very good toned reed instrument.

Sunday, July 30

Mr. Elliot preached at chapel. I did not attend. Went to Sabbath School then came home and read all day most. Henry was down and took tea with us. After tea mother went out to walk with Mrs. Stanley. I called at Mrs. Severy's after she got back.

Monday, July 31

Washed in morning. In afternoon went down to Frank Marble's and got a pattern. Then went to Shop and got materials for a sack. Had it cut and worked some on it. Louise and I called up to Mrs. Abbot's in eve. It was a splendid eve. We rec'd a letter from Mell urging us very much to come to Readfield.

Tuesday, August 01

Very warm. I ironed then sewed on sack – went up to Mrs. Abbot's PM and got my work. Adrian helped me some. PM I called at Louise's. In eve Mrs. Edwin Wait came to aunt Mary's.

Wednesday, August 02

Commenced my toilet cushion for Isa. Mrs. Knight called here in morning. After tea Mother and I went down to aunt Mary's to see Mrs. Waite – In eve they all came up to our house. I wrote Mell a note saying we would be at Readfield on Saturday.

Thursday, August 03

Very warm. Mrs. Wait called here in morning. Mrs. Knight took dinner here spent part of afternoon. I went over to Florentine's a while and got her to show me about my cushion. After tea Louise and I called down to aunt Mary's, also at Mr. Blaisdell's, While there Rilly came to our door for us and mother sent him there. He wanted us to go to a little dance at Marble's, so we got ready, and it was all given up after all. Mariah Mathews called here in eve.

Friday, August 04

Was busy all day getting things ready for a start next day. There was a shower in afternoon. I called at Louise a few moments in PM. She came up after tea, and we went down to Georgia's; also called at Frank Marble's a little while. It was a splendid eve. I wished we could take part of our ride then, as I expected is would be extremely warm next day. But instead....

Saturday, August 05

It was a fine day, very cool and comfortable. We started about eight o'clock, arrived at Livermore about noon – Mrs. E. Wait rode down as far as Jay with us. We took dinner at Livermore and after dinner aunt Mary and I went out and looked around a little; made some very extensive purchases. Left Livermore about two and arrived at R about half past four – found aunt W comfortable when we got there, but before we left she had a very bad spell. Uncle Wm and aunt Mary stopped there all night. Mother and I went up to Mr. Hawes. Pres Cheney was there.

Sunday, August 06

Mell's Wedding Day. Had a sing in eve in which Mr. C joined. Arose in quite good season after breakfast and worship. Mrs. Hawes, Isa's aunt from Augusta, Isa, Manda and I went up stairs, tried on the bridal outfit, etc., had some fun if it was Sunday morning – Afterward I rode down to Corner with Hamlin to learn how Aunt was, etc. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm came up with us. Nearly all of us went to church in morning. Uncle Wm, aunt Mary, mother, and I took dinner at a Mr. Dudley's. Church was crowded all day. Mell and Isa were married by Pres Cheney after afternoon services, after which we all went to Mr. Haross' and partook of a splendid collation. Uncle and aunt Gile, George, Lu, and Albert were all there.

Monday, August 07

Rainy in morning but cleared away about noon. "Aunt Emma" and I washed the dishes after breakfast – Edith and I had a nice time romping; also I never saw a child I became attached to in so short a time. Took an early dinner and started for home. Hamlin drove us up to Livermore. I drove the rest of way. Stopped in L an hour or so, arrived home about dark. Took tea at uncle Wm's. Found things all right etc., etc. It seemed sad to leave them as they were at the Corner. Aunt Whitter so low and little Frank Gile. I doubt if we ever see either alive again.

Tuesday, August 08

Arose early and washed AM. Ella called up in afternoon with her work. After tea she and I made a few calls down to Hannah Matthews, at Mrs. Hearst's. Hannah and Wheeler girls came up St with us. I rec'd a letter from Lottie saying she was coming to make me a visit.

Wednesday, August 09

Ironed AM. PM went down to Ella's and made one of those butterfly neckties. Mell and Isa came also Amanda. After tea aunt Mary and uncle Wm were up. We had quite a little sing. Amanda was very tired, and we retired pretty early, but did not go to sleep directly.

Thursday, August 10

Had a pleasant time all day. Isa wrote some for Mell, practiced some. Manda sewed, etc. – In afternoon Mell and Isa went to Mexico – After tea who should call here but Mr. Davis from Readfield, who came to bring the sad news that aunt Whittier is dead. Mother went right to getting ready to go down. It was decided that mother and Mell, uncle Wm and aunt Mary would go. In eve uncle Wm's folks, Mr. Davis, and Lieut. Bisbee were all here. Did not retire very early. Little Ella came down with uncle after tea. It was a sad evening for us all. Ella Cox was taken with diphtheria.

Friday, August 11

They did not get away until about noon. After noon Isa, Manda and I spent mostly up stairs. There were a number of drunkards about the hotel. After tea Isa and I went down and called on Ella; we had called on her also in morning – from there down to aunt Mary's and picked some currents. Then we got George to harness, took Amanda and went to a short ride. I watched with Ella that night. Manda was also sick and Isa had a patient.

Saturday, August 12

Came up home quite early in morning and baked for the first time in my life alone. Isa learned me how to make cream pies. We did not get through our work till late PM – Isa washed and Ironed some things before I called down to Ella's and carried her some of my wonderful cookery for her tea. After tea I called down to Frank Marble's of an errand. While there mother and Mell returned quite early in evening, as all were pretty tired with the week's exploits.

Sunday, August 13

Mell preached at chapel in morning – Mr. Maxwell in afternoon. It was a beautiful say and there was a large congregation out, in forenoon especially. In afternoon Mell preached the funeral sermon of a Brackett child about two miles from here, and Isa and I went with him. Henry's folks were down most all day. Mrs. Col. Morrill and Mr. Maxwell took dinner here. In the evening Christania and George Bisbee, also Mrs. Knight, were in; we had quite a good sing. After worship retired about ten. Aunt Mary returned from Readfield.

Monday, August 14

Mell, Amanda and Isa went to Weld. I did not get about washing till quite late. Got through however at noon. Practiced some in afternoon. After tea went down to Ella's a few moments, from there down to aunt Mary's. Aunt Mary came up home with me. I folded my clothes in eve, etc. Had a letter from Lottie saying she is coming Tuesday.

Tuesday, August 15

Ironed. In afternoon practiced some and sewed. Ella was up a while PM. We planned to go up to Mary Eustis' after tea, but she was not at home we heard, so gave it up. Walked a while though. Lottie came in stage. We did not sit up very late – but did not go to sleep very early, had so many things to talk over.

Wednesday, August 16

Very warm, yet showery. It seemed like old times to have Lottie with us once more. Ella called up in forenoon. I baked cream pies. Lottie and I staid in house all day till after tea; made a few calls. They all came up to our house in eve. Mell and wife got home. Christania came in and we had quite a good sing.

Thursday, August 17

Beautiful day. We all took dinner at aunt Mary's. Lottie and I made few calls before going down among others at Mr. Holts shop. Before dinner Lottie entertained us by reading Enoch Arden aloud. In the afternoon all were up at our house, Oscar Tucker and sisters, also Miss Walton took tea here. We had splendid sing after tea. After they left we called up at Mr. Bolster's. Spent the evening at Ella's, had a nice sing there. Also George Bisbee spent eve there too. Isa had bad news from Manda; she is sick in Weld.

Friday, August 18

Pleasant. Mell and Isa left here for Weld in forenoon. I called at Ella's a few moments in morning. Lottie spent day at Mr. Austin's. In afternoon I took a music lesson. Mother was most sick in afternoon and evening. Aunt Mary and Ella were in in eve. When rubbing mother and taking care of her, I thought of poor Lucia and thought she would be glad to have the privilege of doing so for her mother. Read a while before retiring.

Saturday, August 19

Pleasant but cool. I baked a little in morning mother still not very well. Lottie spent forenoon at Georgia's. Afternoon Ella had a small tea party. We enjoyed it much. Louise, Lottie, and I spent evening. Frank Hall came in in the stage; stopped here. Rilly Hinds sent me some peaches by express.

Sunday, August 20

Warm very. Mr. Johnson preached at church; one of the Norcross' at chapel. We attended at church AM, at chapel PM. After tea Lottie, Frank, and I took a walk up to grave yard then down to lower one. Called at Vesta's a little while then came home and had a good chat before retiring.

Monday, August 21

Warm in forenoon – I did not wash, went with Lottie and Frank to Mexico Corner in morning. In afternoon we went over to Peru to Mr. Tuckers and spent afternoon. It rained in eve before we got home. Lottie and I called at Mandana's a while; however, Aunt Mary and uncle Wm were up in eve.

Tuesday, August 22

Lottie and Frank left in stage. I hated to have them go, dreadfully expect to feel very lonely – we have had so much company of late. I washed in forenoon. Practiced in afternoon awhile, then went down to aunt Mary's and spent afternoon there. Mary Stanley and Ella were also there. In eve there was a dance at Mr. Marble's. I spent the night with Ella, Hiram being gone. We went in and saw them dance once.

Wednesday, August 23

Pleasant. Ella spent the afternoon here. After tea we had a little sing. Went down to aunt Mary's awhile and then Ella came back and spent the night with me. We had a letter from Mell., Saying Ellen Luce, also Amanda, are both better.

Thursday, August 24.

Cool. Ironed in forenoon, mother baked. In afternoon went down to Ella's a while. Mrs. Dr Lingley called here after tea. Ella and I called at Louise's. George Bisbee called in with Mr. Harlow while we were there. Ella spent night here.

Friday, August 25

Pleasant. Spent afternoon and day finally at home, evening also, with the exception of a short call at Mr. Allen's. Aunt Mary, Ella, and Gusta were in in eve. Nothing occurred hardly worthy of note. Practiced a good deal during day.

Saturday, August 26

Pleasant. There was a court which brought a good many into town and some not very good appearing ones. Mr. Blaisdell's folks were full of business. I sewed considerable and practiced during day. Mrs. Holman called in afternoon. I went down to aunt Mary's a while after tea. Celia Chase called there while I was there. George Bisbee called in eve. Aunt Mary and uncle Wm were up.

Sunday, August 27

A cold lonely day. Went to Sabbath school in morning, came home and read awhile. Henry and Frank Parsons took dinner here. In afternoon went to meeting at chapel Mr. Elliott preaches. They partook of the sacrament. Called at aunt Mary's awhile after meeting. Came home and was real lonely till I went to bed. Came near having the blues.

Monday, August 28

Pleasant. Washed in forenoon. Practiced in afternoon. Nothing occurred worthy of note.

Tuesday, August 29

Ironed in forenoon, then practiced. Would have gone to Mexico to help Henry's folks but could get no chance. Called up at Mrs. Chase's, also at Ella's, after tea but did not find either at home. Called at Frank Marble's a few moments; she was at home as usual; found aunt Mary at our house when I got home; she spent most of evening. Mr. Hearst and wife called here, spent most of evening. Seem like quite smart people

Wednesday, August 30

Practiced some in morning It was a beautiful day - Mary Stanley spent the day up at Mr. Eustis' – I went to Mexico with Hiram in afternoon; found the folks quite sick, yet better and that Olivia has help, so we shall feel better about them. Cool after tea so that we had to have a fire. Aunt Mary was up after tea and I went out and helped her pick some beans, went down home with her when she went. Ella also went down. Mary Stanley was in in the evening, also Henry quite a while.

Thursday, August 31

Cool in morning and at night, but very warm in middle of day. Ella and I went to uncle Wm's farm with them in morning and spent the day had a nice time – went blackberrying in forenoon and got very tired – In PM after resting made a call on one of

the neighbors – I knit more than I have in a long time before – had a nice ride home about dusk; George Bisbee called in evening. "to see how many blackberries we got." Aunt Mary was up in eve.

Friday, September 01

Sewed in forenoon – mother baked some. We had company all day, a sick lady from Carthage. In PM I took a music lesson – called at Mrs. Hinds a little while. We had a little shower in afternoon – Practiced some in eve then studied my Sabbath school lesson a while. Hamlin Butterfield of Weld called here in morning and by him we heard of Readfield people – Mell is not well – threatened with fever.

Saturday, September 02

Practiced in morning – Fine day – Went down to uncle Wm's in afternoon – found them down to Mr. Wheeler's, so I followed. There was an auction there – There was a caucus also in town. We came home about tea time. When uncle Wm came in to tea, he informed me that Mr. Luce was in town. I did not have much appetite for supper; we had scarcely got through tea when Curtis came down – I went home with him. Mother had not been to tea – they then ate their supper – When we had quite a long conversation. He stopped at tavern all night, what there was left of it after our talk together. Rec'd a letter from Lu.

Sunday September 03

Arose in good season – after breakfast got ready for church – Curtis called and gave me a ride – I was too late home to go to Sabbath School – he went with us to church all day – aunt Mary and uncle Wm were here to dinner – I stopped to Bible class. After supper Ella came up; Hiram had gone to Mexico, and as we were intending to go, took Ella with us. Had a nice ride, got home about nine – retired about one AM I guess – in rather an unenviable state of mind because still undecided. C stopped at hotel.

Monday, September 04

Pleasant. C concluded to spend another day after a conversation in morning – we put off washing of course. Ella and Hiram, Curtis and I went to Zircon and took dinner – found no one there and nothing for amusement scarcely, so left about two o'clock and mother, C and I went up to uncle Wm's farm and took tea. Hiram had the headache, so they did not go. I came near being sick in eve. Retired early comparatively. Uncle Wm and aunt Mary were up in evening – I guess we all got a good night's rest.

Tuesday, September 05

Curtis left about ten o'clock. We did not wash – cleaned up house AM etc., etc. PM went down to Ella's and aunt Mary's a while. After tea – Lucy Severy took tea here – we had a slight shower– I practiced some in eve and retired early.

Wednesday, September 06

Pleasant – I washed in forenoon. Mother and aunt Mary went to Mexico and spent the day. Mary and Henry went to Canton – School commenced and Emma went, so I was alone in house most all day – A week ago I intended to commence going to school today. How true is the saying "we know not what a day may bring forth." After mother got home I called up to Celia Chase's; had a nice call and made it quite long. Afterwards Ella and I called at Vinna Holt's. Mary was in a while in eve, has had little Nellie's picture taken.

Thursday, September 07

While practicing in morning, Frank Marble came in to give me an invite to go with she and William and Henry White, her cousin from Boston, also Mary's cousin and Hiram's, on a fishing tour – I hardly know what to tell her though I knew I should enjoy it – Mother was willing so I told her I would go and went right to getting ready. Ella and Hiram went, also Bartlett Richardson and Mary and others from Mexico – Ella and Hiram, Wm, Henry, Frank, and I went up to Wm's and spent the night. Had a splendid time in eve. Wm has the best swing that I ever saw in my life. Got up there in season to swing a while before dark. Retired in good season.

Friday, September 08

Arose in good season – after breakfast we girls helped Ada all we could, then went out and swung a while. Got started from there about ten o'clock – there were about twenty in the party. Arrived at pond a little after noon, found not a very good boat to convey us to the island. However after some little difficulty which we no need to have had, we were all landed "safe and sound," had a luncheon and then a regular supper by "fire light." Had lots of fun in eve for it was a very jolly crew – some singers among them, so we had some singing. The gentlemen went out fishing a while. Had two tents one of which gentlemen occupied and the other the ladies of course. Had some fun about a sample trunk of liquor of Will's – we girls hid it.

Saturday, September 09

Arose early after quite a good nights rest – I rested much better than I thought to – Some of boys went fishing early. We got a nice breakfast of fish caught the night before and everything anyone could ask for in the shape of pastry: most pies, cakes, etc., tomatoes – watermelons – and apples – After breakfast which was quite a late one B Richardson and his company left as he had business he must attend to though he hated to go. Some of the others went out fishing – Ella, Frank, Ada and I went out gathering moss, etc. Had a luncheon at noon and about two started for home. Frank, Henry and I took ten at William's – arrived in Dixfield about nine o'clock in eve.

Sunday, September 10

Arose in time to get ready for Sabbath school and that was all – Ella is down from Mexico. Louise called during afternoon. Aunt Mary was up to tea. We had some of our fish. Henry White took tea at Mary's. Cloudy and not very pleasant.

Monday, September 11

Pleasant – Washed AM. In afternoon practiced some. After tea Ella and I went down St., called at Frank's, also at cousin Ella's – she came up with us a while. Aunt Mary was also up. Louise was in a while – also Mrs. Harlow and Mary. Town meeting day – Uncle Wm. was elected representative. We set up quite late.

Tuesday, September 12

Practiced some time in forenoon. It was a very warm day – In afternoon took a lesson. Called with Miss Rawson at Mr. Blaisdell's – After tea I went down to Louise's awhile. Mary Eustis and Mary Stanley were there. In eve after they went we practiced duets and sung. Louise told me some thing that surprised me very much.

Wednesday, September 13

To be remembered – Very warm. Ironed in forenoon etc., etc. Practiced some in afternoon. There was a court and a good many people about town. After tea Mary and I called over to Mrs. Hearst's – then went into store and had a treat – afterwards I went down to Louise and practiced awhile. Came up home when mail got in, then went back and spent night with Louise as she is alone. We made a resolve to write each other in just one year wherever we are or under whatever circumstances. We had a good deal to talk over and did not get to sleep until after twelve o'clock.

Thursday, September 14

Warm again – thermometer at 90 about noon – I was up to a little of every thing in forenoon, setting house to rights, etc., went down to aunt Mary's about noon and got some flowers for bouquets. The circle met here in afternoon – it was rather small – George Bisbee, aunt Mary and uncle Wm spent evening here – George went to office for us and got me a letter from Portland. Felt sort of bad to get it as I don't know what to do about answering it – twas a good letter though.

Friday, September 15 – Washed about in forenoon, practiced some – In PM sewed. Jenny Blaisdell was in most all of afternoon – I went in Mary's after she went and Mary Eustis was there; soon after Sarah Mitchell came in and Louise. We all stopped to tea, had a nice time. About dusk Mary went home. Louise and I went out to walk; met George Bisbee, he walked a piece with us, then they came in our house and spent the evening – Scholars had their first lyceum.

Saturday, September 16

Beautiful day – In afternoon Ella, Louise and I went into saloon and had some pictures taken. Afterward I went down to Ella's, took tea there and spent eve there. In eve we had a treat – Got my Sabbath School lesson after I got home – Rec'd a letter from Mell and paper from Curtis. Retired about ten.

Sunday, September 17

Did not get up very early had to hurry to get myself and Ella ready to go to Sabbath School – Had two good discourses at church today, also an interesting discussions at Bible class. There was a shower in afternoon. After meeting wrote Mell.

Monday, September 18

Cloudy – Washed. Practiced. Wrote. Read. Sewed a very little. Louise, Mary, and baby, Mrs. Harlow, Laura Wilson, and little Julia Eustis all called here a few moments. We got news here that all of Water St Augusta was burned last eve; hope it is not as bad as represented.

Tuesday, September 19

Practiced considerable during day. In afternoon Mrs. Hearst called here also aunt Mary – Mary Stanley was in a little while, there was a paring bee at Mr. Barden's for the young married people, so of course I was not invited. Got considerable mail, two letters, a paper and magazine – very interesting letter from Lottie.

Wednesday, September 20

Ironed in forenoon. Had quite a bad headache all day. Afternoon had to lie down a while – aunt Mary was up towards night – I wrote Curtis after tea head felt some better – Louise was up in eve and we practiced a little. Albert came down to attend school. Took a music lesson in afternoon.

Thursday, September 21

Did little of everything in morning – washing, etc. In afternoon aunt Mary had a little company. I spent afternoon and evening there – About tea time Henry and Olivia came down to our house and finding us gone, came down there. Did not make a long stop. Olivia is much better but baby miserable. Rec'd a letter from C saying he will be here Saturday or Sunday. It was quite a warm day for a rarity

Friday, September 22

Cloudy and cool. Ironed some and did all sorts of work in morning, did not practice any for all day. Ella made a call up here in forenoon and came up again in afternoon and spent afternoon and evening. Hiram came up in evening – Mandana called, also Louise in eve. Mary Stanley's brother and sister and their children came today – baby not so pretty as Mary's. Have sewed considerable this afternoon. Aunt Mary was up a while in afternoon.

Saturday, September 23

Written at Mr. Luce's. Tuesday Pleasant. Made bouquets, etc., swept. Practiced in forenoon In afternoon called on Mrs. Field in Mary's – Expected company but was disappointed. In evening Louise was up, and we practiced awhile. Ella was up. We called in Mary's again. Read some in eve and got Sabbath School lesson. Retired early. Uncle Wm did not get home as expected.

Sunday, September 24

Arose about half past seven. Went to Sabbath school at nine. Then went to chapel to meeting in AM. Mr. Elliot preached. Had quite a bad headache in afternoon and took a nap. Had just arisen and gone down stairs as Curtis drove up. Aunt Mary and Gusta, also Ella and Mrs. Hinds called. Henry came down towards night. Did not retire very early.

Monday, September 25

Pleasant again. After breakfast Curtis and I took a ride, called at aunt Mary's and Ella's and did not get home again till eleven – helped mother get dinner. While eating I made up my mind to go to Winthrop in afternoon and from thence to Portland with Curtis. So after dinner got ready in great haste and started. Aunt Mary and Ella were up to see us off. Got to Winthrop about eight in evening. Found Mrs. Luce at Hallowell and Randall girls keeping house – Retired early and had a good night's rest.

Tuesday, September 26

Arose about seven. Beautiful morning. Wrote in journal and made out my memorandum etc., etc. Preble House, Portland Tuesday AM – Arrived here about two PM yesterday after a nice ride down. After a late dinner went out St a very short distance came back and "rigged up" a little. Soon after Rilly called and stopped till tea time and Curtis came. In eve went out on a short promenade R called I suppose while we were out. Retired in quite good season feeling very tired. Do not regret coming – expect to have a fine time today (Tuesday).

Wednesday, September 27

Arose in quite good season, had time to go out before breakfast but did not. Experimented on my hair, etc. After breakfast, went out shopping a while, bought our dresses. Afterwards C went and found Lizzie Nash. She came up and made me a call, is feeling very gloomy just now, has lost a very near and dear friend. I went home and dined with her, had a very nice time. Rilly came over in PM, and we visited the observatory, Natural History rooms, etc. In eve went out shopping again.

Thursday, September 28

Spent forenoon shopping. Called on Lizzie again – Rilly called about noon. We left Portland in half past one train – Arrived at Winthrop about four – It was Cattle Show Day at Readfield. Met Mr. Hall at Winthrop house. He boards here. We had to stop till nearly nine o'clock to get a team. Had a nice time in eve – formed several new acquaintances. Miss Kelly, Miss Stanton, a Mr. Noble, all friends of Lottie. We sung, played etc. Got to Mr. Luce's late and found Dan alone.

Friday, September 29

Beautiful Day. Quite early Curtis and I started for Corner. Had just got into village and met Horace coming over to tell us that Ellen was dead – met C's mother at uncle Whittier's. We went up to Williams and stopped a while – Oh such a distressed family as we found. Ellen did not look the least bit natural. Lu came down with us just before dinner. I stopped with her until night when Curtis came over after me. Tried to comfort Lu all I could, but it is not much one can say at such a time.

Saturday, September 30

Arose quite early. Helped Mrs. Luce a little, fixed a cap for her, etc., took an early dinner there and went with Curtis to Winthrop. Had some photographs taken or rather sat for the negative. Came back directly and went to Readfield. Ellen had

just been brought down and all were feeling as badly as possible – I stopped with Lu that night. We spent most of eve up in sitting room chamber our old retreat, but oh, under what different circumstances have we usually spent our evenings there. Retired quite early but not to sleep much. Ellen, who was with us the last time I slept there, now lay dead in the parlor.

Sunday, October 01

Cloudy when we first got up, but it soon cleared away. Friends and Mr. Johnson began to arrive about ten o'clock. I was disappointed not to see uncle Wm and aunt Mary. Services commenced a little after one o'clock after which they all returned to dinner. Mr. Johnson preached an excellent sermon. The division attended and went to grave had services there. The occasion was the most solemn one to me of any I have been called to attend for years. Went over to Mr. Luce's that night. Mr. Storer and Mr. Luce went over from funeral and stopped awhile.

Monday, October 02

In morning wrote Mother and Ella – Curtis left us for Eastport about ten o'clock – I washed and ironed some clothes for my self and helped Mrs. Luce a little till middle of afternoon when Daniel brought me over to Lucia's. Found her in rather better spirits than I expected to. She tries to put the best side out I think. Uncle had gone to Augusta to carry Albert, however, was out and she and Ellen were alone. It does not seem much here as it used to of older. Miss aunt Whittier so much.

Tuesday, October 03

After breakfast Lu and I went over to aunt Mary's of an errand, and she came back with us and helped Lu all day on her dress. I made some lamp mats. We had extra company to tea also. Uncle read to us in eve awhile, and we retired in good season. Ellen spent the eve out. It was rather a long day and eve to us both. Lu rec'd a letter from aunt Spencer. Uncle told us some news about her in eve, but we don't believe it. It was a very cold night.

Wednesday, October 04

Cold in morning – After helping girls a little I wrote Lottie. Also journalized a little. Lu and I dressed each other's hair after dinner. I then went down to uncle Gile's a little while – In eve we went out in grapery and ate as many as we wished, then made Mrs. Robbins quite a long call. It was a beautiful eve.

Thursday, October 05

Pleasant. Ellen went to Hallowell. Lu and I were alone nearly all day, and we did considerable sewing for us. I wrote Mell a lovely letter in morning. Was disappointed not to get a letter myself at night. Lu and I retired very early, feeling quite tired after our wonderful day's work – but did either of us sleep very well.

Friday, October 06

Beautiful morning yet cold. I wrote Curtis. Lu and I looked patiently for Dan all day to come and carry us over there, but he did not come. Wm was down to tea and Dan called in eve and invited us to go over to their house in morning – Lu and I took a short walk, came back and had a long talk with Will in sitting room. I cannot bear to hear the two talk together – We retired in pretty good season, not feeling very well. I got a letter from Curtis. He was at Calais.

Saturday, October 7

Lu and I arose in good season, helped Ellen do up the work then got ready to go over to Mr. Luce's – Got over there just before dinner. Sarah Patten in there helping Mrs. Luce. In PM Dan carried us to Winthrop. Saw Abbie Stone. Was disappointed about my photographs. Had a nice ride though out of it, and Lu did some shopping and I a very little. In the evening we had a high time. One "old Mrs. Howe" came there and wanted they should let her stop all night. They finally did, and she told our fortunes in gay style. I was kind of sick in eve.

Sunday, October 8

Cloudy and rather cold. I was about sick, did not know hardly whether to remain where I was or go to Corner and attend church – finally staid till night – Horace came over in afternoon, took me home. Dan brought Lu. In eve uncle, Lu, Frank, and I all went down to uncle Giles' and spent the evening. I got a letter from Ella when I got back.

Monday, October 9

Pleasant and warm. Lu and I washed in forenoon. In afternoon sewed quite busily, did think of calling down to school, but rec'd a call from Olie Pierce and Mrs. William and was detained so long thought it best not to go. In eve Comical Brown sang here. Uncle, Lu, Horace, Frank, Ellen, and I all attended. It was quite good yet not nearly as amusing to me as it was last year, probably because it was the second time hearing it. Got another note from Ella.

Tuesday, October 10

Pleasant. Ironed some in morning then sewed considerable. In afternoon we visited school. My scholars seemed very pleased to see me, I enjoyed the call much. I got two letters from Curtis when mail got in. In eve I soaked my feet, dosed up,

and went to bed about seven o'clock, feeling sick enough. Not feeling inclined to go to sleep, Lu and I lay awake and talked sometime. Was rather restless all night. As was also Lu. Taylor Smith died. Mr. Eaton called on Lu and I in morning.

Wednesday, October 11

Pleasant – William was down in morn. Mrs. Smith was also over. I tried to write a letter but gave up in despair, there were so many interruptions. In afternoon Lu and I both sat down to writing, and just as we got nicely into it, who should step in but Almado Smith, our cousin who has been in the army of late in Nebraska and whom we had not seen for three years. He stopped

till after tea. In the eve we finished our letters. I was better of my cold but not well. Retired early. I am getting quite steady habits about that.

Thursday, October 12

Rainy, Lucky we did not get ready to go to Augusta, I was not very well also. Almado was here to breakfast. Did not do much in forenoon but worry about getting Ella's dress to her. In PM went to the funeral of Mr. David Smith. It was almost like being at home to hear him preach. Aunt Gile came in a while after funeral. In the evening Lucia went over to Mrs. Williams a while, had a very good time. Went to bed in good season. I wrote Ella before going out in eve.

Friday, October 13

Pleasant yet cool. About nine o'clock uncle, Lu and I started for Augusta, stopped at Mansion House. Went down St a few moments before dinner. Called see Albert and engaged Mrs. Bennett to cut our tresses. After dinner went directly down St again and worked hard till dark. I did not get much but went with Lu, and if ever I found it hard work to do shopping I did that day. Augusta is a hard-looking place at present. Arrived home about half past eight - Found Curtis there writing. I went home with him. Got a bad cold.

Saturday, October 14

Picked up things, etc., and middle of forenoon started for home. Stopped at uncle Whittier's a little while. Got to Livermore about one took dinner there. Arrived in Dixfeld about half past five, found mother very glad to see us. In eve had a pleasant chat before a good open fire. Did not feel at all sorry to be at home once more. Mary and the baby were in a few moments.

Sunday, October 15

Rainy. Curtis and I went down to uncle Win's a little while in morning. Mr. Johnson was there. We came home before meeting but did not attend. Intended to in afternoon, but there was one service it was so wet. Uncle Wm was up a while in PM, invited us down in eve, but we did not go. We like to have had callers in eve, but the rain frightened them. I felt sorry. I played some in eve, then we had a social chat.

Monday, October 16

Pleasant but cool. Curtis and I rode down to aunt Mary's a little while before he started – He got off about ten o'clock. Louise Knight spent afternoon here. Even Sarah Mitchell called. In eve Louise Barden, Aunt Mary, and Uncle Wm, Louise Knight, and Mary were here. Louise Barden and Louise Knight slept with me. I got letter from Ella

Tuesday, October 17

Washed in forenoon. Louise Knight, Louise Barden, and Francelia Marble spent afternoon here, also eve. Henry and Mary also took to tea here and were in a while in eve. I enjoyed this PM very much. I went down to Mr. Chase's with Louise after stage came. Louise spent night with me. Ella got home.

Wednesday, October 18

Louise went home. I did not rise till late, felt most sick – ironed some AM. In PM Ella was up, had on her new dress and lots of new fixings. In eve I read to mother aloud.

Thursday, October 19

Rainy. I cleaned the parlor in forenoon. Practiced a very little in afternoon sewed some.

Friday, October 20

Cold. We baked, etc., in forenoon, I practiced a little. Got ready to go down to aunt Mary's but mother was not willing I should go down. Was in Mary's a little while. Commenced a letter to Curtis in eve, but aunt Mary came up, and I was unable to finish it – Got another from him when mail got in, also one from Lottie.

Saturday, October 21

Wrote Curtis. Went in Mary's room awhile in PM. Nothing in particular transpired. Gusta called in eve a little while – I spent rest of eve in Mary's, had some new cider.

Sunday, October 22

No meeting. I went to Sabbath school though my cold was still bad. Wrote Lottie. Read some, uncle Wm was in awhile. Called in Mrs. Marble's in PM to carry some letters. Started for aunt Mary's but saw her coming up St – So came home; she spent eve here. I went over to Mandana's to a meeting of the Sabbath School teachers – It was late when we got home. I coughed a good deal during eve.

Monday, October 23

Washed. It was a cold day. In PM cut out some work and went down to aunt Mary's in PM. Ella was up a little while in AM. In eve I practiced some (I believe it was so long ago I have almost forgotten as it is now the 7th of Nov.) I must not let my journal get so behind again.

Tuesday, October 24

Practiced some in AM, took a lesson in PM. Mother went out and made some calls in afternoon. In eve I read aloud to mother awhile, but before that ironed. Louise came in a while, also Clara Bolster – there was another meeting about the exhibition, but I was unable to attend on acc't of cold.

Wednesday, October 25

Pleasant. I sewed steadily in AM. In PM went down to Ella's and stopped an hour or two. Came home and found mother sick, so lame she could not step, sort of neuralgia I think. Bathed her, etc., then got supper – aunt Mary, Gusta, and uncle Wm were up in eve. Aunt Mary and I doctored mother up so she felt much better. I wrote C after they all went home.

Thursday, October 26

Mother was much better, though not well at all during day. Uncle Wm went to Augusta. We had several callers during PM. Mary was in a while with Nelly – Ella came up towards night and brought us a pitcher of cider – In eve I drilled Albert on his piece to speak – Sewed a good deal during day.

Friday, October 27

Snowy. Mother was much better – It commenced to snow towards night, and there was quite a little lot on the ground before night – I went down St of some errands in PM. Called at Ella's – There was a lyceum in eve, and I wanted to go most awfully, but could not on acc't of the snow and my cold – felt real disappointed not to go as I have not been once this fall and I anticipated so much pleasure in attending them this fall. Got a letter from C saying he is sick.

Saturday, October 28

Snowed almost all day. I got a snowball but not the sleigh ride promised me, yet there were a few sleighs out, I believe. I practiced some in PM. In eve we expected Mr. Johnson here some, but he did not come. I read and wrote a little. Got my Sabbath School lesson also. Uncle Wm got home. Albert went home.

Sunday, October 29

Uncle Wm was in in morning – Attended church all day. Henry was down and went part of day – wrote a letter to C. Called down to Aunt Mary's after tea, then went in Louise's in eve to a meeting about the exhibition. Came home before the rest did.

Monday, October 30

Washed in AM. In afternoon went to Mexico with aunt Mary and uncle Wm. Came home before tea, brought Albert down. In eve aunt Mary was up. I went in Adrian's a moment of an errand.

Tuesday, October 31

In forenoon practiced considerable and in PM took a lesson. Aunt Mary and Ella were up, Ella stopped to tea. We all went to a party down to Mr. Stanley and Harlow's, the whole house was open, hall, etc., and we had a nice time, danced and played "blind fold" up in hall – cards, etc., below. Retired about half past eleven. Had a fine time

Wednesday, November 01

Mrs. Torrey worked for me all day sewing. I of course sewed with her – In eve uncle Wm and Ella called in. I wrote Curtis then retired quite early as I was very tired.

Thursday, November 02

Adrian and Mrs. Torrey worked here – It rained most all day – Celia Chase called a few moments. They both stopped the evening and worked, and I did too. Felt tired after they left. Rec'd a letter from Mell and Isa – Read that then dosed up and went to bed – Mary had some company in eve. There was a sing at Louise's.

Friday, November 03

Carried Emma some work to the shop to do, but did not get much done she was so busy – raced back and forth several times. Called at aunt Mary's in morn. Also to excuse myself to Miss Rawson for no music lesson. Aunt Mary was up in afternoon. In eve had sort of a clearing up of boxes, draws, etc.

Saturday, November 04

Rainy in PM – Ironed and mother baked in morning. I sewed remainder of day and in eve wrote – Have filled out my journal for about three weeks. Thought I should get time to write a letter but have not and am so tired and most sick. I guess I shall not attempt anything else tonight – Hope in a week from tonight shall be able to say sincerely my cold is better. I never had one "hang on" so before and begin to feel a little worried. Had an invite down to Louise's tonight but could not go on account of cold.

Sunday, November 05

Attended Sabbath School at nine – afterwards had to stop to assign parts in some pieces – It was a beautiful morning, and when we came home Louise and I took a walk down to aunt Mary's. Called at Viola Chase's a moment. I called at Louise's as I came up; George was there. Wrote two letters after I came home. It rained quite hard in afternoon. Mandana was in. I sent John Hinds down some supper, and he in turn sent me some popcorn. Poor John, I am afraid he will not get well very soon.

Monday, November 06

Washed in forenoon. Sewed in PM. Aunt Mary was up – In eve practiced a very little.

Tuesday, November 07

Practiced some in forenoon; took a lesson in afternoon. Ella called, also Mandana during afternoon – I was not very well but went to a rehearsal at Mandana's in eve. Louise and I had quite a conversation between ourselves and then between George, Mother, Mary, and Ella. George and Ella went with us to rehearsal. We were not exactly pleased with the way some people manage or rather try to manage everything. Late when we retired.

Wednesday, November 08

Pleasant. Mrs. Torry was here in afternoon. I went out to stores and did some errands then went down to aunt Mary's and spent the rest of the afternoon. Celia Chase and Louise called there after tea. I went with them up to Ella's where we were to rehearse the May Queen. Nearly all were there. Retired about ten o'clock. It snowed considerable during night

Thursday, November 09

Pleasant. I ironed in morning. George Bisbee called and said the new books had come. Spoke of a charade for he, Louise and I to speak with others – Mother went to the circle at Mrs. Stanley's in afternoon. I was alone. Wrote Curtis – Had a bad headache but never the less went over to Steve's shop to a meeting. Came home all discouraged etc., etc. Had a good mind to give up all connection with the exhibition at all.

Friday, November 10

Practiced some in forenoon. Louise was in, and we read over some of pieces. I exchanged parts with her in a piece. While practicing George Bisbee called a few moments. In afternoon took a lesson, had not completed it when George and Roscoe Smith called. George invited me to go to Lyceum in eve with he and Louise and Roscoe, which accordingly I did. Enjoyed it quite well, but think I took more cold. They don't have such lyceums as they used to.

Saturday, November 11

Pleasant. Was trotting round doing errands a considerable part of day – meant to have practiced some but did not finish my green dress towards night. In the eve there was a rehearsal of May Queen here – George Bisbee and Louise called before the appointed time – There did not many of them get here till late, consequently it was late when we got through. We cooked for Mr. Johnson here, but he did not come.

Sunday, November 12

Fine day. Yet a little cold. Mr. Johnson came here before meeting. I attended Sabbath School. Meeting all day and the Bible Class. Dr Johnson took tea with us. Ella called after tea and went with us up to church where we had a meeting to arrange for exhibition. I am getting sick of it already. I went to bed soon after I returned but mother and Mr. Johnson talked religion till quite late. I had a severe headache all the eve.

Monday, November 13

Very warm and pleasant for this season. Mr. Johnson was here all day. We did not wash – Livonier Holman called in morning – In PM called down to Ella's and aunt Mary's a few minutes. Ella and I also called to see John Hinds. At four o'clock there was another meeting of that May Queen here, and in eve Mr. Johnson delivered an address to Mr. Howard's school at church – I went and was well repaid too although I came home with a headache – Sat up till late hearing Mr. J. talk.

Tuesday, November 14

Fine. We are having our Indian Summer, I think. We washed and cleaned house in forenoon. Mr. Johnson went away quite early. In PM wrote a letter. Sewed a very little. In the evening I practiced. Then sewed a while. Mary was in a short time.

Wednesday, November 15

Pleasant again and warm. I ironed – Aunt Mary and Florentine Jackson made us a call during forenoon. Deborah came just before dinner and stopped the rest of day. In PM I went out making calls. Called at Mr. Marble's to see Ronello and Ella. Then up at Mr. Peck's and in Mr. Howard's school and also at Mr. Bolster's. Got home just at tea time. There was a rehearsal at Frank's in eve, but thought it best not to go. Practiced nearly all the evening.

Thursday, November 16

Beautiful again. Got a letter from Curtis mailed Lewiston. In forenoon mother cleaned up stairs. I baked and got dinner. Spent afternoon and evening at Ella's in company with Frank Marble and Miss Rawson. Had a nice time. There was a rehearsal of May Queen at Mr. Edmund's, but we all concluded we should enjoy ourselves, best not to go, and so acted upon that conclusion whether it was a wise one or not. Returned about eight and met scholars returning from rehearsal which was good enough for me.

Friday, November 17

Splendid. Miss Rawson came up about eleven and gave me a music lesson, quite a long one so that I did not get through till nearly one o'clock. Mrs. Elijah Holman was here to dinner. Attended Mr. Howard's Examination in PM – George and Louise called for me. Was much interested. Sue B had the Valedictory and it was good – I deeply regret that I was not able to go to school this term. In the eve there was a sociable. Had several invites and finally went with George and Louise. Had a nice time but it did not seem like old times

Saturday, November 18

Pleasant but colder. I went up to Mexico with Henry Stanley in morning returned about eleven. Was busy until nearly three PM about house. Then changed my clothes and went down to store. Sewed remainder of afternoon. Louise and Christania called. Louise and I repeated our parts in Charade. In eve went down to Louise's to a rehearsal of "May Queen." Was pretty hoarse but got along better than I expected to. Afterwards there was a sing at Wallace's, but I came home and spent remainder of eve writing.

Sunday, November 19

Rainy. Spent most of day writing, read a very little. Did not attend Sabbath School – The bell was tolled for Mrs. Severy – she died I suppose Saturday. Uncle Win was in awhile in eve.

Monday, November 20

We washed in forenoon, etc. I sewed in PM, made me an apron. Called at Florentine's a few moments, also at Mrs. Bessy's. In the evening there was a meeting of the May Queen at Wallace's. We also rehearsed Country, Altus and the Charade. Did not get in in very good season.

Tuesday, November 21

Quite pleasant till evening when it commenced raining. The Somnambulist rehearsed here, and a meeting of the May Queen was appointed, but it was so rainy not many were out. Somnambulist went better than I feared it would.

Wednesday, November 22

Ironed in forenoon, then drew off patterns and commenced some slippers. In the eve there was another sing over at Wallace's. Got through quite early.

Thursday, November 23

Beautiful Day – Went out of some errands in morn. Down to Ella's and aunt Mary's, Frank Marble's, etc, etc. Came home and sewed a very little before dinner. Mrs. Stanley called In PM. Mother went to circle at Mandana's. Ellen spent PM here – In eve there was a dance and oyster supper at Mexico. Ella talked of going but did not. Somnambulist met here in eve. Mrs. Stockwell and Mrs. Edmunds were in it, went better than the night before. We then went down to Mr. Harlows and rehearsed the Charade. Made an addition of a Tableaux to it which was very fine, especially for Mr. N.

Friday, November 24

Pleasant – Mother went out in afternoon and made some calls – I called down to Ella's a few moments – Had several callers – The Somnambulist met here at four o'clock. They did nicely. Feel decidedly encouraged about that piece. In eve met again at Mandana's for May Queen. I came home rather discouraged about singing. I am so hoarse it doesn't seem as though my cold gets better one bit.

Saturday, November 25

Colder. I was most sick all day – however starched and ironed two muslin shirts. In afternoon went out of an errand, came home with sick headache, was not able to go out to rehearsal in eve at Mandana's. Ella called in eve. I retired early. Have not accomplished quite all I intended to today.

Sunday, November 26

Did not attend church at all today. Wrote a letter. Read etc., etc. Did not feel as well as I might but much better than I did yesterday. The new organ was carried up to church today and Ella played. Mother attended all day and I was alone. In eve mother went over to Mrs. Marble's, and I went in Mary's. Had been there but a short time when I heard someone at home, went in, and who should I find but Curtis Luce. Was quite agreeably surprised. Did not retire in very good season

Monday, November 27

Beautiful Day. In morning Curtis and I took a walk down to aunt Mary's, stopped sometime, came home, and had a little chat, and Curtis had his horses harnessed, and we took a short drive while mother got dinner. Very soon after dinner C went home. In PM there was a rehearsal at church and in the evening also. The pieces went off much better than I feared they would. I was pretty much discouraged about it till evening when....

Tuesday, November 28

Rehearsed all day and in the evening – Mr. Johnson called here in forenoon and told me to learn my address, so after rehearsal in eve I studied some went down to aunt Mary's in morning. Also called at Frank's and Ella's.

Wednesday, November 29

Rehearsed in forenoon, in PM they trimmed church, banners made wreathes etc stopped to tea we made wreaths - etc I trimmed my May Queen dress. In eve there was a rehearsal. after which I sat up till twelve and studied.

Thursday, November 30

The eventful day broke rather cloudy. We feared it would not be pleasant at night but it was. I was very busy of course all day. Mr. Johnson and Marshall were in in PM to hear the Valedictory, which seemed satisfactory. Our exhibition passed off very well indeed, and there was quite a house full. I did as well as I could expect in all my pieces except in May Queen, in that I was too hoarse to sing well. But never mind, I don't feel that I disgraced myself if I couldn't sing.

Friday, December 01

Rather a homely day but a fine moonlight eve – We repeated our exhibition and it was more of a success than the previous one, but there were only a very few out. They omitted the May Queen which was very pleasing to me. Miss Rawson took tea with me, spent part of PM here. Had several callers during day.

Saturday, December 02

Felt very tired. Mother did quite a large baking, and I did work about house. Picked up my finery here at home and then went up to church and picked up there. Learned that we are to repeat our wonderful performance in one week which was not very good news to me. In PM called down to Ella's, Mrs. Hinds and aunt Mary's. In eve was in Mary's a while. Mrs. Jackson called here. Got a letter from Curtis.

Sunday December 03

Pleasant. Attended Sabbath school in morning our last school for the season. I felt very badly to have it close, for I do not now know when I may again renew the pleasant associations. Rec'd by express a package containing hat, etc., from C. In afternoon Hen and Olivia and Ellery were down, stopped till evening. Louise sent up for me to come down there, so in eve I went had a nice time singing, etc.

Monday, December 04

Rainy. We washed AM. In PM sewed. Was in Mary's a while. Clara and Janette called and stopped some time. In eve Louise and Mary were in also Uncle Wm. I meant to have written two letters but haven't. Have accomplished quite a little lot of sewing however.

Tuesday, December 05

Sewed all forenoon after doing a little work about house. Ella was up a while towards noon. Mary was in a good many times during day. Louise went to Canton. Ella and I in afternoon went out and gave out the parts in one of the new dialogues. Called down to aunt Mary's towards night. Rec'd a letter in morning from Lu saying she and her father would be here tomorrow.

Wednesday, December 06

We were up to all sorts of work during day, baking, etc. Ella was up a while in forenoon. In afternoon Jennie Blaisdell called. After tea Ella and I went down to uncle Wm's expecting to find Lu there, but they had not come. Came, however, about half past six. I stopped a little while at Ella's only a moment. I then went up to Ella's to a rehearsal after which we

both went down again and stopped till after nine. Uncle Whittier came up with me and stopped a while – Returned about eleven. Got a letter from Curtis written at Albany NY.

Thursday, December 07

Thanksgiving Day. Quite pleasant during day but rather windy in eve. We all spent the day at uncle Win's, Ella and Hiram also. Had a nice time. In the eve there was quite a dance at Marble's. Ella, Hiram and Augusta went. Mother went in a few moments to see Henry and wife who were down. Uncle Whittier, uncle Wm, Lu and I had a game of cards. Afterwards I won't say what we had. Lu came up with me about eleven o'clock. S0soon after Mary Stanley got home from hall and came in. Retired about twelve feeling tired.

Friday, December 08

Very Cold. River froze over during night - so that there was skating. All spent the day here and evening also except we girls – Ella and I had to be out at rehearsals in PM and evening and Lu went with us. Enjoyed the day though very much. Gusta and I got tea and cleared away. Mother was very tired, however. Played a game of cards in eve. We did not retire very early till after ten considerable.

Saturday, December 09

Was racing round most all day up to church down to Ella's etc., etc. Uncle Wm and uncle Whittier went to Mexico. Lu took dinner at aunt Mary's. Mrs. Gardner was here to tea. Lu and she dressed my hair for exhibition before tea. Sarah Mitchell and Clara Bolster called, also several others. All went to exhibition of course – all but aunt Mary who could not on acc't of her eyes – it seems too bad. Exhibition passed off quite well – They did not have the Somnambulist or the May Queen of which I was glad. Not a great quantity there.

Sunday, December 10

A little snow on the ground in morning, and it was warmer than day before. Attended church all day together – with uncle Whittier, uncle Wm, and Lu. Mother did not feel able to go. Uncle Whittier took dinner here – After the afternoon meeting, uncle and Lu went down with and Ella and Hiram took tea there. I wrote awhile in afternoon.

Monday, December 11

Pleasant yet cloudy. Uncle Whittier called up few moments in morning before leaving for home. We washed, had quite a large wash, and did not get all through till after noon. Mary was in awhile. Clara Bolster called PM. I had quite a bad headache in afternoon. I felt better after tea and Lu and I read aloud from one of Dr. Holland's works. Uncle Wm called in eve.

Tuesday, December 12

In morning mother went with uncle Wm up to Mexico, Lu and I "did up" the work then went up to the church and got my things that were there. Then went down to Ella's and aunt Mary's took dinner there – Lu spent the afternoon, but I came home and Ella came up. Mother got home the middle of the afternoon. Lu came home in eve. I worked on uncle Wm's slippers. It rained hard during night. Got a letter.

Wednesday, December 13

It was very warm and pleasant, though very muddy under foot. I regulated the house some in morning. Ella called about noon. Mary was also in. We laughed at Lu some about her introduction to Henry – the manner, place, etc. In PM Lu and I called down to aunt Mary's and Ella's – Janette Burnham called here. I got a letter from C in morning. Wrote him in eve. Also rec'd a letter from Mell.

Thursday, December 14

Did a large ironing in forenoon – Lu went down to aunt Mary's to dinner. In afternoon the girls were out skating, some of them also in eve. I did not go out at all, was in Mary's awhile in PM. Louise was there; we had some oyster supper there in eve. Louise called on Lu in eve. Lu and I wrote letters in the eve. Retired in quite good season.

Friday, December 15

Arose late, did not do a great deal in forenoon. Mother went down St a few moments – Miss Bessie helped me in afternoon on my morning dress – Ella was up a while, and Louise Barden called PM. We had an invite to spend the evening at Mr. Wilson's – Went and had a very pleasant time; the party, I suppose, was on Morris' acct. Lu and I called at uncle Wm's as we went down. Did not retire till nearly twelve. Got a paper from C.

Saturday, December 16

Miss Bessie worked here in afternoon; we nearly finished the dress. The girls were out awhile skating. In the eve Lu felt very tired. She and mother took a short nap, mother in her chair, leaving Mrs. Bessie and I to our solitude – afterwards Lu and I read a story aloud. Retired about ten.

Sunday, December 17

Arose about half past eight – Built fires, got breakfast, etc. Cleared up setting room after dress making which was no small job – got ready to sit down about noon. Read a little, then wrote Mell – Uncle Wm called and Lu went home with him – I followed soon after, stopped till eve. Ella and Hiram were down awhile. We spent evening reading.

Monday, December 18

Quite mild – we washed AM. In afternoon the girls went out skating. I finished my dress – In the eve we read some and sewed a little – Rec'd a letter from Louise Knight and paper from Rilly Hinds.

Tuesday, December 19

Stormy – when we got up, but it cleared off about noon, and we went down to Ella's and spent afternoon and evening and had a splendid time – The sleighs were out some in PM, but it was rather bad sleighing, I guess – in the eve we made cornballs and had a good time generally – returned home about nine and retired soon after.

Wednesday, December 20

Very cold and windy. We girls intended to go up to Mexico but could not – Lu and I went down to aunt Mary's a few moments in morning. We went in Mary's also a little while – Ella was up a few moments in eve. I wrote a letter.

Thursday, December 21

Pleasant but cold and not very fine sleighing; however, we went to Mexico and spent the day. Had a nice time, got back about dark about frozen – I sewed a lot in eve.

Friday, December 22

Cold again. I went down St in forenoon a few moments. Nothing very particular happened.

Saturday, December 23

Cold, yet pleasant. In PM I went up to School House with Louise and Ella. The children had a Christmas pie. Afterwards the girls went skating. Ella was in a while towards night. Mary and Louise were in in eve, also uncle Wm.

Sunday, December 24

It snowed a little during day. We attended church all day. In eve had a fire in parlor and practiced a little. I wrote Curtis – Gusta was in here at noon. I got a couple of pieces of music from Curtis.

Monday, December 25

Rather cold – We washed in forenoon. In PM mother was not well at all. Lu took tea at aunt Mary's. She and Ella and myself took a ride over to Jersey and all around during afternoon – There was a dance at Morrill House in eve, but I did not attend. Mother was quite sick in eve. Lu stopped all night at aunt Mary's. I presented uncle Wm a pair of slippers.

Tuesday, December 26

Lu came home in forenoon. Mary was in and gave us an acct of dance. Brought me a doughnut, some one else sent it, she said but that must have been a mistake, I guess – In afternoon Lu and I went down to milliners shop and called at Ella a few moments – Mother was a good deal better.

Wednesday, December 27

Rained a little during day – Uncle Wm came up and gave us a ride, left us at his house. We found Mrs. Hinds and Rilly there – had a pleasant call – but did not stop long. Ella was up towards night. I wrote a letter in eve.

Thursday, December 28

Pleasant – Ironed. Mrs. Edmunds called here, also Mrs. Hinds and invited me to go to Canton to the exhibition with she and Rilly – Ella was in and invited Lu – accordingly in afternoon about four o'clock, we started about forty of us for Canton. Stopped at hotel a while, then repaired to church. The exhibition was quite good was not sorry I went, got home about twelve. Took a lunch and retired.

Friday, December 29

Pleasant. Lu and I were going down to aunt Mary's in afternoon, but before noon Mrs. Hayes and Olivia came down and spent day, so we sent down for aunt Mary and she came up. George Bisbee called during afternoon – Uncle Wm was in to tea. Worked on my slippers all day.

Saturday, December 30

It snowed a little – Lu and I went down to aunt Mary's and spent afternoon. I finished my slippers. Sarah Mitchell and Anna were there most of PM. I helped Lu about fixing her "coils." We had a game of cards in the evening.

Sunday, December 31

Sarah Mitchell called here in forenoon – We had a fire in parlor and practiced a little, also read and wrote. In eve Lu and I went down to Ella's, Rilly also spent the eve there – had a pleasant call. Came home about eight, and Rilly made us a call.

[Edited by Peter R. Stowell on March 26, 2007 in the following respects: Modernized punctuation, especially commas, periods, colons, semi-colons, yet left many dashes and other marks as they were; corrected most spelling, especially proper names when known but left many other spellings as they were found; separated written words into sentences or independent clauses for readability but left most fragments intact. Left "aunt Mary" and "uncle Wm", etc., as written. The goal of the editing was to maintain the flavor and intent of the diary while increasing its readability. Text below is part of diary but not edited.]

Memoranda

AKH Boyed "Country Parson"

April 3rd The city of Richmond was occupied by the army of the United States under the command of Lient. Gen. Grant.

April 9th - The rebel Gen Lee surrendered the whole army of northern - Virginia Amounting to about 100,000 men to Gen grant.

April 14th - Our beloved President - Abraham Lincoln was most cruelly assassinated at Fords theatre. Washington it is supposed by one J. Wilkes Booth. An attempt was also made same eve to assassinate Lee Seward, his son and others - but it is hoped they will recover. The President died at just 22 minutes past seven the 15th. his funeral was on Wednesday the 19th. J. Wilkes Booth his murderer was taken and shot by one Corbett

Cash Account January

For slippers being bottomed.....\$1.00 Trimmings for dress..... .50

Cash Account February

For having piano tuned..... \$3.00

Sundrys..... 1.00

Cash Account March

Sundrys..... 1.00

Cash Account September

1.7 yds for Elia 1.7 yds for myself

Trimmings for dresses, patterns Rubbers and those  
corsets and collars Handkerchiefs

55

Something for mother

Net and head rig

Flannel

Needles and Thread

Scarf

Veil

Woostids

Fall Hat perhaps

Music

16.00

11.60

27.60

Cash Account September

of Ella \$13

veil	1.50
Collars etc	.28
Ella's dress	11.60
my dress	16.00
Corsets	1.50
Handkerchiefs	1.25
Net	2.25
Sundrys	.25
Hose	.75
Flannel yards 3/4	3.00
6yds	4.50
Dress for mother	12.50
on yds []	2.50
Ribbons	.12
Stamps and sewing silk	.25
Braid, hose, thread etc	1.00

Memoranda

Friday March 10th gave Clara her 10th music lesson