

# Mary T. Hill Diary

## 1899

### January 1, Sunday

A very cold morning moderated in afternoon. We enjoyed the service at St. Marys to day, Father Moynahan from the Seminary preaching. Jim. came from Duluth for the day. Papa and Louis went for a sleigh ride but did not find enough snow.

### January 2, Monday

A very bright morning and pleasant. Mrs. Hale gave a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. and crowds attended. An old fashioned New Years gathering. Miss Gordon gave her brother, Charlie and his bride a breakfast a select number of her friends attending. In the evening the Noel Ball was a pretty affair and dancing kept up late.

### January 3, Tuesday

A beautiful morning. Rachel and Gertrude busy all day making preparations to return to School. They left in the evening. Mr. A. Clark going with them. Rachel looked so well that I am glad she may go back to New York. Samuel returned this morning saying Mamie looks very well the children are well so altogether they enjoyed the holidays in New York.

### January 4, Wednesday

Quite a cold morning - and some snow - later in the day. Found Mrs. Kelly suffering a good deal and looking fatigued with her suffering.

### January 5, Thursday

A bright cold morning pleasant afternoon. We gave Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Farington a Tea in the afternoon to which we invited 120 about 100 came and everyone seemed to enjoyed the occasion. Papa went East in the evening. So did George Slade. Mr. and Mrs. Farington stayed to dinner and Samuel and Jim were here too. A letter from Mamie. A telegram came telling us the girls arrived in New York and Mamie met them to day.

### January 6, Friday

Quite a cold morning. Girls still talking over Ball and German. They are preparing to give a Cotillion next Wednesday evening. I have been busy all day seeing to last repairs on Rachels and Gertrudes things and attending to putting everything in order after yesterdays Tea. Judge and Mrs. Young came in last evening we played Cinch.

### January 7, Saturday

A very cold morning 20 below zero in early part of day. Letter from Mamie saying weather is moderate in New York. Busy all day seeing to Curtains. Attending to wants at North Oaks for Walter and trying to get about in cold to make a few urgent visits. Walter

came to town and had a cold drive. Carl Smith and Langford Smith spent the day at North Oaks.

#### January 8, Sunday

A very cold morning but more moderate weather in afternoon. After luncheon wrote to Papa to Mamie to Rachel Mary M. and James Nathan. Samuel came to dinner in the evening. Girls took early dinner with Vallie gotzian [sic] her birth day. I found Mrs. Kelly asleep when I called so did not see her. She had a good day. Walter went back to farm.

#### January 9, Monday

Still very cold in the morning. The afternoon much pleasanter. Girls busy all day preparing for Cotillion making favors ect [sic]. I made some calls on Helen Driscoll, Mrs. C. Gotzian Mrs. Dahlgren (she went East Saturday) Mrs. Whipple, Halbert and Bass - Mrs. Upham and Mrs. Gen. Bacon. Louis went to Mrs. Groves dancing party.

#### January 10, Tuesday

Not so cold yet cold enough. At one p.m. blowing and snowing came some. A disagreeable afternoon wind continuing. Mrs. F. B. Clarke gave a luncheon Tea and evening entertainment. It is her birthday. A letter from Mamie. She says children are very well. Clara and Ruth made flags all day for their Cotillions. I wrote to Lord Mount Stephen and to Muller Uri [sic]. Arch Bishop Ireland went East on his way to Rome either last evening or Sunday evening. Papa is in Washington to day. Grace and Horace Bigelow took dinner with us this evening. Quite windy this evening.

#### January 11, Wednesday

A windy threatening day. We busied ourselves getting ready for the Cotillion this evening. I found Mrs. Kelly not very bright and looking pretty weak. Samuel came to dinner and afterwards addressed the Agricultural Society. Henry Simpson led the Cotillion very successfully. The flag figure was indeed a pretty one filling hall and rooms with color. It proved a sort of farewell to Major Strugis who goes to Cuba in a day or so.

#### January 12, Thursday

A very dark windy morning. Snowing too not very cold. A letter from Jim. this morning. Found Mrs. Kelly very poorly after a night of suffering. Rained this evening – and melted the snow to glare of ice. Organ man has been working a week on the Organ and finds a water motor of too feeble power. busy all day seeing to getting rooms and things in order after dancing party.

#### January 13, Friday

A beautiful day overhead quite warm but slushy. Ed. Holter in passing through city on way back East took dinner with us this evening. Jim came down from Duluth thinking it was Saturday. Auntie came to go to 2nd concert of the course. The concert was pretty good, quite good for Amateurs. Miss Gordon sang well so did Mr. Hamlin. Afterwards girls went to more music at Katies. Papa back in New York to day.

#### January 14, Saturday

A lovely morning and day. Took luncheon at Mrs. O. Dalrymples to day. Called on Mrs. McQuillian and Mrs. Upham. In the evening Samuel gave a young peoples Dinner at Town and Country Club. We took Katie Gordon out everyone enjoyed the evening. Succeeded in getting Judge Brown and Mr. J. Howe to dance.

#### January 15, Sunday

A delightful morning and day. Walter and Mr. Bridgman went back to farm at three p.m. Wrote to Mamie and to Gertrude. Mr. Chemidlin came from Mass with us and took luncheon. He leaves for Brooklyn tomorrow evening. Mrs. Kelly quite ill this afternoon. Mr. and Miss Katie Gordon leave for New York on way to Germany this evening. Jim went back to Duluth this evening.

#### January 16, Monday

A colder morning and too slippery for horse or man. Wrote to Mamie this morning asking her to leave the children with us when she crosses the Ocean next month. Letter from Rachel. Telegram from Papa saying he may leave New York for home tomorrow. We heard to day of Mr. Pearces death in Providence R. I. (Bessie Sawyers husband). A good deal colder tonight. Mr. Upham came in to say goodbye they are going South.

#### January 17, Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Upham left this evening. A cold morning 5 above but disagreeable wind. Papa starts for home from New York to day. Wrote note for papa to Mrs. Peary to Washington to day. Mrs. Raguet called to day. Walter came in not feeling well but as he was not ill he returned at 2<sup>30</sup> p.m. Dr. Smith called after he had left. Mrs. Bigelow C. jr. Mrs. Whipple Mrs. Forepaugh, Mrs. Bacon, Abbott Cass Gilgert, Dousman Miss Sturgis, Mrs. Major Sturgis, Mrs. H. Horn Miss Horn, Miss Furness called to day. Father Gibbon dined with us.

#### January 18, Wednesday

A fine day overhead, but the poor horses had difficulty getting about.

#### January 19, Thursday

Papa came home from New York this morning looking well and feeling well except that he is troubled by an ulcerating tooth.

#### January 20, Friday

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#### January 21, Saturday

A delightful morning. Papa went to see Theodore Schurmeier who has not been well. We are all very sorry to see him so poorly. Charlotte got first prescriptions from Dr. Schadle. Her trouble seems to be debility and nervousness – and swollen gland. Charlotte and Walter went to Harry Allens Lecture on American art.

#### January 22, Sunday

A disagreeable day dark and drizzling. Papa started to farm in a rain and the Roads barely passible [sic]. Walter dined at Mrs. Bridgmans and drove form there to farm. Samuel came to dinner. Walter brought in a fine little Collie pup one of Perths to Susie Clarke. I find much information and great interest in 'Hucs journey through the Chinese Empire'.

#### January 23, Monday

Quite Springlike weather we have had for {inserted: called at Mrs. Fields} days. Snowed last night 3 or 4 inches {inserted: called at Mrs. Saunders} which improves the roads {inserted: called at Mrs. Seymours} and makes quite good sleighing for the day. Mrs. Kelly was rather drowsy and weak to day just spoke a few words to me. Mr. S. S. Eaton quite ill. A letter from Mamie telling me that she can not leave the children with me when she goes.

#### January 24, Tuesday

A fine morning some colder than yesterday. Took luncheon at Mrs. Theodore Borups – with ten others. In the evening Jim. came for the night. We went (Louis Clara Ruth and I) to the Military Ball for the benefit of Old Ladies Home. The favors included some cigars Major Whipple brought from Manilla [sic]. A little colored boy and girl came in at midnight to personate Aguinaldo and his wife. The saluted our flag and the guests sang America.

#### January 25, Wednesday

Snowing but quite warm – so that snow melted. Mrs. Kelly is very ill to day. Unconscious. Mr. S. S. Eaton is also quite ill. Papa has trouble with a tooth that I fear has ulcerated. A note from Auntie saying she is ill of grip [sic]. A letter from Rachel.

#### January 26, Thursday

A very cold and windy morning. Regular blizzard weather at zero. I have been at Mrs. Kellys nearly all day. She has been very low. No hope of her rallying anymore. Samuel came to tell me of a letter from Mamie. It seems that she is trying another Doctor Dr. Collins. Jim has been here two days. He returns to Duluth this evening. Papa seems better of tooth ache.

#### January 27, Friday

Such a cold morning 20 below at eight oclock. Mrs. Kelly yet alive apparently asleep. Spent most of the day there. Papas tooth troubled abated. Wrote to Gertrude this afternoon. Doctors examined Theodore S.....r {marks made by Mrs. Hill} yesterday. They are to give opinion to day. He is about and appears better. This evening is delightful weather has moderated 15 above at 9. p.m.

#### January 28, Saturday

A very cold morning and day. 19 below at 8 a.m. and windy. Mrs. Kelly very – very low all day. Spent nearly the whole of the day in her room. Wrote to Rachel and to Mary and James Nathan. Louis has quite a cold. Papa said this evening that Theodore Sc...m...r

{marks made by Mrs. Hill} was not as well as yesterday when he saw him downtown. Pauline Ferguson gave a Tea to day.

#### January 29, Sunday

Still cold and colder 22 below zero at eight this morning 16 below in the sun on breakfast room window at 830 a.m. And yet a beautiful bright clear calm day. And fashioned Minnesota atmosphere of winter! Mrs. Kelly still alive at one p.m. but so low. Mrs. P. H. Kelly just passed away at one twenty they tell me by telephone. Papa has been to see Theodore and thinks he will take Dr. Foster and go to see Dr. Osler at Baltimore this evening.

#### January 30, Monday

Too cold this morning. Charlotte and I came down stairs early to attend Mass for Mrs. Kelly at 830 St. Marys it was 26 below zero outside on library window when we went out at 815 a.m. We hear it was 34 at 5. this a.m. Still we have bright sunshine. Theodore Schurmeier with Archie Driscoll and Dr. Foster left for Baltimore this evening to consult Dr. Osler. {At bottom of page in Louis' writing: Drugs}

#### January 31, Tuesday

Still very cold away below zero but seems to be moderating. Spent most of forenoon with Kelly girls. Poor girls they are indeed bereft. The afternoon again grew colder. Stayed with Mrs. Kellys daughters until late at night to help them through the ordeal of having their mothers remains taken out of her room. How hard many things in life are.

#### February 1, Wednesday

A cold bright morning still seven degrees below zero. Mrs. Kelly was buried from St. Marys this morning. The church was filled with her old friends. Father Gibbons celebrated the Mass and said a few words. It was very cold at the cemetery. In the afternoon I went to Minneapolis to see Annie who has had the grip [sic]. She was up and looking pale. I came back feeling rather used up rheumatism in my back.

#### February 2, Thursday

Still below zero and of course very cold. Went out in the morning and to see the Kellys found them all in pretty good condition considering all they have been through. Stayed in the rest of the day rather lame in my back. Last night we had a little fire and smoke in the basement did not signify. Wrote to Mamie and to Rachel. George Slade came back from New York this morning.

#### February 3, Friday

Bright but still six below zero at 830 this morning. The cold does linger. Snowed and was very damp and disagreeable all day. Louis brought Mr. Simeon P. Folsom home to luncheon. He is 79 and most interesting being so old a resident of the North West he come from the east before 1840 and has been in St. Paul since 1847. His memory is wonderful – and accurate as to dates and all.

### February 4, Saturday

Very cold yet at 8<sup>45</sup> this morning 12 below zero. Busy all day preparatory to going East. As I do not feel real well I find work goes rather slowly. Finished reading Huc's Journey through the Chinese Empire it was most interesting to the end. Walter drove in cold as it is feeling it is better here on Sunday this severe weather.

### February 5, Sunday

And still the cold has is in grass [sic] {grasp?} at 8. this morning 18 below zero. Charlotte and I went to 9 o'clock Mass as we must prepare to leave for New York tonight. Jim. came down yesterday. We start for New York this evening to spend two weeks with Mamie before she sails.

### February 6, Monday

Early this morning we found bare ground in Illinois and such dust. Very cold too in Chicago when we reached there. Mr. L. W. Campbell met us as usually so kindly does. Toward evening it began to snow and by the time we got to Cleveland everything was white. Snowed all the way to one but was not cold. The papers tell us of Battle in the Philippines and of the loss of several of our men.

### February 7, Tuesday

Albany, N.Y. Still snowing a wet snow which delays train some. By reading and playing two handed whist the day passed and at 2. p.m. we arrived at New York. Mamie met us. Charlotte seemed rather tired of the trip on. She is not well. We find New York looking and feeling very wintry. Mary M. and James Nathan look well. Mamie looks well too but not strong yet.

### February 8, Wednesday

New York. Snowing and blowing. Most disagreeable day. We have come to Holland as Mamie is here. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lowry are here. Also Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Christian. Rachel and Gertrude came and dined with us this evening. We succeeded in getting seats for this evening and Mamie Charlotte and I went to the Opera of Loengren. It was a treat. Wrote to Papa this morning. Fortunately the Insurgents have withdrawn in the Philippines.

### February 9, Thursday

New York. This is a cold morning. About zero. Such high wind that it is worse than when 20 below zero in Minnesota. I went to Dr. Collins with Mamie and to the Baths on 69th Street. So the forenoon passed. Miss Alice Preston called this afternoon and invited us to Tuxedo. Mrs. Thorne called too. Wrote to Clara. Louis Preston called we were out. In the evening we went to see [Trelaume?]. It is an amusing play. We see and hear how cold it is at home 30 below at 8 this morning in St. Paul. 30 below zero in St. Paul to day.

### February 10, Friday

New York. Not so disagreeably cold as yesterday but very cold for here 5 below zero this morning. Wrote to Clara and to Ruth. Telegraphed Emma to make waists for

Mamie. Went after Mamie to Bath place. In the afternoon Mrs. Baker Mr. Muller Uri [sic] Ann Lamborn and Frances Tarbox called. We spent the evening In Mamies room. Weather continues very cold at home 30 below and near there for several day. The 3rd week of severe weather there. Dr. Buckley called.

#### February 11, Saturday

New York. Not so cold but cold yet. Met Mr. and Mrs. Truesdale at breakfast this morning. She and her daughter are going the Mediterranean Trip on Fort Bismarck. Charlotte went to see Dr Collins this morning. This afternoon Charlotte Rachel Gertrude and I went to the Opera the Hugunots [sic]. It was fine. this evening as we dined at Mrs. S. Thornes met a Rev. Mrs. Duncan. A pleasant evening.

#### February 12, Sunday

New York. A very stormy morning but not so cold. We went to St. Leos Church because it was near. Father Ducie cannot be well, he looks so old and seems so nervous. Mamie went to Dr. Collins for treatment and we spent balance of day indoors. Rachel and Gertrude passed the day with us. We see by papers that it is still very cold at home and nearly all over. All the Steamers are late coming in and all come with greatest difficulty. Took girls back to school at 8. p.m. with difficulty in carriage through snow.

#### February 13, Monday

New York. Has been stormy a week but this is the worst day of all snowing and blowing. Weather says snow storm comes from South and another cold wave coming from North. New York cannot escape either! Mamie went Dr. this morning. I went with her. Came back wrote to Papa and to Auntie. We have Tickets to the Opera of Faust but the storm is so violent and snow so deep that we cannot get a carriage at the Hotel to go to the Opera House 9 blocks distant. So we must give it up. To bad the caste is so fine!

#### February 14, Tuesday

New York. A bright beautiful day overhead but such piles of snow. Mounds on either side of streets fully ten feet high. Not even cross walks cleared off, pavements passable. Called on Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Curtis. Met Mrs. and Thomas There. Also Mrs. And Miss Daily. Afterwards took long walk notwithstanding cross walks – to wade through. In the evening Charlotte and I went to see White Rose Inn at Wallacks.

#### February 15, Wednesday

The Holland New York. Another fine day overhead. Streets much worse having thawed. This is Ash Wednesday. We went to Mass to St. Leos. Mr. Chemidlin came over from Brooklyn and took luncheon with us. Francis Tarbox was here too. Afterwards we went to Knoedlers to see Chartians Portraits. The one of Pope Leo at prayer in an awful caricature. I walked up to see Mr. Moore found him looking better than I expected. He is going South soon. Saw Mrs. Moore Miss N Moore and Faith. Mamies rheumatism some less painful.

### February 16, Thursday

New York. Rather cloudy not cold in the morning. Turned to rain later on. Went to the School to call on Miss Spence and was present at the singing lesson conducted Fr. Damisch. Miss Spence enthusiastic over Gertrude success and promotion; as one of six among two hundred. Charlotte not well to day. Stayed in room all day. Letter from Papa made me happy for the day. Also telegram Saying thawing all way to coast. Muller Uri [sic] {Muller-Ury} came in the evening and gave us much gossip and some news. Wrote to Walter and to Ruth.

### February 17, Friday

Holland New York. A mild pleasant day overhead. Streets worse than ever crossings deep water. Broadway passable. Fifth Ave. hardly so. Sent Clara telegram and letter. Wrote to Emma. Note from Mrs. Slade. Dr. Collins has sent a Nurse to Mamie for a few days. Dr. Bulkley turned over the case to him finally yesterday. Miss Sturgis called to day with Ann Lamborn. In the evening we went with Mrs. Cannon to Dalys to see the Great Ruby. A play neither interesting nor amusing – Coarse!

### February 18, Saturday

New York. A mild day but very wet day. Francis Tarbox took luncheon with us. How it rained. Rachel and Gertrude spent the afternoon with us. We went to see Madrassos Portraits at Oehmes among them a portrait of Bessie Lamont a very good likeness and pretty picture. In the evening Charlotte Rachel Gertrude and I went to dine at Mrs. Lamonts and afterwards they took to see Mary Irwin in Kate Kip. This afternoon we went to see the exhibit of Tiffany Glass and met Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Krech there.

### February 19, Sunday

New York. A perfectly delightful morning. The girls and I went to Mass at the Cathedral. Charlotte was not well so did not go to Mass. In the afternoon Arthur Slade and Will. Thorne called. Francis Tarbox came in for a while too. Wrote to Papa to Mrs. Upham, to Thomasvillie.

### February 20, Monday

Another fine day. The snow is fast melting where it lies on Side Streets. Took a walk found two chests of dark oak to hold photos ect [sic]. A telegram from Samuel saying he and Louis will leave for East tomorrow. Charlotte took luncheon at Mrs. Moores to day. The girls were at home. In the evening we dined at Mrs. Geo. F. Bakers and afterwards went to Opera of Huguenots. Heard Mme. Simhiech. She sang charmingly. Ed. De Reszke and Jean De Reszke. M. Plancon Mme. Nordica Mme. Mantelle too. It was all grand!

### February 21, Tuesday

A pleasant morning, slightly cloudy. Francis Tarbox went to (Middletown) to day {written in above "to day" is; "last night"}. This afternoon Charlotte and I went up to Muller Uris [sic] Studio where we saw a good deal of his work. A portrait of the smaller Miss Daily is very good {inserted: one}. We saw a large portrait of Mrs. John V. Dahlgren. This



forenoon Mr. and Mrs. John G. Moore called to talk to me about swelling on Charlottes neck. He is most anxious the I should see and consult Dr. Janeway.

#### February 22, Wednesday

New York. Another delightful day. Flags out all over to day. This morning we went to Dr. Collins office (Charlotte and I ) after a little conversation we decided to go and see Dr. Janeway about the swollen gland on Charlottes neck. He does not advise removal at present – recommends building up of system and local treatment. And says should it then fail to subside it should be taken out. This afternoon we went to Roosevelt hospital and saw Miss Patmore. She seemed glad to see me. This evening we dined at Mr. and Mrs. T. Havemeyers met there Mr. and Mrs. H. Havemeyer. Wrote to Clara and Dr. Smith. Letters from Clara & Ruth. Miss Patmore told us of Dr. Peterson Nerve Dr.

#### February 23, Thursday

New York. Some cooler but bright pleasant morning. We went to Burton Holmes lecture of Honolulu this morning at 11 at Dailys. Afterwards Mrs. Capt. Hayes called we enjoyed her visit ever so much. Samuel came this afternoon. Mamie got up dressed and went for a drive with him. Later dressed for dinner. She has had a nurse and has been in bed all week. This afternoon Mrs. E. Adams called – so did Muller Uri [sic] {Muller-Ury}. In the evening Charlotte and I dined at Mrs. Oakleigh Thornes. Mr. Sam. Thorne was there also a Dr. Mamie and I have had precious letters from Papa to day. He has gone West. Went Thursday.

#### February 24, Friday

New York. Colder but bright. Charlotte and I went to Dailys to Burtons lecture on Honolulu. Very interesting. In the afternoon we went to the Dog Show. A large number of fine dogs. Mary M. thinks it does not compare with the St. Paul Dog Show. Wrote to Ruth and Walter. In the evening after visiting a while with Mamie we played cinch. Rachel and Gertrude being here to spend Saturday. We called on Mrs. Bulkley Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. S. Thorne Mrs. Slade, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Lamborne [sic]. She has been ill took cold in storm.

#### February 25, Saturday

New York. Quite fresh, frosty air this morning. Rachel went to see Dr. Bull this morning. He finds her eyes and health improved. On the way home we went to Schmidts to see Old silver. Then we took early luncheon and went to Opera of Tristan and Isolda. It was fine although long from 2 to 6<sup>15</sup>. The two DeReszkas Nordica Schuman Heik [sic] and Bispham. Saw Mrs. Lizzie Draper there. While we were at dinned Mrs. Chas. Gould called not looking well. Saw Mrs. J. K. Tod to day. Met a Mrs. Valentine with Mrs. Geo. F Baker in her box. Wrote to Clara.

#### February 26, Sunday

New York. Cloudy but not very cold. By church time it was raining. Mary M. and I walked to the Cathedral to High Mass. Father Woodman preached a fine sermon. He is one of the Paulists. This is Charlottes birthday. She go set of Amethyst pins violets carnations ect [sic]. At Tea time Gertrude brought out cake illuminated with candles. Muller Uri [sic]

Mr. L. Rand Chas. W. Gould Samuel Mr. Cook and some other gentleman with Samuel called. Letter from Ruth. Mamie seems to feel pretty well. Samuel went over to Washington this evening. Charlotte seems to have enjoyed her birthday.

#### February 27, Monday

New York. A pleasant day. Letters from home. Louis arrived here to day. In the afternoon we called on Mrs. Hayes Mrs. Oakleigh Thorne Mrs. T. Havemeyer Mrs. Lamont Mrs. Geo. F. Baker. In the evening we went to theatre with Mr. Alonzo Rand. At Mrs. Bakers we saw Mr. and Mrs. Loew. She poured Tea – and looked very well.

#### February 28, Tuesday

New York. A perfectly delightful morning. Quite a busy day. Went to Dr. Collins to Spaldings for Gertrudes birth day gift. To Schwartz for Charlottes Puff Billiards for her birth day gift to Duttens – to see about Hucs History of Christianity. To Stearns Lord and Taylors and further looking for something for Mamie. Mr. Chemidlin Miss Sturgis and Anna Griggs took luncheon with us. Called at Mrs. Cannons went Roosevelt Hospital and an errand on Madison ave. Rachel and Gertrude took dinner with us. Mr. Lamont called in the evening.

#### March 1, Wednesday

New York Holland. Cloudy at first. Mamie and Samuel sail this morning on St. Louis – at ten. Mamie up early and looking bright. Mr. Chemidlin Mr. Muller Uri [sic] and Mr. A. T. Rand Mr. E. T. Nichols saw them off. Mr. Eustons Belgian Secretary was a passenger. As the Steamer started the clouds lifted and the sun burst forth lightening all our hearts. Mary and James rather awed by all. We leave with them for home this afternoon. Louis stays here few days.

#### March 2, Thursday

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#### March 3, Friday

St. Paul. We arrived home from New York this morning. Charlotte James Nathan and I. Found only Clara and Ruth here. Louis in New York Jim in Duluth Walter at North Oaks. Papa is on the Pacific Coast. We were surprised to find a heavy fall of new snow here and such cold weather. Mary and James seem glad to be back.

#### March 4, Saturday

Quite cold. Went for a sleigh ride and called Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Gotzian. Later on Mrs. Eaton found that Mr. Eaton is very ill. Busied myself all forenoon putting things to rights and began to put things in order in the sewing Room.

#### March 5, Sunday

Very windy and cold but bright. Wind kept up all day and grew colder toward evening. No word from Papa. I think he is at Spokane. Wrote to Mamie and to Rachel. Walter dreads his drive to North Oaks in the wind as he must face it all the way. Girls tried to take a walk but soon turned back discouraged by cold and wind.

### March 6, Monday

A very cold morning 14 below zero at 8 a.m. That indeed was an unpleasant surprise at this late date. Mary M. began to go to school this morning and did not mind the cold much. Jim came home from Duluth this morning complaining some of stiffness. No wonder. I learn papa is at Spokane and that their train has had two escapes: First it encountered a Boulder that fell on track then a train collided with their train running into Mr. Wards car no one hurt.

### March 7, Tuesday

Still quite cold although only about at zero. We learn that papa has had left Spokane. So we hope he may arrive tomorrow. Carrie Schurmeier called to day. Mr. and Mrs. Upham have been in to day they came home yesterday. This evening at six we were at Bessie Durhams wedding to Lieut. Easton Gibson. She was a beautiful bride and looked happy. She had such very pretty presents and she deserves all that is best.

### March 8, Wednesday

This is a delightful morning – 12 above zero at 8. a.m. Annie Auntie Phelps 50th. birth day. I went to see her and to call at Dr. Hills to enquire for Jimmies. He was not very well to day. We received a cable this evening saying the St. Louis had arrived and that neither Samuel nor Mamie were at all ill. So they are in London tonight. George Slade is here this evening. Letters from A.S. D. Hill – and from Mrs. Lamont. {at top of page in Louis' writing: 82 old in 1931}

### March 9, Thursday

Dark but not so cold. Mrs. Bun. Hersey gave a mi careme Supper quests in costume. Clara as Lady of Louis 15th time Ruth Spanish lady Pauline Ferguson as Bulgarian Peasant. Favors of Canary birds were given to ladies and White mice to gentlemen! Four birds and two mice came here. The girls seemed to enjoy the novelty of the entertainment.

### March 10, Friday

Cable form Samuel to day saying they will be in Paris tomorrow. Louis returned from New York this morning looking very well indeed.

### March 11, Saturday

Cloudy but not cold rain and Sleet turned to Snow and was accompanied by such high wind that a regular blizzard was the order. Snowed all night and how it blew! but still not cold. There was some amusement in the evening playing Puff-billiards. Papa seemed tired and slept.

### March 12, Sunday

Still snowing steadily this morning. Snow so deep and wet that we gave up the idea of going to Mass. The day seems unlike Sunday in consequence. The first time I ever got so discouraged at snow. Wind has gone down. At noon Sun came out and then we began to think of having snow lifted. Clara and papa shoveled the snow off Terrace for

exercise. Wrote to Mamie and to Gertrude. Walter cannot drive to Farm to day. So must remain until tomorrow.

#### March 13, Monday

A disagreeable day after the heavy fall of snow 15 inches. Not cold. Snow rather wet. Walter and Mr. Bridgman remained in Town until after luncheon. About 4 p.m. they telephoned that they reached the farm having experienced but one break down in the drifts. Papa went to Duluth this evening about Elevator erection. A letter from Mrs. Freeman James saying she had her teeth extracted.

#### March 14, Tuesday

A cloudy damp day. Not feeling well. I went with Charlotte to see Dr. Smith. Charlottes neck (the glands) get no better. Remained in the house all rest of the day feeling chilly. Snow began again to fall and added nearly another foot. I am reading with great interest M. Hucs "Travels in Tartary Thibet [sic] and China. What the old Missionaries endured for the Faith.

#### March 15, Wednesday

Not at all well suffering all last night form bronchial irritation and this morning had to give up and send for the Doctor. In spite of the added fall of snow Papa and Jim. arrived home from Duluth on time. Jim seemed to have a cold. Ding took James to the Dentists and he would not open his mouth an illustration of the horse lead to the water refusing to drink!

#### March 16, Thursday

Weather is so mean that I am losing nothing by staying in bed so I shall try to think a necessity an opportunity to rest and read. As I have a book that is most attractive with visits from the family. I enjoyed the day in spite of some discomfort and much coughing. Angie Tingle and Esther Kelly cam over. They told me how poorly their father is. James finally was prevailed on to have a tooth attended to.

#### March 17, Friday

A cloudy morning feeling better although I have rheumatism in my right shoulder added to bronchitis is not pleasant. However as I am recovering nicely all is well. Susie Clarke came in this morning bringing a sweet bunch of roses. Pauline followed with a lovely bunch of violets. Mrs. Upham came in telling me of Mr. Eaton. He seems more comfortable. Wrote to Mrs. James sending what she asked for.

#### March 18, Saturday

Bright and lovely overhead. But such piles of snow. A letter came to Mary and James written aboard Ship from day to day and mailed at end of voyage. No bad weather. Sea calm all the way over. Neither Samuel nor Mamie ill at all and Mamie escaped Rheumatism. Windsor Hotel in New York burned yesterday many lives lost and many injured.

### March 19, Sunday

A beautiful morning. After being shut up in house four days of bronchial trouble I went out to Mass this morning. Charlotte Ruth Dr. Smith and I leave this evening for New York to see Dr. McBurney. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard Mrs. Upham and Mrs. Gotzian came in to day. Walter and Mr. Bridgman both well after all the Storms.

### March 20, Monday

On Train. We left St. Paul last evening (Dr. Smith, Pauline Ferguson Ruth, Charlotte and I) to go to New York on Charlottes account to see Dr. McBurney. We rested quite well. At first missed seeing Mr. Campbell as he was in country. This morning we look out on bare ground which is promising after the piles of snow we left in St. Paul. Very few on train. Pleasant for us. Pauline is reading David Harmon Ruth Sentimental Tommy. I do not believe Pauline quite appreciates David.

### March 21, Tuesday

New York. We arrived here at the Netherlands at two oclock. Mrs. Smith being in New York met the Dr. and all of us at the Station. Francis is still in New York and called in the afternoon. The day rather cold here. Telegram form Louis to day says Jim and Papa may leave for New York Saturday or Sunday. Mrs. Sidney Farwell (Miss Rhodes) is here with her father and mother. Also Mr. Winter. We have not seen Bessie yet.

### March 22, Wednesday

A dark rainy morning. I shall not dare to go out to day for fear of taking fresh cold as I still cough for bronchitis. Dr. Smith and Charlotte went to see Dr. McBurney this morning. It is arranged that she go to the Roosevelt Hospital in the morning. And tomorrow afternoon Dr. McBurney will attend to her. Take out the swollen gland. She seems very cheerful – and trustful. Fortunately. Wrote to Papa this forenoon. Letter from Mamie from London saying how pleasant the voyage was.

### March 23, Thursday

New York. Still raining and windy. Charlotte made early preparations to go over to Roosevelt Hospital – to be gotten ready for Dr. McBurney. Dr. Smith and she started at 9:30 a.m. Her courage better than I expected. I went over at one p.m. Dr. Smith followed at 2:30 p.m. and Dr. McBurney came at 3p.m. Young Dr. Janeway gave her Ether. She was gone from her room. After going under influence an hour and five minutes. Dr. Smith says the operation was successful and more necessary than he knew. At 9 p.m. she is recovering nicely. Cable to day tells us Samuel and Mamie at Monte Carlo.

### March 24, , Friday

New York. A bright pleasant morning but not warm. Charlotte had a very uncomfortable day yet they say she is doing well as there is no fever. She has the best rooms in Roosevelt and the nurse she wanted Miss Patmore so far as possible all is to her liking. Wrote to Mamie and to Clara and Walter this evening. My bronchitis holds on. Francis Tarbox spent the afternoon with Ruth and Pauline. Invitations have just come to the Sloan Hammond Wedding – and breakfast.

March 25, Saturday

A cloudy day but not so cold. Went out early on my way to Roosevelt Hospital to spend forenoon with Charlotte. Found her very uncomfortable and feeling exhausted. Had no rest last night and has little thus far to day. Went over again this afternoon. Charlotte a trifle more comfortable. I feel so badly myself that I had to come back to Hotel early. weather is very disagreeable snowing and raw.

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March 28, Tuesday

Papa and Jim arrived this evening. They are both well. I have not been up since Saturday night. Charlotte has not felt at all well she has been so nervous that she has not been able to sleep – remedies failing to have desired effect. To day she is much more her old self wound doing very well.

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April 1, Saturday

Girls tried to play a joke on Jim to April fool him. Think they succeeded better than he will admit.

April 2, Sunday

The Netherland New York. Mr. Gaspard Farrer arrived yesterday from England. Weather not yet mild and I am and have been all this time since 25th confined to my room. Bronchitas [sic] is tedious to say the least. Easter flowers have been coming in from Friends until our rooms are bower of fragrance dingy as we thought them. I was not allowed to go to Mass to day it is so windy and cold. Pauline, Francis Ruth Rachel Gertrude and Jim are here. Mr. and Mrs. Baker Mr. Livingstone called to day.

April 3, Monday

New York. Jim left for Baltimore Pittsburg ect. [sic] and Duluth. Charlotte and Miss Patmore came over from the Roosevelt Hospital to visit me as I am still confined to the room. Charlotte is doing well.

April 4, Tuesday

New York. Papa and Mr. Gaspard Farrer left for St. Paul this evening.

April 5, Wednesday

John Hammonds Wedding day. Ruth Pauline and Francis went with me to the church service and ceremony. There I met Mrs. S. Thorne and went with her to the Reception and Wedding Breakfast. The Wm. Sloan house is very elegant. Mrs. Gen. Hammond looked very well.

April 6, Thursday

New York. Charlotte and Miss Patmore moved over from the Hospital to day at Dr. McBurneys suggestion. Miss Patmore to stay until the tonsil is removed.

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April 10, Monday

Dr. Smith Miss Patmore and Charlotte went over to Dr. McBurneys Office this morning and had Tonsil taken out. Charlotte got along nicely.

April 11, Tuesday

Miss Patmore left to day so now Charlotte feels left to her own resources. Howard James call this evening looking for Mr. Marshall Field and learned we were at the Hotel so spent the evening with us. Pauline went to Annapolis this morning. Mr. Chemidlin called to day not at all well.

April 12, Wednesday

Dr. Chas. E. Smith left for home to day.

April 13, Thursday

New York. A telegram came this forenoon from Clara asking what I thought of her going abroad with papa and Jim. I replied I thought well of it. Then came a message from Papa asking my opinion on the subject. I repeated that I approved of it fully. So they will be here next Monday. Girls and I took luncheon at Mrs. A.W. Krech to day met Mother Krech Mrs. D.C. Shepard and Mrs. F. Shepard and Florence Robbins there.

April 14, Friday

New York. Learned upon meeting Mrs. Bliss of Mr. Moore and his familys return form Jekyl Island. He has been very ill there and on the way home. Ruth Moore is ill too so is Miss Nellie Moore.

April 16, Sunday

New York. A very rainy cold disagreeable day. Went to High Mass at the Cathedral. Wrote to Mamie in the afternoon and went over to call on Mr. and Mrs. Shepard at the Savoy as they leave for home in the morning. While I was out Mr. and Mrs. John Sloan called to invite us to luncheon tomorrow.

#### April 17, Monday

New York. Ruth and I accepted Mrs. Sloans invitation to luncheon and met there Mrs. John S Kennedy and a young lady friend of Miss Sloans. After a pleasant luncheon Mrs. Sloan took me for a long drive out past Manhattanville, back through the Park. Grass is green but foliage is not yet out. Papa, Jim and Clara arrived this evening all well papa seemed very tired.

#### April 18, Tuesday

New York. This has been rather a busy day getting every one ready for the voyage. In the evening, Mr. Marshall Field Mr. Lamont Mr. Muller Uri [sic] and Mr. Marcus Daily and Mr. E Saunders called.

#### April 19, Wednesday

New York. We were all up early this morning as the Paris sails at ten oclock. Papa, Mr. Gaspard Farrer Jim and Clara went as passengers. Charlotte Ruth and I saw them off it was a perfect morning. In the afternoon we left for home via Lake Shore Limited. Muller Uri [sic] seeing us off. The day was hot.

#### April 20, Thursday

On the Lake Shore Limited. Chicago. It was hot all way along and few signs of Spring anywhere nothing but some green spots of grass. We arrived in Chicago on time. Mr. Campbell met us. We went to the Grand Pacific. Had Tea wrote to Papa to London and to Rachel to New York. We left for home in the Burlington and Northern. Mr. Campbell seeing us off. Just after, at eight o'clock about 12miles West of Aurora Ill. Our train derailed. The whole train from Engine to last and and fifth car left track and lay nearly entirely on side. Diner next to us burned. We escaped through upper side {Note at bottom of page in Mrs. Hill's writing says; "(see Saturday April 15th)" and on page for 4/15: "Leaving Chicago on Train. Thursday April 20th 99 Eight p.m." and continues as follows.} windows assisted and directed by J. D. Kline the Pullman Conductor of the wrecked Train. Neither Charlotte Ruth nor I at all injured. And although the diner the car not 20 feet distant was afire we saved all out hand baggage and wraps. Engineer Express Messenger, dining car conductor Geo. Elmer and Mr. Plough badly injured. Firemen killed under engine. Train had just nearly left trestle when it turned over fortunately a low bank of earth prevented train turning entirely over.{Back on page for 4/20, along margin of page}. We feel deeply thankful.

#### April 21, Friday

On Burlington and Northern. This morning how glad we were to see day light and how grateful we feel that we have been preserved and spared. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Noyes were and are with us. It was a mercy that in the accident the electric lights did not go out. In three hours and a half a relief train came and took us back to Aurora to catch the late train out of Chicago for St. Paul. The injured remained at Aurora Hospital. We arrived home at 12:45 p.m. to day inexpressibly glad to get back home so safely and well. Only Louis and Mary with James to greet us. Auntie Phelps was at house.



April 22, Saturday

St. Paul. This morning we are realizing how much of a shock we suffered – and feel its effects. I can just put my clothes on my body and arms are very sore. I hope Papa and the girls may not hear anything of it until my letters reach them. Walter surprised me he is so tall and large. Has grown perceptibly in four weeks. Mr. F. B. Clarke, and Mr. and Mrs. Tarbox came in to congratulate us on our escape.

April 23, Sunday

To day is very quiet here so few of us at home. We went to St. Marys church. Walter returned to the farm. Louis and the girls went for a drive. Mr. and Mrs. Upham came in for a while. Uncle Phelps who has lost the top of his finger turning over a car seat came down to see how we were after the shaking up and turning over.

April 24, Monday

As Mary the cook is to be married and Clara did not succeed in finding a cook I am quite disturbed as I should like to have had Mary initiate the newcomer. A house maid too to find is annoying. Went to see Mr. S. S. Eaton who is very low indeed and is aware that there is no help for him. I found him looking better than I expected and seemingly resigned. Later went out to inquire for Mr. Plough who was cut in twenty places in the accident.

April 25, Tuesday

A very hot morning and everything so dry – 79 in Shade at 4 p.m. There seems to be so many things to see to and renovate ect. [sic] that time goes quickly. A letter came to day from Mamie from Rome saying that as friends of Archbishop Ireland everything is being done for them. That Cardinal Rumpolla sees that they get many unusual privileges. And that they hoped to attend the Holy Fathers Mass through the Cardinals kindness. Charlotte went to Oseola to day. Ruth to Minneapolis. Louis and I alone in the evening.

April 26, Wednesday

A cloudy morning we hope for rain. Last night was gloriously bright. I could not sleep so observed it. I went to see Mrs. Shepard this morning. She is getting over bronchitis. Mr. Shepard superintending house cleaning and renovating. A telegram from New York says that Paris will reach Southampton this evening. I presume they have had a good voyage.

April 27, Thursday

At one this morning a great wind electric and rain storm. Heavy rain not so much thunder but almost continual lightening. Ruth and I alone on second floor she did not even awaked in storm. A cable to me form Mr. Gaspard Farrer saying, "Your family (papa Jim and Clara) flourishing." Took luncheon at Mrs. P. R. L. Hardenberghs to day a St. Marys luncheon. This has been a dark rainy day. Father Gibbons called this evening bringing me the ten Baptismal certificates of our ten children. I notice in several my middle name left out.

#### April 28, Friday

A beautiful morning rather too warm. I spent most of the day at North Oaks and found considerable to look about after the winters occupation by Walter and Mr. Bridgman. Took James Nathan out he enjoyed it. On my return in the evening I found a letter from Mamie from Rome. I am very glad she seems to be enjoying her trip. Mr. Theodore Schurmeier called in the evening looking very well. Auntie came but found no one home.

#### April 29, Saturday

A brisk morning much cooler. We do not hear anything from Charlotte from Oseola Wis. Busy all morning looking for cook and house maid doing marketing errands. Shopping, seeing to sewing room ect [sic]. Mary received a long letter from her mother telling her of being present at Pope Leo. 13th Mass at St. Peters on 21st anniversary of his Papacy. A solemn occasion surely. Letter from Rachel saying vacination has disabled her.

#### April 30, Sunday

A cool rather cloudy morning. Rained hard in the afternoon as Mr. Bridgman and Walter were going to drive to North Oaks. A very quiet Sunday spent the afternoon writing to Mamie Clara Rachel ect [sic]. Louis did not come home to dinner. Charlotte still at Oseola. Valley Gotzian did keep Ruth and I company.

#### May 1, Monday

A cloudy May day. I believe a few intend to celebrate Dewey's Victory one year ago. As I saw a few flags out. I did not think of it in time so our flags were not in evidence of our sympathy. Called on Mrs. D. C. Shepard found her better and learned it is her 69th birthday. Went to inquire for Mr. S. S. Eaton he is very well. Mary Peterson (The cook) after living with us five years left to day. I shall miss her often.

#### May 2, Tuesday

Not quite so cold and a little brighter. Charlotte came home from Oseola last evening. The change did her good. This morning I went to the Jubilee Mass of Sister Mary Clare at the Visitation Convent. Father Heffron celebrated and Bishop Shanley made the address. A fiftieth anniversary comes to few.

#### May 3, Wednesday

Quite cool in morning a delightful day. Charlotte and I went to North Oaks in the afternoon. Everything out there looked fine. All the country so freshly green. On the way in we met Louis and Mr. Wellington driving out. They were disappointed in fishing too windy. Walter busy studying Catechism. A cable from Mr. Gaspard Farrer said Papa and Jim sailed to day on Majestic. A cable for Clara told us she had arrived at Aix les Bain and all were well.

#### May 4, Thursday

A windy but bright day. Busy all forenoon putting closets in order and looking over things that should have been attended to weeks ago. That is always the penalty I pay

for absence from home. In the evening Auntie and Uncle Phelps came down to go to the [Kerwins?] with us. We enjoyed the childrens dancing best. A letter from Mrs. Freeman James. She seems more cheerful.

#### May 5, Friday

This has been a perfect day. I was out early and enjoyed the morning. Then came home to many things I wished to do after Winter and before hot weather. In the afternoon Charlotte and I went to hear Dr. Watson (Ian McClaren) lecture or read from his own books. A great treat. Letters from Mamie and a Photograph from Milan, telling us again of their being present at 21st anniversary of Pope Leos Coronation. Hiss Mass at St. Peters. I have been over to see Mr. Eaton. He suffers much.

#### May 6, Saturday

A lovely May morning was dressed early and left for North Oaks at 8:30 a.m. to see some workmen that are painting up old house. The country is charming. The Oak leaves just coming out. I was at home at one oclock. Walter preparing for first Communion.

#### May 7, Sunday

We all went to early Mass at St. Marys. And were surprised to find the church filled by the children. It is said that there are 900 children in the Parish. Busy all forenoon writing to Papa who we expect will reach New York Wednesday. To Mamie and Clara at Aix les Bains and to Rachel and Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Shepard came in about Tea time. She is looking so weakly. Charlotte and I drove to the Cemetery.

#### May 8, Monday

Put in the entire forenoon going through my closet and helping Nettie to clean out drawers and put all in order. A man representing that he was an Agent to dispose of exhibits of Omaha Exposition exhibits offered linen hose and underwear very cheap. Name Gallagher. Mrs. Gotzian brought in Mrs. Kittridge and Mrs. N. P. Langford her sisters to see the pictures. Louis came back from Oseola had a few trout. Charlotte has a sore heel.

#### May 9, Tuesday

This morning after the dressmaker had been visited and the marketing attended to. I spent balace [sic] {balance?} of forenoon in Blanket closet as Nettie is going for a vacation I feel it is necessary to know just where everything is and how it is. In the afternoon Mrs. H. Hale Mrs. Fletcher Miss Horn and Aggie Tingle called. Aggie going to Montreal to see her grandfather who is ill in his 99th year. Auntie came and spent evening here.

#### May 10, Wednesday

Very windy all last night. Walter about ready for his first Communion tomorrow. Katie Gordon was operated on yesterday at Roosevelt Hospital by Dr. McBurney for appendicitas [sic], a telegram came last evening saying she was coming out all right. Charlotte received a letter from Katie this morning. Poor girl I am very sorry for her.

#### May 11, Thursday

A perfectly delightful morning. We all went to half past eight o'clock Mass as Walter was in the first Communion Class. Joseph Weber Walters mate. The girls again wore the old fashioned white veils and wreaths – dispensing with candle – a prudent thing. Renewal of Baptismal vows in the afternoon. Later we went to Mrs. Driscoll's for a little while in honor of Mrs. Walter J. Driscoll.

#### May 12, Friday

Rather a cool day. In the afternoon we went to hear Madame Teresa Carreno. She certainly is most brilliant pianist. Wonderful! Mr. and Mrs. D. Willis James arrived in the afternoon late. They called I missed them listening to C Carreno. Then I tried to find them in vain but finally saw them on train. I heard papa would come back in the car. A cold night quite a frost.

#### May 13, Saturday

A beautiful morning but wind in the North and quite cold. Toward noon Walter and I went to the farm as I wished to see how painters were progressing. Just as Walter was going to take his luncheon he was taken suddenly ill and for a few minutes felt very badly. He has a cold there does not seem to be anything else the matter. He seems some better this evening. He was glad to get back home so was I to see Dr. Chas. Smith.

#### May 14, Sunday

Papa and Jim returned from London Eng. this morning. They have been absent just a month. Papa seems to have contracted a the usual influenza otherwise he is well. Jim is well but seems very quiet. Walter is much better this morning but must stay in bed. The weather is rather raw and cold. Wrote to Mamie and to Gertrude.

#### May 15, Monday

A dark rainy morning. The day is so disagreeable that Walter will have to stay in bed all day although he is nearly rid of the bronchial cold. Papa too stays in bed for the forenoon hoping to throw off his trouble. Mrs. Chas. W. Gordon and her sisters took luncheon with us and afterwards we went to Minneapolis to hear the British Guards Band. Dan. Godfrey seems rather old to conduct. We enjoyed it.

#### May 16, Tuesday

Still dark and dreary but not raining. Blew a gale last night and there was quite an electric storm with rain. Louis went to Mason City Iowa last evening. Jim went to Duluth this morning. A letter from Mamie this morning from Aix les Bains. Walter went back to North Oaks this afternoon felling very well.

#### May 17, 18 and 19

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### May 20, Saturday

This afternoon was very delightful. I called on Mrs. Eaton Mrs. Cathcart Mrs. Morris Mrs. Saunders Mrs. C. A. F. Smith Mrs. Stckney Mrs. John Field Mrs. T.C. Field Mrs. Peet Mrs. Tarbox Mrs. Miller – Mrs. Driscoll sr. Mrs. Walter Driscoll.

### May 21, Sunday

Rather a cool morning and chilly all day. Rachel's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am in St. Paul 49 years to day having arrived in 1850. Walter was confirmed this afternoon. Bishop Shanley officiating in the Archbishop Irelands absence. Joseph-Weber was his companion same boy who went to first Communion with he the 11th. Papa did not seem to feel real well and stayed in the house all day to day. I wrote to Mamie to Lady Northcote Mrs. Manvel to Mr. Tuck Mrs. F. James and Mrs. H.C. Burbank.

### May 22, Monday

Letters to day from Mamie to me and to Papa – from Aix les bains, they leave very soon for Switzerland. Clara, I know will be glad to see something of that country. I am very glad Mamie improves in health.

### May 23, Tuesday

This is the 20th anniversary of the Organization of the Old Manitoba Road. Papa received a note of congratulation form Lord Mount Stephen to day. Auntie came down this afternoon to see the blossoms of a plant from mothers yard.

### May 24, Wednesday

Queen Victoria's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. To day should be a happy one to her. All the world respects her. Not only that she has been the Queen but that she has been a good wife and mother. I have had a very busy day but a happy one.

### May 25, Thursday

A dark sultry day – slight showers. Busy as usual. In the afternoon called on Mrs. and Miss Banning. Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Robbins Miss Semple and Mrs. Harry Horn. Papa came home rather tired. Ruth and Pauline brought home such large bunches of wild violets form Town and Country Club.

### May 26, Friday

A very sultry threatening day. A letter from Mr. Chemidlin. He has been very ill in Brooklyn he is better. In the afternoon I called on a Mrs. Barry an old lady who has been living here from Baltimore. On Mrs. Shawe, Mrs. Wad (Gen).

### May 27, Saturday

A rainy morning. We expected Louis and the girls (Rachel and Gertrude) on the early 750 a.m. Milwaukee train. They did not arrive until after eleven as they were detained by the derailment of their engine. no one hurt. A letter from Clara from Aix les Bains. She is enjoying her trip. In the afternoon Gertrude and I went to the Cemetery. Dr. Smith came in the evening – and we played cinch.

### May 28, Sunday

A dull rainy morning. Mary M. not well to day; she has taken cold. This morning as we went and came from church we saw the veterans out in a body some memorial service. This afternoon the clouds grew so dark that it seemed as if a violent storm were near. Louis and Walter went to the farm early about six o'clock we had what appeared to be a cloudburst. Papa wrote to Samuel and Mamie.

### May 29, Monday

This morning cooler and promised fair weather. The papers are full of the damage caused by storms in Wis. And Iowa. Bad wrecks on several roads and many killed and injured wounded. This afternoon Rachel and I went to the Cemetery. A great many others were there. Girls went to dinner this evening at Town and Country given by Mr. Jared Howe for Misses Bishop. Auntie Phelps Rachel Gertrude and I went to see Mansfield in Cyrano de Bergerac. A large audience and fine performance.

### May 30, Tuesday

Decoration Day. I went out to Oakland Cemetery and found it filled with people. I went to Dr. Hands grave and to Wm. Armstrongs grave. It is a bright warm day rather windy. Charlotte and Ruth are playing Golf. The afternoon and evening are dreadfully windy. Poor day for the golf tournament. Charlotte came home from links utterly worn out. Mr. Upham and papa came home early afternoon.

### May 31, Wednesday

This morning is cooler still slightly windy. Busy all morning seeing to the cleaning of gun room. wrote to Clara yesterday. Mary and James have had novel amusement this forenoon. Slunky Norton is cleaning the chimneys and from their tops he every little while blows a blast or plays a tune on his horn. Mary feels grieved this afternoon her Parrot has died. She and James intend to bury it on the ground. We are doing to St. Cloud this evening.

### June 1, Thursday

A delightful morning. Last evening papa made an address to the Normal School graduates at St. Cloud. Mr. Mitchell met us at the Station and took us to his home where we met Mrs. H. C. Burbank and a Mr. and Mrs. Ankenny. Papas subject was Commerce in the Orient. the Opera House was crowded. On the way home this morning we got morning papers at Minneapolis and learned that Mr. Anthony Kelly died last evening at eight oclock. We were grieved to read it.

### June 2, Friday

A dark morning began to rain about eight 30 and has been raining all day. Girls went to Luncheon at Mrs. Selms [sic]. Gertrude took luncheon with Clarke Twins. Rachel and I found employment putting Ruths room in order. Afterwards I read Kiplings 007 to Mary M. She seemed to comprehend it.

### June 3, Saturday

Another rainy morning. Cleared toward noon and afternoon was quite hot – evening violently windy. Louis went fishing to Alexandria. Roads so bad that Walter did not come to Town for Sunday from North Oaks. Spent the evening reading the life of Elizabeth of Austria. The unfortunate Empress who was recently assassinated. Letters from Mamie to Mary and to James.

### June 4, Sunday

A beautiful bright morning and a delightful day. Corpus Christi was celebrated to day at St. Marys. We had a pretty procession of dear little girls and boy the girls in white. Jim is here to day. Have written to Mamie and to Mr. Chemidlin. Charlotte seems fascinated with the study of Spanish. Finished reading Life of Elizabeth of Austria this evening a sad ending to a sad life of a good woman.

### June 5, Monday

A dark lowery morning at 7 oclock. We were up early to drive to Minneapolis to Mr. Anthony Kellys funeral service at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The church was filled with old friends from both cities. Not a blossom on the casket. Father Kane eulogized the departed. As every way. Photographs from Clara to day of scenes about Aix les Bains. The day turns out a delightful one.

### June 6, Tuesday

Such a disagreeably hot sultry day. Very heavy rain at night. Mr. Stevens (John) came home with papa for dinner and spent the evening.

### June 7, Wednesday

A delightful day rather windy. In the afternoon Gertrude Mary and I went in search of Claras Mrs. Davidson. We found her and fortunately we found her pretty well for her. Louis went over to see if Dr. Smith would go West with papa and Mr. C.D. Gilfillan. He found that he was not at all well but inclined to go.

### June 8, Thursday

A perfect morning. Charlotte Rachel Mary M. and James have gone to the farm for the day. Papa, Mr. C. D. Gilfillan Dr. Smith Mr. Miller have gone West left at noon.

### June 9, Friday

A pleasant day although clouds looked threatening. Charlotte Rachel Gertrude James Nathan and I went to the farm. We went by Little Canada and came home via of Dale Street as Rice Street Road is torn up. Macadamizing ect [sic]. John Dalquist left North Oaks to day.

### June 10, Saturday

A warm showery day. Yet part of the afternoon was delightful. Mrs. Gotzian and I drove out to Calvary Cemetery – where we both find the names of many old friends.

### June 11, Sunday

A dark wet morning and a wet disagreeable day. Wrote to Mamie and to a Mrs. Fyhree of Dillon Montana who writes to me thinking we may be cousins as she was a Mary Mehegan. If we are it is distant. Read Scotts life by Lockhart, and find it most interesting in every way. Mr. F. B. Clarke came in the evening.

### June 12, Monday

Another wet morning. And quite sultry. Cleared at noon. At one oclock I drove to Minneapolis. At 4:15 p.m. Annie and I left Minneapolis for St. Paul. As we drove home we could see a tremendous storm gathering – before we reached home the whole Heavens were covered as by a black pall and the atmosphere stifling sultry – not a leaf stirring. We reached home at 5.50 p.m. just as the fearful wind came such rain as one seldom sees gutters failed so did pipes. Basement was flooded.

### June 13, Tuesday

A rainy sultry morning. The morning papers are full of particulars of a most terrible cyclone at New Richmond Wis. Almost the entire town swept away and hundreds killed and injured. Fire followed the wind. Then heavy cold rain. As the Telephones are all out of order I cannot hear from the Farm. At ten a man came in from North Oaks. He says no damage there.

### June 14, Wednesday

Still dark and threatening this morning. Storms in Iowa and cyclone in Nebraska. All Rail Roads have much trouble from Washouts. We are having too much rain. Letters from Mamie and from Clara and a cable saying they will sail for home the 17th on St. Paul. Telegram for Papa saying all well. They were at Spokane. We hear a medal in Archbishop Irelands honor has been struck off at Belgium.

### June 15, Thursday

A last a bright clear morning and a cool almost cold one. About fifty of the cyclone injured have been sent to St. Paul Hospitals. It makes one ill and feebly humble to think of the dreadful power of the wind. Have been busy for some time gathering garments that may be spared to send to New Richmond for the destitute. This is a perfect day. Jim came down this morning.

### June 16, Friday

A perfect day. Rachel Mary M and I drove to North Oaks. Everything there looked restful and charming. We found fresh strawberries from the garden for luncheon. The lake is so high that water is on the old laundry floor. Louis went out last evening to try a naphtha Launch which proved a failure. Girls came home much excited over report of John Uphams engagement to a Miss Hollister of N .J.

### June 17, Saturday

A bright morning much warmer – and wind coming up. Papa came home tonight at 10 oclock looking very tired. Dr. Smith was well on the trip. We think that Samuel Mamie and Clara sailed form Southampton to day on the St. Paul. We cabled them to Steamer



and have heard nothing from them.(Furney) Mamie writes of us visiting the church at Furney Voltaires birthplace where where Bishop Cretin officiated as a Priest.

#### June 18, Sunday

Quite a hot day. In the afternoon Papa and Louis drove to the farm. Louis tried to Launch again and succeeded in making better time. Senator Clark of Montana called on Papa this evening. I have been much entertained this afternoon reading the experiences of an English lady a Mrs. Trollope, who lived in the U.S. early in the present Century from 1834. I just left her at Cincinnati Ohio. Pork packing there even then was everywhere.

#### June 19, Monday

A very hot morning. Charlotte thinks of Ruth Mrs. Selms [sic] {Selmes} and Pauline going to Buffalo via Lakes to meet Clara. Called on Mrs. John Vinton Dahlgren Mrs. D.C. Shepard and Mrs. Eaton. Mr. Eaton much more comfortable.

#### June 20, Tuesday

We went to closing of St. Marys School exercises at Opera House this afternoon. The exercises were creditable indeed. In the evening Charlotte Mrs. Porter and I went to the Graduating exercises of the St. Joseph Hospital Trained Nurses a class of eleven. We met {inserted: there} Compte Berrand Monti and his mother Madame Berrand Monti. They are spending a month here at Metropolitan Hotel. He is awkward at least.

#### June 21, Wednesday

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#### June 22, Thursday

A letter to day form Mrs. M.A. Curtis dated Delhi Delaware Co. N.Y. Tells me that Mr. Moore is very ill and hopelessly so. I knew he was ill but did not realize that death was so near. A cable from Mr. Gaspard Farrer tells us Mamie and Clara are still in London. We thought they were on the Ocean returning with Samuel. Attended St. Josephs Academy Commencement exercises. Met the Count again with Father Thomas.

#### June 23, Friday

Letters form Mamie and from Clara. They have decided to spend July in England in the country. Mary M. is some disappointed not seriously. Charlotte and party cannot make the Lake trip at present as Boat is disabled. A telegram tells us this afternoon that Mr. John G. Moore has passed away. Died to day.

#### June 24, Saturday

A delightful day. Busy seeing to the preserving of some Strawberries. And to getting papas things ready to go East this evening. A message to Louis form Samuel tells us of his arrival to day on Steamer St. Paul. Papa left this evening for New York on Milwaukee Road. Wrote to Clara and to Mrs. Curtis.

June 25, Sunday

Warmer but pleasant. Charlotte Mrs. Porter Rachel Walter Mary and Louis are spending to day at North Oaks. They telephoned us that it is fine out there. A telegram for Samuel to day tells us Mr. Moores funeral tomorrow morning at ten from Madison Ave. and 66th Street Church. Wrote to Mamie and to Mrs. Havemeyer to day.

June 26, Monday

Cloudy but pleasant day. Charlotte Mrs. Porter Rachel and Mary M. came in from the farm to day. Charlotte had been busy getting ready for her trip on the Lakes. Rachel and Gertrude had letters to day from Susie and Francis Clarke from New York. They sailed Saturday on the Barbadosa. Letters from Clara and from Mr. Tuck saying Mrs. Tuck has been so unwell. Fred Phelps down to day said his mother went to Chicago Sunday evening.

June 27, Tuesday

A very changable [sic] day rained many times very heavy showers at 530 p. m. Mr. S. S. Eatons 74th birth day. Poor man he could not enjoy it too much pain to suffer. Charlotte, Mrs. Selms [sic] Pauline and Gertrude left this morning for Duluth to go over the Lakes and back for the trip. Have bee putting up strawberries to day. We have had a good crop at North Oaks.

June 28, Wednesday

A delightful day. Mrs. Mittie Porter and I went for a drive to the Indian Mounds. She had never heard of them and was delighted and interested. Wrote to Mamie to day. Mr. Mendenhall came down to day bringing a Gardener to apply for place here. Mary and James are at this minute having a good romp with the Beagle hounds.

June 29, Thursday

A delightful day. After doing up matters for the day Mrs. Porter and I went to the farm. North Oaks never looked more attractive. The Lake so high the garden and all so promising. Even the Rice Street Road is being macadamized much of it is finished and whole Road widened. Began last night in Scotts life to read a description of his voyage to the Shetland Isles in 1814 most interesting.

June 30, Friday

A perfect morning. Market is so abundantly supplied with fruit and vegetables that it is a pleasure to market. I am going to begin the four fruit jelly to day Danish Jelly or 'Rothgrentze' as it is called. We have had so many Strawberries from North Oaks and fine ones too.

July 1, Saturday

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July 2, Sunday

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July 3, Monday

Went to North Oaks after sending the children Ding and Rachel. In the evening Papa, Louis, Mr. F.B. Clarke and Theodore Schurmeier came out to spend the 4th at the farm. Samuel came out too. Papa came home from the West this morning. Letters from Mamie Clara and Mr. Chemidlin.

July 4, Tuesday

A beautiful morning. The flag was run up early. Mr. F.B. Clarke Theodore Schurmier and Louis went fishing. In the afternoon Papa and Mr. C. and Theodore went for a drive about the fields and pastures. A circus performance was improvised for James. He the clown. In the evening we had fireworks later singing ect [sic].

July 5, Wednesday

A fine morning. Mr. Clarke and Theodore left for town at seven a. m. Papa and Louis left about 9.30 a.m. Samuel Charlotte and Ruth left about noon. Mary M. has had nose bleed three times to day. Mary and I drove about the Lake with Chas. Monall this afternoon saw about 20 of the 28 Buffalo all ages. Near the Island many elk and deer. A new man in charge Mr. McCasson.

July 6, Thursday

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July 8, Saturday

Went into town this morning to see to getting and making currant jelly and to putting up blueberries and rasberries [sic]. Currants for some reason very scarce.

July 9, Sunday

I shall remain in town until Tuesday. Papa and Louis went to Devils Lake to a Farmer's Meeting there tomorrow.

July 10, Monday

Letters from Clara and Mamie form England where they are having an ideal time. They went to Scotland last Friday.

July 11, Tuesday

Walter and Carl Smith drove in from North Oaks for me. Papa and Louis returned form Devils Lake this morning. This has been a very hot day. Miss Patmore came via Lakes this morning visits Charlotte this week. We drove out the North Oaks in evening and found a cool evening.

July 12, Wednesday

North Oaks. Early this morning James awakened quite wheezy and coughing. After getting dressed that all passed off. Quite a dark morning storm threatens. About ten

electric storm of severity with heavy rains. In the evening Papa Charlotte Ruth and Miss Patmore drive out and spent the night. Papa played Napoleon and we played chinch.

#### July 13, Thursday

North Oaks. A cloudy rather cool morning. Papa and his party drove back to town about 9.30 a.m. Gertrude went into town at 2 p.m. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Gordon drove out and spent the night. Auntie Phelps has not been well all day. We had a new bathtub put in place to day.

#### July 14, Friday

A very heavy dew last night. This morning quite cold and raw at 5 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon started back to town after an early breakfast. Walter and Carl went out fishing very early and brought in some fish. Bass Crappies. By nine a.m. a fine day. Gardeners busy putting Chrysanthemums in frames. Frames Garden doing well this year.

#### July 15, Saturday

North Oaks. A very pleasant day on the whole. Storms in the distance evident. About 3 p.m. North wind came up and suddenly to our delight. Papa Gertrude Samuel Theodore Schurmeier and Louis drove out in the evening to spend Sunday. A piano came out this afternoon which seems to fill in a large gap. We are really getting good of the farm.

#### July 16, Sunday

A perfect morning a delight to live even amongst little and many annoyances. We drove to White Bear Lake to Mass got the morning papers. Enjoyed the drive unusually gathered wild flowers and heard a really fine sermon from a Father Campbell. Papa and all the others seems to enjoy the day. In the afternoon Dr. Smith Mrs. S. and Mary S. drove out. Also Mr. E. N. Saunders and Mr. John Barker. A very cool evening.

#### June 17, Monday

Another perfect morning. Papa and Gertrude drove to town about 9.30 a.m. All the others left us last evening. I wrote to Mamie yesterday. Rachel went in to Town for the night. Letters from Clara, Mrs. Manvel. Cards for Mrs. Moore and the girls. A very cool evening.

#### July 18, Tuesday

Delightful early morning – promises very hot day. I drove into town with Walter and Carl Smith and found the city hot. Another letter from Clara as they were leaving London for Scotland. I hear Mrs. Gotzian is not well. This is a very hot day 90. In the evening went to call on Mrs. Gotzian she was out driving has had difficulty getting her breath. A letter from Mr. Hutchinson awaits Louis return from Nebraska.

#### July 19, Wednesday

A very hot morning. We did not get much rest last night. An unusual fire kept us up. The car stables near Ramsey Street burned furiously for an hour and a half. The heat from it was strong on our Terrace. Louis came home at Midnight "Hutchs" letter tells a sad experience in the 'Klondyke.' He managed to exist and that is about all. Busy to day

preparing for Walters trip. He Mr. Bridgman and Carl Smith left at 10-30 p.m. for Yellowstone Park. A very hot evening.

#### July 20, Thursday

North Oaks. Another hot morning. Returned here at eleven this morning. Mary indisposed yesterday. She seems quite well to day. James very well in spite of the heat. Papa was not well yesterday and seemed tired – rested well last night and appeared all right this morning.

#### July 21, Friday

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#### July 22, Saturday

North Oaks. Papa and Louis went to Duluth this morning. The heat continues. I am sorry that papa had to make that trip.

#### July 23, Sunday

North Oaks. Pretty good air but another hot morning. Drove to Mass at White Bear was pleasant however. Coming back we picked wild flowers. Samuel Papa and Jim came in time for luncheon. Jim and Samuel slept all the afternoon. A very hot afternoon. Samuel and Jim drove into town after dinner.

#### July 24, Monday

North Oaks. Still hot. Papa and Gertrude drove in to town after breakfast. Auntie James Nathan and Ding followed and in the evening Rachel Mary M and I went in to be in town tomorrow for the Circus. Found a letter from Clara from Glasgow [sic]. She and Mamie are enjoying their trip through Scotland. As we went into the city the town was enveloped in Smoke to drive off mosquitoes.

#### July 25, Tuesday

St. Paul. Such a hot day yet the Streets were filled with children and many adults to see the parade pass. Ringlands [sic?] Circus is a favorite and his elephants remarkable truly. Samuel came to go to the Circus with us. James' delight was boundless. Mary enjoyed it in her quiet way too. In the evening a high wind came up but scarcely any rain.

#### July 26, Wednesday

St. Paul. A dark sultry early morning turned to a cooler day. No rain. Charlotte and Ruth with Louis went to White Bear and to a dinner Louis gave John Upham and his Elizabeth Hollister. Notice in the evening paper that C. A. B. Weide died at Rochester. Wrote to Clara to day.

#### July 27, Thursday

North Oaks. Papa and Mr. John F. Stevens left this morning at seven oclock for a trip to Dakota and to drive 150 miles in waggons [sic]. After breakfast the children Ding and I

came out here. The children delighted to come. Mr. Chemidlin came out with Rachel. Auntie and Gertie Phelps came out too.

#### July 28, Friday

North Oaks. A pleasant morning – threatens a storm toward noon and rained in the early afternoon. At five o'clock a telephone message came saying a cable from Clara from London stating they are well. Gertrude came out to spend Sunday. Quite a good rain in the afternoon. And in the evening high wind and quite cold.

#### July 29, Saturday

North Oaks. Such a change of temperature! The night was cold and this morning is really cold out of sun and rather windy. A telegram from Mr. Bridgman from Mammoth Springs, Yellowstone Park states boys are well and enjoying Park will remain few days longer. Telegram from Charlotte from Milwaukee she will be home in the morning.

#### July 30, Sunday

North Oaks. A fine morning but everything is too dry. We drove over to White Bear to Mass. Auntie and Gertie went home last evening. Charlotte and Ruth are home from Milwaukee. Charlotte won in a foursome with Bun Hersey. Samuel and Theodore Schurmeier are here for the day. Papa is back from Dakota. Cold evening.

#### July 31, Monday

North Oaks. Papa and the girls Charlotte and Ruth came out last night. Papa was pretty tired after riding nearly two hundred miles in a waggon [sic] in Dakota. Mr. Chemidlin had to go home today he felt so badly from lumbago. A changeable [sic] day and very hot in the afternoon. Letter and photos from Mamie and from Clara from Edinburgh. They visited Walter Scott's home at Abbotsford and are much interested now is Scotch History.

#### August 1, Tuesday

North Oaks. Last night at midnight a high wind storm but no rain yet. This early morning was very hot at eight o'clock the wind changed and the atmosphere cooled off quickly. Gardener is trimming the grape vines. I hope it is not too late. Mary and James are greatly interested in the threshing of the Barley rye I should have said.

#### August 2, Wednesday

North Oaks. A very quiet day here yet we managed to keep busy and entertained. We looked for Papa in the evening he did not come. Mary and James greatly interested in threshing of the rye. Samuel came out in the evening spent the night. We hear Charlotte played a good game of Golf Mr. Morris in 54!

#### August 3, Thursday

North Oaks. A cool cloudy morning turned to a hot day at ten a.m. At 11 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Folsom came out for the day. We learned today by telephone that a cable from Mamie stating that they will sail on the 12th on Lucania instead of the 19th on St.

Louis. We are risking letters reaching them at Queenstown. Wind changed at 4 p.m. so cooler again.

#### August 4, Friday

North Oaks. A bright beautiful morning turned to a very hot day. Papa and Ruth drove into town early so as to see Louis before he left for the Coast with Samuel at nine o'clock. A telegram from Mr. Bridgman says they have been camping out, are well and are at Havre waiting for the Coast Train. They expect to remain two weeks more. We intend to go to town tomorrow. Papa telephones he will spend Sunday with us at North Oaks so we remain.

#### August 5, Saturday

North Oaks. Last night toward morning grew cold but this morning is again hot and dry. Drove into town this forenoon to do some errands and attend to some matters at house. Was quite appalled at hearing of Bun Herseys being drowned yesterday at Mr. Livingstons country place. His body not found yet. To day is Katie Gordons birthday. She was at the house with the girls. Papa and Gertrude came out in the evening to spend Sunday.

#### August 6, Sunday

North Oaks. A cloudy morning and quite cool. Papa was quite ill all night and obliged to remain in bed to day. Morning paper says Bun Herseys body not yet found. We drove over to Mass at Whit Bear and heard a good sermon from Father Campbell. Mr. D. M. Robbins drove out in the afternoon. Papa dressed in the evening and went for a drive – Began to rain at 9.30 p.m.

#### August 7, Monday

North Oaks. A dark rainy morning. Quite a good fall of rain in the early hours. Papa seems to feel much better this morning. Morning paper tells us Bun Hersey found in twelve feet of water sixty feet from shore. Must have sunk from cramps as he was a fine swimmer. We are going to town this evening and we do not want to it is peaceful and restful out here.

#### August 8, Tuesday

A cloudy threatening day, rather hot. In the early afternoon Charlotte Ruth and I went to Bun Herseys funeral service. The girls came home feeling much depressed and disappointed in the service not becoming familiar with The Episcopal) as no mention of Bun was made. And he being ignored in the little prayer. Then I went to call at Mr. P. H. Kellys found he has been poorly was tapped last Sunday is better for a time.

#### August 9, Wednesday

A very hot morning. We had a little electric storm last evening and some rain not enough. Dr. Smith spent the evening and papa detained him as playing Napoleon he could not get a game.

### August 10, Thursday

A very hot morning. I went down town with Papa and did some errands on the way home. When I was at Borks Store looking at some material and hour after I had left him at Office, papa walked in after me telling me there was someone out side he wanted me to see. I followed him to carriage and there, was Mother Seraphica. She was prevailed on to come to the house as her business had to be transacted. She spent the day with us. We were all happy indeed to have her.

### August 11, Friday

A cooler morning after last nights storm. Yesterday was the hottest day of the Season. 96 in the Shade. Mother Seraphica left last night on the Milwaukee R. R. Very happy over her short visit and all. A dreadful Hail storm in S. Dakota yesterday destroying much wheat ready to be harvested; too bad.

### August 12, Saturday

A pleasant morning. After going down town and with papa to the Tailors I called on Mr. Chemidlin to inquire how the lumbago is; found him better. In the afternoon went out to the Town and Country to see our Golf Team play the Milwaukee Team. Our Team won by 9 points. The game was closely contested. Sent Mamie a cable to Queenstown to the Lucania as tomorrow will be her birth day.

### August 13, Sunday

A rather cloudy morning. A cable from Clara this morning saying all well. This is Mamies 31st. birth day. A Mr. McKisney took breakfast with papa. In the evening Papa and I went over to call on Mr. and Mrs. Shepard. We did not find her looking well at all he very well. He played the Pinola [sic?] for us, having just had electric power put in to run it.

### August 14, Monday

A cloudy threatening morning. Attended to several duties when I came home I found letters from Mamie and from Clara and one from Mrs. Gotzian from Alaska. The girls letters from London, they are ready and anxious to come home in writing. Jim returned from New York this morning. Samuel telephoned me at four p.m. that he just returned from the Coast. Mr. P. H. Kelly poorly to day.

### August 15, Tuesday

Quite a hot day. Busy all morning as many other mornings doing and attending to things that should have go on after former attention. In the afternoon a message came telling me that Mamie Kelly Meagher had twin boys born to day at Mankato. Letters from Walter from Victoria B. C.

### August 16, Wednesday

A windy hot day. Busy all day trying to get Claras room in order putting up new curtains ect [sic]. Called on Mrs. Hersey and Mrs. Bun Hersey. Also on Mrs. Langford and saw the Robinson children.



### August 17, Thursday

A sultry morning. As usual before leaving home find many things to attend to. I have Claras room about in order. I hope Walter and Louis will come home before I leave. The North West and North Land are so popular that rooms are scarce I do not wonder. As Gertrude shows signs of hay fever I shall take her over the Lakes although she has been before this Season.

### August 18, Friday

A very sultry uncomfortable day. Very busy all day preparing to start on Lake trip tomorrow with Rachel Gertrude Mary, James and Ding. Papa goes East tomorrow evening via rail so I made his preparations too. Walter returned from his trip this evening looking well taller and not so stout. Howard James called in this evening. Grace Drummond called to day.

### August 19, Saturday

We are 32 years married to-day. All but papa up early this morning as we leave for Duluth at 8:30 a.m. Geo. Slade met us at West Superior – and told us there was a great storm at Duluth last night. Jim met us at Duluth. The boat is crowded. We start out in fog and it is cold too since we got out at all. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cook Mr. and Mrs. C. H. F. Smith with Elsie Shawe are passengers. Am reading With Kitchener to Kartum [sic].

### August 20, Sunday

On Lakes. We had a heavy storm of wind rain and electricity this early morning. We hear many were frightened and got up and dressed before four o'clock. A few put on life preservers. We had no thought of danger. Just finished reading "With Kitchener to Kartum" [sic] by Steevens [sic?]. It is well written and graphic most interesting. We passed the North West at 4.45. This boat is crowded. We had threatening weather and another storm in the afternoon. Evening beautiful. Telegram that Papa has gone to New York.

### August 21, Monday

On Lakes. This is a delightful morning. Will. Farington came aboard at Mackanac [sic] last evening. Mary and James were both uninterested in breakfast this morning. The boat is really too crowded and I hear many were refused at Macanac [sic]. Wrote to Charlotte and to Emma from Detroit. The evening is perfect a full moon completes its pleasure.

### August 22, Tuesday

Buffalo. We arrived here at 10.30 this a.m. Did not find Samuel Mamie and Clara on the Pier as we expected. As soon as we saw Wm. Farington he told us he knew by telegram that They would arrive at 445 on Empire State Express. So after luncheon we took a drive and met that at train time. They were tired after great heat in New York and on way but had a good voyage on Lucania and look well. On our return to Boat find our rooms filled with flowers.

### August 23, Wednesday

On Lakes. Quite a warm day but very pleasant on the Boat. It is James 6th birthday. We had some gifts for him. And in the evening the Stewart [sic] gave him a birthday cake lit with six candles. When we came aboard last evening we found roses and smilax in our rooms – from the Stewart [sic]. Mrs. Hinchman Grace Hinchman and Estelle Barbor came aboard at Detroit on way to Macanac with a Miss Smith of Brooklyn N.Y.

### August 24, Thursday

This has been a delightful day. Mr. Wellington is aboard and seems to enjoy the trip very much. Mamie received a letter from Charlotte Clara on from Ruth and I one from Charlotte. Everyone seems to be reading “Richard Maml” [or Maud/Mand/Manel?]. Wraps are comfortable this evening quite cold. Mamie Clara and we have had much talk of that has transpired in six months. {Written at top of page above date: Views Afoot Bayard Taylor}

### August 25, Friday

A delightful morning after a gloriously bright night. Just brisk invigorating atmosphere not cold – fine sunshine. We are going along on time. In the afternoon grew warmer. As we approached Duluth too warm. Jim came home with us. No sleep for me all night. Poor little James ill all night. {Written at top of page above date: David McKay Philadelphia 23 S. 9th St.}

### August 26, Saturday

On Lakes. A perfectly delightful morning. Lake Superior unusually mild in atmosphere and waves. in the afternoon water still fair.

### August 27, Sunday

Another very hot day. Papa came home from New York this morning. I had a bad night last night ill and the heat – feel used up after trip loss of sleep ect [sic]. For the first time in nearly two years the family are together to day. We are happy to see Mamie looking so very well again. Mr. Delos Monfort died at Atlantic City yesterday morning.

### August 28, Monday

Still very hot and so windy. Letters from Mrs. Gotzian from Portland Washington and from Mrs. Upham from New York – Village Maine. Wrote Mrs. Gotzian to Yellowstone Park. Found a billiard table in “School room” when I came home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shepard came over last evening. She seemed very feeble. How discouraging even ordinary things look when one feels under the weather.

### August 29, Tuesday

Still very hot. Last night we had quite a storm. Girls went to Band a Rossa. Charlotte and Katie Gordon were playing golf in Minneapolis when storm threatened there. They had quite a time getting home. Louis left for Duluth this evening. Jim went with him – to initiate him as Vice Pres. Of Minn. Eastern. We shall all miss Louis even if we see him occasionally. Mrs. Richard Hill, Mrs. Porter and Louise Hill called this morning. Wrote to Mrs. Upham to day.

August 30 – September 11

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September 12, Tuesday

Papa, Mr. H. W. - Cannon Mr. Biles Mr. Upham Judge Clark ect. [sic] went West this evening. Iris Biles and her sister Gladys stay with us.

September 13, Wednesday

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September 14, Thursday

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September 15, Friday

Mary Brooks arrived this morning from the Soo. A rainy morning. Auntie Phelps and Fred came down in the evening thinks of going a trip with Nellie.

September 16, Saturday

The German Catholic Societies are gathering. When I went down to Confession this afternoon I saw decorations on all sides in their honor.

September 17, Sunday

Mamie and Ruth went to Chicago this evening. Mr. Chas Pillsbury died to day suddenly at about 4 p.m. Most of the family went to North Oaks for the day. This evening Aunt Mary Brooks Gertrude and I went to St. Pauls Seminary to a little entertainment the Students gave Archbishop Reardon and Bishop Scannell of Omaha.

September 18, Monday

Mr. Samuel Wetherald left the farm to day quite ill and very nervous.

September 19, Tuesday

The girls, Iris Biles Gladys Biles Mary M. James Nathan Aunt Mary Brooks Sidney Dean Chas Flandrau and Mr. [Lou?] Rand and I went to Lake Minnetonka for the day at Samuels invitation and the day being fine we had an ideal time. Such a luncheon! And Tea: We climbed up Zumbros [sic] Heights and had a view of all the Lake. A Beautiful view indeed.

September 20, Wednesday

Another delightful day. I am rather lame after yesterdays climbing. Mamie and Ruth came back from Chicago this morning. This afternoon the girls with Iris and Gladys Biles have gone to dine with Samuel at Minnekada Club out of Minneapolis. They took Luncheon at Mrs. Furness' to day.

September 21 – 23

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September 24, Sunday

A cloudy rather raw day. The Archbishop preached at St. Marys. Mamie and Charlotte decorated the Altar for the occasion of celebrating the renovation of the church and chapel and the Archbishops visit. Papa and Prof. Biles drove to North Oaks returning for dinner. Family were all at home in the evening.

September 25, Monday

Papa Prof. Biles Iris and Gladys Biles left for Duluth in the evening. Prof. Biles and his daughters return to England very soon. The day has been perfect. I took Mrs. D.C. Shepard for a drive in the afternoon. Mr. S. S. Eaton very ill. Mrs. Duncan a sister of Mrs. T. B. Scott died to day.

September 26, Tuesday

A perfect morning. I took aunt Mary Brooks to see the Indian Mounds in the forenoon. In the afternoon we had many callers several came to call on Mamie. I am struggling with a cold working to ward off bronchial irritation.

September 27, Wednesday

A beautiful morning. We are all up early to see Aunt Mary off to Vancouver to visit a daughter.

September 28, Thursday

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September 30, Saturday

Charlotte and I start for New York with Rachel and Gertrude to place them again in Miss Spence's School. It is quite warm and raining a little.

October 1, Sunday

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October 2, Monday

New York. We arrived here a little late and find delightful weather all about and in the Station crowded - after the Dewey Celebration. Fortunately we engaged rooms at the Netherland over a week since.

October 3, Tuesday

New York. We have been to see Dr. Bull found him at home and well. He says Rachels eyes are better in some ways. Called on Dr. Walker for Rachel found he was out of town for the day. Busied ourselves at Shoe Stores ect [sic]. The Dewey decorations are fine and so general.

### October 4, Wednesday

Gertrude went to School this morning. Rachel is waiting to see Dr. Walker. Such lovely weather. First Yacht race yesterday. No race no wind. The international race. The Shamrock and Columbia. The Arch triumphant and approaching columns are most artistic and exquisitely beautiful.

### October 5, Thursday

Last night came a telegram from papa saying Jim is ill of grippe threatened with rheumatism. Dr. Walker thinks Rachel must have close attention and treatment for rheumatic eruptions fortunately Miss Spence will have it attended to. I called at Mrs. Alvin Krech and found her little boy very ill Jackson.

### October 6, Friday

New York. We hear Jim is no worse less fever. This is a rainy day and quite warm. As few of our friends are in City yet New York seems deserted by its own people and filled with strangers. We have seen only Mr. John S. Kennedy Col and Mrs. Lamborn the Dalys Mrs. John N. Dahlgren.

### October 7, Saturday

Charlotte called on Miss Ely and went to the Roosevelt Hospital to see Miss Patmore and found her there a patient very ill of some form of rheumatism. We leave for home this afternoon.

### October 8, Sunday

We reached Chicago on time at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Campbell met us fortunately as the City is crowded almost to suffocation - on account of President McKinley being there to lay the corner stone of the New Post Office. Ceremony takes place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The city is decorated especially on State Street where the illumination is very fine.

### October 9, Monday

Arrived home this morning and found Jim better though still far from well. Everyone else very well. St. Paul and Minneapolis now busy preparing for return of 13th Regiment and visit of President McKinley on Thursday. Raining off and on all day.

### October 10, Tuesday

This afternoon Ann Lamborn Helen Driscoll Valley Gotzian prepared the decorations for the table at the Auditorium. Samuel and Mamie took dinner with us. the children leave us tomorrow (Mary and James).

### October 11, Wednesday

We went early to the Auditorium to prepare our table for the 13th Regiment Breakfast tomorrow morning. Mrs. H.P. Upham Mrs. A.B. Driscoll “ {“ indicates ditto marks} Ambrose Tighe Miss Gordon Mrs. Horace Bigelow Miss Bessie White “ Vallie Gotzian “ Pauline Ferguson “ Ann Lamborn Clara Charlotte and Ruth were to help me. I had charge of the table.

### October 12, Thursday

We were all up this morning at five o'clock when the first guns announced the coming of the 13th. and we reached the Auditorium a few minutes past six to finish preparations for the Breakfast at seven. The boys all looked well and received a hearty reception. The parade was in Minneapolis where President McKinley received them. In the evening Mrs. McKinley Mrs. Gage Mrs. Hitchcock and Miss Barber came here and took supper. Mrs. McKinley was very feeble. Dr. Rixey was with her.

### October 13, Friday

After the Reception last evening at the Auditorium the President, Sec. Page, Sec. Hitchcock, Attorney Gen. Griggs Sec. Lang Sec. Wilson Assistant Sec. Costelyon a Mr. Dignan and Barnes. We invited the Uphams Wheelocks Judge and Mrs. Young Gov. Ramsey and Mrs. Furness Samuel and Mamie Archie and Helen Driscoll Theodore Schurmeier and Mr. F. Clarke to meet the distinguished guests. The evening passed off most pleasantly and quietly.

### October 14, Saturday

We were all so tired after Thursday that it will take a few days to rest. The girls are preparing so spend tomorrow at North Oaks.

### October 15, Sunday

A pleasant morning turns to such a windy afternoon and so hot over 80 in shade. Jim stayed in all day. So did papa. Ex Senator Wilson of Washington State took breakfast with papa and spent forenoon at home. Louis came down this morning. Helen Driscoll's twins were baptized at her own house this afternoon. Egbert Gotzian and Donald Gotzian a family party took Tea afterwards. The little fellows were manly.

### October 16, Monday

A disagreeable day cloudy, cold and windy. Made final arrangements for Walter to attend Baldwin School. Afterwards went to see Mrs. Shepard found her so well for her. Mamie came down but I missed seeing her. This is James Nathans first day at School at Stanley Hall. Jim. seems much better. The Columbia won the yacht race to day defeating the Shamrock by one mile and more.

### October 17, Tuesday

Still cloudy but now cold. Spent the entire forenoon in Dentists chair – to have poor shell of front tooth filled and saved. Walter entered Baldwin School this morning seems quite happy at what is expected of him. May he continue so and give satisfaction. Went again to the Dentist.

### October 18, Wednesday

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#### October 19, Thursday

A cold morning snowed between eight and nine o'clock but snow soon melted. This afternoon of Mrs. Robbins coming out Tea for her daughter Grace. It passed off pleasantly. Miss Marsh played the piano so finely. In the evening Mr. F.B. Clarke and Theodore Schurmeier came for a game of Cinch.

#### October 20, Friday

A cloudy rather warm afternoon. Went to two Teas at Mrs. Wm. Beggs at Mrs. Martin Barrows to meet Mrs. Noble. Then called on Mrs. Thompson at Mrs. A. B. Sibleys. Papa went East this evening. Will Toomey went with him. Began to read Richard Carvel this evening.

#### October 21, Saturday

A warm rainy morning. Walter went to the farm for the day to shoot ducks. Aunt Mary Brooks came back from British Columbia this afternoon having enjoyed her trip in every way. I called on Mrs. Skinner to call on her mother Mrs. Wood. I called too on Mrs. Fooley [sic?], our neighbor. A letter from Rachel says she is much better.

#### October 22, Sunday

So warm this morning that it is summery again. Jim. and Theodore Schumeier went to Town and Country to play Golf this forenoon. Father Sullivan preached a very good sermon this day at St. Mary's.

#### October 23, Monday

A dark rainy day toward evening and so warm. Summer heat. Aunt Mary Brooks and I drove to Minneapolis to see Mamie. She was suffering from the heat. As we were returning we saw the most brilliant sky I ever saw at Sunset.

#### October 24, Tuesday

A wet day and quite warm. I took luncheon at Mrs. Peets to meet her mother Mrs. Lamborn. About fifty guests were entertained. Poor Mrs. Sturgis was worried at her son Major Sturgis leaving San Francisco tomorrow for the Philippines. In the evening the girls showed me the N.Y. Journal with pictures of Charlotte and Mr. Eric Dahlgren. Where ever did they get the photos?

#### October 25, Wednesday

A cloudy morning. Mrs. Newman is to spend a week in the City; next week and already I have had four invitations to meet her. I missed the Musical lecture this morning it was too much to manage.

#### October 26, Thursday

Clara and I went out to St. Pauls Seminary to see Father A. Oster receive the robes of Monsignor. Bishop Shanley celebrated and the Archbishop delivered quite a eulogy on the faithful earnest priest and on all the early missionaries of the North West – it was a simple impressive ceremony and Father Oster in his unsophisticated way the least concerned of all.

October 27, Friday

Charlotte Aunt Mary Brooks and I went this morning to the dedication of the new Chapel of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Father Lawler celebrated. Seven priests were present. The Archbishop addressed the old people particularly – and did it tactfully too. The music was good. Aunt Mary went to Mamies to spend Sunday.

October 28, Saturday

Managed to attend the musical lecture this forenoon at Mrs. Saunders. Seigfried was the Opera to be described. It was really very interesting. Now I wish I might hear the Opera. Mrs. Geo. James and Adene Manvel were there with Mrs. Upham. Called on Mrs. Driscoll Sr. and on Mrs. McQuillan. We learn to day papa will stay in New York several days yet.

October 29, Sunday

At last a beautiful morning after so gloomy a week. Louis came down this morning. After luncheon Louis came up from the Office. Mr. Samuel Hutchinson who has been away nearly three years came in with him. He returned from the Klondyke yesterday looking very well after all his hardship in the region of ice and snow. Jim. is playing golf again with Theodore Schurmeier.

October 30, Monday

Attended Mrs. Kenneth Clarkes Euchre Party in honor of Mrs. Newman.

October 31, Tuesday

Such a fine day so many called. Mrs. Upham entertained Mrs. Newman at a Whist. I declined.

November 1, Wednesday

Mrs. Miller gave an elaborate luncheon for Mrs. Newman to day. It was so protracted that I missed hearing a paper I desired to hear. Perfect weather.

November 2, Thursday

Glorious morning. Papa still absent in New York. I give Mrs. Newman a dinner tonight. The other guests are Mr. and Mrs. Miller Judge and Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Judge Bunn and J. Louis Forepaugh.

November 3, Friday

A delight to live the weather is so fine. I was out all forenoon ended by going to Good Shepard Sisters; met the new Mother - and left the anomomous [sic] letter with her that was sent to me hoping to predudice [sic] me against her. Took Luncheon at Mrs. Brooks to meet Mrs. Newman again. Called afterwards at Mrs. Eatons, Mr. Kellys Mrs. Mellens, Mrs. F. Shepards Mrs. Lamborns and Mrs. Wilders.



November 4, Saturday

And still the perfect weather lasts. Louis came this morning. Charlotte, Mrs. Selms [sic] Walter, Mr. Hutchinson went to North Oaks early. Louis will follow later.

November 5 – 11

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November 12, Sunday

A very damp foggy rainy morning and day. Sir William Van Horn Mr. Mysenberg and Mr. Radcliff called stayed to luncheon and a while later in the Gallery. We discovered Mr. Mysenberg is quite a musician. Papa drove to the farm later. Mr. Hutchinson and Louis came this morning and went to North Oaks.

November 13, Monday

Still dark and very foggy quite like London and warm. Mabel Merriam arrived this morning to visit Ruth. We shall miss seeing anything of the falling meteors while weather is so cloudy and atmosphere so thick.

November 14, Tuesday

Still dark, warm and foggy. This mornings paper tells us Mrs. Simeon Folsom died very suddenly. Poor old Mr. Folsom to be left in his 80th year is hard. We went to hear Pachmann the truly great Pianist at the peoples church last evening. It was an unusual treat. As he played superbly and his peculiarities are most amusing. The Peoples Church was well filled.

November 15, Wednesday

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November 16, Thursday

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November 17, Friday

A very delightful day. In the afternoon Miss K. Gordon Pauline Ruth and I went to Minneapolis on the Interurban to dine at Mamies do to the Hostesses Ball and spend the night with Mamie. The evening is perfect moonlight and all. Samuel has a cold and is having some trouble with his teeth.

November 18, Saturday

Minneapolis. Rather cloudy yet very pleasant. I took breakfast with Samuel and the children. Later I went to North Star Woolen Mills Salesroom to get some blankets. Afterward went to call on Auntie Phelps. Nellie is there. They were well. The Ball was a great success – in every way floor music decorations and Toilettes. Delicate plants carried through Streets to day uncovered. Went to Mrs. Bohns to Card party to day.

November 19, Sunday

A perfectly glorious day. In the afternoon Papa and I drove out to the farm . Clara Vallie and Walter were there. Weather more like October than November. We went to call on Mr. McKissocks new wife who has a fifteen-year-old daughter an invalid of lung trouble. Such a display of Chrysanthemums as are at North Oaks well worth a visit. Greenhouse and cold Grapery are filled.

#### November 20, Monday

A cloudy morning, quite warm however. Letter from Gertrude to day. Wrote to Rachel. Went to Mrs. Princes in the Afternoon to play whist. It rained all afternoon. The Whist was given for Mrs. Gen Harden and Miss McLaughlin of Chicago. Clara received a paper telling her of the death of Nina Boardmans father in New York.

#### November 21, Tuesday

A perfectly delightful morning. Out all forenoon took Mrs. S.S. Eaton for a drive. Mr. Eaton very low. In the afternoon girls gave a musical for Mabel Merriam. Mr. Louis Shawe sang charmingly. In the evening Ruth Pauline and I went to the Charity Ball. Mabel dined at Katie Gordons. Charlotte dined at Mrs. Milton Griggs to meet Annie Griggs.

#### November 22, Wednesday

Papa, Mabel Merriam Clara and I dined at Mrs. Uphams to meet Mr. Stanford Newel and Mr. Wm. R. Merriam. Went this afternoon to call on Mrs. Flower Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. [Burnes or Bunn?] Miss Mayall Mrs. Abbott. And went to Mrs. Richers Tea.

#### November 23, Thursday

Called on Mrs. E.A. Young and four other ladies at Aberdeen. A very dark day.

#### November 24, Friday

Another dark day. This afternoon Mr. Chemidlin called and so did Mr. Wm. R. Merriam to say good bye. As he and Mabel return to Washington this evening. Mrs. Upham went to Chicago this evening. Papa dined at Mr. Squires to meet Mr. Stanford Newel.

#### November 25, Saturday

And still cloudy. At 430 p.m. the clouds lifted in the West promising a fine Sunday. I went out to Mrs. Judge Willis reception. Another dinner is given to Mr. Newel this evening papa is to tired to attend. Mr. Newel came home with papa last night so breakfast here to day.

#### November 26, Sunday

A perfectly delightful morning. Like an October day. Mr. S. Newel took Luncheon with us to day. Mr. Anderson works some in Gallery hoping to get inspiration there to finish two pictures. Louis Charlotte Clara Ruth and Valley went to North Oaks and took supper there. Began to read Cruise of the Cachalot with Walter.

November 27, Monday

Another charming morning. After doing errands ect [sic]. I went to the farm to see about putting things in order for Winter in the House there. The Chrysanthemums are very fine and profuse.

November 28, Tuesday

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November 29, Wednesday

Went to inquire for Mrs. Stickney this afternoon found she was very ill and in great suffering. All the month has been so fine that it is difficult to keep in mind that December is so near. No snow and no freezing yet. We had a similar autumn 22 years ago.

November 30, Thursday

A dark rainy day. Samuel Mamie and Mary came to Luncheon. James is recovering from a cold so could not come. Papa stayed in all day and did not seem well. In the evening, Mr. F. B. Clarke and Mr. Hutchinson came to dinner. Jim is West and Louis could not get here. Walter shot 2 turkeys at Town and Country club. Mrs. Furness gave a large Breakfast to day.

December 1, Friday

Went to bed feeling badly last night and this morning decided to stay in bed to ward off if possible bronchitis [sic]. Mr. E. V. Holcomb buried to day. Griggs Coopers Wholesale House partly burned last night. Papa and Mr. Brodie busy changing some pictures in the Gallery and hanging a few for the first time. Mr. Anderson brought his violin and played some this evening.

December 2, Saturday

A cloudy colder morning – yet little sign of winter. I am almost myself again this morning. Mrs. Stickney died this early morning. Clara Vallie Gotzian and Walter went to North Oaks to spend Sunday.

December 3, Sunday

A rather cold morning snowing. Mary and I went to 9 oclock at the {crossed out: Cathedral} St. Marys. Snowed all day blew and grew colder toward evening. Jim. came home from the West this afternoon seems well but thin says he lost ten lbs. on the trip Mr. Stanford Newel spent the evening with us. He goes back to the Hague very soon.

December 4, Monday

A bright cold morning. Claras birth-day. Mrs. A. B. Stickney was buried this morning. Genuine sorrow was manifest on many faces. Mr. S. S. Eaton is just alive but very low.

December 5, Tuesday

Mr. S. S. Eaton died this morning after an illness of nearly five years. Mr. Upham just came in to tell us that he passed away about 4 this a.m. Mr. Anderson is painting out the rabbits on the large vases in the Hall as papa does not like them.

December 6, Wednesday

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December 7, Thursday

Mr. Eaton was buried to day. Mr. Harvey Officer conducted the services at house and at the grave. Mrs. Eaton was able to attend. Mrs. Gotzian went to the Cemetery with me. Papa came home directly as he did not feel very well. The day has been remarkably fine like an october [sic] day.

December 8, Friday

Another wonderfully fine day. In the afternoon we went down to Mrs. Horace Thompsons reception and Musicale. A very enjoyable entertainment. While I was out Mrs. John Mattocks and Mrs. Geo. Spencer of Duluth called. Archbishop Ireland called this evening. Mr. Simeon Folsom call this afternoon. A not {note?} from Mr. Stanford Newel came to day to say goodbye. He also sent some photos.

December 9, Saturday

A dark day and such a warm rain all day. I went to see Mrs. Eaton and found her pretty well considering everything. I also went to Mrs. Meaney's to see Jimmie Murray. Sent Sarah dresses, skirts Stockings aprons ect [sic]. In the evening called on Mrs. Mattocks and Nellie Spencer at the Aberdeen found Fannie Mattocks there too. Had a pleasant call.

December 10, Sunday

A dark day. Not cold and no rain. Louis came down this morning. A good sermon on St. John the Baptist at St. Marys Father O. Sullivan and fine music. Papa and Louis have gone to the farm. Wrote to Mrs. Cannon Mrs. Lamont and to Gertrude.

December 11 – 14

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December 15, Friday

Louis and Papa left for New York this evening.

December 16, Saturday

Went to Mamies. Made calls on Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Washburn Mrs. Chas. Pillsbury, Mrs. Dunwoody and Mrs. Langdon. Stayed all night with Mamie. It has been a fine afternoon after a little snow. We saw nothing of eclipse of the Moon it was too cloudy.

December 17, Sunday

We went to 9 oclock Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. I came home immediately after. Saw Auntie Phelps after Mass. It was a cloudy rather cold day. In the afternoon I went to Mrs. Chas. Mayos funeral at Christ Church. As I came in I noticed that the lilac bushes in the front were budded like early spring too bad for them.

December 18, Monday

Busy all day. Christmas Shopping mostly in Book Stores. In the afternoon Charlotte Ruth and I went to Minneapolis having heard that there were finer books to be found for the holiday trade there at McCarthys. We did not find much. Grew quite cold in the evening.

December 19, Tuesday

A perfectly delightful morning. I was up very early and enjoyed the glorious Eastern sky before sun rise promising a fine day. I went to Rochester to see Sarah. Auntie and Nellie went with me. We found her looking badly. Quite a little snow in Rochester,

December 20, Wednesday

Another wonderfully fine day. Few can realize that Christmas is so near.

December 21, Thursday

A perfect morning. So clear the atmosphere and cloudless the sky that the shortness of the shortest day is not apparent either morning or evening. Went to Minneapolis this afternoon to Aunties. In the evening Jim, Clara, Charlotte, Ruth and I went to the Aberdeen to dine with Mr. F.B. Clarke. Mamie and Samuel were there too.

December 22, Friday

And yet another fine morning – but some clouds are gathering. No word from New York so we do not know whether Rachel and Gertrude have left for home yet. This evening, Charlotte and I worked until eleven p.m. doing up and marking packages to Christmas. Ruth went to a German – with Pauline and John Upham.

December 23, Saturday

The most perfect morning yet like a fine May day.

December 24, Sunday

Quite cold but no snow much dust. {crossed out: Mr. Chemidlin came} After luncheon Charlotte Rachel Ruth and Pauline went to St. Marys to decorate Altar for Christmas. They worked in to the night. The girls at home sent their presents about and in the evening opened their own gifts. James has a cold so neither he nor Mary will come to us.

December 25, Monday

Very cold but clear so dusty as it was windy. Music at St. Marys fine. Miss Gordon and Lois Shawe sang. The Altar was beautiful. Mr. Chemidlin came home with us to luncheon. I went to Vespers at St. Marys. In the evening Louis was at home all were but Mamie Samuel and the Children. Judge Clark Wilfred and Mr. Hutchinson dined with us.

December 26, Tuesday

Still dry dusty cold. Busy all day preparing for tomorrow. In the afternoon I went to see Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Upham the letter has been ill a week.

December 27, Wednesday

Still bright and cold and uncomfortably dusty. How are we all worked to day getting ready for the reception and dance this evening to entertain the Yale Glee and Banjo Clubs. Mrs. D. M. Robbins gave them a "Tea" to day. And they had a luncheon at the Minnesota Club. They are a gentlemanly crowd this year. Our party kept up until 2 a.m. Helen Driscoll gives Rubie a German this evening.

December 28, Thursday

Very cold no sign of snow alas! This has been a hard day cleaning up and putting in order after last night. Such is life no fun that does not cost. Louis remains here for the day. Ed. Holter came to day and stays over for Helen Driscolls German in Rubertas honor. Walter Heffelfinger came in to dine. Papa is tired after last night but is well and cheerful.

December 29, Friday

Bright and cold this morning 4 below zero – at 8a.m. on North Side. Papa does not feel well this evening. I went to Mrs. Hannafords to a Euchre and to meet Mr. and Mrs. Mellen. When I returned at 11.45 p.m. I found papa waiting for me. A letter from Mrs. Curtis to day. And Christmas gifts from Mrs. Doran from Santa Barbara.

December 30, Saturday

A cold morning 12 below zero. Ruth went to Minneapolis yesterday as Samuel is in New York and she will remain until tomorrow. Mary M. is here. A telegram with best wishes to the New Year came to me from Samuel last evening. Jim seems to be annoyed some with rheumatism. Just finished reading Bob Son of Battle this evening.

December 31

Not so cold, just zero this morning. It is snowing and we should feel grateful for the dust has been most trying. A very good sermon to day delivered by Father O. Sullivan.

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Aug. 19th

Saturday Dinner 5.30

Children and Ding 2.30

Sunday Breakfast 3.75

Dinner 4.00

Monday

5.00 to Rachel Brek

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