

an undertaking for me to drink enough of that bad tasted mineral stuff to do me any good. I don't think I have done any thing to day, but a little cooking, and grumbling at hot weather.

July 29 Sunday. Not able to go to church to day. Guess if I do not take some medicine I will be bed fast pretty soon. I am hardly able to get about to day. I drove over to Campbells a few moments yesterday just before sundown, and thought I felt a little better for the drive. I have been worse every other day, ever since I've been feeling unwell, and this is my bad day again. Susie R., and Mrs Matthews were over this afternoon, and Boyle took dinner with us. Ben R. went with a train of cattle last night to Chicago, and I so nervous and weak, that I cried when I heard the train go out.

July 30 Monday. May has gone to spend the day with some little girls at Mrs. Burns. Myra drove over just now to water the horse at the creek, and took her over in the buggy. Miss Annie Burns was over last evening, and the Coffey girls also. I am just able to sit up to day and that is all. Bro. Will was over this afternoon.

July 31 Tuesday. Still hot and dry, I feel some better to day. I may wear the fever out yet. Doug Coffey spent the day here. Mr. Boyle started to Alabama this morning to get married and there is no one to fill his place in the bank yet, and it will be pretty hard for Barrie, until some takes it.



Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. I think that I am on the mend just a little. I got stung by a real ant this morning, that pained me half the day. I thought I just would get lie down this evening, but I had to. Ma went to see Mrs. Albert Stouley this evening, she is down with fever. Mr. Dale is in the bank now.

Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. Hotter than ever to day. I am feeling some better, and made my self a another hubbard, as I can't hardly wear anything else since I have been sick. Myra brought Ma home to day, and says she is expecting her mother to night.

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday ~~Four~~ o'clock P.M. Mercury reaches 102 in the shade, and the wind is just scorching hot. I walked over to Coffey this morning, and laid on the floor all the time I was there, and was very tired when I got back. Phine Reynolds, my youngest brother, is 31 years of age to day, that reminds me that we are all getting old. We have got a daily train again, I hope things will be more lively now.

Aug 4 Saturday. Last night was too hot to take any rest, I slept awhile on the cot, on the porch. One gets up tired such weather as this.

Elaine Coffey came in a few moments this morning. She is just in from the Pan Handle, where he has been for more than a year.

Dr Culver was here this afternoon and gave me a lot of medicine, and I hope it will stop this fever. I think six weeks is long enough for it to run,



Aug 6 Monday. I was in bed nearly all day yesterday, and felt real miserable, and there was a hard searcing wind blowing all day, that was very unpleasant. Emma Coffee was over a while in the afternoon. This morning was not quite so hot, but the mercury registers 104 now 4 o'clock P.M. I feel some better this afternoon. May is not well to day.

Mr. Lee is in the bank over, and I hope Barrie will not have to stay so long any more, he has been kept until 7 o'clock nearly all last week.

Phin and Rosa came in this evening.

Aug 7 Tuesday. I was almost two weeks to walk this morning, but am a little stronger this afternoon. Rosa has gone over to Coffee's while the baby is asleep. It is too hot to have any comfort anywhere today. Susie was over a few moments this morning.

Aug 8 Wednesday. We had a fearful hot night last night - at least every body complained but me. Saturday night hurt me the worst. Phin's folks went home to day. It was quite pleasant this morning, but is as hot as ever this afternoon. The sun shines dim, and there is a queer hazy look in the north. I hope it will rain soon.

Aug 9 Thursday. Just after dark last night we had a hard wind that brought a great deal of dust. Barrie was at meeting, and could hardly see to get home. It was followed by quite a good little shower, and we had a little more.



it is very much cooler, I feel better to day, but have done a little too much stirring around and am very tired. May washed her room this morning and I superintended, and hung them out, which was a little too much.

I feel very thankful for the change in the weather as well as in my health.

Aug 10 Friday. I still feel very trifling, don't seem to get strong. Weather still warm but not so bad as it has been.

Aug 11 Saturday. Mr. Adams was over last evening, and Mr. & Mrs. Howsley and Mrs. Matthews spent the night with us. Mrs. Benoon and the Campbell children, Ella, B. and Gessie Edgar were over this afternoon. I am still staggering around, don't seem to gain any strength.

Aug 12 Sunday. This is three or four Sabbaths that I have missed church, and it seems a long time. Bonnie took me for a short drive last evening, after sundown. It is very warm again to day. I had a letter last night from my brother in Arizona, saying they were "kind of ported up at his house, expecting trouble from Indians," as they had word from the Agent, that 80 warriors had left the reservation, in that direction, intent on mischief. I know how they feel, and pity them for I have had similar experiences, and I never want them again.

Cousin Emma C. was over this afternoon. She says that Harvey Gleason and Flora Rockwell were baptized Friday night - about midnight - at the creek



by a Campbellite minister who has preaching here about ten days. I hope the boy will forget to swear after this, but I'm afraid he will not, poor boy.

Aug. 13 Monday. The heat is very oppressive to day. it is a little cloudy and I hope we will get rain. I think I feel some better this afternoon, but I'm always better at this time of day. Myra C. and Minnie Sterrett were over this morning. Minnie goes off tomorrow for Decatur Ill. to school. I heard yesterday that Gus was sick.

Aug 14 Took another ride last night. I had a letter from Gus last night, saying that he was better, but Minnie is not well and three of Will Matthews children are down, and Danelm. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were here this afternoon. Ma went to the missionary meeting this morning and has not returned.

Aug 19 I feel much better to day. was quite hungry at dinner. Mrs. Brown came over this morning. She rode part of the way and got scared at the horse and got out walked over. I never saw any one so scared of horses. Horace Coffey got a fall from a horse last Monday and broke his arm. Ma was over there this morning to see him. He is doing all right. Georgia spent the day here yesterday and she and May played dolls all day until dark, and then went to the creek to climb trees, and I gave them a spanking up about that. He rode several miles down the Lewis road yesterday.



Aug 17 I had Dr. Daughtery to rub me to day,  
He is from Jewett Texas, and he is an  
electrician, gives no medicine, the virtue  
is all in the rubbing. I know one thing it  
hurt me dreadfully, he said that I was sore  
all over, and that the rubbing would not hurt  
a well person.

Aug 18. I went out riding yesterday, and did  
not feel half as tired as I usually do, and I  
feel much better to day, but my bowels are  
real sore to the touch, from the rubbing I  
suppose. It has rained a little and is much  
cooler to day. Ma is just taking another  
coat out of the frames. Alice Lyons and  
little Annie Berle Reynolds were over yesterday  
and took tea with us.

Aug 19 Sunday. I am feeling pretty well to day  
I think I am improving real fast now, but  
I do not feel quite strong enough to go to church  
to day, although I have been when I felt worse, but  
I could not sit still. So I think I shall quit  
that way of doing. I was rubbed again yester-  
day, and it did not hurt quite so much as the  
first rub. It has been trying to rain several  
days, but can't quite make it out.

Aug 20 Monday. Mr. H. Lee came over yester-  
day eve. to see how I was getting on since the  
rub operation. He wants to have two of  
his sisters rubbed. There were quite a  
number over to day. Mrs. Coffe Mrs. Leonard  
Mrs. Giner Myra C. Alice Lyons, and two Lee  
girls. Myra is coming over to day to be rubbed.



Mrs Gates came over late last <sup>thurs</sup> evening  
 Weather <sup>was</sup> a great deal cooler yesterday and to  
 day.

Aug 21 Tuesday. We have had a very cool north  
 wind to day. I have not felt so well to day.  
 I felt so good yesterday that I over did my  
 self, and took a little cold besides. Mrs Camp-  
 bell came over to day and was rubbed. She  
 was not sore all over like I was, but she had  
 some bad spots, that made her make very  
 fuss. Well, my boy is 23 years old to day.  
 He is creeping along, and I am almost an  
 old woman.

Aug 22 Wednesday. Ma went home with  
 Myra yesterday, and I am running the  
 Rancho to day. Uncle Ben came in just  
 now, and brought a nephew (my cousin)  
 W. G. Johnson, who is passing through town on  
 the hunt of a place to move to.  
 This is the sixteenth anniversary of our marriage  
 (my 2<sup>nd</sup>) Time steals away, away away.

Aug. 23 Ma went out to John Bradley to day  
 with Mrs Matthews, and May went to see Mrs  
 Gulton, so I have put in the afternoon alone  
 and it has been a long one, as I am not strong  
 enough to do much work yet, although I feel a  
 great deal better. We have had two wagons hauling  
 songum yesterday and to day, We have a great deal  
 of it. I had a letter from Boyle to day, and he  
 is as happy as a kid in his first pants, but as  
 for his wife, he has don't know, as he has not the  
 faintest idea how a girl feels in her first pants.



Aug 24 Friday 10 o'clock A.M. We are having a real good shower now, and it looks delicious, if it did stop the men from hauling hay, I would go out and stand in it if I dared. We have needed it so long that it is very acceptable. It is real cool and pleasant and I feel pretty well. May is trying to write to May Matthews, and is having an awful time she thinks, and at the rate she is writing she will probably get about five lines written by night. Old Mrs Egell started yesterday for Pazon A.G. in wagons. I think it will be a hard jaunt for such old folks.

I drove up to Hills this afternoon, and I found that I was not strong enough to drive it made me too tired. Ma came in from Mr. B's while I was there.

Aug 25 Sat. It rained a good shower before day light, and at 1 o'clock the creek began to rise just as Barnie came to dinner, and Jake had to take him back in the buggy.

and I went over to bring him back, went early and thought I would go into a store and get a few things, but was so tired that I did not, and Barnie hurried me back for fear I would get rained on, and I got back just in time to miss a hard shower. He came home later and had to wade the creek. I think I will not try to drive again until I am stronger.

Aug 26 Sun. I actually went to church today, and it did not tire me very much. We did not go until just time, so I would not have to



long to sit. Uncle Joe came back with us and stayed till four o'clock. We had a real pleasant visit with him. It is hot and cloudy and looks like we might get some more rain.

Aug 27 Monday. It has been raining all around us to day. Jake is working in the garden some. May has gone to see Ella Reynolds as this is her birth day. Cleave Coffee and Ed King took dinner with us to day. Georgia Spears and Lottie M<sup>r</sup> were over this morning. Lottie is trying to get up a private school.

Aug 28 Tuesday. I drove up to Hills a little while, stopped at the bank a while, and at the store this morning. Jake brought over a couple of hives of bees last night, that we bought from Mr. Egill. I watered flowers some to day, and made two quilt linings.

Aug 29 Wednesday. This morning was very dark and looked like rain, and did shower a little. Ma went to visit Mrs. Burns to day. I have not felt very well, and have not done much but knit a little. We had our winter supply of coal brought in to day. It is a great blessing to be able to have such things hoarded in time. We are not thankful enough for our many comforts. Young Adams was over this afternoon, talking up the prohibition question. May Coffee was over a while.

Aug 30 Thursday. I spent the day at Hills, and Campbells, and called on Mrs. B. P. Sterrett and her young daughter. I had a very pleasant day. John Bartholomew spent last night



with us, and went back to day Vallie and Boyle

called last evening.

Aug 31 Friday.

May had six little girls visiting her to day, and they had dinner under the shade at the creek. They had a swing, and climbed trees and waded in the creek to their hearts content, I guess. Bessie Lee, Maude and Rubie Campbell, Ella Reynolds, Gussie Edgar and Georgia Coffey.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday.

I saw and heard from all the little girls to day, they are all alive and none complaining, so I conclude that their picnic did not hurt them. I guess that I am the worst off of any, as I have a little stomach trouble, since I ate candy, cookies and "sick likes" with them.

Sept 2 Sunday.

I went to church again to day and I have felt tired and grouchy to day, we were up late last night. Some of the presbyterian folks surprised Mr. and Mrs. Adams last evening as it was their silver wedding day. They received quite a number of presents, and we carried ice cream and cakes, had music and recitations, and enjoyed the evening very much.

Sept 3 Monday

This afternoon I took May up to the dentist to have a tooth extracted, and then we went up to Hill's. I took Cyra down town and we called on Mrs. Linn when we went back.

Sept 4 Tuesday.

This morning I took May to the school house, and spent the morning there. Prof. James, is examining and classifying the children and getting things in shape to begin work next Monday. I met Miss Bailly and Mrs. Arnold



the other teacher has not arrived yet.

This afternoon I went to Mrs. Spears to get a dress made for May, and went to the store for lining and buttons, &c. I drove home and watered flowers, and got supper, and am rather tired now. It is the first day that I have sat up all day, in over two months. I got breakfast today, the first in a long time. Mr. Coon's brought us some peaches from Sallie's ranch.

Sept 5 Wednesday. I have felt tired and dull today, think I have taken cold. Have been at home all day, but have not done much. Jake is gathering the corn. We are having cool nights lately.

Sept 6 Thursday. Weather a little warmer. I have done nothing but knit a little today. Mr. Coon's came over this evening and sat awhile with us.

Sept 7 Friday. Today has been real hot. I got up real early, and worked all the morning, and feel all tired out, and have a headache. The Lee girls called this morning. Miss Grace leaves next week for school at Linnemette.

Sept 8 Saturday. The local option election was held today, and there were 131 Pro's to 40 Anti's. Good. Three cheers for the victory over strong drink. God grant that we may always keep it out of our town. Ma came home this evening.

Sept 9 Sunday. I went to church this morning, and this afternoon at 4 o'clock I drove over and spent a couple of hours with the Lees. There were a number called in to bid Miss Grace good by.



Sept. 10 Monday, School opened this morning and I am glad of it. I hope it will be a success and be a different plan than it has been heretofore. I actually opened my paints today and made a few pansies. I walked over to Coffey this afternoon, and I find that I am not strong enough to walk much.

Sept 11 Tuesday. This is missionary day again, but as it meets at ten, and I have to get dinner at twelve, I could not go. Ma went and Myra brought her back. Mrs. Conrad & Miss Hatlie Taylor came also, and stayed a little while. This afternoon, Mrs. Conrad sent for us to come over and spend visit the Bradleys, and we went over. They drove back to the ranch this evening 14 miles. That is a long jaunt for a woman 82 years of age. I made a very pleasant call with Mrs. Will Moore also. and to night finds me very tired indeed. Weather is quite warm again.

Sept 12 Wednesday Another hot day. I have not got much life about me today.

Sept 13 I went to prayer meeting last night. The first time in a great while. I feel very stupid and dull today. I have not felt like being up much this afternoon. Barnie went in and saw the cotton gin running today for the first time in his life. I went in yesterday, the first time since I was a little girl. Days are real hot yet, but the mornings are cool.



Sept 14 Friday I visited the school this afternoon, and was very much pleased with it. I think it would require a great deal more patience than I possess, to manage a lot of children. I went from there to Sam Spear's, and had a pleasant little visit.

Sept 15 Saturday. Still hot, and dry. Oh! that, would rain and turn cool, and that I might get a little stronger. I have no endurance at all, it makes me puff, to walk to the barn and back.

Sept. 17 Monday Yesterday was very warm again. I walked to church last night, for the first time in a long time, and I feel pretty well to day. I walked over to Coffey this morning, and called at Crows, came home and got dinner, and haven't lain down to day, (it is now nearly 4 o'clock) that is very unusual.

Sept 18 Wednesday. Yesterday I was sick all day, hardly able to sit up. I was afraid of it Monday because I was feeling so well that day. It has been so all summer, if I am feeling unusually well one day, I am sure to be sick the next day.

Well I have felt pretty well again to day, and have done quite a good deal of work. Had Mrs. Robinson washing, and I have been superintending, and mending all day. I wanted to go to prayer meeting to night, but my horse is lame, and I was too tired to walk, so I'm alone. Wasn't sleepy enough to go to bed, and I reamored my old journal. I have just been trying on some of my winter dresses, and I actually believe that I am getting fat. They fit snug



Thursday Sept 20 Our Minister's wife started to Danville Ill, this morning, to be treated for a cancer. Mr. Adams went with her. So we will have no preaching for a while now, and we will miss them very much. It was a great surprise to us all, as no one knew until last night. It is a sad thing, and we may never see her again. Sister Sallie and all her family came over this afternoon.

Sept 21 Friday. We had a little rain yesterday, enough to freshen up things, but not half what we needed. I went with Sallie this morning up to Will, Campbells, and Conrads, just a few moments at each place. Mrs. Boyle was in bed and Mrs. Conrads also. Jennie Mathias was at Will, hardly able to be up.

Sallie's baby, Ethel is the busiest little girl that I ever saw. She is never still a moment.

We went to Coffey's a little while this afternoon.

Sept 22 Saturday Sallie and children went to Mrs. Conrads today. Sallie Reynolds spent the day here.

Sept 23 Sunday. Mr. Galtton preached at our church today. I went to Sabbath school today for the first time in a great while.

Sept 24 Monday. I spent the afternoon at Mrs. Givens with Mrs. Sallie Sue, and Mrs. Conrad. I called at Mrs. Sterrett's, and went to see if I could get Mrs. Palmer to do some quilting for me.



Sept 25 Tues. Sallie got started for uncle Jay's ranch this afternoon. I went to the Methodist meeting at four o'clock, and from there to Mrs. Campbell's.

Sept 26 Wednesday There was a big fat girl came to me to hire to day, and I told her to come tomorrow and set in. I don't know a thing about her but I need someone so badly that I will take her and chance it. I have been rather miserable the last day or two. Leatie W. was over a few minutes this morning.

Sept 27 Thursday. My woman came and took hold in the kitchen to day. She is dreadfully ragged and scarce of clothes. I will have to advance her some money and let her get some clothes. I am forty years of age to day, just twenty years older than I ever expected to be. I have always been so ailing that I did not suppose that I could live forty years. But still I am here, and what for I do not know. I don't seem to be of much use any way, but I suppose that I must have a mission of some kind, but I have never found it out yet. I hope however, that I may be able to do some good in some way. I trust that I am not entirely useless, and that some of my fellow beings will be glad that I have lived among them, and sorry when I die. I do not want fame nor honor, but I want the love of all mankind.

Sept 28 Friday Geo and Bittie got home last night. I have not seen them yet, have been at home trying to break in the new girl. I think she is faithful, but very slow. She made some very nice light bread to day. I have been



making a cape for Ma. Uncle Ben was

here this morning, and Mrs. Thompson this afternoon, had a very pleasant visit with her.

Oct 1 Monday I went to Sabbath school yesterday, and to the Methodist-church, and got so tired that I could not sit still. I went to see Bette a little while this morning. She has a young lady visitor. Miss Proctor from Monroe Mo. Ma went to Bettis yesterday.

Oct 2 Tuesday. I called on Georgia Spears Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Jugg, Mrs. Inker, and a few minutes at Bettis, found Will Matthews wife there sick. I don't think my girl will suit me, she does not seem to be well, and I don't want any one doing any work that is no more fitted able to do it than myself.

Oct 3 Wednesday. My house is in a fix to day. Jake is trying to fix the ceiling. That the same storm spoiled, and the floor is covered with dirt and dirt. I went to see Mrs. Hazlewood this afternoon. She has a nice little baby girl, born yesterday. I don't feel well at all, no I am not sick, I just give out, my back does not hold out, and I get restless.

Oct 4 Thursday. Martha left today, and I took hold in the kitchen again. I guess I will fag out, I made an apron today for May, and some neck ruffles.



Oct 5 Friday, This afternoon I called at Dr

Powell's office and spent an hour very pleasantly with Mr. Tom Lewis of Weatherford, who is partially paralyzed and is taking a battery treatment from Powell. Then I went to the school house and heard some recitations. It is the close of the first month, and they had a lot of speeches. I did not get there in time to hear many, but I staid long enough to get thoroughly tired, and restless. My back troubles me so.

From there I went to Campbell's and laid down to rest. Then to Susan's, and Miss Bailey and Miss Hawkins came while I was there.

They are very bright and lively. Uncle Ben is having a bad time with his eyes, he has been confined to his room for some time.

I came home thoroughly tired.

Oct 6 Sat. I started out this afternoon to see the sick, and try to find some one to help me. I went to see little Danie McLeary,

and carried some flowers, and a bygone to Dr. Powell, and Mrs. Gucker. Danie is at Mr. Hamby's, and Alice Lyons is there nursing her. I did not hunt for any help, for I thought it would be useless.

Jack has been hauling wood to day, from a car, good oak wood that was shipped up.

Ma did a little house cleaning this morning, and made some cookies, and spent the afternoon with Georgia Coffey.

Oct 7 Sunday. Our bible class had a good laugh this morning at Leulu Matthews expense, the teacher asked, why Moses was not



permitted to enter the promised land, and she said, why because he died, I went to the Methodist church again, and got worn out as usual, I don't believe I am able to attend Sabbath school and church both,

Oct 8 Sunday. It was dark and cloudy all day. I went out again to hunt some one to help me, and failed as usual. Phin took dinner with us today.

Oct 9 Tuesday. My back has been troubling me lately, and I gave it a wrench this morning by reaching up high after the market basket. I felt miserable all day. I had the Dr. call to see if he could tell what the matter is but he does not know, much better than I have prescribed rest and quiet, and I knew full well that I needed that. But how am I to take it unless I can get help.

Gus & Minnie came over this afternoon, and I was real glad to see them.

Oct 10 Wednesday. Bethe and Miss Proctor called this morning. It is damp and cool again today. I have been on my back most of the day, trying to rest it.

Oct 11 Thursday. Gus & Minnie went to George's this morning, and at noon we heard that cousin Lou Jones was there. So Ma and I went over and spent the afternoon. She is a great talker and I laughed a great deal at her way of telling things.



Oct 12 Friday. The missionary society met to day, at the church, and my back was too lame to think of going, to sit on those uncomfortable seats. Gus and Minnie are back tonight.

Oct 13 Saturday. Gus went home this morning, and Minnie will stay till after Synod.

Mrs Thompson called this afternoon. It was very warm yesterday, and not much better today.

Oct 14 Sunday. I went to hear the Episcopal Minister at our church today, and the services were so long, that I got very tired. It has been real warm again today, and quite windy.

Minnie went home with Susie from church this morning.

Oct 15 Monday Myra came over this afternoon and sat awhile and then took me to my washerwoman to get my clothes, as ~~they~~<sup>she</sup> did not send them last week, and from there we drove to Burns a few minutes, but I did not get out of the buggy, as I was not dressed for calling.

Oct 16 Tuesday. I cut and basted a calico wrapper today, and went visiting at Susie Campbell's & Gine's. Took Ma up to Will's and left her, and brought Minnie back. Buel Matthews came over yesterday and brought Jas. Crowson over to attend school, and he will stay with us.

Oct 17 Wednesday. Have been busy making my wrapper today, and had a wild turkey for dinner. Geo gave it to me yesterday, he and Mr. Scott and the Proctors, had just returned from



the Monroe Ranch, where they had been a few days hunting and looking over the range.

The wind has been blowing a regular gale today, it has been quite unpleasant. This is prayer meeting night, and I had forgotten it, until my better half was gone, but I am not able to walk over any way. Bro. M. staid with us last night, and went away this morning.

Minnie has been making a wrapper today. I intended to call on Mrs. Scott today, but it was so blustering that I thought I could not get out.

Oct 18 Thursday. Another real windy day, very disagreeable. I finished my wrapper today.

Oct 19 Friday. May had Minnie Robinson with her last night. This morning she had the headache, I thought she ought not to go to school, but she did not want to miss so she went. It turned very cool about ten o'clock and after dinner Minnie and I drove up to Hill, and went by the school house to take May a wrap, and found her sick, so we took her along. We heard today that Mrs. Sam Spears had a daughter.

Oct 20 Saturday. May was very sick last night, and we had to have the Dr. She has been real miserable all day. I went up town for some medicine this morning, and found Mrs. Georgiana Coffee here when I came back. Ma came over this afternoon.

Oct 21 Sunday It rained nearly all night and I think the ground is pretty well soaked.



It has been raining and misting a little all the morning, and no one ventured out to Sabbath school or church. Bernie is roasting a turkey to day, I am just looking on and not offering any suggestions at all.

I went out and gathered a lovely bouquet of roses this morning. Minnie said she would have gone out bareheaded in the mud for them. I told her I would have gone barefooted to get them. May rested pretty well last night, and I think she is better to day, although her side is quite sore yet.

Oct 22 Monday It has been cloudy and raining all day. Ben and his family staid with us last night, and went to Camp-hill this afternoon. Gus came in this evening.

Nov 23 Tuesday Weather is very nice to day. Minnie did a little washing to day, and Ma packed up a few things, ready to go up on the Clear Fork after Synod.

Bettie and Sue were sick a few minutes this afternoon. Sue has a very bad cold.

Oct 25 Thursday Ma went to Georges to day, and Minnie went to call on Mrs. Murphy. Sallie and her family came over to day.

Oct 26 Friday Gus Minnie Mrs. Croson & Geo went to church and was mistaken in the place and did not hear any. Had there walk for nothing. No they did not sit there for one of the ministers came in very sick.



and did not know where to find lodgings

and Gus took him to his uncle George and located him. It was Mr. Lallant from Brownwood and Judge Starrell. A host of preachers came in last night on the train. Mrs.

Rankin Mrs Parmile and Mrs Bowls came also, and we had a missionary meeting this morning in Mr. Belams house, but adjourned till tomorrow, so that we could go down to Synod a while. We had an appearance

at the Cumberland church in the afternoon. Ma delivered the address of welcome and Mrs Bowls replied. There were a few delegates from the Synod who addressed the meeting. Mr. Smith from Mary Allen Seminary, Mr. D. L. Dill from Fort Davis

Dr. Breckenridge of Austin, and Mr Rankin Philaena it was. The meeting lasted very late and we had to be here. A paper was read by Mrs Geo Reynolds, the president of our society

a recitation by Miss Annie Burns, and Maide Campbell. A very interesting report from Mrs Rankin and Mrs Parmile. It was very late when we got home and we had to hurry through supper to get back to church.

Oct 27 Saturday Sallie Ma and myself attended the devotional meeting at Synod, and then staid to hear Mr Rankin make a bible talk. Then we all went to Mrs Belams to finish up business. Sallie, Beryl Ma Mr. B. and I took dinner with Mrs Mill Moore. She is entertaining Dr Wright and Breckenridge of Austin, who are very pleas-



and. At four o'clock went to Synod again to hear Mrs Rankin and Parmelee report and it was very interesting.

Oct 28 Sunday. I was too tired to go to meeting last night, so I stayed with the children and had a regular picnic with Ethel for a while. We had a good sermon this morning from Mr Adams of Denison; at half past three there was a Sunday School, by Drs Bowls and Suddler. Last night Dr. Riggs of Dallas preached as pretty a sermon as I ever heard, and I would go a good distance to hear him again.

Oct 29 Monday. Sallie Ma and myself went to the train to see the ladies and ministers off, and we were sorry to see them go. David Campbell and Judge Fleming left this morning for old Mexico. I took Ma to Strubbing. Sallie went shopping and I came back with the team, and Mrs. Crosson Minnie and the children went over to Willo. Gus went home this morning. Minnie and Ma are going out in the morning with Sallie. Mrs. Gentry and her children took dinner with us, and after noon Sallie and Buel came over and gathered up their luggage which was a pretty good carriage load. I took Mrs. Gentry back to Willo, and there Sallie and I drove up to Sam Spears to see the baby. Then stopped at Campbell's a few minutes and then I came home, just too tired to rest. May was quite sick yesterday but is better today.



Oct 30 Tuesday I have been trying to put

things to rights to day, but did very little at it, I washed a few towels, and tried to rest a little, It has been real windy.

Oct 31 Wednesday, I went to Mrs Spears this morning, and met Mr and Mrs C. H. Stribbling, and Mrs Will Moore, I went to Leonard's store in search of vegetables but found none, It was real cloudy this morning but cleared up and the wind has been blowing my milk pans off into the yard all day, We had a letter to day from Mr Adams saying that his wife was better now, but that she would not go through such a trial again for life itself.

Nov 1 Thursday, Our chrysanthemums are blooming nicely, but the wind is about to blow them to pieces, We have gathered a great many already, I sent off two nice bouquets yesterday, and three to day, They are all white our colored ones are not opening much yet, I tried to clean the kitchen this morning and am thoroughly tired out, I wanted to pay some calls this afternoon, but the wind is too high and I am too tired.

Nov 2 Friday This afternoon I visited the school, and called on Mrs. Adlington, and Mrs. Hearkins and Bailey, and am very tired as usual, Lella Webb is very sick with scarlet fever, and has been all the week I have not been up, for the Dr allows no one to see her.



Nov 3 Saturday I washed two quilts this

morning, and was on my feet nearly all the forenoon, and at 3 o'clock I attended the funeral of Lellie Webb, I was so sorry for her mother, poor woman she is almost frantic.

I wonder every time who will be the next one to go, and I think it is a blessed thing that we are not permitted to know.

Mr B has gone to the station to meet Mr. Adams, as he is expected home tonight.

Nov 4 Sunday, Mr. Adams came last night but is unwell, and did not preach to day. Our Sabbath school was very small on account of scarlet fever. I went to the Methodist church to day and heard Wallace, thought I was going to hear Robinson.

Nov 5 Monday Yesterday noon I let a window fall on my hand and it has pained me to my shoulder ever since. This morning I could hardly get out of bed but I have managed to do the work. School closed this week on account of fever.

Susie and Myra called this evening to see Mr. Adams. Mr. A. Mr B. and myself packed a box of roses and crysanthemums to night to send to Cain, to Mrs A. They were lovely when they went in, but I am afraid they will lose their beauty before they come out of the box.

Nov 6 Tuesday My shoulder and arm are still quite lame. We had a little snow here last night and a fire is real pleasant to day. It has been very dark and raining all



day, I have been busy in the kitchen all day, and with other things I tried to make a pot of soap, don't know what it will be like. I presume there is a great deal of excitement over the land to day, over the election. Mr Adams went to Campbell's today.

Nov 7 ~~Wednesday~~ <sup>Monday</sup> Dark, cold and rainy. I put most of the day in the kitchen, trying out lard, and numerous other things. Mr Adams came over to dinner, and went back with his things in the afternoon, said he would sleep at home, and get his meals among the neighbors.

Nov 8 Thursday. It is quite cold to day, has been showering all day, sometimes the sun would pop out and look like it would clear off, and in a few minutes it would dark. Mercury stands at forty, a good rousing fire is very comfortable. I went out this afternoon and gathered a large basketful of cypriantheums and roses, and made them into baguets, while Bernie and May got supper. Bernie fried oysters, and May made the bread.

Nov 9 Friday This morning I went to coffee a little while and took a baguet. This afternoon I filled a large basket and drove into town and distributed six large ones. The sun has shone all day, and it has been rather pleasant the west wind was disagreeable. We had ice this morning, the first of the season.

I went to coffee this morning to see if I could hear of Dave Matthews. He came in a week ago today, with Gus' wagon and team.



intending to go back the next day, but one of his horses was sick. (I presume he drove it too hard,) so he did not go, but he did not come over to look after it, at least he did not feed it. Monday Jake said it was all right, and I asked him to put them in the lot and feed them, so Dave could get off early. He kept them in till noon and he did not put in an appearance, so I had them turned out again. In the afternoon Doug came over, and I enquired about him as he had been staying there - and she said he hired a livery team and went to Brockmorton (40 miles) to a dance. I have been foolish enough to allow his behavior to worry me some all the week. I wish that I could throw off such things, but it is a hard matter to overcome such things, especially when it is disturbing my children's happiness. He is a hard customer, and I don't think he could stay about me, nor drive one of my horses, but if I could help to make a steady man of ~~man~~ him, I would do it gladly.

And I suppose that Gus and Minnie are doing missionary work, and hard work at that, are trying to keep him with them so he will not go to ruin entirely. Oh! it is a hard pill to swallow, not a vestige of a sugar coat. Go use dreadfully rough slang expression, "He is wild and woolly, and hard to curvy." Well I found <sup>him</sup> at Coffey's, sitting by the stove as contented as could be, with a pipe in his hand. I asked if he had deserted the Coler's Bark; he said no, said he was going out tomorrow. I told him I would



Nov 10 Saturday, I told Dave yesterday that

I wanted to send some flowers to Minnie when he went back, but he slipped over this morning, and got his team, and did not show himself, so I failed again.

Oh well, such is life, I imagine that it will be a very unpleasant life he will lead, and every one who has any interest in him, if he does not change his course.

Nov 11 Sunday, He went from church to Bro Geo, and staid till night meeting. I went over a little while to see Mrs. Tucker. Mr. Bradley & wife were in town a little while

Nov 12 Monday, I have been doing various things today, fixing over an old dress for myself, and working on a flannel skirt for May, and made a stove kettle full of nice hard soap. Sallie Gatus came over and brought me some plants that her mother brought from Nashville, and I gave her seven little turkeys, I knew they would all die if they did not get extra care this bad weather, and I have too much to do to look after them. She was quite pleased to get them. I was afraid her mother might not want her to have them, but she thought she would.

Nov 13 Tuesday, It was raining when we got up this morning, and has rained off and on all day, and is rather cold. May has a very sore throat, and I would not let her go to school. The weather was too bad anyhow.



but she put on her things and was going any way, and turned up to cry when I laid the nets on it. She has not eaten any thing scarcely all day, and made such a fuss after she went to bed, that Bernie went for the Dr. Then I went in her room to see about her and she had her head hanging off the bed in a real cramped position, and crying, I made her get back, and asked if she was worse, and she said no.

Nov 14 Wednesday, This is Mr. B's forty seventh birth day, and I thought I would get up an extra good dinner for him, but I have been so near sick all day, that I could not.

Mary is a great deal better. Dr P. pronounced it tonsillitis, (I don't know whether that is the way to spell it or not. Go day has been quite dark, and ugly again.

Nov 15 Thursday This morning dawned very bright and pleasant, but the afternoon was cloudy again. I gathered a beautiful bouquet of roses to day, and five of crysantheums. I gave four away. Mr Adams took dinner with us, and I gave him one, and he brought me a bunch of yellow pinks. ours are not out yet.

I went to Mrs. Spears late this afternoon but no one at home. I went on to Bakers, and called in to see Mrs Stanley, and took her a few Corn. apples. We received a barrel to day from father Bartholomew, off from the Corn. orchard, but a good many were spoiled.



Nov 14 Friday, Mercury <sup>was</sup> just one above

freezing this morning, and last night was so warm that we did not need a fire. Such is Texas, and I have such a cold, and have felt so worn out all day that I have almost had the blues. I could hardly keep from crying and nothing the matter, except that I need rest, and can't take it, and then the weather is so dark and gloomy, that it makes me feel worse. I have sewed a little today, finishing up odd jobs. May finished a skirt that she <sup>had</sup> been making for herself, and I another. She is well fixed now for the winter.

Late this afternoon I went in fact it was nearly night I went to Mrs. Spears. Mrs. S. was standing in the door looking out at the gloomy and said she was so lonesome she did not know what to do.

Nov 17 Saturday, Gloomy and raining all day. About 4 o'clock I gathered some flowers (they were wet and cold) and put on my rubbers, and went to Mrs. Thompsons, found her alone, and I knew she was not expecting any one in such weather, but that is just the time I like to have people run in, but of course I don't look for them. From there I pulled across to Spears for some bread, and it was a muddy pull, just boggy.

Nov 18 Sunday, Weather as bad as ever. We went to church however. There were not many out, and there will be no services to night. Jake and his dog killed a mea-



-sel this morning, the first I ever saw. I

think, He let the dog a lively game,  
Mrs. Adams came home last night.

Nov 19 Monday Cold cloudy and much day  
rained again last night, I did not let May  
go to school to day, and it was a trial to her,  
I had her get some lessons at home, and that  
is a job, and one that I don't like. I made  
some more rice soap to day, and to night  
Barnie changed places with the clock &  
side board, and we put a single bed in  
the dining room for May. We are expecting  
a girl from Connecticut soon, and we  
will give her May's room, provided she  
comes.

Nov 20 Tuesday, I was called out of the kit-  
chen this morning, before I finished  
my work, by a knock from a Book agent,  
preacher and phrenologist, all in one, and  
before he left, Luke Butler came for some  
flowers that I had promised to send to  
his mother, and by the time I put  
them in a box, it was time to put on  
dinner, so the morning slipped away.

The morning dawned bright, but soon  
clouded up and remained so all day.

This afternoon I went to see Mrs. Adams  
and found her looking very bright and  
cheerful. She is not able to do much yet.  
From there I went to see Bettie, and when  
I came home May was getting supper.



Nov 21 Wednesday. Still cloudy, and cold.

this has been quite a bad month all through  
I feel rather miserable to day, but there's no  
rest for the wicked, nor the weary either, in  
this life, at least it seems that way sometime  
especially when one is worn out, and inclined to  
grumble. So I guess I will not grumble, but  
get up and get dinner instead.

Since dinner I went to see Mr. Nixon, he has  
been sick some time, and they live in a cellar  
and a dirtier place I never saw. He had a bad  
time here during the war, and I saw lots of  
rough living, but nothing to compare to  
that, not a clean thing, nor a clean spot in  
the house. Bettie and Mrs. Burns have  
just been over getting up a bean bag party  
for Thanksgiving.

Nov 22 Thursday. It was 8 o'clock when I got  
out of the kitchen, tired, tired. O for that Yankee  
girl to come, and give me a little show to rest.

I made light bread to day and I think it is  
pretty good, hope so anyway. Mr. B. sent a  
good lot of groceries down to Nixon to day. I hope  
it will be kept off of the dirt floor. I can't keep  
that awful dirty picture out of my mind.

I never <sup>saw</sup> such a human habitation, a Look-o-  
way teepee is far better.

Well, this afternoon is clear and bright, and  
I do hope it will stay so for a while. I am tired  
of so many clouds. Old parson Sam<sup>d</sup> Dornet  
was over to day for a Thanksgiving turkey, but  
it was the wrong time of day to catch it. He said  
I don't expect I could run one down could I?

A negro over 80 years old, think of running a  
down a grown turkey.



Nov 23 Friday, There was a very heavy frost this morning. But it soon vanished, for it is a bright sunny day, and I appreciate it after so much cloudy weather. At ten o'clock I drove up to Campbells, with a turkey, and Mrs. C. got in with me and went to Glessings with another. We stopped a few minutes at Camps and when I got home it was nearly 12:30 and I had to rush with dinner. Now I want to drive up town and do a little shopping, but I am very tired.

I went up town and did a little shopping. went to Beltris and got May Louise, stopped and Mrs. Spears and got measured for a dress, and after I got home I helped to catch some turkey, sent Gas off to the neighbors with two, and Bonnie I dressed me for tomorrow, and now supper is over, and I am settled for a little rest. The children are busy blowing soap bubbles, and I am going to stop now and write to my sister.

Nov 24 Saturday, I have been as busy as I could be all day, and not a single thing to show for it. I roasted a turkey for dinner, and went over after Mrs. Adams, and took her home again, and then I drove out and delivered three turkeys for Thanksgiving, and I am very tired as usual to night. I guess if I have nothing to show for my work, some of the neighbors have, and that is alright.

Duke dug the potatoes today, we had a few in the garden. We tried to have Gas help him but it is a job to get anything out of him.



Nov 25 Sunday. Another cloudy day, and a

raw east wind. I got to Sunday school today but had a poor lesson, and it kept me rustling to get off. Maidee Campbell came home with us, and Mr Boyle and wife came over in the afternoon, and I was real glad, for the day seem very long, especially when the weather is so gloomy. I feel like I had rheumatism in my arm, or it may be the effects of the hurt I got two weeks ago.

Nov 26 Monday. It rained all night and on till two o'clock this afternoon. The creek is up, and my husband did not get home for his dinner. I trimmed a hat, and fixed my morning wrapper to day. May is trying to get her lessons. Gas went in the rain, and I guess he waded the creek. He was afraid that he might have a little work to do, if he had to stay at home. The day has been long and dreary. It seemed lonely not to have Barnie come

Nov 27 Tuesday. Barnie did not get home last night, but got in early this morning. May and I were in the kitchen all the morning, washing and scrubbing. After dinner I went over with Barnie, and then drove down to Spears, to have a dress fitted. The streets are in an awful fix. I guess our Thanksgiving party will have to be given up. I went back at four o'clock for Barnie, and he was not quite ready. So drove to Mr. Burns a few minutes. Mrs Burns was busy in the back part of the house, same as I have been all day. Cloudy again all day, and it misted all night. I presume it will clear up, with hard cold snap.



We heard to day from the flowers that went to

Bristol. They got through in good shape, after a whole weeks journey. Harriet said after they had been in water a little while, they looked like they were fresh cut, the ergoantheums, the roses did not look so well.

Nov 28 Wednesday. This has been a very busy day with me. Was baking all the morning, and Mr. B. sent over a dinner set, that took a good while to wash and put away, and late this evening I did a little shopping. Some of the ladies were decorating the church, but I had given the idea of "bean bag" social entirely up on account of mud, but I guess they will try to have it. I do not think there will be many out, but there is no telling, for Albany it is do wonders(?) sometimes.

Barnie says a clerk came in the bank to day to borrow nine dollars to get married, and Will Moore asked him who he was going to marry. "Wg Joe going to marry a woman obese," was the reply. We have given away just-seventeen turkeys for thanksgiving. Jake says we will get rid of them pretty quick that way, says it don't pay to raise them. But then there is lots of pleasure in giving a turkey to some one who is not able to buy.

Nov 29 Thursday, The National Thanksgiving day. We had minor services at our church, with a very fair turnout. In the afternoon, May and I, and Barnie, went to see Boyle and wife, and May and I called at Coffey's. At night the bean bag party came off, and I never saw the like of flying hags. I was scared for eyes, windows, & lamps. The children took possession, and



there was no stopping them. They were as bad as a stampeded herd of cattle, to get quieted but they had piles of fun, and no damage done I don't think, except one window light.

We had some music and dance, and it was quite a pleasant evening after all.

Nov. 30 Friday. Mrs. J. R. Gleaming sent us a quantity of shrubbery yesterday, and I have been out of doors a good deal, showing Jake where to put out. Yesterday was quite a good day, but it is cloudy and raw again today.

I made three nice bonnets this morning, in fact I have done nothing but chase in and out of doors, all the morning, and I feel the effects of it now. There is to be a donation party at the Methodist parsonage to night, the streets and weather are so bad, that I fear I will not be able to attend, but I should like to.

Barnie had to go to the bank again to night so I could not go to the donation, perhaps it is best, as I am quite tired to night. I walked over to Mrs. Spears this evening, to see about my dress, and that was a little hard on me after so much work all day.

Dec 1 Saturday. We have had sunshine and showers all day, not cold but raw, and I have had less sunshine than darkness in my heart, for Gas has tried my patience a good deal today. I presume I shall have to let him do as he pleases, for he just about does it <sup>now</sup> any. He pays very little attention to anything I say, and if his mother was not a poor hard working woman, I would send him to her quick. I don't like to feel cross a bit.



I must put out a few more plants this evening, that were left over yesterday. Harvey Fleming was here today, and asked me where Mrs. Vernon's grave was, said he wanted to plant a weeping willow on it. He always had a hankering for May, and she is afraid of him. She was out side of the gate today when he came, and she ran as fast as she could, and went to her room, and shut the door. Oh I long for bright-weather again. I do not think I ever saw so many glowing days.

~~Dec~~ 2 Sunday. So far has been bright all day and just tolerably warm. The wind is north west now and growing cooler. May went home with Ella Reynolds today, and to a childrens meeting this afternoon. Mr. Lewis was over this afternoon, and the pet squirrel he came in with him, and had a regular game. I cut a large hog nut today, and two yesterday, and sent them away.

Dec 3 Monday. Today I called to see Miss Annie Proctor, she is going home Wednesday. I also did some shopping for Gusta Reynolds who lives in Arizona. It has been quite cold, but fair today.

Dec 4 Tuesday. Last I gathered a large basket of flowers, for fear they would freeze, but I do not think there was much damage done. We had Bro George & Betty and Miss Annie with us today, and had a fat turkey, the fattest I ever saw.

Dec 5 Wednesday. We were at George's last night at a little musical entertainment, which was very pleasant. I am real tired this morning, as I.



was on my feet all day yesterday, and was up late last night. This is a beautiful day, warm and bright. I am sitting with the doors open. Yesterday was quite pleasant also. We are having a suspension bridge built over the creek.

Dec 6 Thursday. Cloudy again all day, and looks like rain. I went to Campbells, and Givens a few minutes yesterday afternoon, and there did a little more shopping for Buster, and this afternoon I finished, and went to Mrs. Russell to have her dress made. I called in to see Mrs. Lindsey, she has been sick five weeks, but I did not know it till last night. I went to Coffey this morning to get a little sewing done, but she was busy. I have felt very tired, and worn out all day. I guess that I do a little more than I am able to do. Bernie is canvassing our bedroom ceiling. We will paper it to keep the soot and dust from coming through.

Dec 7 Friday. I spent the day with Myra and Susie, and worked on some little dresses for my brothers baby. It has been cloudy all day, and rained some, and is raining to night. I ran in a moment to see Mrs. Lindsey, and took a little bunch of flowers. I took another to Mrs. Givens, and found Mrs. Bradley there sick. Sue gave me a bunch of white corymbiums, and I gathered a lot more when I came home, for fear they might get nipped to night, not that it is very cold, but the weather changes so suddenly.



Dec 8 Saturday, It is 830 P.M. and I have

just finished making some bogs, I took a lantern and gathered them, and covered some for fear of frost, I hate to see them go.

May, Gas and myself, worked all the morning cleaning house, and this afternoon May went to the Childrens society, to work on a missionary quilt, I dont have any idea where Gas spent the afternoon, My arms ache to night, and will probably do so all tomorrow, It rained some last night and today, and will probably was cloudy nearly all day, I worked on the little dresses some, and went to coffers a few minutes late in the afternoon,

Dec 10 Monday, Went to church twice yesterday and walked, and walked over to Gumpsons, and got up tired this morning, and worked hard all day, I did a little more shopping this afternoon and did a little sewing since supper, so I can send the packages off tomorrow, and I am very very tired to night, but have not got any inside pains, I will be alright when I rest, This has been a lovely day and yesterday was also, Susie and I went to Wiggins to look for some Xmas things in the furniture line, and selected a bedroom suite for Gus and Minnie, and a chair for Barnie.

Dec 11 Tuesday

Another pleasant day, but cloudy, I worked all the morning to get the bundles ready to put in the mail, and afternoon, I emptied a cupboard, and closet, and carpenters tore them down to put them in the kitchen, and the dining room looks like a carpenters shop to night, and I am going to let it alone until they get through, I went to the missionary meeting this afternoon



and was a little late, on account of the carpenters. I picked a lovely La France rose today, very large and so fragrant. Our bridge is nearly finished, and then it will be much easier to get to church. My better half has gone to town to night, and May is giving out her spelling lesson to me while I am writing.

Dec 12 Wednesday. I posted the bundle this afternoon, went to church at 4 o'clock, and walked to prayer meeting to night. I was so tired that I almost failed to go, but am glad I went, it was our missionary prayer meeting and was quite interesting. Maricle Campbell and Carl Bann, each read a piece very appropriate. They elected another elder, and it fell to W. L. Bartholomew, Bann was elected also, but refused to serve. Another lovely day. Mrs Benson and the children drove over a few minutes this morning, and little Benson wanted "comonio" (beans).

Dec 13 Thursday. Weather is perfectly lovely. I think the carpenters will finish today, and can rake out some of the rubbish. The bridge was finished yesterday, and it is much easier getting to town now, as there are no hills to climb. Miss Maggie and Berta Caperton called this afternoon, and that gave me chance to rest a bit. The carpenters finished today, and tomorrow I have got to throw things into shape if possible. I did all I could today, and am unusually tired to night, could not attend the donation sociable at the C. P. Church, for the benefit of its pastor. I will send my note tomorrow.



Dec 14 Friday, I scrubbed the kitchen, tacked

down some carpet and cleaned the dining room to day, and went to fine places in town on business, sent off two packages in the mail, and various other things, until I feel weary enough to day night, but the girl will come on to night's train, and I will take a rest & night after she gets the run of things, and make up for all of this. I am so tired, I am almost cross to night, and have got on some new slippers that hurt my corn.

Myra was over a little while to day, and that was the only rest I took. I picked a fresh boguut just before supper, I would do that if my back was half broken.

Dec 15 Saturday Nellie Ingram came last night, and this morning I put in the time showing her how to get the run of things in the dining room and kitchen. Sallie M. came in town last night, and I went up to Hills to see her this afternoon. She is quite disappointed at not seeing May, she is at her grandpa's, I took Nellie along with me. She makes herself at home and seems to be contented.

Dec 16 Sunday, We all went to Sabbath school and church. Last night when May was getting the lissen (which was the death of Samson) she very incovently asked if Samson was going to be killed to day. It rained Friday night and Saturday morning, and made the streets quite muddy again, but it is drying off fast, and is very bright and pleasant to day.



Dec 17 Monday, Another lovely day.

I thought I was about through rusting for a while, but I just fairly flew around this morning. The children and I did up the work, and Nellie went to washing. Then I rushed off to see Sallie before she started home, found her down town shopping in a big hurry to go home, I drove her up to Will and she tried to help her load up, and then I took Mrs Adams to hunt her washer woman and to half a doz. other place, hunting up Sunday school children, and it was 12 o'clock when I got home, and was rather tired, I am not feeling well tonight.

Since supper, I have made some little candy bags for Xmas. Mr B. has gone up for the mail, and I feel like going to bed.

Dec 18 Tuesday It has been some colder today.

Mrs. Moore was over early this morning soliciting contributions for their dinner tomorrow.

Uncle Ben spent the afternoon here, and talked a good deal about old times. I did a little fixing on a dress for myself, today, and have had the headache all day besides.

Dec 19 Wednesday, Mr. B and I took dinner with the Episcopal folks today, and it was elegant. After dinner I strolled around and looked at Christmas things until I was quite tired. Phine was over this morning.

Dec 20 Thursday, We had a real hard frost last night, and my rose buds are nipped. I drove over to Geo. early this morning to see



Spine before he started home, found him at  
 the barn, and I did not go to the house, from  
 there I went Hills a little while, then I came  
 down, to get my basket, and they were fixing  
 to have a lunch, so helped, and did not get  
 home till two o'clock. I went to the news  
 office to see G. P. Barber, and met Mr. Jamis  
 there. When I came home, I went out and  
 picked all the flowers nearly, for fear of an-  
 other frost, I would like to see some till  
 Xmas anyway, it is not near so cold to night  
 and I think it will be cloudy tomorrow from  
 appearances. Mr. A. R. Jeffries came in last night  
 from Dakota, he leave again soon, with one of  
 Albany fair daughters daughters.

Dec 21 Friday. Went to coffee and shops  
 this morning, and got back in time to help Willie  
 cook an awful tough chicken. Trusted to Jake to get  
 a spring chicken, and I guess he did, but not a last  
 spring one, I don't think. Mr. Jeffries took supper  
 with us to night.

Dec 22 Saturday, went to the school entertainment  
 last night, but came home before it was half through.  
 Went up to see the day and got some ribbon and satchet  
 powder, and have been making satchet bags to day.

Dec 23 Sunday. We are having a high south  
 wind to day, but not cold. May Matthews &  
 Ella R. are over this afternoon, having a fine  
 time. I picked a rose this morning that was  
 almost in full bloom.



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Dec 29 Wednesday, On Monday morning

I made up some bonnets, and went up town and bought some vases, and brought Dr. Colver home with me. After noon I pressed him in to service, had him help me carry them flowers, and then he stayed and helped decorate the church.

It looked real pretty, and the children had a fine time, had games, and music & recitations, and Santa Claus came, gave the children all a bag of candy, an apple and orange and then shook hands around and skipped out. Monday night it rained a good deal the day was warm and pleasant, the church doors stood open and had no fires.

Yesterday was cloudy all day, and the ground very wet, and we all stuck close at home and enjoyed the day very well. I was in most all the morning helping with the dinner.

We had a fat turkey, turnips, onions, and potatoes, I had mince dressing and cake, but no one but home folks to eat it.

I got some lovely vases, a pair of very nice ones from Mr. Boyle, and one in a silver stand from my husband and a nice ink stand, and a pair of little vases from May, a stand from my boy, and a stocking bag from Myra Campbell. Bernie got an easy chair and smoking set, and he presented himself with a set of Bulwer's works.

May got a set of Louisa Alcott's books (8), and Jake gave her two little ones, and Maizie Campbell one. Rubie a perfume sacher, and one from Ella Regnolds, a napkin ring from Mrs. Buras, a box of paints from Nellie, a ring and silver thimble and the books from Bernie and I. Christmas card from Mrs. Thompson.



Hellie got one of E. P. Ross books and Jack,

a box of cigars. Gas went home Monday.

Last evening very late I picked a bunch of rosebuds and crocuses and sent them to Mrs. Fulton. I took them to coffee and sent Horace. When I came back it was so dark that I ran into the brush and was afraid I would put out my eyes, so I put up my hands to shield them. We ate a big pan full of popped corn after I got home, and Bernie and May boiled some eggs on the coal stove and lunched. We heard a racket on the door and thought it was our pet squirrel, and opened the door in flew a little bird and we let him stay in all right.

This morning I opened the door and let him go.

We had quite a snowfall today, last night I mean, and there was plenty of ice today, but it has been bright and sunny. I drove out this afternoon, and carried several little bugnets to my neighbors. They look prettier than ever now that we have so few. I meant to see Sue and Myra this afternoon, intended to visit Leatie McLean, but heard she was not at home so did not go. This is prayer meeting night but is so very muddy that we did not go, and I am sorry, for it is our last meeting this year and is to be a praise meeting.

I called a few minutes today at the news office to see E. P. Barber and give him a bugnet, drove by Mrs. Thompsons to give her a sack bag from May, and by George's also to give a little vase to May Matthews. Pearl Coffee was over a moment to find out if Leon Matthews had a dining yesterday. She heard she did, and was very indignant because she had no invitation. I could give her no information, as I knew nothing of it. Poor



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girl! if she is always hunting things to fret over, she will always find plenty of them, and be for ever in hot water. I may do worse things, but I certainly am thankful that I have not that disposition.

Dec 27 Thursday. A very heavy frost this morning, and the ground frozen some, but not very cold after the sun came out. I went over this afternoon to visit Nora Spears, and took a vase of flowers and gold thimble for a little wedding present. Sallie Gates spent the afternoon with May. It is real cloudy to night, and looks like it might rain, or snow.

Dec 28 Friday. It has been raining a little all the afternoon, very dark and dismal. I tried to paint a little an set in for Pearl Coffey, but made bad job of it. I finished an apron this morning for May. Gaspar came in at noon to day.

Dec 29 Saturday. This has been a dismal day. It rained all night, and all day, and everything is well soaked, and muddy. I have been fixing up flannels that were too small, and doing little odd jobs to day. Had a letter from Arizona telling of the safe arrival of the bundles I sent, and I am glad of it. But dear little Bessie is sick. How I wish I could go out there. Hope I shall some day. My darling mother is 73 years of age to day. What a good old age, and what a good woman she is. How I wish that I were like her, but presume that I will never be loved as she is loved, because I am not half so good. But O! I do hope that I may be able to do some good, and be just a little comfort to some weary hearts.



Dec 30<sup>th</sup> A dull cloudy Sunday, and so mud

day that none of us went to church except Gas. There is no accounting for a boy, but I guess he went. I have read until my eyes are tired. We are reading the Little Women Series. I have just finished Old Fashioned Girl and begun Little Men.

I got tired of the house, and the stove made my head ache, so I went out for a walk, but it was too muddy for much of it, so I picked a little hard rose bud and came in, and I have been smelling it ever since, and it is sweet.

Hall the year has almost vanished, and what have I accomplished? Nothing it seems to me, as I glance back over the past, that has so quickly flown by. I sometimes wonder if there is any one that feels that I am of any use to the world. Of course my own family would miss me, if I were called away, and I should feel very sorry if I thought they would not. But the question comes to me. Have you done your duty as a Christian should? Have you lightened the burden for any poor mortal who was struggling under a load of care and sorrow? or done any thing in the Master's vineyard? Wonder if I have. O may I be able to do something that will win a welcome "Well done,"

Dec 31 Monday This has been another cloudy day, and has been gradually growing colder.

Mellie washed, to day, and since supper, she took Gas and tramped up to see through the mud to have some teeth taken out, but the dentist was not in.

I did a little sweeping, and tried to paint some hat marks, but did not do any thing that suited me.



Look forward, and not back.

Look out, and not in,  
Look up, and not down,  
Lend a hand.



January 1<sup>st</sup> 1889, Albany Texas.

Tuesday 10 o'clock P. M. Maz had eight little girls here to night. Mable & Rubie Campbell, Ella Beards, Maz Matthews, Bessie Lee, Nora Crow, and Georgia Coffee. They all seemed to have a good time. Barnie and Gas played with them several games, soap bubbles, and wound up with "Skip to my loo". They beat the dust pretty thoroughly out of one carpet, playing blind man's bluff. They had supper consisting of cold tongue, hot biscuit and butter, cakes, apples, oranges, nuts candy, sweet milk and popped corn, and all seemed to enjoy that too.

This morning I drove up town for a few things intending to come straight home, but I made six little calls, one to Mrs. Givens, Sue, Myra, Bettie, Miss Lee, and Mrs. Spears. Brought Ella & Maz home with me, and pulled out two of Ella's teeth, and one Maz pulled one of her's, and Nellie went to the Dr and had one of hers drawn, so it has been a regular day for dentistry in the family. Nellie is feeling quite miserable to night with her mouth. I would say that my knees ached, but I do not want to begin complaining the very first thing.

We saw the sun partially eclipsed to day. Jake and the old Dutchman killed two hogs to day, so I presume we will revel in lard the next few days. Jake took the girls home in a wagon, nine of them packed in straw, and Gas on the seat, he and Maz went along for the fun of it, and to bring back some of the girls if they could, to spend the night.

I am afraid we will not feel like getting up to attend a wedding at 7:30 in the morning.



Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wednesday. I took Maj Matthers

home this morning, and found the streets in a fearful fix, no better than they were just after the rain.

I saw Geo. at the bank and he told Maj that uncle Peter had come in to take her home and had just gone and left her. She said I don't care, I'm glad of it, and to me she said I don't think he wanted me very much, or he would have gone to your house after me. But she doesn't want to go back to the ranch at all. I stayed awhile at Betty's, and Mrs Spears and Delia & Leolu came to spend the day with her. I did not get out to the wedding, was too tired after being up so late last night. Nellie is not well, and Jas. came home at noon sick, has been in bed ever since. This "prayer meeting" night, but it is so muddy, that none of us went but my little half. I wanted to go but thought it best not to.

Jan 3 Thursday. I got up feeling rather miserable this morning, and have been on my feet nearly all day, which has not helped matters any. Weather is damp and warm, rained a little. Jas is better to day. I hope the weather will clear up so I can go to the Cedar Fork next week. I want to see my children, and Mother, and all the rest of them. I pasted some of Galen's drawings in a scrap book to day, and to night I pasted some pictures in another one.

Jan 4 Friday. This is a very pretty day, and it makes me want to go the river. I shall have to go soon. Jake is under the weather to day. I pasted a few more pictures to day. I went to George's. Campbell's and Coffey this afternoon.



Jan 5 Saturday Mrs. Benson and I started to the Cedar Fork this morning. drove Jake's horse and one of mine, and Billy (Jake's horse) was too fast for Baby, and he fretted a good deal and just about pulled the load to Griffin before he cooled down. We crossed on the Collins creek and then drove on to Gus's, but we had a time getting there, the river was almost running into our buggy, and just as we started up the bank, for fear the horses would let it back, I thought I would make them go up quick, so I hit Baby, and in my excitement I hit the other, and he broke a trace, but they pulled us out of the water, and I left Mrs. B. to hold them while I went to Dockery's for help. found no one there but a feeble old lady and a baby, could find a trace, but she gave me a buckskin string and anawl. I could not make any impression on that leather with anawl so I took my pocket knife and managed to make a hole, and got it fixed, then we went on the way I always go, up an awfully rough hill, and found that it had been pierced up. I walked back to Dockery's again to find the way out. We had to go back nearly to the river and go around the pasture. We got to Gus's a little before night - completely worn out, found Will Regnolds there but he did not stay long, and pretty soon Will Matthews family and Sam M. came in, that made a house full. Minnie managed to get them all put away pretty comfortably.

Jan 6 Sunday Gus took Will and Sam Matthews to Albany today, and Mrs. B. and I went Phins. Rosa has her hands full, two babies and no help. Phins came in from Wolf creek about noon.



Jan 7 Monday We were up and had breakfast before light this morning, and then went back to his work at Wolf creek.

We went to Sallies this morning, had Eugene go across the river with us. He looks like a shadow, and I don't think he will live long.

We got to Sallies alright, and found all well. They have more fat meat, sausage and some than I ever saw. May jumped off of a hay stack and broke her collar bone the day after we she got home, but it did not stop her from running around.

Jan 8 Tuesday May and I went over and stayed with Mrs Gentry last night, and I was so tired and sleepy that I went to bed at 7 o'clock.

There was quite a norther blowing this morning, and it was real cloudy, but it cleared off and was pleasant in the afternoon. I came back to Sallies about 10 o'clock, and late this afternoon I got on my horse and went back to Minnie's. My horse was so lame that he could hardly walk, and when I got there I found a nail in his foot.

Jan 9 Wednesday So far I puttered around and went to the river a time or two, and sewed a little, and helped Minnie fix a straw bed. Mrs. Matthews and the children went home this afternoon, and I meant to go to Ben's but as I had not had a single quiet moment with Gus and Minnie I thought I would stay one more night. Gus is kept pretty busy, no one to help him, and lots to do.



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Jan 10 Gus went to plowing to day, and Minnie went with me to Bens, we went by and took Rosa and the children, Sallie, May, and Mrs. Benson were there. He spent the day, and I went back with Sallie.

Home Again

Jan 11 Friday This has been a lovely day, and we made the trip home with out any trouble. Ate our dinner and rested an hour on Will Lerue. Joe Lyman came along just as we were making coffee, and we ate dinner together. Barnie is not at all well, and May has a cold.

Jan 12 Saturday So lovely again to day, but it did not rain, and has been real pleasant.

This afternoon I went with May to Campbells to the childrens meeting, and helped sew on the missionary quilt a little while, then stopped at Conrads and did a little shopping.

Myra sent me a mess of Turnips, and Barnie brought over a basketful from our patch. I did not know there were any in ours, it is so far off that I cannot get to it very well.

The grass in our yard is getting green, I can see quite a difference in it since I left home.

Jan 13 Sunday It rained last night, and is so much so that we did not go to church. I was disappointed for I have not been in so long.

Gus went somewhere and did not get back until about eight.

Jan 14 Monday, I suppose it rained all night and it has rained all the. The children did not go to school, and they have been bother enough



all day. I got up sick and every thing has gone wrong all day, ever since I got up. I presume it is my fault as much as any thing else, but I have felt like Dan, in Little Meer, ~~both~~ like bolting, or pitching into some body. Stellie and I have been making sheets this afternoon, made six. I guess that will do for one rainy afternoon.

Jan 15 Tuesday. It is fair, hot, and blustering to day. thermometer registers 72 on the north side in the shade, and I picked an open rose out of doors. But the gale and is awfully enough. Stellie washed and the wind whirled things good fashion, and tore a nice table cloth on a mosquito, and she is worried, worse than I about it.

Jan 16 Wednesday. We had a little blow last night, and mercury went down a few notches, and is considerable cooler to day. The day is bright and very windy. Jake has two men helping him put down soil in the yard to day. Stellie is half sick because Jake has the audacity to make love to her.

Jan 17 Thursday. Jake is sick to day. Myra, Susie R., and the babies were over this afternoon, and Gus came, about five o'clock. It has been cloudy, and rained a little, by spells. We can't complain for rain now. The creek has been running longer than I ever knew it to.

Jan 18 Friday. Still cloudy, and a little colder. Jake is quite sick to day. I have been fluttering all over the place, nearly all day, and have not



accomplished any thing that I can see. Looking  
 -ing mending, tending to the milk and butter,  
 and looking after Jake. Poor old lonely Dutch  
 -man, he will not take any medicine until he is  
 bedfast. Gas and Gus went to a "rigger" show  
 last night. Some of Albany's darkies. Gus started  
 home this afternoon.

Jan. 19 Saturday Night. The first thing I did  
 this morning, was to find a boarding place for  
 Gas. Then I went to see Mrs. Bradley, and Mrs.  
 Boyle, who are both sick. This afternoon I went  
 to see Mrs. Stone, and from there I went to Camp-  
 hells a few minutes. I found her perplexed  
 over a blunder the cook had made, by chopping  
 up the raw beef that she wanted to spice, with  
 the cooked beef and potatoes that she wanted to  
 hash. Some days it seemed as if every thing want-  
 ed to go wrong. Things have been that way nearly  
 all the week with me. I think things will pan out bet-  
 ter next time week. I have had a head ache all  
 day, and that is not good company. Jake is better,  
 but we have had a man here to do the chores, and he  
 put down and all day. It has been cloudy again, and  
 turned quite cool this afternoon.

Jan 20 Sunday. Pretty cold to day, something like  
 winter. But a nice bright day. I started this after-  
 noon to see Boyle's wife, and met Georgia Spears and  
 G. P. Barber coming over, so I came back, and had a  
 pleasant visit with them. The baby is very sweet and  
 pretty. May spent the day with the Campbell girls.  
 to day.



Dallas

Jan 21 Monday, Mr. B. went to Fort Worth today.

This afternoon I made six calls, I have been there owing so many, so long, that I thought I would begin to pay up, when the weather was good. It was very nice this morning, but is quite cloudy to night.

Mrs. Thompson came today while I was out, and Mera came a few minutes late this afternoon. I am as tired as if I had been hard at work, the bed will find me early to night, Nellie is singing as gay as a lark.

Jan 22 Tuesday Last night I was tired and sleepy that I could not sit up, so I went to bed and went to sleep.

This afternoon I went to a business meeting of our missionary society, we arranged to have a praise meeting in a few weeks. This has been quite a nice day.

Jan 23 Wednesday This morning was very foggy and damp. This afternoon has been very dark and rainy, had to send the buggy for Max.

I spent the morning at Mr. M. Clark's, Poor fellow had to have his leg amputated yesterday, he got it broken thirteen days ago, in a drunken row with Sam Webb. That is the effects of whiskey.

His wife looks almost broken hearted, He looks better than I expected to find him, and says he is determined to pull through for the sake of his wife and children.

Jan 24 Thursday Mr. B. came home last night, but the train was late, and it was very wet and sloppy.

and is still raining some, I made a night dress today, and did a few little odd jobs.



Jan 25 Friday. This morning I skinned

milk, washed the cupboard, and worked the butter. Mr Adams came for milk, and Bob Coffee came for milk. Nellie & May did some sweeping, and I went to see Vallie Boyle, as she is still sick. Found Boyle in the kitchen getting his dinner, and I helped him eat it. I guess he realizes what it is to be a family man, with a sick wife and no help.

It has been raining slowly all the afternoon, and looks real dreary. It is a lousome kind of weather. I made a linen apron today for May.

Barnie is popping corn tonight, and May is making pig peas with the cobs. Nellie is very busy finishing up some sewing.

Jan 26 Saturday. We found it raining and snowing when we first peeked out this morning, and pretty soon the rain quit, and it has snowed all day, but there was so much water on the ground that it melted as fast as it fell. It has been a miserable day. I am sorry for any one who has to be out in it.

I made another night dress today. Nellie made some rice cake this morning, and I sent some over to Boyle's folks, as he is chief cook now.

I have just finished reading Rose in Bloom, that is <sup>seven</sup> of Miss Alcott's books that I have read since Christmas. I'll get a deal of reading done this year if I keep on that well, but don't expect I shall.

Jan 27 Sunday. Bright, cold, and windy, and after the ground thawed, muddy. Horn of us ventured out to church, on account of the mud and cold, for the church is not comfortable.

I read all the morning, and got dinner for a change, and ran a foot race with Barnie for exercise, and slipped on the walk to



cap the climax, I always do when the walk is

over, I scooted off right into the mud.

I began to read E. P. Roe's *Southern Rivals*

Jan 28 Monday. This has been a lively day, but very muddy. I did a few odd bits of work this morning, enough to keep me on my feet most of the time.

This afternoon I cut out an under shirt, and made a sheet, and finished reading my book.

Eng. Five years to day since the bank opened, and Barrie has had just one vacation, and that was to visit his dying mother, during the blizzard of last March. He does not seem to want one though, seems to be perfectly happy.

One of our biggest horses has been sick the last week, and Jake has been doctoring him, but I am afraid he will die. Should hate to lose the poor old fellow.

Jan 29 Tuesday. Another beautiful day, I went to Mrs Adams this morning and found her sick, and her son has scarlet fever. I got a note from Mr. Glenner, saying that he had buried his baby. It was sick three weeks with scarletina, they have had a regular siege with them. They are certainly having a hard time.

This afternoon Willie and I walked over to see Mrs Thompson, but she was out in, so we went to Coffey's and made a visit. Pearl has been sick for several days.

Jan 30 Wednesday. Another beautiful day, it makes me feel like going out and sowing seeds.

I have been finishing up a apron to day, that I cut yesterday for May. Jake has been sowing some lawn grass in the back yard.



Jan 31 Thursday. This has been a very pretty day

Mr. Nellie and I drove over and spent the afternoon with Susie. I went to Campbell's a little while. Mrs. Benson has been sick this week. George B. came in last night from a three weeks trip. and Phine came in from the ranch. I finished Mago another apron for Mago, and commenced on one for little Bessie Reynolds. I feel rather weary to night, so I guess I will retire.

Jan Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Friday. Myra came over about noon for some milk, and I prevailed on her to take dinner with us. Then I went with her to see Mr. Clark, found him doing nicely, and looking very cheerful. From there went to Boyles a few minutes. Then she took me to Conrads store, and I insisted on walking home, but I found that it tired me very much more than I expected.

Our flower pit was left open last night and every thing was frozen, it made me almost sick. Mrs. Bradley came over to day for some flowers for a little dead darkey baby. I had just to that I cut this morning while they were stiff. I watered them and put them in cool room, and they were very pretty. I watered those in the pit and covered them hoping to save a few.

Barnie has been painting the dining room this week and it smells sickening to me.

I found seven young chickens out in the frost this morning. I guess I will have so

Feb 2 Saturday. This has been a very good day

I fixed a pair of pants for Barnie, finished an apron for Bessie B. and ripped up my old blue silk to day. I am going to have a couple of my old dresses made over for once. and see what they will look like. Barnie



finished painting the dining room this afternoon.

and it has a pretty strong turpentine odor. Pearl Coffee and Georgia Baker were over this afternoon.

Feb 3 Sunday. It was pretty cold this morning but has been very pleasant this afternoon.

Mrs Adams was not able to attend church today and Dave has gone to Austin, so we are minus a superintendent also.

My teeth are troubling me some, and I dread to go to a dentist, but presume it would be a wise thing to do.

Feb 4 Monday. This morning I was busy in the kitchen, as it was wash day, and skinning and churning on hand. I got the dinner, and by noon I was rather tired. Dr Culver came over with Bernie, and I was glad that I had fresh biscuits, instead of cold ones that I thought of using. This afternoon I gave the dentist a call, and he is to come over tomorrow and do some work for me. I dread going around here a week or two, with five or six teeth out, but presume that I shall.

I ripped up another dress today, and expect soon to have two new ones out of the old ones. I aim to do a good deal of the work myself, if that dentist does not interfere.

Feb 5 Tuesday. I put all the morning at the dressmakers, and the store. This afternoon I washed and ironed my black dress that was ripped, and Smith extracted four teeth, and I feel very much like I had done a good hard days work. I am tired, and my mouth is sore.

George Coats came over to dinner today, I hope that no stranger will come over while my mouth is in such a plight.



Feb 6 Wednesday This morning, I went to

Mrs Russell again and sewed a little bit on my dress. My mouth is better, but I have felt all fagged out this afternoon, did not feel much like sitting up. Mrs Gucker made me a very pleasant call this afternoon, she is looking real well now. The first thing I did this morning was to upset a crock of yeast, all over myself and the floor. That made a lot of work.

Feb 7 Thursday, I ironed out my blue silk this morning, and took care of my butter and cream, and by noon I was about worn out.

Myra was over for some milk and butter this morning, and I sent some to Beyle. Have sold 8 pounds this week.

I was not able to go to prayer meeting last night. The wind blows very hard to day, it is hard work to walk in it. Mrs Thuan Fisher was over this afternoon.

Feb 8 Friday I did not sleep a wink until after 12 o'clock last night, and have not felt very well to day. I went to Russell's this afternoon to try my dress on, and from there I went to Cooper's to call, and then went to see Mr. Clark, he is not so well to day. Had Dr. Stout there again last night.

Barnie commenced to paint the outside of the house to day. Saul Matthews was here this morning, and Mr Coors came while I was away. He bid me good bye, as he starts for California tomorrow. I mailed two papers and a scrap book to day, to Bessie Reynolds.



Feb 9 Saturday It has been damp and

cloudy, and rather cool all day. I made an underwaist for my self to day. Barnie did some more painting. He has not been very well for the past few days.

Feb 10 Sunday. A very pretty day. We had quite a large bible class this morning.

I took a walk this afternoon with Barnie to the turnip patch, and it is quite a little walk in the wind.

Feb 11 Monday. Our praise meeting was well attended last night, and was quite a success I thought.

Opened with singing, and a prayer by Mr. Adams, a paper read by Mrs. Camp. A recitation by Carl Bruno, reading by Mrs. Campbell, recitation by Ernest Camp, reading by Leola Matthias Nellie Ingram, a talk by Prof. James, Reading by Mrs. Adams, recitation by Leola Matthias, a solo by Mrs. Thompson. Recitation by Mabel Campbell and The Little Red Boy, and last but not least a collection of \$12.<sup>00</sup>. This day has been rather cloudy and windy. I have felt real miserable to day.

Feb 12 Tuesday This morning I cut some waists, and quilted, and this afternoon was put in at Mrs. Adams, at missionary meeting. I borrowed Leola's saddle, and took a little horse back ride.

Feb 14 Wednesday. This morning Mr. B. went to Brockmorton, and May got up with the mumps.



Guess I'll have them next, as that is one of the troubles

that I have never had. I made a riding skirt this afternoon, and rode up as far as Campbells late this about sundown. Nellie took her first-horseback ride to day, and she thought it great fun.

Mrs Conrad and I met at Mrs. Adams this morning, and made out <sup>the</sup> report of our missionary work this year. I also went to Mrs. Russell's again to try my dress, and I have felt very unwell all day. I did not go to prayer meeting because May is not fit to go out, and if one of us stayed with her, the other would have to go alone. So our house will have no representative to night.

Feb 14 Thursday. Mr. B. surprised me by coming home at twelve o'clock last night. Ben Miller brought him back on an errand for Mrs. M. G. Barber that was nearly 80 miles he rode yesterday, and he is feeling somewhat worn out. I do not feel well myself, and May is quite sick with fever and mumps. Nellie went to take a music lesson this afternoon. The wind is blowing very hard to day. I have tried to sew a little to day, but have not accomplished much.

Feb 15 Friday I have felt quite unwell all day. But I went to Campbells this morning, and she went with me to Mr. Larks. He is getting on well, and says that he is not going to leave off drinking. I stopped at will's a little while as I came home. Ma came in this afternoon. Bards family stopped at Conrads. I am real glad to have Ma home again. It has been quite warm to day.

Feb 16 Saturday It has been some cooler to day. The dentist was over and took the impression of my mouth to day. He filled my mouth with plaster four times



before he succeeded, It was a loss, as I am so

near sick anyhow. Sallie, Lue, Ello, and Mrs Ginen came over this afternoon. Nellie went today just to get a bonnet pattern, for her first-sunbonnet. May is a good deal better to night.

Feb 17 Sunday. I felt too indisposed to go to church and that has made the day seem quite long. I am not sick especially or whatever you might call it, but am just all fagged out, can't walk or exercise any without having an "all gone" feeling, feel like I did last Summer, and I would feel discouraged if I thought I should have to go through another siege like that.

Barnie drove over with me to Nell's late this afternoon. Sallie and her children are there, and Lorette is sick. I suspect we will have more sickness than usual this year.

There is quite a norther on hand to night, I am a little suspicious of cold weather enough to kill the fruit. The winter has been too pleasant not to have some bad weather late enough to ruin things. Jake has had a cranky fit to day, and has not been in to his meals.

George Coats was over today to see Barnie on business. Sunday as it is. But I suppose that is no worse than to have a kind of a desperate feeling.

My eyes ached so I could not read, and Barnie read all the time, and had nothing to say of course and if I had had the strength to do it, I suspect that I would have run all over the lots, just ticked off steam as Aunt Fae's Dan did, Poor Boy.

Feb 18 Monday. We had a regular blow from the north last night, and this is about the coldest day we have had this winter. The rose bushes and honey suckles



look worse. I am still trying to be sick. I  
went to Mrs. Russell's and got my dress late this after-  
noon.

Feb 19 Tuesday; I did a little work to day. The  
Dr. came over to fit my plate in, and that came near  
making sick. May went to school to day.

It is still quite cold. I had a letter to day from  
Elmer and Will Watte. They say they despise Globe  
Poor little fellows, I wish they were in a pleasant  
town.

Feb 20 Wednesday. I went with Bernie to a ma-  
sonic entertainment last night. Just to please  
him, and my head ached so hard to enjoy anything.  
My jaws are so sore. I think I must be taking the  
mumps. They ached last night till I thought I  
should never get to sleep. but I feel some better  
this morning. J. A. Matthias, Switzer, Ed  
Gullinger came in, and stayed here last night.

The dentist came over and put my teeth in this  
Feb morning, and filled four teeth for Willie.

This afternoon I went to Leavicks and got Sallie  
and we called at Boyls, Lemonds, and Webbs,  
and I came home very hoarse. Sallie's family  
came home with me.

Feb 21 Thursday. Susette and I were both sick  
last night and had the Dr. to day. I have really got  
the mumps, and a hard cold besides.  
Ma came over this afternoon.

Feb 25 Monday. It has been real cold since  
Friday night. And it has been a hard matter to  
amuse the children while they are kept in doors.  
May M. has mumps, but they are not hurting.



much, P. A. M. went home Friday

Feb 26 Tuesday. Lillie trimmed a bonnet for one to day, and one for herself and May, yesterday. She and I went to Mr. Clark's this afternoon, May, Sissette and Ella went to see Johanna Spennard. We called at Mr. Goodings also. It is real warm to night. Bird came in this afternoon, and he and family are at Campbells to night. It makes a great hole in our family.

Feb 28 Thursday. Yesterday was dark, damp and gloomy, and last night, it rained all night, and is still raining. now 11 A M. I did a little papering in the dining room to day. Patched a place where the closet was taken down. My horse is dead, and Sissette is distressed because she don't know how I will get out in the river to visit them.

March 1 Friday Windy, and raw, a good day to sit by the fire

Mar 3 Sunday Ma and I went to Hills, and Adams. Yesterday Mr. A. is sick, no services at our church to day. We went to the C. P. and heard Mr. Seach. This has been a lovely day. I have just set two hens, it is not exactly a Sunday job but I don't think it is much harm. It is too pretty a day to keep still.

March 6 Wednesday. Yesterday was election day and there was a good deal of stir in town, prohibition is ahead here, and I presume it is all over the Co. I went to the Methodist church, as C. P. rather, and heard Mr. Randolph, a new preacher. I drove a



good deal yesterday. This has been a nice day. I

took a ride on horse back this morning, went the rounds to see the sick. Nellie is riding this afternoon. She has bought a saddle and is wild about riding. I rode up to Clark's this afternoon.

March 7 Thursday. I got up this morning with my jaws sore and swollen, and they have hurt me all day. I have done absolutely nothing to day, but walk around a little, and look for turkey nest. I have not felt like doing anything. It has been a lonely day.

March 8 Friday. My jaws are still sore, and I still got up this morning with toothache. So we are a grumpy family. I picked a nice bouquet of tulips crocus and geraniums this morning.

March 9 Saturday. The weather was quite cold this afternoon, it has been real chilly all day. Nellie and I are both complaining of sore jaws. Ma came over to day. I went out cut all of the flowers for fear they would freeze to night.

March 10 Sunday. I did not feel able to go to church this morning. Sallie and the little girl, Mrs. Crowsen, and Ben, and G. P. Barber spent the day with us.

March 11 Monday. I have been feeling rather miserable all day. I had an invitation to tea with Mrs. Given to day, but cannot go. Ma went over. Susette spent the night here, and went over at noon with Barnie. It has been cloudy all day, and rained a little. Nellie still has tooth ache.



Mar 12 Tuesday. To day has been cloudy and dreary

It almost gives one the blues, especially when I am unwell, and have to stay indoors so much. My jaws are still sore. I have been sewing some today

Mar 13 Wednesday. This is a bright-day, but the wind blows a good deal. Mayra and the two boys were over this morning. Benson always wants "conaries" (pecans)

Mar 14 Thursday. This has been a very windy day. Mother May & Susette came over this afternoon. Maidee and Rubie came home with May V. from school, and pretty soon Ella Reganolds came.

Mar 15 Friday. Today has been lovely. The little girl May Susette and Ella stayed with us last night, and went home early this morning. Dr. Colver came in just at noon, took dinner and had a little argument afterwards with Ma and myself, about card playing. He against and he for it. I took a little horse back ride this afternoon, up to Clarke, and around to Bettis

Mar 16 Saturday. Ma and I drove over to Bettis this morning. Met Mrs. Randall, and Miss Jennie Robinson, also Mr. Boyce from Dakota. Mrs R is a sister of Miss Annie Proctor of Monroe Mo. Sallie and the children came home with us

Mar 17 Sunday. All went to church this morning but no one went to night. but Mrs. Crookson and Nellie and J. A. the wind was blowing a little too hard. Ella came over with the children, and they have played hard all day. At their dinner over the creek, and have been in a regular whirl all day



Mar 18 Monday. The wind is very disagreeable to

day. I took Sallie over to Bettie, and got almost chilled. I have fresh cold anyway, and am nearly sick. Sallie aims to go out to day, but I think she will have a bad time time of it.

Mar 19 Tuesday This has been a beautiful day. I worked all the morning cleaning and papering a closet. The wind blew so much soot in, that I could not stand it any longer. Mrs. Powell and Lulu were here a few minutes just before dark, and Maidee and Ruth are here to night. Barnie has been painting again to day. I did a little sewing this afternoon, and am feeling the effects of the morning work yet.

Mar 20 Wednesday This morning I walked up town, went to the bank, Curack's store, and visited Mrs. Wigley. She has been sick a long time, and looks real miserable. Her baby is quite a fine little boy.

I weighed 144 lbs. to day.

Bethie and Mrs. Randall called this afternoon

Mar 21 Thursday I walked to meeting last night, and I feel the effects of it to day. Both walks were a little too much for one day. To day is warm and trying to rain some. Every thing is turning green real fast. My hyacinths are just lovely. Tulips, narcissus, and daffodils are nice too. I picked quite a bog net to day. I have picked only four hyacinths, and gave them away, but I am too stingy to pick one for myself. Mr and Mrs Adams were over this morning. I gave them one. I have been over hauling the desk drawers to day. I put in most of the morning at it and a little mending.



Mar 22 Friday I <sup>visited</sup> went to the school this afternoon

and from there to Clark's. I took Miss Bailey and May. We had a little rain last night, and it was a bad night for an exhibition, but I hear that they had quite a full house. I had a fearful headache and could not have gone if the weather had been good. May went to Mrs. Gullton's to night, and will spend a few days with Mrs. G. while her son is away.

Mar 23 Saturday Nellie went to the exhibition last night, but said it was rather tiresome. I cut and made three pairs of drawers to day, for Bernie, and I think I have done a days work. It has been real cold to day, and I cut most of my flowers that were out of doors, for fear they would <sup>get</sup> nipped.

Mar 24 Sunday Weather still bad, no one went to church to day but one, and I have a hard cough. There were not many out. Mr & Mrs. Thompson came home with me and spent the day.

Mar 25 Monday Ma came over this morning and went turkey hunting the first thing, and found two nests. It has been a beautiful day and I could not stay in all the time so I took a horseback ride, went to see Mrs. Gullton and Miss Hawkins. May came home this afternoon. Mrs. Boyle came while I was out.

Mar 26 Tuesday I did lots of walking this morning hunting turkey nests, and got very tired. Mrs. Gate and her children, Myra and Mrs. B. Susie and Laurie were over this afternoon.



Mar 27 Mrs. Benson stayed with us last

night. I went up town this morning, and came back fagged. Ma went to Hills this afternoon. I took off 22 young chickens today.

Mar 28 Thursday. A skunk killed 13 of my chickens last night and four young kittens. He just tried himself. I disturbed the bees, and one stung me. Mrs. Will Moore was over today, and late in the day I went to Coffey's to see the sick.

Mar 29 Friday. It has been real warm today. May flannels and I were too close neighbors.

Mar 30 Saturday. It was real cloudy this morning and looked very much like rain, but did not. Susie and her children were over (all but Joe, he has mumps). Conrad's three boys, Pearson, Randall, Jenner Powell, Maidee & Rubie, Georgia, Coffey, and Sallie Gato. They played all over the place, had a swing at the creek and had their dinner down there. Twelve of them. Lizzie Royle and little John Conrad and Annie Maule, had dinner at the house with the rest of us.

I am thoroughly tired out tonight. my feet feel almost blistered.

Something got all of my chickens last night but six. I feel discouraged.

Mar 31 Sunday. Mr. Boyle and wife spent the day with us. It was very windy in the afternoon.



Apr 1 Monday Cleave Coffee was over awhile  
to day. I spent the afternoon with Mrs Spears.  
She is going to Louisiana soon,  
It has been quite warm to day.

Apr 2 Tuesday, I spent the day with Mrs Galtton,  
Mr. and Mrs Adams took dinner, ~~there~~ I took Mrs  
G. for a little drive about five o'clock. Ma came  
over yesterday, and has been tramping after tur-  
keys to day. Uncle Ben went to Savacca to day.  
He put out a lot of flowers to day, from  
Peter Henderson.

Change in time

Apr 3 Wednesday, Betty, Lulu, and Mrs  
Randall spent the day with us, and they  
are to take tea with Mrs Liven. It has been  
twenty two years to day since George was wounded  
by Indians. Such hard times as we had then  
I am thankful for the change that time has  
brought.

Apr 4 Thursday, I walked to prayer meeting  
last night, and I have been too tired to do  
much to day. We had some bees to swarm to  
day.

Apr 5 Friday, I went to Russell's this morning  
to try a dress, and from there to Campbells &  
Wills. I have been nearly sick all day. Myra  
and her mother spent the afternoon here.

Apr 6 Saturday, Eatoe, Will, and Joe  
were over most all day. I went up and  
did a little shopping, and went to the dress-  
maker to get a wrapper made this morning.  
Then I made a little call at Corvack's.  
George went to St Louis to day, and Betty



Leon. Mrs R. Mrs Given, Ella R. and two little Conrads went to the Ranch. Phine went to the S. Territory yesterday, and I expect to go to Austin next Wednesday.

Apr 7 Sunday. Very windy and cloudy. Not many at church. Ma went to Will's. Mr Lecons was over this afternoon. He is lately in from California.

Apr 8 Monday. I made another trip to the dressmakers to day, and up to Will's for a trunk for my trip. It rained a little last night but not enough to do any good. It has been very warm to day. I have some roses almost open, will have a lot of them soon.

Apr 9 Tuesday. Was busy and did not feel like going to missionary meeting to day. Mrs Conrads Mrs Bracliz, and Miss Jennie Robinson called in the afternoon.

### Trip to Austin

Apr 10 Wednesday. Below Morgan on the H. T. & C. R.R. Left home at 4:30 A.M. for Austin, in company with Mrs Willie Leonard. A hard day with headache and a slow train. Had lunch on train. Gleico is the dinner station but we did not reach there until 2 o'clock, and got off for coffee, and it was not fit to drink. They stop at every station, and wood pile, just any length of time.

Apr 11 Thues Exas. Got to Mr. Dilworth's at 9 o'clock last night. He did not get the telegram and of course did not expect us on that train but on the one that comes at 2 A.M. He said he was provoked at us. They are very nicely



fixed, and have a pretty location

Apr 12 Austin. Arrived last evening, met Mr. Firebaugh at the station, and had a pleasant drive. It was a relief to get off the train. What I have seen of the city is very pretty.

Apr 13 Saturday. Went to see Georgia Spears this afternoon, and we had quite a walk over the University grounds. Had a hard rain while there, and I came home in the mud.

Apr 14 Sunday. Went to hear Dr. Wright preach today. It is a lovely day.

Apr 15 Monday. I am almost sick with cold. It is a beautiful day, and we intend driving out this afternoon.

Apr 16 Tues. We drove over the city yesterday, took in all the places of note, and took tea at W. H. Firebaugh's. Today Mrs. Pardee and I did some shopping, and went over the capitol, which was a hard job.

I took dinner with Georgia, and she came up with me. Mr. & Mrs. John Moore took me to ride at six o'clock.

Apr 17 Wednesday. Took dinner with Mrs. Moore, and we drove in the afternoon. I went through the Lunatic Asylum. One of the lings snatched my flowers, and another grabbed my feet at the same time, and it would not take much of that business, to make me nervous.



Dr. and Mrs Wright called while I was out, and I am sorry to have missed them,

Apr 18 Thursday. We expect to leave on the 7 o'clock train this evening. Mrs Pardee took a cold in the head this morning at thoughts of leaving the baby. I am quite ready to go. Sunday days are long enough to do Austin, and I am anxious to see home again.

Apr. 29 Monday We got home Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> after rather a hard trip. We took a sleigh to North, and I had to take an upper berth, & the road was so rough I thought I should roll out, and I was a little sick besides.

I was quite unwell for several days after my return. Tues 22 we went (Mrs P. Mother and I) to the Clark Fork. Went straight to Sallis and the next afternoon we went to Bens, and back to Sallis at night. Gus and Minnie came up and staid till afternoon the next day, and then we all pulled for home.

We had a good team and got there in four hours, and went to church that night, but we were very tired after the 28 mile drive.

Saturday the 27 we spent at Bettis, called at Conrads, and Adams.

Mrs P. started for home this evening, quite a long journey. I do not feel like I could hardly take such a trip now, for I do not feel very well. Mr Bradley has been quite sick with mumps for three weeks.



Apr 30 Tuesday, I went to see Mrs Shulton yesterday. She is totally blind, caused from neuralgia, but is very cheerful over her condition. I went this afternoon to see Mr Bradley, he is quite sick yet, and his wife is rather out of heart, and I know she is completely worn out. We had quite a number last night.

May 1 Wednesday, Florence and Mrs Gentry came in yesterday, and stayed with us last night. I have been sick all day.

May 2nd Thursday, Not very well. Weather still cool. Mother went to George's this afternoon and I cut a great many roses to decorate the ice cream hall. Well Ben lined with us today.

May 3 Friday We had quite a nice time at the festival, and a very good turn out, but the weather is rather too cool for ice cream. We took in \$42.25 very good I think. I went to help clear up, that is always the worst job. Went to Bradley's again today, He is better.

May 4 Saturday, I called on Mrs Dyer this morning, and took some roses to a Mr. Williams, who is very sick at Mr Rogers. The wind has blown quite hard today, and is cloudy.

May 5 Sunday, I went to Sabbath school today the first time in a month, just because I did not feel able to go. Still very windy, I hope it will bring rain, as we are needing it badly.



May 6 Monday. The wind has blown very hard

to day, the last few days has nearly ruined my roses, whipped them all to pieces.

Geo. R. went to Okla-homa to day, and Campbell went away also, So Mr. B. is having a hard time at the bank, breaking in a new bookper. I had to take his dinner to him, and he had to go back to night to work awhile.

My back has troubled me quite a lot to day, I seem to be of no use at all.

May 7 Tuesday. Windy and hot, mercury reaches 88 in the shade. I am still watering flowers. When I returned from the bank, May & Nellie took a ride.

Phin and Rosa came over this afternoon. The baby was real tired and sunburned.

May 8 Wednesday. Butte was over this morning and Rosa went home with her. May and I called at Mrs Arnolds this afternoon. Wind still blows.

May 9 Thursday. I walked to meeting last night and have felt the effects of it all day. I guess I will have to give up going. I took Barnes dinner up, and from there I went to Will's Campbell's and Shannons. I feel thoroughly tired out, and I am real tired of the wind, I can't help it.

Mrs Dyer was over this morning, and Mr Coons came for a hoguet. I

May 10 Friday. Jake has another cranky fit, and told Bernie to get another mare. I am glad of it. He turned the cows out this morning with out milking. I sent Nellie after them, and I milked. I got a hard fall on the back steps and hurt my back



I took dinner up to Barnie, and he said Walter Gullidge would come over and get his meals, and do the milking.

May 11 Saturday. Walter came last night, and I am glad, for the muscles on my right arm are very sore, all the way up to my neck, just from milking three cows yesterday. Mother and I put in a quilt this morning, and with the help of May and Nellie, we got out. It was made of old dresses, Ma did it just to keep busy.

Mrs. and Mrs. Givens were over a few minutes, and they took Ma ~~home~~ <sup>with</sup> them.

Ed Gollinger came in from Bud Matthews ranch to day, and brought us a couple of pigs. He says, they had a good rain on the river last night. It has been trying hard to rain to day, it looks very black in the north, like it was storming in Shrockmorton Co. to night.

I have been over to see Mrs. Ray, she is in bed, sick. My back is real sore from my fall, and a bruise on my left wrist, so I have two lame arms to night, and my ankles have troubled me a great deal this winter, it must be rheumatism. I can't do much walking.

The wind is in the north, and is much cooler now. Barnie and Walter had to go back to work to night. I send the dinner now by Walter, and that makes it easier for me. I live to take it only I have felt so miserable lately.

May 12 Sunday. We had a little rain last night and has been cloudy all day.

Not a very good attendance at church to day, quite a number of the members are out of town.



May 13 Monday. I was on my feet all the

morning, nearly, as it is wash day. I hemmed a quilt, and did some mending. Mrs Barnes was over to day to buy turkey eggs, but they had about all turned to turkeys. I gave her some geraniums and chrysanthemums, (slips) and a bunch of roses. Mr McConnell was over to day, fixing up beehive.

May 14 Tuesday. Had a new man take hold to day, an englishman. Carpenters are at work on a barn. I took Mr B's dinner to him. Then spent an hour with Mrs. Speare, went to Mrs Adams at three o'clock to missionary meeting. We elected officers, and had quite a good meeting. From there Nellie and I went to Mrs. Meyer, and had a nice visit, and a little while at Mrs Powell's. When I got home I found Gus here, looking as lonesome as could be, and pulling a little blue at the outlook. Oh there are lots of hard things to encounter, as we travel life's weary road. But I suppose we will get all that we deserve, and more than we are thankful for, I fear. O! for grace, and patience, to help us in all of our perplexities.

May 15 Wednesday. Oh how the wind blows, it is really tiresome. I am watering the flowers today. Gus left early this morning. I sent May with Bessie's dinner, and forgot to send a knife or fork. Guess I'll forget the dinner next time.

Weather is real warm. Mr B. had to go back to the bank to work to night. May and Nellie went to meeting and I thought I would be doing a good job by staying at home, as I always feel so badly after walking.

Our new man is musical. I hear his violin out at his room. He is very deaf. His wife went to Mills to work.