

**GA200-5-44 Diary 1895-1898 Rieder, Martha
Melvina**

In necessary things unity
In doubtful things liberty
In all things charity,
Many as the waves
But one as the ocean.

Friday March 1, 1895

Sleighting was very bad as the snow was all slush. I went to school all day had to report to Mr. Fraser for talking. After school I went out to Carrie's to take care of the children as Carrie was at Mrs. L.J. [i.e. Louis Jacob] Breithaupt's At Home. John was up in Listowell [i.e. Listowel] & so I had supper alone out at Carrie's. After supper I walked home with A.L.B. [i.e. Albert Liborius Breithaupt] & after doing a little reading I went to bed. I got my Writing Desk Xmas 189[crossed out: 5]4
From Mama & Papa.

Saturday March 2, 1895

Lovely weather out but very slushy. I worked all morning & in the afternoon went down town with Emma & May we bought a dialogue book for our J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] Literary. We then came to our place & wrote our one dialogue. Evelyn & Ella were at home & all the girls stayed at our place for supper, about 8.30 I walked down as far as the Creamery with Emma & Wilford came for May. I then went down to the Creamery with Evelyn & Ella for milk. Ella & I walked home with Evelyn & then I read book my bath & went to bed.

Sunday March 3, 1895

Very warm in the morning but cold & windy in the afternoon. Went to Y.P.A [i.e. Young People's Alliance] [crossed out: &] at 10 a.m.
& then to church. In the afternoon went to Sunday School & in the evening to church.

Monday March 4, 1895

Very cold & stormy & a lot of snow. I went

to school all day. Mr. Suddaby was very comical & kept us laughing nearly all the time. Mr. Fraser was very cross in the cellar. Hung on a "bob" part of the way home. After supper I did my arith. & went to bed early.

Tuesday March 5, 1895

Very slushy. Went to school all day. I marked the arith examination papers & did not get home till about 12.30 p.m. In the afternoon we had music writing & grammar. In the evening I went to the rink with Ella and did not get home until about 10.30 p.m. We had lots of fun. During the night Ella got sick & did not go to school for the remainder of the week. I was awake with her from 4 to 7a.m. and the next morning was very sleepy. but still I went to school.

Wednesday March 6, 1895

Snowy but not very cold. I went to school all day. Mr. Suddaby had a new pair of yellow shoes on & so of course we had beautiful music all afternoon. Edward was very sick & John [~~crossed out: is~~] was up in Penetang. Mamma went out to Carrie's all night. Ella was quite a bit better but did not go to school. We received a letter from Louise McEwen.

Thursday March 7, 1895

Slushy in the morning but it snowed in the afternoon. I went to school all day. In the morning "Jerry" had on his old tan boots which had holes in so large that we could see his stockings. He had [~~crossed out: se~~] blue & white ones on. He also had on a pair of new rubbers. In the afternoon he had on his new boots. His pants were so short that you could see half way up his shoes. Ella did not go to school. In the evening we had practise at 7 p.m. for our Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] Literary. Quite a number were there after it was over I walked over with Emma

to Wing's to get some books. It was grand out. Alina & Evelyn went along, too. We came home around by [1 word illegible] & saw a lot skating on the pond. I then went down as far as the creamery with Emma & Alina. I had walked to school with "Jerry" & he was always speaking about "this little boy Beatte". He asked me if I didn't think he was a nice little boy & a lot more. He had called me out in the hall a few days before & asked me about him too. We have to laugh at "Jerry" nearly all day long he is so comical. Mrs. Suddaby is away & so the poor man had to live on [illegible: Munek's?] cooking.

Friday March 8, 1895

Very wet & snowy out. I went to school all day. "Jerry" had his new boots on again. School went out at 3 p.m. Ella did not go to school. After school Effie came over & Alice Chisholm, Murial Suddaby & Addie Groff came to see Ella. Ina came over after Eff but we had fun before she left. About 7 p.m. I walked out to Carrie's alone intending to stay there overnight as John had not come home from Pen etang. About 9.45 p.m. John came home & then Florence & Anstena came home as far as [1 word illegible] corner with me. In front of Hauch's I met Lou & Eff they were taking a walk after Choir Practise. I went down to the creamery & back with them. All were in bed when Lou & I came in. John had given me a picture for Ella from Jennie Hall & we opened it & then soon went to bed.

Saturday March 9, 1895

Got up at 8 a.m. Weather very cold. Nobody had heard us to go bed the night before & so of course expected that I was out at Carrie's. Lou & I cleaned the whole house, except kitchen & dining-room, and got finished at about 2.30 p.m. I read until about 5.30 & then

went up stairs got dressed & wrote in my diary. After supper Ina came over & we played [illegible: duets?] & sang until about 9:30 p.m. I then read a little. Ella was a little better.

Sunday March 10, 1895

Not very cold out. I went to Y.P.A [i.e. Young People's Alliance] & Church in a morning. Colonel Allbright was at our place for dinner & he stayed until about 5 .m. Ella went to Y.P.A. also but only stayed a short time in church as she felt sick. I went to S.S [i.e. Sunday School] in the afternoon. As Vina was down in Mont-real we had Mr. Mussleman for our teacher. A new scholar was put into our class. Her name is Miss Smyth & she wore long dresses & had her hair done up & so the rest of us felt very young. After S.S. we had practise. We only had a lunch for supper & at 6.30 Lou & I walked out to Carrie's to take some taffy out for her. It took us 12 min. to walk out & 11 min. to walk in. Mamma stayed home with Ella & so I went to Church. After church I read a little but we all went to bed @ 9.30. There was a solar[sic] eclipse of the moon about 9.30. It look like a thin dark cloud over the moon.

Monday March 11, 1895

Not very cold out but very [illegible: sharp?]. Went to school all day but Ella stayed at home. In the morning "Jerry" had his old torn shoes on & he seemed kind of cross. In the afternoon he had his new tan ones on. At recess coming up in the line Grace Bowman went backwards to give a girl a bite of her taffy. Suddaby saw this & jerked hold of her arm knocked her against Mr. Reid's blackboard & then jerked her out into the hall to let the boys pass into the room. When Mr. Reid came Jerry told him about it & then came into the room very much excited & confused. He gave us some Grammar & then left the room to ask Gracie's pardon. He then came into the room & acted as if he did not know

what he was doing. He'd walked up to the board draw a line then walk up & down for a while & then go up & rub out the line then look at us, for we were all laughing, then put the senses on the board & then got sit on his high chair & say "Now [crossed out: scholars] boys there we have the senses on the board" & then he'd walk up & down again & then say the same thing over again. Then he'd go to the board & write down what we were to do to the following sentences but he wouldn't put any sentences on the board. Of course this made us laugh more. At about 15 min. to 4 he told us to do our arith. Mamma went out to Carrie's in the afternoon as Carrie had La Gripe She came home about 9.15 as Lou went to Y.P.A.[i.e. Young People's Alliance] Ella & I were left alone all evening. Ella slept on the [illegible: longue?] & I did my arith. Evelyn was over after 4 to see Ella. Fraser had been kind of cranky in the cellar. Papa went to London.

Tuesday March 12, 1895

Not very cold out. Suddaby had his new shoes on all day. Ella has La Gripe but is a little better. Carrie is also a little better mamma was out there in the morning and in the afternoon went to Mrs. [1 word illegible] with the Ladies Aid. We had Arith. Exam at school in the morning & of course May & I had to stay at noon to mark the papers. It was about 30. min past 12 when I got home. At noon I was late. The old cow bell stroked 3 times After four Emma Zoellner Ada Kolb & myself had to report to [illegible: Dady?] Fraser's as they were also late at noon. We went up to his room, & he came out, after we had waited about 5 min, looking so sober & wrinking his eyes. Then he put our names down on a piece of paper & put a big X behind each & then asked Emma if she would hurry up a little & then he asked me. Of course I laughed out for he was making such a funny face. He then said that he put down our names & would remember the

next time he had to speak to us. We went off & after supper I had to go to practise at 7 p.m. Quite a number were there. May & Emma were there about 5 minutes & then hurried off as they went to the Bridgeport Revival Meetings. After practise I went home & drew my map papa came home he had been down to London. After recess in the afternoon Jerry gave us the [1 word illegible] & made me stand up & sit down again for looking away from the board

Wednesday March 13, 1895

Weather is quite fair out & there is good sleighing. I went to school all day. Ella is a little better. Mr. Pierce was in the room & of course Jerry called me up to the board to do a question. I did it a great big long way & he did not understand it I had to explain it to him He was a modest as a lamb when Mr. Pierce was in the room. He also had on his new boots. In the evening Mamma went to prayer meeting & Ella and I stayed at home. I did my homework.

Thursday March 14, 1895

Very nice out. Pretty good sleighing. I went to school all day but Ella did not. Jerry was very comical & said that he wouldn't be surprised to see a lot of the boys in our room going out on horse-back Then he said, "I wouldn't be surprised to see Marthy & [illegible: Taffel] coming along." The scholars all laughed & Then he said "of course I didn't mean the two together. After recess he was cross & acted so funny up at the board that we sat & laughed at him. Of course this made him worse & he gave a lot of scholars mistermeaners [i.e. misdemeanours?] among which was Frank Dunham & he told him to stay in at recess. Then he gave Ada Moyer one & told her to stay in likewise. Frank laughed at this & Jerry sent him out into the hall & gave him a

whipping. When Jerry came in he was very much excited & was as modest as a lamb. In the afternoon Mr. Reid gave us drawing untill[sic] recess & after Recess Jerry gave us the [1 word illegible] in grammar. He was very kind to Frank Dunham all the time. In the evening I did my home-work in Arithmetic. Ella is ever so much better.

Friday March 15, 1895

Lovely weather & fine sleighing. Ella did not go to school but I went to school all day. Jerry always wears his new shoes now & I think he needs a new shirt as bad as he [crossed out: doe] did shoes. His coat used to be gray & black fine check, But now it is green with age. His pants should have about 1/3 of a foot on to them & then they would be about long enough. He never wears white cuffs, except once in a long while, but just has his guernsey sleeves sticking out which are generally as black as coal. We had arith. exam. & I did not get home until about 12.30 as I had to mark papers. In the afternoon Jerry was quite nice After four May & I went out hanging on bobs. We telephoned up to Emma & she asked may to go along with her to Bridgeport Revial Meetings. About 7.15 I had just put on my apron to wash dishes when Emma comes running in & tell me to hurry up and put on my things. As they were soon coming to wakes us out to Bridgeport. On the way out we did not do anything but talk & go up & down in the pitch holes. May & Alina Z. were the only small girls besides us who were along & so we all sat in the 4th back seat. We started for home & sang nearly all the way. It was about 11p.m. when I got home & I walked alone from Simpsons corner. Frank was just coming into the

house as I got home & so of course it saved me the trouble of unlocking the door. The night before Lou had been out to Bridgeport with Albert, Ellen Zeller & Stattlebauer. She had promised Eff that she would do some collecting that evening & as she intended going to the Meeting she wrote & told Eff that she had another engagement. Eff then came over to know what she [crossed out: would] was going to do & Lou told her she was going to Bridgeport with Albert. This made Eff mad & she said she not was going to anything more for him, and if this was the way he was going to treat her he could see who would sell his tickets & keep his pictures.

Saturday March 16, 1895

Sleighting is going very fast. I worked all morning sweeping & dusting. In the afternoon Lou went out snowshoeing with Albert. Eff came over in the evening & wanted to know where Lou was as she had not come home to supper. We told her she went out snow-shoeing but did not tell her who with. I dried the supper dishes & then read. Aunt Sally came down from Hamburg

Sunday March 17, 1895

I went to Y.P.A [i.e. Young People's Alliance] & did not stay to church as I had caught a terrible cold the day before. I had dinner ready when they came home. In the afternoon I went to S.S [i.e. Sunday School] & had Mr. Mussleman for a teacher as Vina had not come home. After S.S. we had practise until about 5.30 & then I went home & had supper. In the evening Ella & I both stayed at home as Ella had a sore toe & my lip was all swollen. Aunt Sally went up to Kaufman's for supper.

Monday March 18, 1895

Went to school all day. We played black-

smith at recess. In the evening the Senior Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] had their literary. Emma, Evelyn, Ella & Gwen the. The programme was nothing extra. They gave out missionary boxes to any person who wanted them Mamma was there too. Cath & Lena Came down.

Tuesday March 19, 1895

I went to school all day & at noon marked the Arithmetic papers. In the evening I went to practise & after practise I went over to Wings for a walk with Emma & Alina then I walked down as far as the Creamery with the girls when I got home they were all in bed. Mr. McEwen died. Aunt Sally & the girls went home.

Wednesday March 20, 1895

Went to school all day. Carrie came in with the children in the afternoon & stayed to supper. Albert sent Lou some lovely carnations. Lou thought he thought it was her birthday but she said he just sent them to her because he was at the nursery & saw them. Eff never found out about them or she would have been cross. [crossed out: 5 words illegible] After supper I did my homework & then went to bed.

Thursday March 21, 1895

I went to school all day. The weather was fine. Our whole family went to Hauch's for supper. We stayed there until about 9 p.m. Mr. McEwen was taken to St. Catherine's & buried there.

Friday March 22, 1895

I went to school all day. The weather was lovely. Sudaby [i.e. Suddaby] was as comical as usual & we had lots of fun.

Sunday May 19, 1895

It was a little dull out in the morning but cleared by noon. I went to church & Young People's in the morning &

all of us went out to Carrie's for dinner & supper. I went to Sunday School Church in the afternoon and evening.

Monday May 20, 1895

I went to School all day. The weather was fine but a little cold. On Friday before Jerry had sent May & I out of our seat & made us sit in the boys row because he said he couldn't see me. That was not so because no person sat in front of me. At noon Ella & I were late for school because we had had company for dinner, Mrs. Cressman, Mr. Schmidt & Mr. J. [1 word illegible]. When we got to school we knocked at the door & the old man came out at looked over his specks at us. Of course Ella laughed & Jerry asked us how it was that we were late & we told him we had company for dinner & that our clock was too slow. He said that was no excuse & told us to stay in & explain after four I wanted to play ball after school so Ella & I stayed in to explain at recess but the old man said we were to explain after four.

At 10 min to four I was laughing & Sunday made me stay in to explain. After four Ella & I went up to him & he asked us why we were late & we told him the same string. Then he asked us if we had ever been late before & I said not that I remembered & Ella said she didn't think so. He then said we had pretty good characters & told Ella to sit down & work Arithmetic.

Then he said to me "Marthy don't you know you've been acting a little wild to day laughing & talking to the boys" & he mumbled away a big string while was trying to keep from laughing. Then I said "I don't know what you mean" & he asked me three or four times whether that little Wing girl ever made me laugh & I said, "No sir" every time. The[sic] he

went on again about my acting wild
& then he told me to sit down & work
Arithmetic till I became quiet. I
was glad for the chance as I could
not have keep from laughing much
longer. I had just been sitting an hour
time when Alice Chisholm came to
the door and as Jerry to get the base
ball for their club from Ella. I don't
suppose he understood her anyway
he said we could go.

We played ball till 5.30 &
then took some lilies of the valleys &
went home. After supper I dried dish-
es & went to Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] Literary with
Ina, Emma, Evelyn, May, & Ella. We
all sat near the back and at recess went
down town to get some more candy. When
we got back recess was over & the progr-
amme commenced. We couldn't go in as
the old door made such a racket & so
stayed out side until about 9.45 p.m.
and then we went in & I sat on
the doorstep to keep the door closed as
I couldn't slam it.

After it was over I went home & stayed up till 11.15

Saturday June 22, 1895

Beautiful weather. On Saturday May 25
Emma [~~crossed out: found~~] thought a piece of poetry & so she told
me about it. She had heard one of High-s-
chool girls read it & so she told me about
it & we thought we could have some
fun with it & we made up our minds to
send one to Albert & one to Miss Staebler
The piece was as follows:

Tell me not in single jungle
Marriage is an empty dream
For the soul is dead that's single
And things are not what they seem

Life is earnest, life is real
Single blessedness a fib
Dust thou art to dust returnest

Wasn't spoken of the rib

No enjoyment & not sorrow
Is our destined end or way
But to act that each to-morrow
Find us nearer our wedding-day

In the world's broad field of battle
In the race to get a wife
Be not like dumb driven cattle
Be a hero in the strife

Trust no future how e'er pleasant
scorn this dangerous delay
Propose right in the living present
Get a wife while yet you may

Lives of married men remind us
We can live our lives as well
And departing leave behind us
Footprints that to all shall tell

Footprints that perhaps another
Sailing o'er life's Solemn main
So depicted bachelor brother
seeing may take heart again

So Mr. A.L. [i.e. Albert Liborius] Breithaupt a moral take
If you'd succeed be on the alert
Though at the moment you may quake
Get married now no longer flirt

I wrote the one we sent to Miss Staebler
& Emma wrote Albert's. For Miss Staebler we just
changed the pronouns and names. After we had sent
them of course we kept clear but Lou & Eff got the blame
at last however they [illegible: traced?] it up & we got our full
share of lectures.

Thursday July 11, 1895

John, Carrie, Vina, [illegible: Edis?], baby Ella and I arrived
here safely at about 1.30 p.m. We had left home
at 6.5 a.m. Albert was at the station with the
top-buggy to meet us and John, Vina, Carrie & the
two children drove out to the Hall's while the rest
of us went out on the [illegible: trunk?] waggon. We all

went to Hall's for dinner and about 8 p.m. came over to the cottage. It was all scribbled and so the dishes and shelves only had to be cleaned. I did not go out on the boat at all but in the evening Halls came over and went home about 9.10p.m. In the afternoon Albert and Ella drove to town. The weather was lovely.

Friday July 12, 1895

I got up about 7 a.m. The water was quite rough. In the morning Ella caught one and I caught two fish off the [illegible: waif?]. In the afternoon Jenny Ella and I went out in the row-boat to fish in the weeds in [crossed out: the] front of the cottage we 2-5 fish. It rained part of the time and looked dark and cloudy. In the evening Carrie John Vina and Edward rowed down to see Rumpel's cottage. In the afternoon after I had been out fishing a short time Albert asked me if I wanted to drive to town with him. Of course I went and as we could not get any rasp-berries in town we drove out to Copeland's to see if they had any. They did not and so Albert bought some honey. The ride was grand. I went to bed about 10 p.m.. Edward enjoys the water very much.

Saturday July 13, 1895

Got up about 7.10 a.m. It was quite cool. In the morning about 11.45 A.M. Ella, Jenny, and I went out bathing. At first the water seemed pretty cool but after I had jumped down once it felt very warm. In the afternoon Ella Jenny and I went out fishing and then they went in [illegible: Rasty] came out with me and when I came in Ella went out again we caught 42 fish in all. After supper, Ella, Jenny and I went to town for a walk. We got home about 9 p.m. and at 10.45 p.m. the train was due Albert went to the station and got here about 11.30 with Mrs. Breithaupt Lou and Rosa the servant girl. We ate a little lunch and went to bed about 12.

Sunday July 14, 1895

Got up about 7.30 a.m. It was quite cool. Albert and I

We stayed up in Penetanguishene about four weeks. Returning home about 2 1/2 weeks before school opened. Ella is going back to our school but I intend to stay home. Emma & May were to Newton Brook for three weeks and May went to Hamburg for one week while Emma went to Welssey[i.e. Wellesley] Stratford for about two weeks.

Wednesday January 1, 1896

It was [crossed out: 1 word illegible] very stormy and windy out. I helped to do the work and in the [crossed out: evening] afternoon Mamma, Lou and I went out to Breithaupt's at Home. Mamma helped to receive Lou to wait on the table and Evelyn and I were door girls. We went out about 3 p.m. In the evening Mamma drove home with Kaufman's and Lou & I stayed out till about 10 p.m. then Carl drove 17 out on this seater out to Bridgeport through Waterloo & then home. Lou & I were nearly frozen when we got home & I was nearly crushed although we had a fine ride

Thursday January 2, 1896

Our whole family & Breith [i.e. Briethaupt] were invited to Carrie's for dinner. We went out about 12.30 p.m. & we over to Mrs. C.B.S. Because Mrs. Augustine had her baby christened. They all went to Carrie's except [crossed out: Eveliy] Evelyn, Ella and myself. We stayed with the children. Then we went over had our dinner & then went out sleigh-riding. I went home about 5 p.m. & in the evening.

Tuesday June 9, 1896

We have had many weather for the last week or more

I got my gold watch on My 16th birthday Nov. 19 1895
I got my chain bracelet from Carrie and John

[underlined: Xmas 1896]

I went to B.H.S. one year got my Commercial

Summer of 1897

Em got her [underlined: third the same year]

Howells moved to [~~crossed out: Berlin~~] Waterloo in the summer of 1897

Got my Camera Xmas 1896

Got my Writing Desk Xmas 1894

Got my Mink Ruff October 1897

Went to the Y.P.A. [Young People's Alliance] convention held at Tavistock on Sept. 8 and 9 1897 Ella Em Evelyn May and I went

E. [i.e. Esra] Carl Breithaupt died at Berlin on June 27-1897 at 2.30A.M.

Friday October 1, 1897

I did not go back to school this term. Em & May are staying at home also. Went up to Sebringville for my summer holidays. Went up on Thursday Aug 5. Ella May & I went up. We all stayed at Otto's over night and next afternoon Lou & May drove Ella & I out to auntie's. We had a lovely time. Went to Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] Literary on Tuesday evening. I got a letter and a postal card from Em. after the evening meeting Lena and I went in Stratford all day Wednesday. Thursday Gus Schmidt came out to fetch Ella and I, we went to Hoffman's to supper and then to Otto's over night. Left Sebringville on the 6.30 p.m. train Friday night and got to Hamburg about 8 p.m. Adeline was not there to meet us and so we went to Zurbrigg's over night and Saturday afternoon we walked to Adeline's. Rebecca Z May Ella & I went out May & Rebecca stayed to supper and then Mr. Christner drove them back. Ella and I did not go to church Sunday morning. Mr. Christner drove us to Zurbrigg's about 6.30p.m. and then we went to church with the girls. We stayed at Zurbrigg's over night and next morning Ella and I left for Berlin on the 9 o'clock train. We went out to Carrie's in the afternoon as Baby Carl was christened. In the evening the delegates from Pittsburg gave this report at Y.P.A and as several of the Alliances were invited we served refreshments. I helped to wait on the people. Tuesday morning May came in from New Hamburg and

stayed at home with her father over night Wednesday afternoon Mother went to Penetang on the 6 train May was down at the station with us then came up to stay at our place for a while. The S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] picnic was to be on Thursday but it was postponed on account of rain. It was held on Saturday. I had an awfully day time Em, Ina May Ella & I drove part way down to Doon with [illegible: Kale?] Bowman and so we did not get to the picnic, held in Victoria Park, until about 5 o'clock. I played a few games and then helped to wait on the tables until about 7 p.m. and after going for a short boat ride We went home. Papa went to Penetang on Friday from Toronto and the following Tuesday he came home and brought Mamma along as she was sick May went home the Friday after.

Saturday October 30, 1897

Had the first snow of the season to-day. It snowed a little bit this morning. We have been house cleaning all week and just finished this afternoon. Ella and Lou have gone to the Sewing meeting of the J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] this afternoon. Mother is finishing up the kitchen. I wrote to Catherine last Saturday Revival [crossed out: 1 word illegible] Meetings were commenced in our Church a week ago Tuesday and then attended every meeting so far. Mother was at Erb's to tea last night. Papa expects to come home from Montreal tonight he left Ella and I our [illegible Mink ruffs?]

Friday November 5, 1897

I have been to church every night since Revival Meetings were commenced. It rained very hard on Tuesday but since then we have had nice weather. I was out for a walk with Louie yesterday; we went up to High School to meet Ella but as she was busy cleaning we walked up to Waterloo until Lucie and went in for Ella on our way back. Have not been very well this week as I have a headache nearly all the time Kaufman's have the Diphtheria and so I have not seen Emma since Sunday. Ina has a room now for good at School. She has Mrs. Whites place. I am going to to Carrie's this afternoon. Frank is going to be married on Tuesday. It is pretty cloudy out and so we may be having rain again. We have been getting up pretty late this last while. Albert called the other morning at 8.15 a.m. and Lou was not dressed yet. We have been having a pretty good attendance at Church but no person has been forward yet. Ella is at school today. Baiden's left for Toronto yest-

erday and I wonder who we will get for neighbours.
Phoebe and Emma & Hoffman called yesterday.
I took some pictures yesterday.

Tuesday November 9, 1897

Had a very heavy snow storm during the night. Snow is about 6" deep. I was at home all day [~~crossed out: yesterday~~] Saturday. and went to bed about 9 o'clock p.m. I was at J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance]

Sunday morning and I stayed to Catechism. Carrie's family was in for the day. Baby Carl can walk all alone now. I went to Sunday school in the afternoon and then went for a short walk with Ina and May. I was at church again in the evening and stayed to the aftermeeting which was held in church. After [1 word illegible] I went for a walk with Ella and Ina. Monday morning we washed but on account of the rain we could not put the clothes out. I was alone all afternoon. Went down to the Post Office with Ina before church to post that wonderful letter and then we went to church. Yesterday was papa's birthday and he got some lovely roses from Mrs. B. & Carrie. I have just finished doing dishes and intend sewing this afternoon. Em telephoned yesterday. Milton is quite a bit better. There is a new boy in Albert's class that looks something like Cook or at least like he looked when he first came to Berlin (Kind of green). Lou is down at Simond's.

Monday November 22, 1897

It is snowing again to-day. Frank's wedding was a week ago Wednesday. The marriage was at 12 o'clock. Rena was dressed in white silk but there were no brides maids or groomsmen. Mrs. C. Breithaupt, Mrs. & Dr. [illegible: Bowlby?], Mrs Johnson, [~~crossed out: and~~] Mrs. Hoffman (Rena's aunt), the Simonds family & our family were all that were present at the ceremony. They were married by the Rev. Carl Smith. After the wedding breakfast there was a large reception. Ever so many people came, shook hands with Mrs. & Mr. J. I. F. [i.e. John Isaac Frank] Anthes Mrs Simonds & mamma went in to the dining room for refreshments (some shaking hands with us girls (Edith, Daisy Georgie Ella & myself) on their way there), went up stairs to see the presents and then went home. The reception was from 2 to 4 p.m. Edith Georgie Daisy Ella & I were down to the station first and then Rena, Frank, Albert and Lou came in the cab. The station house was crowded. There was stacks of rice pitched at them and Mrs. Rumpel had a bag of rose leaves to throw

at them. Frank and Rena went to Toronto, Pittsburg, Ottawa, & Montreal for their trip. They have not returned yet but we have heard from them several times. Mamma got a letter from Rena to-day noon. My birthday was on Friday I got a lovely Bible from mama & papa \$1.50 from Carrie, a Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] pin from Lou, & a silver thimble from Ella and a bouquet[sic] of lovely white rose buds from Albert. I was over to May's for tea on Friday. Saturday evening May Ella Lou Em & I went to see Uncle Tom's Cabin. It was splendid. It was the first time Em was down since they had diphtheria. The [1 word illegible] were taken off of their door to-day. Em was down to Church and S.S. yesterday. Our family was [crossed out: all] out at Carrie's for dinner yesterday. I have an invitation to spend Xmas holidays down at Newton Brook but do not know if I can go or not. Next Monday Em & I are to lead Y.P.A. meeting. Our Revival services closed last Monday evening. One person was converted. On Tuesday Ella Ina and I went to hear Mr. [illegible: Phillpot?] in the Methodist church. He is very good. Eff and Lou has gone to the Prayer-meeting held there this afternoon. Mrs. Simonds is here to call on mother. The children are coming from school now. Ella is at school.

Friday November 26, 1897

It is pouring rain just now. Ella has just been reading parts of her diary to me. I was down to the station in all the rain to post a letter for Lou. On Tuesday Ella went to school as usual. I was in the house all day [crossed out: and] till about six o'clock when I went down town to get some bread for Carrie. It was very cold but a nice clear day. We washed in the morning I finished dough that I had been making. On Wednesday we had fine weather it was a bright clear cold day. I did the housework and then ironed until 3.40 p.m. and then went up to Em's to go for a walk. I met Em Louie Mabel Mamma & Ella at the [1 word illegible] Factory and so we all went to the station to see Mrs. [illegible: Coor?] (Mrs. [crossed out: illegible] [1 word illegible]) off. She was married on Wednesday. The train was half an hour late and so we did not get home till nearly six o'clock. I got a good look at Ella's beloved Joe Steven's at the station. After Ella & I had done the dishes Evelyn and Lily came over for El to go to the station to meet Rosa who had been

to Guelph. They went down to the station and Ella saw D. Zurbrigg who had been in Berlin for the day and then when the train came in she saw Cook, Livingston & [1 word illegible] come from Toronto. Cook stayed in Berlin but the other boys went home. Thursday was Thanksgiving. Ella and I went to the Presbyterian Church at the union service held there at 11 a.m. Carrie's family were in to dinner. It rained all day. When Ella & I came home from Church we went down to the post Office for the mail and then we had dinner. After dinner we did the dishes and straightened up and then El & Edward & I went down to the station to post a letter. It was not raining then. Near the station we passed "faithful John" & Cook. Cook is the same as ever only that he now sports a "[1 word illegible]". I suppose they had been exploring the new station house which is nearly finished. When we got to the station it began to rain and so we went back home as Carrie did not want Edward to go into Kaufman's house and we had intended going up to get Em to go for a walk. When we got home the children cried so, that Ella stayed with them & I went up to Ems alone. I came home about 5.30 and found the people at supper. After supper Ella & I did not know what to do with ourselves and as it only raining a very little bit we went for a walk but before we got to the creamery it began to pour and so we had to go back home. At about quarter to eight we went over to Ina's and laughed nearly all evening at some riddles El was reading to us. Eff came over to see Lou (because she thought it no use to wait longer for Cook whom she suppose would come to call on her). This morning Ella & I cleaned up stairs and got finished in time for dinner I intend sewing this afternoon. It is just one o'clock now. Albert and his mother went to Detroit yesterday after noon. It is just pouring now I hope it will soon stop as I want to change my library to day. Evelyn went along with her grandmother

Monday November 29, 1897

It is snowing out to-day but yesterday it was just grand out. On Friday afternoon Ella & I went down town in all the rain. We were in a lot of stores and got home about 4.30. Then I had to go down to the Creamery for Carrie. It was not raining there. I started some Xmas presents and after supper Lou and I went down town about 7.45 for the

L. H. Journal. Ella was at Suddaby's at the Chatter-box Club and Lou went to Choir Practise. On Saturday morning [~~crossed out: Ella &~~] we did the cleaning and in the afternoon we went up to Em's (Ella Ina & I) and as Emma was not ready [~~crossed out: we~~] Ina & I went up to Call on Lucy. On our way up to Kaufman's a little above the track we met [~~illegible: Cookie?~~] & of course shook hands with him. When we got up to Howell's of course Lucie had gone to Berlin so we had to go back. We met Ella & Em at the Hospital coming to meet us. We went down town walked home with Ina, then Ella & I went up with Em and as Ella had forgotten something she was to get in town we went down town and then went home. It was a lovely walk, & although I had gone six miles I did not feel a bit tired. We got home about quarter to six. Lou went over to Schmidt's for supper as Cook was going to be there also. After supper mother & Ella went down to Miss. Devitt's and when they came back Ella & I went down to the station for the 8.02 train to meet Frank and Rena. The train was coming in when we got there. Edith and Daisy were down too. The cab was there & so we all piled in the four of us girls on one seat and Y. & R on the other. The roads were very rough and the old windows rattled so much that we almost had to yell to make each other understand. We drove to Simonds first and then the man drove Ella and I home. We just soared all the way home at the rickety old cab. I was down to Simond's with mother and then Frank came home with us. On Sunday morning Lou Ella & I went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] and then I taught Albert's [~~crossed out: Sunday~~] Catechism class. Some of his kids can only sit and shake their heads when asked a question. Mother did not come to Church and the whole Simonds' tribe were over for dinner. Lou and I went to Sunday School but Ella stayed home to "entertain". Of course we were late. After S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] we had practise but I did not stay. I came home and about ten minutes after the Simonds went home. Ella and I went over to church thinking we might be in time for our part but the girls had all left. We went over Ina & then went up to get Em to go for a walk. We went up to Waterloo and then came back and stayed at Kaufman's for supper. We were late for Church. The girls sat with us and so we march away around by the wall to our [~~crossed out: church~~] seat. After Church we walked up home with Emma [~~illegible: Louia?~~] Knechtel went with us as her mother and father went

over to Schmidt's. This morning mother and Lou washed the dishes from yesterday dinner and then Lou went down town. I did the other work. It is now about 2 o'clock I am going down town with mother now. Em is coming down and so we can make out our meeting for this evening.

Tuesday November 30, 1897

Emma came down last night about half past 5. I tried to write a paper but it was no good and so I gave up. We went to Church about 5 o'clock Em stayed to supper Church must have been about 90° as it was awfully hot and Em's & my cheeks were fire red. Emma led the first part of the meeting & read the chapter. I read some passages on temperance by some great man. I am sure some of the words were jawbreakers but I managed to stumble over them some way. Of course we were a little bit nervous but we got through all right. I led the latter part of the meeting. Vina B played. Ella & I walked to King St. with Em after Church. Cook went to Toronto on the 5 p.m. train. There were a lot at Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] I have just finished work and am going to sew on Mon. evening. Frank & Rena was here when we came from Church.

Wednesday December 1, 1897

I was in the house all day yesterday. In the afternoon I finished fixing my coat and then finished 2 Xmas presents that I had started. In the afternoon Effie Wing called Lou was not at home she and Eff were down to have their [illegible: likneses?] pulled. Lou has an awful cold. She has had it for the last 2 or 3 weeks. In the evening I made 2 more presents and then went to bed. Today there is fine sleighing. I swept off[sic] the snow on the walk and porches. It snowed a lot last night. Snow is about six inches deep. Several sleigh [illegible: horse?] passed this morning. I am going down to Miss Devitt's now.

Thursday December 2, 1897

It is a grand day out to day. Sleighing is fine. Lou is sick. She went down to the Doctors yesterday afternoon and then she was lying on the lounge and went to bed about 7.30 o'clock. She has been in bed all day to-day The doctor was up this morning and says she has a very bad cold something like La Grippe. Frank & Rena

were here a little while last night. They had been up to the Hospital to see Colonel Albright. He was a little worse last night. I went over to Church yesterday afternoon to practise the children. But only one came I made an Xmas present yesterday but have not done any sewing to-day yet. Lizzie Schmidt came here a few minutes to "call" on mother. I have just finished fixing Lou's cash book. Intend going for a walk this afternoon. I have not seen anything of the girls since Monday evening. Ella is off at school. Papa just left for the factory.

Friday December 3, 1897

I have just come back from Mrs. Devitt's. It's a lovely day out. Sleighing is fine. There has been some skating in the lake already. I am going down to dinner now. I went out to Carrie's yesterday afternoon for a walk and drove part of the way back with her in the [1 word illegible]. It was my first sleigh ride this season. In the morning I went up to Emma's with Ella. This morning I helped to do the work and then went down to Miss. D. It is awfully slippery for walking and of course I had to fall plump down on the middle of King Street. Ella is not home from school yet although it is about half past four.

Saturday December 4, 1897

I am sitting up stairs in the hall at the dresser. Lou is asleep. Mother is reading with rocker behind me and Ella is on the floor with her back to the steam coil unlacing her books. Ella and I have just been over to Simonds with a message for Frank. I[sic] is very musty out and has been so all day. Last evening I was at home all evening. Frank and Rena were here to see Lou. She is ever so much better to-day although she has not been up yet. This morning I did the cleaning and Ella helped mother. After dinner I took my bath. Lou had six callers up in her room this afternoon. Albert, Mr. Knechtel Effie, the Doctor, Eff and Emma. I went out for a sleigh-ride with Albert about 3 p.m. The sleighing was pretty good but it was mighty wet. It was sort of a fine rain. We went to Breslau, Bloomingdale and Bridgeport. At Breslau they had just gravelled

the road & so sleighing was fine there (very scratchy). After supper Ella & I went down to Miss Devitt's. We called in at the doctor's for Lou's medicine. After we came home we fooled around for a while and then dtown to Simonds'. I intend going to bed soon. Papa just came home. Frank and Rena always go out together and are very sweet as Ella says it makes her sick to see them. I am reading a book "In the Golden Days" by Miss Lyall but it is not very interesting. The last book was by the same author Donovan is the title. It was very good. Ella is just going to take her bath now. I can hear papa pumping. I must teach Lou's Catechism class to-morrow morning. Ina was sick on Wednesday and Thursday but she taught school again on Friday. She was over a little while last night. I have been reading up Allison's murder trial. It ended last night. He was found guilty and is to be hung on February 4- '98. He will be the first person hung in Berlin. I am getting a little sleepy and so will stop for to-night. I must collect again of course. This is my third year for it.

Monday December 6, 1897

Have just had my dinner. It is colder to-day. Lou is ever so much better. She is down in the sitting-room eating her dinner. I went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] yesterday morning and was in time. May is organist. I taught Lou's Catechism class. They behaved pretty well. Then Ella and I stayed to Church. Mother did not come she stayed at home with Lou. After dinner I helped Lou dress and then we took her down stairs. It was the first time she was down since she was ill [crossed out: E] Emma called for us and so Ella Em and I went to Sunday School about 2.20 to make up for all the times we had been late. Albert's class came up after we had been to our classes. I wonder how they enjoyed their first Sunday in the choir. After S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] the S.S. choir went up into the church and practised for Xmas while the others stayed in the S.S. room to practise their pieces. We practised up stairs until

about 5 o'clock and then we practised our part of the Catata in the S.S. room. After practise I walked to King St. with Em and then had my supper. Frank and Rena went to Church with us and every body stared at the new "bride". Ella stayed at home with Lou. Three people were baptised and 2 joined the Church last night. The minister preached 45 minutes and so we did not get home 'till 5 min. to nine. At practise yesterday Albert came in to stick a note on the piano. The male quartette was practising in the Choir cloak-room and as they could not get started right he came in to get the note. He stuck the note on the piano and then came across the platform & out of the door to hang on to it. This morning I helped to do the work. Tonight is election of officers at Y.P.A. & so we are in for a good time. Ella and Evelyn have just been here from school. They have gone out collecting. The Doctor is here to see Lou. Ina and I are to collect in the centre ward. I have not been out for a walk to-day yet. I had intend going up to meet Ella but as mother was going out I stayed in with Lou. Mrs. Bean was here to call on mother. Mamma was going over to see Mrs. Simonds who is sick again The Dr. has just left so I guess she can get off now.

Tuesday December 7, 1897

It has been pretty mild to day. Lou is down in the sitting-room mother is off at Ladies Aid and Ella is not home from school yet. Frank went to London this morning. Ina Ella, Evelyn, Em and I were all at Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] last night. It was the annual Business meeting. Of course we all sat in the back of the Church. At recess Ina and I went up to pay our fees. After recess Br. Breithaupt read the report of the Nom. committee. It was as follows. Miss A.P. Clemens Pres. - Mr. Weber Vice Pres. - Miss Effie Schmidt R. Sec. - Mr. E. Bilger Cor. Sec. - Miss Alina Bean Chorister - Miss Lizzie Grader Organist - Martha Anthes Asst. Organist - Mr. Nash Treasurer. He then read the different Comms [i.e. Committees] I am on the Entertainment Com. with Miss A. Bean chairman Miss L. Grader, Mr Talmon Rieder and Mr. John Wiegand. I don't remember the rest of the comms. This report was adopted without any alternations. After this the Literary Comm. asked to be excused for three of the summer months. There was a great deal of

discussion about this. Of course Br. A.B. had the floor quite a while. It was finally decided by a standing vote to let them off for the month of August. The Cor. Sec. then read a letter from Rev [illegible: Mickil?] asking us to collect some money to wipe out the Mission dept. He thought we should try and get \$1 per member. Of course Br. Breith had to get up and nom. Miss Effie, Schmidt, Martha Anthes & Miss Emma Kaufman to be a Com. to see that this is carried out. I guess he thought he'd set me to work while he was at it. We got home about half past ten. Ella and I went to the Creamery with Em.

Thursday December 9, 1897

It is very misty out to-day. I jsut got finished writing out mammas Ladies Aid work. I had to copy all the reports of meeting into the Sec. Book. [crossed out: I irone] on Tuesday. we washed and I had to do all the work as Lou was not well enough to work. After I had the dishes done at noon. I went out and helped the woman wash the outside windows. Mother went to ladies Aid. I got dressed about 5 o'clock. About 7 o'clock W. Wing came over and asked me to go the church and play for some boys who were practising. Mr. Hallman had sent him over I went & came back about 8 o'clock. I then intended to go out collecting but Ina could not go. Yesterday I ironed all [crossed out: day] morning. At half past 2 I went out with Em and Alina Z. They had to collect at some farmers. Kaufman's had a new horse on trial and as Em took him. His name is Klondike. They are not going to keep him. They called at Schaufers but did not get a cent. We had lots of fun. Sleighing was pretty bad in some places. We got home about 5 o'clock. Edward & Louisa were here when I got home; yesterday was Edward's birthday. Carrie came for them shortly after Ada Clemens had been here to see Lou and as Em drove here up to Waterloo to her Aunt's. Rena and Eff were here to see Lou also yesterday afternoon. In the evening Ella Em and I went to Waterloo to hear the Miss Halls. We took the car both ways. Going up it was quite full but coming down we had it all to ourselves. I saw Gerty Fellman at church but did not get a chance to speak to her as we left before Church was over. I ironed all this morning. This afternoon I helped mother with that writing and then sat down and wrote in my Diary. Miss Latch

was here to call on Lou but she was over at Schmidt's. The doctor just left about 5 minutes ago. I must go and get dressed now as it is nearly six o'clock.

Saturday December 11, 1897

I have just had my dinner and am going to dust mamma's room and the back hall yet. On Thursday evening Lou and Ella and I went to bed at 9.30 for a change. Yesterday morning after we had finished the work Lou and I went down town at 10 o'clock. We were shopping all morning and got home at 12 o'clock. After dinner I washed the dishes and then made a handkerchief sachet. Mother was serving. After I had finished the h.s. I read a little while and at four o'clock Lou and I went over to church to practise. The seven girls in the Chime of Silver Bells were to be to practise. We were all there but Evelyn. We practised until about 10 to six and then went home. May and I went down town for Lou. I got back about 6.30 and then had supper. It had been very musty all day. About seven I went over to call for Ina to go collecting but as it commenced to pour we did not go. Ella was off at the C. Box Club. They met at Mrs. Hoffman's. May came over about 8.15 and we sewed all evening. Lou was off at Choir practise. Wifford came over for May about 10 o'clock. "[illegible: Dr Sohn?]" of course came over to make a call after the male quartette had finished practising. Ella and I fooled around and so got to bed about 11.30 o'clock and he was here yet. He has not been making any mid-day calls lately and so I won't have to tell him that we are not "at home" until 3 p.m. This morning we cleaned the whole house. It is a little rainy out to-day again. The snow has entirely disappeared. I intend collecting and going to practise this afternoon and so will have to go and dust.

Wednesday December 15, 1897

Have just finished setting the table. On Saturday afternoon Ina and I went out collecting. We went to practise a little after five. As hardly any of the girls were present we did not practise. Went down town after practise. In the evening I went down to the Literary with May. On Sunday morning I went to J.Y.P.A [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance]

Mr. Yager from Waterloo preached in Church. After dinner I went to Sunday School & I played the first piece as Miss Grader was not there yet. After S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] we had practise. The S.S. choir practised up stairs and after we had finished up there we came down and took our part of the Cantata. I came home had supper and after supper May Ella and I went up to Em's to go up to Waterloo to hear the Miss Halls. Before we got to Kaufman's it began to rain and so we did not go up. We sat in the back of our Church instead. Mr [illegible: Cole P.S.?] of Y.M.C.A. preached. It was a splendid sermon. After Church I spoke to Mrs. Ratz from Tavis-\ tock. Then I walked down to the Creamery corner with Emma and Alina. Rena and Frank were in a short time after church. Monday morning it was rainy out as it has been for some time. I worked all morning. Stuffed a [1 word illegible] after dinner and at quarter to four I went to school to meet Ina. I [crossed out: met] was introduced to Mr. L. Staebler and Miss Kumpf. We collected 'till six o'clock. Saw the girls down town. I went to Y.P.A. Ina and I went to the Methodist Church. Mr. McTavish was Lecturing to the Young Men. We were in time for a good part of his of his Lecture and for Mr. Coles' address. I got home at half past ten. Papa went to Toronto on the ten a.m. train Tuesday morning Carrie Mrs. B, [1 words illegible] and Albert went to Toronto on the early train. It rained all day. After the work was done I sewed all day. Mother is making a dress for Ella. After supper I went to Church at 7 o'clock to play for the boys. After that I served. This morning I got finished with the work about 11 o'clock and was just going to wash my head when Carrie rang up wanting me to take Edward to the Dentist's. I went and met Lou down town. I did not get home until 12 o'clock. Mrs. B. Vina Albert and Carrie and papa came home from Toronto on the 8 p.m. train last night. On Sunday [1 word illegible] came as asked Evelyn if she thought they could [keep] a party [by] her Grandmother's. Sunday evening T. Rieder sat in the second back seat of the Church I guess he was afraid he might give some person else diphtheria. I must go down to dinner now.

Saturday December 18, 1897

Ella and I are just dusting the hall. Wednesday afternoon I stayed at home all afternoon. It was raining. In the evening I sewed. Mother went to Prayer meeting and so did Lou. Thursday [crossed out: morning] we baked. In the morning I went out to Carrie's and got home about 11 o'clock. Then we

baked until seven in the evening. Louie was up for about 15 min. in the afternoon. After supper Ina came over for me and we went collecting. Emma and Alina came in a few minutes before we left. They had been out collecting. I got home about half past nine. Friday morning we baked again. Ella had Exams Thursday Friday and this morning. We got finished with baking at dinner time. At 2 o'clock Louie came up for me and so then we went to the Central School as it was Public Examination. Lou and Eff went also. We called for May. We went into all of the rooms a number of the [crossed out: scholars] teachers got presents. After school we came around [1 word illegible] way home. Ina walked with Louie and I went with Mable and Addie. I came home and played with Edward until about six when his father came for him. After supper I went to church with Ina. Mr. Wing preached. It snowed all day yesterday and so we have sleighing again. Ina and I went for a sleigh ride with Albert after Church. He drove us down to the Mennonite Church then to the gas office where he had to see about something or other, and then to Waterloo. I got home about 10.30 p.m. and found Carrie waiting for John who was at Church at the quarterly board meeting. He came for her about 11 o'clock. Mother and father had been to church but Lou and Ella stayed at home. This morning I went to market and have been working ever since. I must go and finish the dusting now. Am going to practise this afternoon.

Monday December 20, 1897

It is very cold out to-day. Lou has just come home from town. To-day is mother's birthday. She got a pair of house slippers from papa, some cups and saucers from L. & J. and a doyley from Ella. I was out for a sleigh ride on Saturday afternoon with Em. We went to practise but the girls were not there. Then we went down town. After supper I went down town with Lou and then stayed at home the rest of the evening. Lou went to Church and so did mother. On Sunday morning I did not go to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] Lou and Ella went. We all went to church. It was quarterly service. Frank was here to dinner. Rena was not feeling well and as she did not come. In the afternoon I went to [illegible: J?] S. School and then stayed to practise our Cantata. Mr. Wing taught our class as Vina had to practise he children up stairs. Ellen Zeller and Eff were here to tea. Ina Ella and

I went for a short sleigh ride with Em after practise. We were all at church in the evening. Ella sat with May. Frank and Mrs. S. sat in our seat. After Church I walked to the Creamery with Em. I have just finished the dishes this morning and am now going to write a card to Clara.

Wednesday December 22, 1897

It is lovely out to-day. It snowed a lot last night. The children were in Monday afternoon. At 4 I went over for Ina at school and we finished our collecting. In the evening I went to Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] Lou was told about quarter to wight that she was to lead the meeting as Laura Zeller could not take it. Miss Grader rang me up in the afternoon to asked me to play. Lou began the meeting at 10 after eight and as there were only 5 there including herself we sang a number of songs. The meeting was closed at about 5 to nine and there were then 16 people present. We walked to King Street with Em and when we got back I was locked out and so went over to Schmidt's. Lou came in for me at about 10 o'clock, mother and she had been downtown. Yesterday was wash day. Lou and I did the work. After dinner I began to read "A Fair Barbarian" by Burnett and finished it about quarter to four. Then I watched for the Y.P.A. children that were going to the orphan[crossed out: age] Home. Carrie had Edward and Louise here. Then I took the collecting money down to Mr. Voelker. When I came home I laid down till supper time as I had such an awful headache. In the evening May Ella Em and I went up to the high school concert. We walked both ways and got home at quarter to 11. A man lectured on Egyptian Types. The lecture was very good. They all gave out the diplomas Ella and I received our Commercial ones. This morning I got up at nine o'clock and had breakfast at ten mother and Lou went down town and so I had to do the work. We have just had dinner. Mother and Lou are doing dishes.

Tuesday December 28, 1897

Last Wednesday evening Frank and Rena came here Mother went to Prayer-meeting. On Thursday morning Ella went to the Xmas market and then we went down town and stayed nearly all morning. In the morning Ella and I trimmed the Xmas tree. mother went down town. I went to bed about 11.50 o'clock. [crossed out: Wednesday] Friday morning was bake day. In the evening got out presents. As I had not nearly finished mother's doyley I worked

at it and went to bed at 12 o'clock. My presents were
From mamma and papa an opal ring, pair of spats,
3 handkerchiefs, 2 cards; From Ella a Book mark for
my Bible; From Lou a comb and brush From Frank
& Rena a Book called "The Choir Invisible"; From Carrie
and John a handkerchief, an embroidery scissors, a
ticket purse, an [1 word illegible] ball; From Em a [illegible: Floss hook?]
From May a basket; From Louie a needle case; From
Evelyn a curling [illegible: tong?] holder, From Irene a card; From
Ina a thing to hang button hooks [illegible: etc.?] on; From Vina
a blotter. On Saturday Xmas morning I went down
to the station to post something for the ten train. Then
at noon I went to the post for the mail with Lou. Carrie
and family came in about half past eleven. In
the afternoon I went to practise. After practise I
went down to the new station house with Ina and
[illegible: But Earnest?] and got home a little after 5. Then
I had my supper and got dressed to go to the festival.
Of course I had my white dress on. The S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] choir
sat in the choir place with the Church Choir.
The church was just packed. The isles being filled.
The male quartette [1 word illegible] use with a selection,
but they started too high and so after singing
about one line They stopped altogether and
after Miss Zeller had given them the note again
they started off and went through to the end of
course repeating the chorus p.p. After the festival
the S.S. scholars went down in the S.S. room
and were given their candy packages. On Sunday
morning there was J.Y.P.A [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] and we all went
to church except Ella. Church was in until about
quarter one. In the afternoon I went to Sunday
School I had to play three or four pieces as Miss Grader was
late. After S.S. Ella Evelyn and I went out to Carrie's for
a walk. We took Edward home he had been to our place
for dinner. In the evening Evelyn called for us and so she
sat with Ella and I saw with Em. It was song service
Bro. Eli Moyer preached to us. It was his first attempt
and so he must have been very nervous. After Church
Ina and I went for a sleigh ride with Emma. Her mother
was at Mrs. Hauch's who is very sick again. On Monday
morning I helped to do the work. In the afternoon
Ina Ella May and my self were out at the lake for
our first skate this season. The ice was elegant. I
had the extreme pleasure of skating with Eddie
Erb. I got home at quarter to six. There were lots
of people out. In the evening I was at Y.P.A. and
had to play. Miss Earnest led. After Church I came home

and read. Frank and Rena come over to stay. This morning papa went to Toronto. Em and I are going on Thursday morning. It is a lovely day out. In the evening, we went up to Kaufman's for supper and then went up to Waterloo song service.

Saturday January 1, 1898

Last Wednesday evening Albert and Vina's class had a surprise party out at Breithaupt's. They all met at L.J. Breithaupt and about 7.30 went out. nearly all the boys of A's class were there but only about half of our class came. We had a very nice time. Vina was alone at home when we got there. Albert & his mother were up at Zeller's. Their baby was baptised and A. was godfather. They came out to Breithaupt's about 8 o'clock. After they had been at home a short time Vina was presented with a purse and umbrella clasp. Ella read the address and May gave the present. John Wiegand read an address and N. Engleter ("If you love me love for-give me") gave Albert a gold-headed cane. We played games all evening. Refreshments were served about 10 o'clock. When we got to Toronto there was no person there to meet us. We were standing at the baggage room waiting for our baggage when another man a Com. Tr. went down to the car truck to get his valise. We had been waiting about 10 min. so when he came back he said he would go and get our baggage for us so I gave him the check. We had to wait a little while for the car and stood [crossed out: looking for] talking when he looked down at our telescope and saw J.S. Anthes Berlin Ont. written on top. So he asked me if I was any relation of Mr. Anthes I told him that I was his daughter and he said he knew my brother Frank also. He helped us on to the car. We got off at the [illegible: Tremaint?] house and then went up city. We took the afternoon car to the C.P.R. crossing and then had to wait for the Thornhill car about 45 min. When we got to Steels Hotel Clara's two brothers were there to meet us. In the evening Clara had about 20 people in. They were invited for 8 o'clock but one boy came about quarter to 7 so he was early enough. The rest of them came about 8. We played games about 2 or 3 hrs and then at 11 o'clock refreshments were served. There was a big table set in the dining room and so as many got around it as could. Of course there was not room enough for all and so three

or four of us waited. Em Hattie W. and myself were standing up at the dining room door. I was behind a chair where George [illegible: Col.?] came up and asked me if I would go out to tea with him. He does not speak plainly and as I knew that the table was full, I had to say "I beg your pardon" twice before. I knew what he was driving at. He was a fellow of medium height, had a brown suit on, a funny crook in his nose, pomp-a-dore about 2 inches high with a few stray locks on his fore head, and a tie on like Lou is [1 word illegible] on [1 word illegible]. When I noticed the tie I could hardly keep on a straight a face. I told him that the table was full but he said that there was a table set in the kitchen. Of course I did not want to go out with him alone and so I said "Come on girls" then we all trooped into the kitchen. I had no sooner sat down than Mr. Marshall, the man that stays here and runs the mill, came and asked me if he could sit down on the other side of me. I had to say yes and so there I was sitting between [two] hayseeds with Em Hattie W. and Clara. (They did not have any [illegible: beaus?]) on the other side of the table trying their level best to make me laugh. Of course I was waited on to perfection. After lunch we played games again and at one o'clock the people went home. There were some very nice boys and girls here. I never laughed as much for a long time as I did that evening. Yesterday morning we got up at half past eight and then straightened up the house. In the afternoon we went out skating but as it was very windy we did not stay long but came in the house and sat round the stove in the dining room until evening. After supper we went out skating. Some of the girls and boys of Newton Brook were coming out to skate but they did not appear. There were several of the boys that live around here out. I got an introduction to two of them. We came in at half past nine and at 10 o'clock we drove to Church to Watch-night service. It was very cold out. There were 25 people present. I was just a [little] bit sleepy. When we got home we ate some sandwiches and then went to bed. This morning we got up at nine o'clock. It is very cold out. Last night at the supper table Mr. M [~~crossed out: asked~~] said, "Did you see the girl last night that was so awfully hungry? She said she was not eatin' for style" Then he

said he meant Hattie W. Of course Em Clara and I were just shaking so as supper was over we left the table. I am going down to read "[illegible: Vashti?]" now. Em and Clara have been reading some time. I wrote to Lou yesterday.

Thursday January 6, 1898

I have not written in my diary for some time and so I will take the days as they come,

Saturday Jan 1st.

It was New Year's day. In the afternoon some of the Newton Brook people came out to skate. It was very cold and windy. We did not stay out long. Hattie W. froze her ear and so they all waited here until it was thawed out. There were about 6 people out. Hattie W., Hattie Risebrough, Miss Bull, Mr. W. Perrin, Mr. G. [1 word illegible], Mr. C. Ledley. When they left Clara Em and I drove along a [1 word illegible] and then walked back. In the evening we went to the Thorn Hill Social. Mr. Schmidt, Bert, Clara Em and I went from here. We called for Miss. Picket. When we got to Thorn H. we went into some hotel to get warmed and then walked over to the [1 word illegible] There were not very many people there as it was only about 6 o'clock. We left home at 5.30 without a bite of supper. When we got into the Church we put our wraps on the third back seat and then went up to the front seat to watch our chance to get into the S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] room where they were serving refreshments. Bye and bye we got in, sat down at a long table and had our supper. When we came back we found our seat taken by a gentleman and his girl. They were sitting in about the middle of the seat and as the seat could easily hold six, Miss Picket Em Clara and I thought we would sit in and they could move over toward the wall. But no the two did not budge an inch. There were the four of us packed as tight as we could be against the man and the girl had plenty of room on the other side of her. So we began pushing. But they must have weighed about a ton for they could not be moved, In the seat behind us was only Mr. Schmidt Walter Perrin J. Husband and another gentleman and so Miss Picket and I got up and went back and Walker P went and sat with Clara and Em. After all this fuss we got seated comfortably

and then the program commenced. The infant class were all seated on the platform on steps. The program was rather long and dry but I was kept going by Miss P. and J.H. as they are both chips. One lady sang four times. Her voice was [2 words illegible] she sang pieces that were as old as the hills. She was dressed in black and had some kind of a bib made of white beads on like this. [diagram of described clothing] Miss P. and J.H. left a short time before it was over as they wanted to catch the car. Miss. P. decided to take the car as it passed her place and it was ever so much out of our take to take her home. We got home about 11.30 and sat around the coat stove until after 12.

Sunday Jan. 2nd

We had to get up pretty early as S.S began at 9.15 a.m. Mr S. and the boys Clara Em and myself all went to S.S. We got there about 9.30 but were in [illegible: lok?] of time. We stayed to church. A student preached both times. He was very fair and his [crossed out: curls] hair was very curly. When ever you looked straight at him you'd think he was going to laugh but it was only the natural expression. He took for his text "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" His sermons was very good. After church we went home had dinner and were "lazy" or read all afternoon. In the evening Mr. & Mrs. S. and we three girls went to church. Hattie R. talked to the minister (he stayed at their place) so much that he came late to church and found as all patiently waiting. He preached very well again. We came home and went to bed about half past ten.

Monday Jan. 3rd

We got up about nine o'clock. Had breakfast and then did some fancy work until dinner time. After dinner Mr. & Mrs. S., Clara Em and I went to Mr. [1 word illegible]'s funeral. After that the three of us went to Risebrough's for supper. Mrs. Bull was there also She had been at R's for about a week. Her home is in Downsview. They had quite a bit of other company as several had come in to the funeral. After supper we sat and talked in the parlor until 8 o'clock and then went over to Epworth League. They had a large after dance. Mr. S. came into League to fetch us. When we got home we sat and talked until after 11 and then retired.

Tuesday Jan. 4

We were up at about 6.30 a.m. as we wanted to go to the city. We left here about 7.30 or 8. Mr. S. Clara Em and I all went. the drive was elegant.

We got at the city about 9.15. We took the car from the C.P.R. crossing up to Eaton's and were shopping all morning. We had lunch at Simpson's about 1.15 p.m.

Then Em wanted to get some skates. We walked down Young to King and then as we could not see any Hardware stores we thought we'd walk along King park way to ward Parkdale and see if we could find any. I wanted to call on Marie C. and so we decided to walk as we had no idea how far parkdale was. We walked and walked watching all the streets but never found Jamieson Ave.

When we had gone about 6 blocks from Young we asked a man how far J. Ave. was he said it was a little farther on and so [crossed out: as] we knew we were on the right track. We walked again for quite a distance and Em asked another man how far it was to J.A. he said it was 4 blocks on the other side of subway, so we passed in under subway, and walked about 8 blocks farther and still there was no J. Ave. We saw an[crossed out: d] old woman and asked her and she said it was two streets farther. We went three streets and as last struck J. Ave. We found the house all right and Mary's Aunt opened the door and said that Mary had just gone to Church but would be back soon. So we went in and waited about 10 minutes but as Mary did not come we left. Just before we reached King St. we saw her coming and so spoke to her a little while.

We took the car back to the C.P.R. crossing and waited a little while for Mr. Schmidt. In the evening we went out skating But before we were very much surprised at Mr. Marshall who had taken a good [1 word illegible] and fixed all our skates for us. Some of the N. B. people came out. The ice was elegant. I met quite a number of people and had some fine skates. We came in about 11 o'clock. We gave W.P. good bye as he was leaving Wed. morning. We sat around the stove talking to Mr. Marshall and then went to be about 12 o'clock.

Wednesday Jan. 5 -1898

We got up about 9 o'clock had breakfast and then went out to look for Em's Maple Leaf pin which she had lost the night before. We could not find it. After dinner Em, Clara and I went around to 6 places to tell the people to bring some girls to the

social to-night. The[sic] we came in and went to the pond to clean it off It took us from 3.30 to 5.30 to clean it but it was lovely after we had finished We had an early supper and at 6.30 went out and skated until 7.30 p.m. We came in and got ready to go to Miss Picket's to spend the evening Bert drove us. We got there about right time (8.30) [illegible: There were there.?] Mr. Ed Jackson, Mr. Will Jackson Hattie R, Miss Rutherford, Mrs. Ledley, Mr Calughin Mr. Husband, Em Clara and I. We had a very nice time playing games. Refreshments were served about 10.30. We left for home about 11.30 I drove with Mr. Husband to the corner as he was alone and there were 4 of us for the other cutter. When we got home we went straight to bed.

Thursday Jan. 6 - 1898

To day is Ella's Birthday. I got a letter of 20 pages from home last night. This morning we got up about 8 o'clock and after breakfast I mended my things and then wrote in my diary. We intend to go out skating this afternoon.

Saturday January 8, 1898

We have just finished the dusting and so I thought I'd write in my diary again. On Thursday afternoon we mended our things and then made sandwiches for the social at the church in the evening. After [~~crossed out: Church~~] supper Mr. Marshall said that if I'd sing a few verses of a hymn with him he would clear off the pond while we were at the social but we were to be sure and come home early to skate. We left here for the church about 7 o'clock. Mr. & Mrs. S. and we three girls went. Of course we were in [1 word illegible] of time and so we walked back to the store. We stayed a little while and when we got back to the church Clara Hattie and Em & I wiped off some dishes. We had to sit there until nearly half past eight when the meeting was opened, About 9.15 they served refreshments. Miss W. [illegible: "Heat stick of a Lawson"?], Mr Husband, Miss Pickett, Hattie W, Em and I were all sitting in one group. In the early part of the evening Mr. Pickett had asked me whether I had got home all right the night before. I told him I had and so when we were all sitting there he came up and asked J.H. why he had left the horses run away and told him he was a nice one

when after telling me that he was all right and that I would get home safely, to act like that of course the others asked whose horse had run away and J.H. told them that it was Mr. Schmidt's . I don't know whether they believed him or not. When the people had all had enough we left for home and went to bed about 12 o'clock

Friday Jan. 7 1898 -

Friday morning we cleaned. In the afternoon we did not do anything particularly except make sandwiches. About 6.30 p.m. we left for Newton Brook. Clara Em and I drove to the store and found no one there but John H. whom we had picked up on the way. We did not know what to do and where Mr. Ledley came he told us to go up to Risebrough's and hussle the girls up and bring them to the store while he and J.H. went to hitch up the big sleigh. At last we got started picking up people on the way, for Downsview. There were in all 10 girls and 6 boys. It was a lovely evening. After we had gone a short distance off of Young St. we had to get out and walk up hill. Sleighing was pretty tough but we at least reached Downsview. The pond there is not very large and the ice was rather soft but we skated all the same. I met about 6 or 8 of the Downsview people. We skated until about 10.30 and then drove over to Bull's. We played games and about 12 o'clock Refreshments were served. They could not all sit down and so while they were out the second table we played some more games we left for home about half past one. Downsview is about 8 miles from Newton Brook. I will put down the names of all who were along, Mr. Wallis, Mr. Bails, Mr Hesk (the [illegible: prof.?] a fellow with curly hair about 3 inches long and he wears glasses) the driver, Mr. Ledley, Mr. Husband, Miss Pickett, Miss Law, Miss Rutherford, Miss. B. Brooks, Hatie R., Hattie W, Clara Em and I. We had a jolly time coming home. We reached N. Brook about 3.30 and then they had to hitch up the cutter for us to drive home. We were a little bit frightened [~~crossed out: and~~] to drive all that lonely distance as Mr. Marshall had told us at dinner that we would be sorry we had gone to D. as he had dreamt that something terrible would happen to us three. However we got home safely at four a.m. and called Mr. M to put away the horse. He was pretty cross and said we had a lot of cheek to call him to put away the horse when we had not even put in a word so that he might

have been asked to go to D. I told him that we had not done the inviting. We were very glad when at 4.30 we were in bed a [underline: little] sleepy and tired. This morning we got up at 9.45.

Monday January 10, 1898

We have just finished the work. On Saturday afternoon we were at home and sewed. Mr. Will Schmidt, Clara's uncle, came out from the city about 5 o'clock. It was very mild all day but in the evening Clara, Em and I went out on the pond to skate and found the ice very good. We were rather tired and so came in about 15 min to nine we talked and played until 10.30 and then went to bed. Yesterday (Sunday) morning we went to S.S. about nine o'clock. Clara's class and teacher (Miss Rutherford) went over to the Bible class and so had Mr. Pickett for teacher. Mrs. Schmidt stayed at home. The rest of us all stayed for Church. After church there was class meeting. A lot stayed. We got home from Church about 1.15 and then had dinner. In the afternoon we read and talked and Mrs. White came down with her baby to stay awhile. After supper we all went to Church except the three boys. It was a grand night. The moon was nearly full yet. After church we sat around the coal stove talking. Me and Mrs. S. went to bed about 10 o'clock. But Mr. Will S., Mr Marshall, Clara Em and I gibberered till nearly 12 o'clock. Will did nothing but stuff Mr. Marshall and so the three of us girls sat there just shaking. The 5 of us managed to eat nearly a whole cake and some fruit cake besides Mr. Marshall believed every thing we told him and as Will sided in with every thing we told him he felt pretty good. This morning Mr. Will and Mr. Schmidt left for the city. Mrs. L. has been lying down as she does not feel well. We three girls did the work. We got up about 15 to 8.

Wednesday January 12, 1898

I have just finished a letter to Ina. I sent one to Ella this morning. It is just pouring out to day. On Monday afternoon we went out skating. In the evening Bert drove Em Clara and I out to League in the buggy. We did not get back until 10.10 o'clock. Yesterday morning we did the work In the afternoon we had intended going out calling but were too lazy. In the evening we went out skating. They built a fire on the middle of the ice as it was so very

dark and misty out. About 9 o'clock it began to pour again and so we hurried in. We read until after 11 and then went to bed. This morning we got up at 7.45 and did the work then I wrote to Ina & Lou. We are asked up to Lindsay's to tea but it just pouring and unless it stops we can not go. We intended to go to the rink from there. Last night (Tuesday) while we were at the table we got the mail. Em got a card from her mother and a letter from Ella and the News Record. I got a letter from Ina. Em read her mother's card and she said she had sent the paper so that we could read about Mr. Miller's death. We wondered who she could mean and were indeed very much surprised to read that Adolph Mueller of the B.H.S. had died on Friday. I am going to sew now.

Thursday January 13, 1898

It is lovely out to day. It is freezing and so skating will be fine. Yesterday afternoon we went to Lindsay's for supper. It rained until after 3 o'clock and so we had given up almost all hope of going, but as it cleared up then we went and got dressed. We left about 4 o'clock. It was very misty out and pretty muddy to drive. Ada L. had a friend Miss M. MacDonald staying there with her. She comes from Toronto. I met Ada's brother Will also. We had supper about six o'clock. After supper we went to the Library at Thorn Hill. It was pitch dark out and so we walked behind a lady who had a lantern all the way. We went to the library got a book and then went over to the store to buy a pair of laces and some exercise Books, We had to wait some for the lady with the lantern and when she came we had to file out after her. We were nearly at L. when it began to rain and lighten. We got in the house when it began to thunder. There was a very heavy storm then and it poured as fast as it could all the time. Of course there was no chance of Em Clara and I to get home, for when it did stop raining it was as dark as pitch and we did not fancy driving in the dark. We were all pretty sleepy and so decided to go to bed early for a change. We went up stairs and after fooling around for a while went to bed. Clara had just put out the lights and was crawling into the bed when there was a knock at the front door and we heard some person calling Clara! We could not imagine who it could be and so Clara went out into the hall and asked what was wanted. It was her uncle Henry from

Muskoka and he said he wanted to see Clara right away. So Clara spoke to him over the banister and he said that Mr. S. and he had come to fetch us. So there the three of us had to get up and get dressed. Ada Lindsay and Miss. Mc. Donald thought it great sport to see us get up and get dressed when we had only been in bed 5 min. We dressed in a hurry and Clara & I drove with her uncle while Em drove with Mr. S. It was lovely out by this time as the storm had entirely disappeared and the stars were out. We drove home pretty fast and got a [little] mud splashed on us. When we got home Mr. S. went to bed and the four of us talked until nearly twelve. We went up stairs and then Clara Em and I came down again and stayed down until about 12.30. That time we went up for good and after repeating several nursery rhymes and humming until one o'clock we slept until about 7.15 this morning. Then we got up and had breakfast. Mr. Ratz left in time to catch the 9 car. It is colder out to-day and we hope it will freeze well as we wanted skate.

Friday January 14, 1898

I have just finished the dusting. Yesterday morning a Miss Coates from Tor. came out and stayed for dinner. She used to live in N.B. After dinner Mrs. S. and Miss. Coates went out calling and Clara, Em and I did the dishes and then read. We had intended to go out skating but the ice was not hard enough. Mr. Pickett came out to call. Shortly after he left a Mrs. Grahame came to call and so she waited about 5 min until Mrs. S. and Miss Coates came back. Em Clara and I drove Miss Coates to Newton Brook about 4 o'clock p.m. and the four of us went to call on Mrs. Millikin and "[1 word illegible]" They wanted us to stay to tea but we said we had to hurry back. We went into the store and bought our tickets for the "sleighride?" to night. When we got home we found the people at supper. Mrs. Grahame had stayed so we waited until they were finished. After supper and the dishes, Em and I went into the dining room to read. Mrs. S. & Mrs. G. had gone into the parlor when there was a knock at the door and found a man standing there and so asked him to come in. Mrs. S. came into

the dining room and so introduced me to Mr. Brummell. I had heard the name before as he occasionally came to see Clara in the evening I went into the kitchen and told Clara her beau was in the room, So we went in and talked for a while. Then he taught us to play "Lost Heir" and we played several games. At 10 o'clock he left and at 10.30 we went to bed. This morning after breakfast Em & I drove Mr. S. out to [crossed out: the] Young St. to catch the 9 car for the City. We came back, did the dishes and then dusted.

Saturday January 15, 1898

This morning when we awoke we found the ground all white and it was snowing. Yesterday after noon Em and I walked over the pond to see what the ice was like. Then Clara Em and I went to call on Mrs. Jim and Mrs. Will Robinson. They do not live far from here and so we walked. They live across the road from each other. We went to Mrs. Jim R. first. Mrs. Will R. invited us to come to their place to supper on Tuesday evening. When we came back we had supper and then Bert drove us out to Steel's at 6.30. The Epworth League went to Richmond Hill (10 miles). We had to wait at Steel's quite a while before they came. There were two waggon loads. There were 23 on our load. We reached Richmond Hill about 8.15. The League there treated the N.B. League very strange I thought. There was no person there to welcome us. We went into the S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] room and listened to their programme. The President did not so much as welcome the N.B. League or say they were pleased to have us there or any thing, but he started right off with their Programme. It had been understood before that the N.B. League were to finish half of the programme but he never said beans about it but asked Mr. Pickett to pronounce the Benediction. Ms. Leadley told him (Pres.) about it during the closing song & so when the song was ended he told the people to be seated and said that the N.B. people had a programme they wished to [illegible: render?] and with that he left the platform. Charley L. being Pres of the N.B. League got up and explained matters saying that it was understood that they were to finish half of the programme. The other Pres. did not say a word. Not even that he was sorry that he had made a mistake. The Richmond Hill Programme had been very good but the N.B. Programme was just as good.

After League the Richmond Hill people nearly all left (the room had been full) and only a few of the members stayed. They sewed. Refreshments and then said that if we liked we could go in and see the Church. The Church is very large and looks something like ours from the front. We left about 10.30 and had a lovely ride home. We got into the house at exactly 12 o'clock and like big geese sat and talked until 10 after one. This morning I did not hear a sound until 9.30 and then [1 word illegible]. Em and I had breakfast together and have worked since. The rest are at dinner but I was not hungry. I thought I would write in my diary instead. The boys are coming from the city this afternoon. I sent a card to Lou last night.

Monday January 17, 1898

The people have not come in for dinner yet and so I'll write in here. On Sat. afternoon we finished up the work and then got dressed. We were all ready about 3.30 but as the boys did not come until after 4 I began a letter to Lou which I intend to finish this afternoon. Well the boys came Will Schmidt and Geo. Schmdit and Mr. W. Seccombe. He is very tall and I think he is handsome although Ada Lindsay said that he wasn't a bit, He is very dark and cute. After they had been here a short time they decided to go out and clean off the circle on the pond of course the 3 of us girls had to go along. They cleaned off about 1/2 of the circle and then decided that they'd go to the rink in the evening. We had just cleaned off a short distance when Ada Lindsay and Miss M. MacDonald came. They both knew Mr. Seccombe and so Clara had asked them up to tea. When we got back to the house we talked and looked at photos until supper time. About 7.30 we left for the rink. Mr. S. drove us out Mr. W.S. drove Ada Lindsay & Miss M.D. home as they had their horse here so there was only 7 on our load as far as Lindsays. Clara sat in front with her father and the driver and I sat between Mr. G. Schmidt and Mr. Seccombe while Em had the extreme pleasure of sitting on Geo's knee. Of course I had a lovely ride with Mr. Sec. hanging onto me so that he would not fall out(?). When we got to Lindsays we had to wait for the girls. I must go down to dinner now.

Tuesday January 18, 1898

I will finish writing about Saturday evening. When we had

waited at Lindsays about 10 min. the girls came out and piled on. We drove to the rink. Clara and I went the first round together after we had managed to get a seat to sit down on while our skates were put on. The rink is pretty large and the ice was fine. The band played so loud that you'd have to yell at the top of your voice to make your partner understand. There were only a [few] discords in their playing. The 3 boys from the city had not been on skates for 2 years and so we girls had lots of fun watching them and taking them around. Mr. Seccombe could go very well. Mr. Geo. S. managed to go around but how he got around is more than I could understand. There were not so very many there and so we had lots of room. The rink closed at 10 o'clock and the band had hardly played the last note of "God save the Queen" before the whole rink was in darkness. We had to walk as far as the hotel and there we got on to the sleigh. Mr. Seccombe went back to Tor. on the 10.15 car and so he got off at Lindsays to wait for it although he said he would not care very much if he were to miss it. Well we reached home safe and sound and sat and talked and ate cake until 12 o'clock. Next morning Sunday, we got up pretty early and went to S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] for dinner and supper. Mr. Ed. Jackson was out from the city and he sang a solo both morning and evening. We talked nearly all afternoon and after supper went to Church. Mr. Morgen only said "I" (meaning himself) 96 times. I counted them. After church we all sat around the coal stove and talked till about 11.45. Next morning we got up before I had breakfast and were out skating by 8 o'clock. Well S. did not go out so there were only 4 of us. It was very cold out and the ice was rough. At 8.30 we had to come in & the boys wanted to catch the 9 car. Em and I drove them out. We got as far as the Store when the trolley came. Mr. Ed. Jackson left on the same car. We went in for the mail and some sandpaper and then came home. The drive was lovely. We went back by 9.25. In the afternoon we went over to call on [illegible: Louisbrough?] to call They had invited to us to come to tea on Wed. evening but as we are going home Wed. morning we thought we'd call on them anyway. They live 3 1/2 miles from here. We passed Husband's on the way but did not see John. We stayed at [illegible: Louisbrough?] for supper. They have 4 girls. We had a very nice time. After supper we played some games and could not go to League

because it was too late. I was very sorry because it was our last League night here. Coming home I drove. We had to go to the store to post some letters and we passed lot of the people coming from league. We got home about 11.30. This morning we got up at 8.30 Mrs. Risebrough has been here already but she [crossed out: is] has gone home again. It is a lovely day out. Em Clara and I are going out for a drive this afternoon. Then we are going to Robinsons for tea and from there are going to the Carnival at the rink. There is a Library concert and we were invited to go to Brummells in the evening and were invited to [illegible: Louisbrough's?]. So we would have had lots of place to go to if we stayed. On Friday evening we are invited to [illegible: Fur's?] to spend the evening but I guess we will be at home by then. I will likely not write in my diary until I get home.

Thursday January 20, 1898

I am at home again. Tuesday afternoon Clara Em and I walked into Newton Brook. We wanted to give the people good-bye and as the horse was in use we had to walk it. First we took a picture of Schmidt's house and along the road I took a photo of Em and Clara. We went down to give Miss Pickett good-bye and I took a picture of the three. It was two 1/2 miles down to Pickett's and so we had a nice walk. We went into the store and gave Mr. Leadley good-bye. We each took a picture of the store and then called in at Walkinshaw's to give Hattie good-bye. We saw Mr. B. Brummell coming along in the waggon and so we got a drive all the way home. Then we went to Robinson's for supper. We got there about 4 o'clock. We had a very nice time. There was another man there for supper also. We left Robinsons at 6.30 and went home and put on our skating boots and only had to wait a little while for the [1 word illegible] that went up to the carnival. Em and I saw in the front seat with Willie Brummell but he was pretty cross because he had asked Clara to sit with him and she wouldn't. He did not skate a bit at the rink. There were only about 12 dressed up. We could not get on the ice until after 8 and then there was such a crowd on that you could hardly get along. The ice was

fine and I had 2 nice long skates with John H. The rink closed at 10. John took off my skates and walked with me to the hotel where they kept the [1 word illegible]. Geo. C. went with Clara. I did not know where Em was and when we came to the hotel she was not there so Geo. C. went back to get her and met her just outside of the door. She had been waiting for us at the rink. Mr. Marshall had gone dressed as a bugler of something or other. He looked quite nice. Of course he took Miss Ford along. When we got home we sat and talked around the coal stove for the last time. On [~~crossed out: The~~] Wed. morning we got up about 7 had breakfast and then packed. Clara had intended to drive along into the city with us but she changed her mind so Mr. S. drove Em and I in the Gladstone We gave the people goodbye and left about 9 o'clock. When we got into the city we took the car to the Tremaint House had our luggage checked and then Em and I went out shopping. We got through about one o'clock and so went back to the hotel and had lunch and then sat at the window and watched the people. Mr. S. came for us at 3 and we went through the dull shed and the Parliament buildings There was a man there taking a photo and so he helped Em and I with ours We went back to the Tremaint House and got our luggage and took the car to the station. When we got there we had 20 min. to wait and so we got into the train and thought we'd get settled. He had hardly sat down when Albert came in so we had company all the way home. Albert gave me a book on Photography Em and I got our developing out fit in the city When we got off at the station Lou and Ella came panting around the station, they had run all the way down. Alvin had the two seater there and so he drove us home Frank and Re were not home, papa was in Montreal, and Mother was at Prayer meeting. I unpacked and went to bed about 10.30. This morning I [~~crossed out: went~~] got awake about 6.30 and got up at 7.30. We had breakfast and Lou and I did the work. Mother went down town. This afternoon I took a bath and got dressed. Em was down for her things. I guess I'll go over and see Ina a little while tonight.

Monday January 24, 1898

It is getting colder out again. Mother is down town Rena just got up and is having her breakfast. Thursday evening I was at home. On Friday afternoon I went out to Carries about 3.45 to get her skates for Lou. When I got home Lou and I went out to the lake to skate. It was the first time Lou had been on skates for 2 years. Albert was out also. Eff came out about 5.15. The ice was not very good. We got home about six o'clock. In the evening Ella and I helped mother to a comforter. We went to bed about 11 o'clock. Saturday we worked all morning. In the afternoon May came over for me to go out skating at 2.30. Ina went along and Ella went out with Alice. I had a very nice time. Mabel came out about 4 o'clock and of course May went with her as they seem to be great friends of late. They had a good long skate with Ed, Knechtel, Ella had a skate with her beloved "Joe". We got home about 6.15 and found papa at home. He came from Montreal on the after noon train. About 8 o'clock I went down town with Ina. It was snowing but the snow as very wet. I came home studied my S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] lesson and then went to bed.

On Sunday morning Lou and I went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] Church was un till about 12.30. We all went to S.S. and after S.S. we did not go for our usual walk as it was too windy but I came home and read. In the evening our whole family went to church. After Church I fooled around until 10 o'clock and then went to bed.

Saturday January 29, 1898

Monday Jan 24

Last Monday evening I went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] Ella Evelyn and May were there also. They joined the Alliance at New Year. After church Eff Lou and I intended going a piece with Em. We got as far as [1 word illegible] when Albert and Vina came [crossed out: out] and asked Em if she wanted a ride home of course she went. I came home read a little and then went to bed.

Tuesday Jan 25.

It was very stormy out. It was lovely in the

morning and so I decided I'd go out to Carrie's for a walk in the afternoon. Rena was sick and so did not get up till 5 p.m. I went out to Carries about 3.30. It was snowing a little when I left home and by the time I reached the bridge it was very windy and stormy. When I got to Carries (which I managed to do without being blown to pieces) she was not at home but had gone out for a drive. I played with Carl until they came home. I left about 5.45. It was very stormy and snowing. I was only blown off the side walk a few times. When I reached home Rena wanted to go to Simond's for a [1 word illegible] and so I went. When I came home again my skirts were quite wet and I had to change them. After supper I sewed. The doctor came over to see Rena.

Wednesday Jan. 26

In the afternoon Em Louie and I intended to go out skating but the ice was n.g as they were cutting it and had not cleaned any off around the island. We went for a walk instead. It was an elegant[sic] day out. I came home about 5 and marked a photo frame to sew. In the evening I sewed at it a little while.

Thursday Jan'y 27

I was at home all day. It snowed all the time I sewed at my photo frame. It was very cold out. In the evening I felt pretty sick and so went out to get "fresh air"

Friday Jan. 28

It very cold out. I helped do the work in the morning and then sewed. * - [crossed out: I went down to the library with Ina after supper. It was very stormy]

Sat Jan. 29

We cleaned the house in the morning. Lucy told Ella that she was coming down to call on me in the afternoon. I waited for her until 4.30 and then Emma bought me a letter from Hattie and wanted Ina and I to go out for a sleigh ride so we went. We drove out to see what the lake was like but it was n.g as they were cutting ice. We got home about 5.30 and then Ina came in to see Rena. Papa came home from Hamilton. After supper Ina Ella & I had promised Louie we would come down and see Gerty Melross so of course we

had to go. We went about 8 o'clock. Gerty is greatly changed. We had a very nice time playing games. We got home at 10.45 and as I had to take my bath I did not get to bed until 12 o'clock. The ther. was 18° below zero.

* Friday Jan 28.

I forgot all about that we had been to May's on Friday afternoon. Em Ina Ella & myself went over to Wings as May was having a few girls in. We left here about 5.15 (We were invited to come at 5) but had to call for Evelyn. We went to Br's and after waiting about 10 min. outside Ina & I determined to go on and Ella and Em waited before we got to Wings Mabel, Flossie and Louie were there. We went up to May's room and took off our things. Then we went down to the parlor and sat and talked. In about 15 min. Ella and Em came and said that they were tired waiting for Evelyn. We talked a while longer and about 6 o'clock Evelyn came in looking kind of sulky. Then we went out to tea Emma Anthes and Effie Wing waited on the tables. After supper we played spin the knife and when we got tired of that we played Cherades. We had heaps of fun. We left for home about 10.30

Sunday January 30, 1898

Lou and I went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance]. It was very cold out. We all went to church except Ella and Rena. Rev. Hauch preached. In the afternoon I went to S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] After S.S. Em Ella Ina and I went out for a walk. We walked up to the Cemetary to see Mr. Mueller's grave. We had to go through pretty deep snow to get to the grave. We saw some of the flowers yet. We managed to get home with out being blown to pieces or being frozen. In the evening mother stayed at home, as she was not feeling well, with Rena. Mr. Hauch preached again. His sermon was excellent. The Ther. was 15° below zero.

Monday January 31, 1898

It was very cold and stormy. I finished sewing my Photo frame. Emma came down for a while in the afternoon. Louie and Gerty came to call while Em was here. Gerty went home in the evening. It was very stormy but still there were

quite a number at Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] Eff S. led. I played. I did not stay to teachers meeting as none of the girls wanted to stay Em and May were not there. After I came home I read until 11 o'clock and then went to bed.

Tuesday February 1, 1898

It was still very cold out. Will Breithaupt was married. Mrs. B. Vina and Albert went to Montreal on Saturday. Mr. & Mrs. L. J. & John went Monday. Mr. [1 word illegible]'s little girl Priscilla died in the evening of Diphtheria. She only took sick on Sat. She was buried [~~crossed out: yesterday~~] at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mamma went to the funeral with Mrs. Kaufman. I went out to Carrie's about four o'clock. It was awfully cold and stormy. I stayed out over night. After the children were put to bed I stamped off a doyley. Went to bed about 10.

Wednesday February 2, 1898

It is [underlined: very] stormy out now. I was out at Carrie's all day and played with the children. Carrie and Ed, Louise and I drove in the afternoon about 5 o'clock. The children stayed here while [~~crossed out: I~~] Carrie went down town. I wrote in my Diary until supper time. I am going to write to Clara now. Lou intends going to Church and Ella is reading.

Thursday February 3, 1898

The weather was very cold. I helped with the work in the morning and then read "From A Girls Point of View" by Lillian Bell. I finished it in the afternoon. I ironed until 3 o'clock. Then I read and got dressed about 5 o'clock and worked at my photo frame. After supper Ella and I went with Frank to his house. We stayed until about 8 o'clock. Frank & Re slept there for the first time. When we came home I finished my photo frame and then commenced reading. "In His Steps" or "What would Jesus do". Then I went to bed about 10 o'clock.

Friday February 4, 1898

It is a lovely day out to-day. Mother Lou & I did the Saturday's cleaning to-day. James Allison was hanged this morning at 8.05 o'clock. He was the first person ever hung in Berlin. Mamma was for a drive with

Carrie and just got back. Lou and Eff have gone over to see Rena. Evelyn & Ella have gone out "[illegible: bobing?]" I got a letter from Albert saying as he would not be back till Monday he would like me to take his C-Class So I'm in for it. Kaufman's are going to Bridgeport to Revival Services and Em wants us girls to go along so I guess we will have lots of fun in the drive. I am going down & try to get warm as I have been very cold all day.

Saturday February 5, 1898

On Friday evening we went to Bridgeport. There were 20 on the load. Ella did not go as she went to the Club meeting. Ina had a cold and so could not go. May & a cousin of hers, Miss [illegible: Kercher?], went along. It was an elegant evening. The Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] from Waterloo were over too. I got back home at 11 o'clock. Saturday morning I helped with the work and then as I did not feel well I slept for an hour. In the afternoon Em wanted me to go down town with her. She came for me about 3 o'clock with "Klondike Bill" Alvin and the two-seater Lou wanted to post a letter at the station and so we drove her down there first. When we got near the Creamery the horse got kind of frisky and then the sleigh caught in the car track and tipped over. Of course we were all left in the snow and the horse went off full pelt toward the station with the sleigh on the side. We must have looked nice. There were the four of us stung out in the snow with three robes two seats a sheep skin and an umbrella. The horse was stopped near the station. There was quite a nice crowd along the side walk watching us. Lou walked in to the station Alvin brought the horse back and Em and I collected the robes [1 word illegible] & put them on a pile till the horse came back, then we put the things back again & Alvin went to the orphanage to get Mrs. Kaufman and Lou Em & I walked up to our place. Em and I walked down town. None of us had been hurt by the upset and the cutter was also alright but the horse got his two feet out. When we got finished with our shopping, Em & I were just coming out of Geoff's when we saw Alvin coming along alone in the cutter. His mother was in some store. So Em & I got in and Alvin drove us down to the furriers. Then I went home. In the evening we went down to Hallman's to sleigh-ride down the hill. We expected 8 to go but Ella went to

the rink, Lou could not go, Ina had a bad cold Eff was afraid of [1 word illegible] and Evelyn expected her mother home on the 8 train so there was only May & her friend, Alvin Em and I. We had lots of fun though. We left a little after nine to go home. The hill had been elegant. When I got home I stayed up for Ella until 10.30. Irene came on the afternoon train. She is staying out at Carrie's.

Sunday February 6, 1898

Lou and I went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] It was a lovely day out. I took Albert's C. Class. Ella went to the church of England with Irene. After church I drove out with Carrie to stay to dinner, Irene walked out to Carrie's alone. She was to have taken Ella along out but she did not understand. Carrie and so did not say anything to Ella about it. Charlie Niehaus came out with John. After dinner we went out to the greenhouse and then John drove us in to S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] He took papa and mamma along back. After S.S. Irene went over to Erb's and Ella went with the girls over to Hauch's to sing for Mrs. H, who is very sick. Edward and I could not get into the house and so we walked up and down till Mamma & Papa came back. Irene & Edward drove back with Carrie and John. I went to Church in the evening. After church Irene & John came in for a little while. Mr. Hauch preached both times.

Monday February 7, 1898

It was very stormy out. We began to clean up stairs. I worked until about 3.30 in the afternoon. After supper I went to Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] It was Business meeting There were quite a number present. After Y.P.A. Ina Ella and I walked out to King with Em.

Tuesday February 8, 1898

We cleaned up stairs. In the afternoon Carrie came and wanted me to go out for a sleigh ride with her and Irene. She left Carl and Louisa here and took Edward along. It was a lovely day out. We drove up around Waterloo and then down to Berlin. I got home about 4.30 and then got dressed. In the evening I went to Church. It was the first of our Revival Meetings. There were a lot there.

Wednesday February 9, 1898

We cleaned again. Mother went to Ladies' Aid in the afternoon. I was at home all day except in the evening. I went to church. It was very misty and rainy out. Papa went to Toronto in the morning. Irene came in a little while in the afternoon. Eff and I went to the station to see Mary [1 word illegible] off. She was married.

Thursday February 10, 1898

We finished the upstairs. We worked until 3 o'clock. It was still very misty out. Mamma went to Prayer-Meeting over at Mrs. Dessler's. I went to Church in the evening. Lou had been invited up to Emma Anthes' to supper but she did not go. Church was very well attended. Em & I intended going out for a drive in the afternoon but it began to rain. I wrote to Hattie.

Friday February 11, 1898

It was clear in the morning. We cleaned the whole down stairs. I stopped working about 3.30 and go dressed. There I read till supper time. After supper I went down to the Creamery for Mother. It was just pouring rain. There was not many at church. When I came home I read. Em, May, Evelyn and Ina were up at Em A. for tea. Ella and I had been invited but we did not go. Papa came home from Toronto in the evening.

Saturday February 12, 1898

I got up at 9 o'clock. When I got down stairs Irene and Carrie were there. I had breakfast. Carrie went home but Irene stayed for an hour and then went to Waterloo. Mother and Lou baked and Ella & I washed our hands. I finished reading "In His Steps" It was very good. Then I wrote in my Diary. Then I had dinner helped to do the work and then wrote again. I am going to take my bath now.

Sunday February 13, 1898

On Saturday evening Ella and I went down to Frank's but as he & Rena & Mrs. S. were going down town we did not stay long. We went down to the

Library. Irene came down from Waterloo about 9.15 p.m. and waited at our place 'till John came for her. Sunday was a lovely day out. Ella & I did not go to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] Carrie came in for the day. Ella did not go to Church but stayed here with the children. We went to S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] in the afternoon. After S.S. Irene and I went over to Evelyn's to tea. After supper we went to Church and sat in Breithaupt's seat. There was an after meeting down in the S.S. Room. We got home about 10 o'clock.

Monday February 14, 1898

It was an elegant day out. I helped with the work in the morning and then cleaned silverware until 3 o'clock p.m. Then I got dressed and read. Papa left for Montreal on the 5 p.m. train. After supper the girls came for us and we went to church. Irene and Edward were in in the afternoon. After church Ina and I went apart of the way home with May. When I got home home I played for Lou and she sang until 10.30 when what should happen but the door Bell ring and Albert came walking in. Poor Fellow he had to take Alina and her mother home after church and then come back. I'm afraid he must have it bad or he would surely never come at such an unhealthy hour to "call".

Tuesday February 15, 1898

The weather was fine. I helped with the work. It was wash day. In the afternoon Lou went to Prayer meeting at Mrs. Hibner's. I read nearly all afternoon. In the evening I went to Church.

Wednesday February 16, 1898

We ironed in the morning. At dinner time Ella got a letter from Gus. S. thanking her for a Valentine (which she had not sent) etc. It was very stormy out. Mother did not go to prayer-meeting. Irene was in in the afternoon. Lou and she were down town. I went to church in the evening. After church Ella Ina & I went part of the way home with May. When I got home I read for a while. Got a letter from Clara.

Thursday February 17, 1898

We ironed all morning. Mother went to

Prayer Meeting in the afternoon. Irene & Lou went down to the factory. Frank was home for supper as Rena was asked out someplace. After supper I went to Church.

Friday February 18, 1898

It was very misty and wet out. We cleaned the whole house. I helped until 10 o'clock and then went out to Wilson's with Irene. Peter drove us out in the cutter with M and. There was [underlined: plenty] snow but we reached the lane all ok after a few stoppages. We walked down the lane because we were afraid we could not get through other wise because the shafts were in the middle of the cutter instead of at one side. Well we reached the house and found Mary had only 7 visitors 1 man & women and some children. Eleven had come out the day before at about 4 o'clock p.m. but 4 of them came in to Berlin over night & so they had only 7 there over night. They left right after dinner. Irene May and I sat in the parlor talking nearly all afternoon. Mary's little girl Norma is very sweet. The 3 boys came home from school shortly before we left. We had a lunch about 5 o'clock & while we were eating Peter came for us. He had bought Duby and had the shafts fixed. We reached Queen St. all night after nearly upsetting a [underlined: few] times. Well we got home about 6 o'clock. Irene went out to Carrie's for supper but I came home. After tea I went to church After church Ella and I walked up to the courier with May and when we got back to church we saw Emma and Maggie Hill there yet so we walked out to King with them.

Saturday February 19, 1898

I got up about nine o'clock. Mother and Lou baked and so Ella and I did the other work. Irene came in about 11 o'clock and stayed to dinner. In the afternoon she and Lou went down town. I went down to Doon with Em about 4 o'clock. She drove Kate B. home. There were 5 of us Alvin, Milton, Kate Em & I. Maggie H. went home on the three train. We reached Doon about 5 and went in to Bowman's to get warm. We had some refreshments and at 5.20 left for home; we got back a little after six. The ride was lovely After supper Ella & I went to the rink with Alice Chisholm. The ice was elegant. We left about 10 o'clock p.m. When we got home I took my bath and

then went to bed.

Sunday February 20, 1898

It was a very damp day out. Mr. Shiedel came down a little before 10 o'clock a.m., to tell us that Uncle Isaac had died at three o'clock that morning. Lou and I went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] Evelyn was there and so during [illegible: Catch?] time we sat and talked. In the morning we all stayed to church. I went to S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] We have our old class and teacher back again. Ada P. Clemens has Ella's class. After S.S. we had Prayer meeting. I came home and read and after supper went to church again. We had an after meeting in the S.S. room and as it was so full some of us girls sat on the Platform with the choir. We went to bed after we came home.

Monday February 21, 1898

It was very cold out. Ella did not go to school. Mother and Lou did the house work and Ella and I shovelled snow. Then we went down to the station to post that wonderful letter to Gus S. I got dressed about 4 p.m. Then Ella and I walked out to Carrie's to see Irene as she was alone. Carrie had gone to Waterloo. She came back about 5.30 and said that the three of us could drive in for John. So we did. We left about 5.45 and as John would not be ready till six we went around a few blocks. I went down with Irene to the office and Ella got off at our place. John was at the ware house and so we went there for him. I got out and knocked at the door but no person came. Finally a girl across the street put her head out of the door and said it was of no use for us to knock as they had all gone. At first we did not know what to do but we at last decided to go out to Carrie's and see whether he was at home. When we got there we did not find him there and so Carrie said Peter could drive me home and perhaps we'd see John on the way. Irene went out to the barn for Peter but he had gone home to supper and so Irene and I drove back. We met John at the school and he got in & drove me home. I had my supper then went to church.

Tuesday February 22, 1898

It was rather snowy out. In the afternoon Em came down and wanted me to go up to Waterloo with her

Mother and Lou wanted to go up to Aunt Caroline's and so they went along up with us. First I walked down town with Ella to get her a hat and when we came back we went with Em. Mother and Ella & Lou were in the back seat and Em & I in the front. I drove Klondike Bill. We left mother and Lou off at Aunt C. and we went up to the stores. Ella held the horse while Emma and I made our usual round of the dry goods stores and of course did not get what we wanted any way. We called for mother & Lou and drove them down King to Foundry as they wanted to do some shopping. Ella & I drove back with Em to the Brunswick House and from there walked home. In the evening I went to church. Mother and Ella stayed at home. Irene stayed at our place over night. We sat and talked 'till 12 o'clock.

Wednesday February 23, 1898

We got up about 8 o'clock. It was a very nice day out. Irene went out to Carrie's for dinner. Uncle Isaac's funeral was in the afternoon. The team came at 12.30 for us. Ella went with John and so there was only Mother Frank Lou and I for our team. When we reached Aunt Caroline's we had to wait 'till a little after one. They had a short service at the house and then went to the church Lou stayed at the house with Lily and Phoebe. The server at the church was pretty & long Mr. Rowell spoke in English and Mr. Wing in German. We left for the Cemetary at 3.30. When we came back mother Ella and I went to Auntie's. We stayed there for tea. I met several people there. And I saw all my cousins. Lou waited on the tables. We left for home on the 7.20 trolley. Then we all went to church.

Thursday February 24, 1898

I went to the station to post a letter to papa on the [crossed out: 10]9.30 train. Ella went to school. It was an elegant day out. When I come back from the station I went over to see Ina. She has La Grippe. Eff taught in her place. I stayed there about half an hour and when i came home I found Allie Hoffman here. He came down to give us goodbye as he went back to Brantford in the afternoon. We had dinner and about three o'clock I went out for a drive with him. She took a load to the Prayer meeting first and then came for me. There was only

Em & I for the 2 seater and so we had enough room. Em wanted Lou and Ella to go along but Ella was off at school and Lou did not want to go along. We drove out to Carrie's for Irene but she was going out with Carrie. We drove across to Kaufman's as Em wanted to get her cap and as we passed [1 word illegible]. Mrs. J came and asked us if we would drive her down town. We drove her to Mrs. Apple's and then left her off to the [illegible: P.G.?] and we went up to school for Alvin. We waited a long time for him and then as he did not come we told Eff we'd drive her home. Mrs. Ernest came out of Wings and asked us if we'd drive her & two other ladies out to the Poor House. We did and then took Eff home. Then we drove up to Kaufman's and got Alvin and Edna and went up to Waterloo. When we got back to Kaufman's Em got off and Alvin drove me home. After supper I went to Church.

Friday February 25, 1898

We cleaned the whole house in the morning. In the afternoon Irene and Edward came in. Ella and Evelyn went out snow shoeing and before they left Lou took a picture of them. I went down in Bristols about 5 and then helped get supper. John came for Edward but Irene stayed to supper. Frank was at home for dinner and supper as Rena was in Guelph with her mother. After supper Irene went to the church of Eng. and the rest of us, except mother went to our church. We intended to walk out to Carrie's but as she had a sore foot she decided to stay at our place. We walked to the corner with Evelyn and then Irene came in to our place while Ella and I went a piece with Em.

Saturday February 26, 1898

Lou went to market. Irene went out to Carrie's in the morning. I helped with the work and then took my bath in the afternoon. Ella and I went down to Doon with Em Alvin and Kate. It was an elegant day out. Papa came home on the three o'clock train. On the way back from Doon I read a letter from Hattie R. to Em. We got home about six o'clock. After supper Ella and I went down to the Library and on our way back called in to see Ina who has La Grippe. She had been in bed all day but seemed a little

better. We stayed there about half an hour and then came home. I read a little while and then went to bed.

Sunday February 27, 1898

It was a lovely day out. Lou and I went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] in the morning. Papa and Ella did not come to church as papa had a sore fore head and Ella did not want to [crossed out: come] go. In the afternoon I went to S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] Irene came in with Louise and Edward. After S.S. Ella went up to Kaufman's for supper. Miss Ernest was there too. I read and after supper went to church again. We had an after meeting. Ella and Em went over to see Ina and after it was over Eff and I went all the way home with Em. It was a lovely [crossed out: day out] evening and the walk was fine. It was John's birthday.

Monday February 28, 1898

After the work was done I read and fooled around. At 2 o'clock. Louie and I went out collecting for the Bible Society. We had a nice time of it. Some of the people would not let us in and then we'd see them poking their heads out of the kitchen windows. One lady gave us an awful scolding in German for laughing at her. We only got something from about 8 people as most of them had some excuse. We came home about 5 o'clock. I had an awful head ache and so we did not stay out any longer. After supper I went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] I had intended going over to see Ina before 8 o'clock but Em came down and wanted me to go to the library with her. When we got there we found Lou there, She had gone down to see Eff but as no person ansd [i.e. answered] the door she went to the Library to wait for us. When we got back they had not commenced Y.P.A. yet and so we were early enough. Miss Ernest informed [crossed out: Ina] Emma & I that we were to give a 5 min. sketch on some Jewish Bible character and so there is work for me ahead. I only went as far as Brown's with Em as I was alone.

Tuesday March 1, 1898

To day is wash day. It is also election day. I had intended going to Bridgeport this morning with Em but she did not come. Irene was here a short

time before dinne. Ella got another letter from Gus S. to day noon and of course she seemed highly pleased. I am [underlined: going] to write to Clara now. I wrote to Clara. Mother went to Ladies Aid over at Mrs. Hauch's. Lou went to Mrs. W. Bowlby's "At Home" The Bachelor Maids waited on the tables Rosa brought Carrie's three children in. They stayed here a while and then went home. Ella and I made supper and then did the dishes. Mother and I went over to Frank's for a little while and when we came back I went over to see Ina. I stayed there until after 10 o'clock and when I came back Albert was there.

Wednesday March 2, 1898

It was a lovely day out. Louie and I went out collecting again. Irene came in in the afternoon to stay at our place for a while. Her trunk came about six o'clock. In the evening Em and Albert came and we developed pictures. It was the first time I had ever seen it done. We were all in the sewing room. Some of the pictures came out fine. Ella told Albert's fortune and it was a treat to see him sit down on the floor and put the cards in a circle around him. He looked a little sheepish when she told what it was. Em and Albert left about 11 o'clock p.m.

Thursday March 3, 1898

It was like spring day out. I helped with the work in the morning and we tried our luck at printing our pictures. Mother baked. Our first picture did not turn out well as we did not know how long to put it in the toning solution. After dinner Albert came in and told us how to do it. He finished one of Irene and it turned out fine. Em came down about 1.45 and Albert took some pictures of Irene, Em Lou and I (They were n.g. though) Louie came for me at 2.30 and we went out collecting. We came back about 5 p.m. having had the usual success of finding the people out. Em, Ina Louie & Evelyn were here to tea. They stayed till about 10.15 and then we walked home with Evelyn and Irene, Lou and I walked to the track with Em. May came home from H. Hamburg on the 5 train but we did not know it. I got a letter from Catherine.

Wednesday March 9, 1898

Louie & I went out collecting from 10 a.m. to 12. It was a lovely day out. We got quite a bit of collecting done. In the afternoon Irene went down to Mrs. Smyth's. I stayed home all afternoon Mother went out to Carrie's, & Lou went down town with Eff. Emma said she was coming down to go for a walk. I waited for her but she did not come. Ella came home about six and said she had been up to Waterloo with Em. Em had been down for me but as no one answered[i.e. answered] the door she thought no one was at home. In the evening I read and then lay on the lounge 'till about 10 o'clock when we all went to bed.

Thursday March 10, 1898

Louie and I went out collecting in the morning. I came home at 12 & then went down [~~crossed out: town~~] to Bristol's for mother. In the afternoon I wrote in my diary and Read. Irene, Ina, Eff Louie & I went to Philharmonie. It was raining a little bit. There were not very many present. Mr. Taffel kept us laughing nearly all the time & so did Mr. --- (Butcher). They look awfully funny when they sing. Coming home Albert walked with Ina. When he got a little past Schmidt's he crossed over and snow-balled us. When Irene & I went in the house Lou & Albert went for a walk.

Friday March 11, 1898

In the morning Irene went out calling & we did the cleaning. She brought home some prints & we printed some pictures [~~crossed out: In the afternoon~~] John was in Penetang. The children & Rosa were here to dinner. Carrie was over at Erb's. They all went home about 5 p.m. In the evening Irene [~~crossed out: sewed and read~~] Ella & I got dressed up for fun. Albert came in for a short time after choir practise.

Saturday March 12, 1898

It was Irene's last day in Berlin. She went out to Carrie's in the morning after having been to the market with Lou. It was raining out. Mother and Lou baked. In the afternoon I got dressed

and fooled around. I took 2 pictures of Irene and Lou. Irene went home on the 5 train. Lou Ella & I went to the Depot. Mrs. Bucannan had intended going on the 5 p.m. train also but she went on the morning train instead. In the evening I read, took my bath & went to bed.

Sunday March 13, 1898

I went to J.Y.P.A. in the morning. Mr. Knechtel baptised about 9 children. I stayed to church. In the afternoon went to Sunday School & then went for a walk. In the evening went to church again and Mr. K. took up 25 members & baptised about 6.

Sunday March 20, 1898

I did not go to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] or to church in the morning Carrie was in all day with her family. After dinner I washed the dishes and then went to S.[i.e. Sunday] School. After S.S. the S.S. choir had practise up in the church. We practised an Anthem for S.S. on Easter. Then I went for a walk with the girls as far as Hodgins. When I got back we had supper and then went [crossed out: home] to church. Carrie went home. After church Ina & I [crossed out: walked] drove with Emma over to Hauch's to get Emma's mother and then walked home from there. I read for a while and then went to bed.

Monday March 21, 1898

In the morning I helped with the work etc. Went out collecting at 10 a.m. After dinner I wrote out my paper and then Emma came down. We went over to church read our papers then Emma went home. After supper I got dressed. Emma came to call for me to go to the Literary meeting and just before we left Mrs. H. Schmidt & Mrs. Latch came and asked me to play over a piece for them that they were going to sing. Well when I got to church they began the meeting. I had to play because Miss Grader was not there. It was Jewish evening and the programme was rather dry because May W. gave a reading on the Jews, Mrs. Roadhouse gave a paper on Jerusalem & Evelyn Em & I gave our papers. At recess I shook hands with some of the people and tried to sell some convent-ion books. After Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] it was very misty out

but Ina & I started off with Em and then Charley N. came up & we walked all the way home with Em. When we came back I expected C. to go in when he got to their place but I was greatly surprised to see him walk all the way to our place. I have been keeping mother on the string about it ever since.

Tuesday March 22, 1898

We did the work in the morning and then I read. Went out collecting with Louie in the afternoon. It was very muddy and as we had to do a lot of back streets we saw enough of it. In the evening Ina & I went down to the Library. Ina wanted to look up some Easter poetry. We got home a little after nine. I read till bed time.

Wednesday March 23, 1898

I helped with the work in the morning. In the afternoon I got dressed and then read. After supper Ina, Eff, Lou Ella & I went to the Presbyterian Church. The choir gave a very good programme. The greatest part of it was musical. After the programme they served refreshments but we did not stay.

Thursday March 24, 1898

In the morning I did the same as always. Helped with the work. It was an elegant day out. Louie and I finished our collecting in the afternoon and then took in the millinery openings. I got an introduction to Mr. S. Lavan. In the evening Emma Ella & I went down to the millinery openings. First we walked over to Bricker's to meet Lou, the club met there. Ina & Eff were along too. Ina went down to see Annie Sugarman There were lots of people down town. Some of the hats are very nice. Ella & I walked part of the way home with Emma.

Friday March 25, 1898

In the morning Mother Lou and I cleaned the front house. On Thursday afternoon J. Zeller came down to tune our piano but as he did not get finished he came down on Fr. again. They were all off and so I had to stay at home it the

afternoon till he came. I had intended going out to Carrie's. In the evening I had a headache & so lay on the sofa for a while. Ella & Lou went down town after supper to see about Ella's coat and then Lou went to choir practise. I went to bed about 10 p.m. I finished "The voice of the Charmer".

Saturday March 26, 1898

Lou and Ella went to the market. Then Ella & I did the work while Lou and mother baked. Lou did not have very good luck with her cakes. She made a chocolate marble but it only got baked on top & did not rise. However it was eaten. At dinner time Edward & Louise came in to get the market things. They drove home with John and Peter. In the afternoon I got dressed and drove to Waterloo with Em about 4 p.m. She had to see the doctor about her glasses. He was not in and so we went to see the millinery openings. On our way up we passed Mabel and May going down but they did not look at us. Emma & I went in to B. & D. store and there spoke to Lucie, Emma K., Minnie Snyder and Emma D. Then we went back to the doctors, and found him in. Klondike Bill acted pretty frisky all the way up but he was quieted down before we got home. In the evening Ella and I went do town. Mr. Hoffman [illegible: "ducked?"] us with perfume. When we got home we went over to Frank's. Rena was alone. We stayed for about half an hour and then Edith, Daisy came home and about 5 min later Frank came. Ella and I went home and then read for a while. Papa came home on the 3 p.m. train.

Sunday March 27, 1898

It rained nearly all day. It was Lou's 21st birthday. She got a silk dress and bottle of perfume from papa & mamma, a tortoise shell hair pin from Carrie, a book of poems from A, a ring from Ella and I, some carnations from Vina. In the morning I did not go to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] but helped with the work. Emma and Ella had to write out the life of John the Baptist for Sunday School and so Emma came down and they wrote it out instead of going to Church. The rest of us went. Emma stayed to dinner. Edward went over to Frank's for dinner. I sang in the S.S. [i.e. Sunday School]

choir as usual we have a new edition Mr. Kuehner from Waterloo and he has a voice like a bass drum. After S.S. we practised a piece for Sunday S. on Easter. Then I came home read at supper and went to Church again Mr. Cober a New Mennonite minister preached. His sermon was excellent. After church we had an after meeting in the S.S. room. Then Ina and I went for a short walk. I came home read my Bible and went to bed.

Monday March 28, 1898

It was a very nice day. I did my usual morning's work, clear the table, dry dishes, water plants, sweep & dust dining room and kitchen & sweep the back veranda, and then practised on the piano from 10.30 to 12. a.m. Then I set the table, did the dishes and then lay down for a while. Then I got dressed, and read "[1 word illegible] Sowing & Reaping". Miss Grader telephoned from the Shirt Factory telling me to go over to Church at 7.30 as there was going to be practise there and as she could not come (The S. Factory worked till nine) she wanted me to play. I went over but only found Mr. [1 word illegible], Mr. Kuehner & B. Fisher there. They were sitting in that first room as you go in I said good evening and W. D. M. tipped his hat & getting as red as beet said "how she do." I could hardly keep from smiling. I went in & waited 'till quarter to eight and then asked the boys if they know what practise there was to be and then W.D. told me that the boys were going to practise the piece the choir was practising. So as no one else came I went home. About 5 min to 8. Em came and so Lou Ella Em Eff & I went over to Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] Ina met us at the church. There were only a few there "Faithful John" was to lead the meeting, but as he did not put in an appearance, at 8.15 Ada Clemens said that we would sing a few pieces and perhaps he'd come. They sang 1 verse & part of the chorus of a hymn when they all stopped singing so I stopped playing but Ada said we'd go on with the 2nd verse. We sang 3 hymns and as F John did not come Ada Clemens led the meeting. She closed the meeting at 8.45 and so a lot of them went to the Baptist Church to hear a lecture. Mr. Devitt told us on Sunday that we were to practise a double quartette after Y.P.A and so Melissa H. Ina & I stayed at church till nine o'clock then

Miss Grader & Mr. Deame. We practised till 25 to 10 and then George S. Ella & I walked to King with Em. Ina stayed at our place till we came home. Then I read a few chapters in my Bible and went to bed.

Tuesday March 29, 1898

It was an elegant day out. We washed. Papa left on the 10 a.m. train for London etc. I did my usual work and then practised from 10.30 a.m. to 11.45 and then set the table. Then had dinner and dried the dishes. Mamma went up to Mrs. Kaufman's [illegible: quilting bee?] about 2.30. I was asked to help wait on the tables. I wrote in my diary after mother left and then, got dressed and went up to Em's about 4 o'clock. She was just getting dressed. We went down stairs and set the table and fixed the other things. Mrs. K. helped us. The people sat down about 5.30. Emma Anthes & Ella came up about 5.15. So we waited on the people. Mrs. Janzen and Kate Bowman helped us also. There were 16 at the first table, 10 at the next and 7 at the next. There were a lot of children there and some of the women's husband's came for supper. Well we got the dishes washed and every thing cleared up and then Emma A, Em, Mother Ella and I took the 8 o'clock car down to the Opera House. Miss D. Ziegler gave a concert. It was very good. Daisy Grasset played and Mons. Mexier sang Tenor, Miss Z. sang and Mr. Paul Haun played on the Cello. Mr. L. Staebler accompanied them on the piano. We sat in the front row in the balcony. We got home about 10.30 a.m. and went to bed.

Wednesday March 30, 1898

It was grand out. The roads are nearly all dry again. Carrie's baby was born at 4 a.m. It is a little girl. Mother went out about 10 a.m. I practised from 10 to 10 to 25 to 11 and then Lou and I ironed. Ella made dinner and Lou and I ironed till 3 o'clock. Lou got dressed and I swept the kitchen & washed the dishes. I was not quite finished when mother came home with Edward & Louise. Louisa said she had a "[illegible: klein baby fester daheuer]". I read some stories to them and then Edward went down to the office and Louise stayed here over night. After supper Ina came over and she had only been here about 5 min when Eff came and wanted us to go down to the Post Office with her. When we came back I went into Schmidt's for a while and then Ina & I came here and practised

our song. Ina went home about 9.30 and she was hardly gone when Albert came. Ella was studying for her Exams and so I wrote in my diary & then went up to bed. I slept with little Louisa till Lou came to bed. She came up at 1.15 a.m. dear me! I think they must have it bad to sit talking till all hours of the morning. I don't think you'd catch me doing it for any fellow. I think I'd tell him I was sleepy at 11 o'clock at the latest. Mother went to Prayer-meeting.

Thursday March 31, 1898

I got up about 8 a.m. It is lovely out. I helped with the work and then practised an hour. Lou took Louisa down town. The man was here to fix the telephone. Ella has exams at school to day. I am now writing in my diary & so that is the latest news. I took little Louisa out to Carrie's for a walk and saw my new niece. She is very big and looks like all other babies. We left for home about 4 p.m. Louisa brought her doll and Carriage along in. I helped with supper and the dishes and then I wrote a letter to Clara in the evening Ella studied and Lou went to Philharmonic Practise.

Friday April 1, 1898

It was cleaning day. When we awoke in the morning every thing was covered with snow. I took Louisa down to the station for the 9 a.m. train to post a letter. After we came back I worked till dinner time. After the dishes were finished I closed up up stairs and then got dressed about 3.30 p.m. Lou took Louisa out to Carrie's in the afternoon. In the evening Emma came down about 7.30 to sew. I put Little Louisa to bed. Emma went home at 9 p.m. Ella and I walked to the King St. corner with her and then came home and went to bed. I practise 3/4 of an hour.

Saturday April 2, 1898

I got up at 7.30 got dressed and dressed Little Louisa. Lou went to the market. Ella and I did the work & mother and Lou baked. In the afternoon after the dishes etc. were done I took my bath and then practised an hour and 20 minutes. Edward was in all afternoon. I had intended taking Louisa up to Emma's for a walk but Lou took her down town instead. After supper Ina and I went down town. It was a clear cold night. We

went to the Library, to Earnst' store & to Neville's. I got home about 9 p.m. and was here yet when Ella and I came to bed at 10.30. He informed us that he had invested in a Berlin bicycle 98 model. Imagine I can see him riding. He claims that the Bible says something about wheels but he could not find it when he was here so I guess he must have been dreaming when he used it the first time.

Sunday April 3, 1898

We all got up about 8.30 a.m; it was lovely out but very cold [~~crossed out: out~~]. Lou went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] Ella took little Louise to church. She wanted to take her for a walk instead but the kid made such a fuss about it that we took her to Church. She was very good as soon as we got to our seats. She knelt down to pray which set Ella and Emma giggling. Edward came along to dinner and there we all went to S.S [i.e Sunday School]; after S.S. we had practise and as I had forgotten to take the book along with the double quartette in and so I had to trot home for it. We practised up in the church and I had the extreme pleasure of standing beside Mr. Kuehner for about one minute. Mr. Devitt changed his mind about having us all strung out in one row and so the boys have to stand behind. Our singing was of course excellent. Ella and Em were in the back of the church and after ward informed [~~crossed out: Ella~~] me that Ina's and my voices do not go well together and that they could only hear Ina Mr. K. and myself sing. Well I walked about to King St. with Emma and Ina and then came home went to the Presbyterian Church, Lou stayed with Louisa and Ella & I went to our Church. Rena and Frank were there also. Mr. S. S. Cole preached one excellent sermon on Luke 15-2. After church Ina and I [~~crossed out: walked~~] drove over to Mr. Hauch's with Emma to fetch her mother. Then we walked back and went up to Bowman's and back. By the time we got back to the church we were covered with snow as it had begun to now. The choir had practise after church until about 10.15. Of course Albert Liborius had to come in for a little while. I don't know if he stayed till Monday or not. I read 3 or 4 chapters in my Bible and then went to sleep with soft sounds from the string-room ringing in my ears.

Monday April 4, 1898

It was lovely out but but very cold. The snow had entirely disappeared. In the morning I did my usual work and then practised for 3/4 of an hour. After dinner I got dressed and took little Louise down to Miss Devitt's to try on my coat. Mother and Lou went down town and told me to get to Boehmer's store and wait for them there as they would come back and then I could see about my spring hat. Miss Devitt was not there and so we left but met her at Green's. We went back with her. Then we went to Boehmer's about 1- to 4 but mother was not there. So we sat down wait for her Louisa fell asleep and as there I had to sit and hold her. Mother and Lou came in about 20 min to five. Ina came in too. Ina and I then came home and went to the station for the 5 train to meet Aunt Rebecca. Mr. Dierlanne came on the same train. He lectured in the Y.M.C.A. Hall in the evening. Well as we had had a late supper, we did not have time to do the dishes, mother did them after we were gone. Ina and Emma called for us. It was a Business meeting and Miss G. was not there I played. Ada Clemens led the meeting. There were many there. It was over at 8 p.m. and M. C. Lou & Eff went down to the Lecture. Ina and Emma came over to our place. At 8.45 Emma and I went down to the Library. We came back sang awhile and then walked up nearly to the track with Em. Then went home had a lunch and went to bed.

Tuesday April 5, 1898

It is an elegant day out but is a little too cold. After breakfast this morning I went down to the station for the 9.40 train to post some thing for Lou. Papa went down to Toronto in the same train. When I came home I watered the plants finished the dining room and then Mrs. L.J.B. telephoned and asked me to go to Mrs. Wing's with a message from her. I went and then came back swept the kitchen and [crossed out: then] took Louisa over to church to get a plant and then I wrote in my diary up to now. About 4 p.m. in the afternoon, I got dressed and then Em El & I went over to Mrs. L. J. Brithaupt's to help wait on tables. The ladies Aid was there for tea. There were 48 there. We had to 7 tables set. Idella Reider, Em, Evelyn, El and I were waiters. Vina and Alina Beau cut the cakes etc. The people sat down a little after six. We had had quite a job hunting up chairs for the people to sit on but they all sat on something or other. The waiters and Vina Alina Lillie and Edna sat down

for supper about 8 p.m. and after that was over Alina Beau had to go to choir practise and I had to come home to stay with Louisa. Mother came home about 10 p.m. and Ella came home at 10.30. I read while they were away.

Wednesday April 6, 1898

It was a lovely day out but rather cold. I helped with the work in the morning. Mother and Lou sewed all day. I cut a skirt for myself. About 3 o'clock Peter called for Louise and I and we went out to Carrie's. We stayed until about 4 p.m. and then I walked in with Edward and Louise. Lou took them to practise and I sewed till supper time. After supper Lou went over to a surprise party at Alina Beau's Ina and I went down to the library and to the Post Office. Mother went to Prayer Meeting and Ella stayed alone with Louise.

Thursday April 7, 1898

It was lovely out. I helped with the work in the morning. After 4 p.m. Ina had to take a book out to Vina's and so I went along. She had Olive B. with her. When we got out to Vina's no person was at home so we went over to Carrie's. Ina saw the baby. We went down to the button factory and then came home. After supper Em, & Evelyn came over and so we went to the station to meet papa Evelyn had to meet a friend. We went to the station at 8 p.m. but the train did not come in 'till after nine. Hilda M. was down from Waterloo. I guess she had heard that Cook was expected for Easter. There were a lot of people down. I saw Fanny Brown. She had just come home from school at Hamilton. I said Hallo Fanny did you get back? and she said "Yes I got back night before - no [last] night pronouncing her a's very broad. She beat Albert of course. The girls were just shaking. After we were a little tired of waiting the train came in and there was a "jam". Papa came but I did not see him 'till he was on the platform. Then Ella said "there's Cook" but I could not see him Bye and by she came back saying "Martha there's G. Schmidt." I thought she meant Ina's bro and so did not pay any attention. I walked home with papa and then went back to meet the girls. I met them at [illegible: Motze's?] corner. Evelyn's friend Miss Cole

did not come. Well we walked home with Evenlyn and so we were standing at their gate talking the policeman passed with a man who was hand cuffed. He took him to the lock up. Ella and I walked to King St. with Em and then came home and went to bed.

Friday April 8, 1898

It was "Good Friday" and elegant out. We had church at 10.30 in the morning. We all went except Papa. Lou took little Louise. Em Ella and I sat in the back seat. Mr Knechtel preached. Church was over at quarter to twelve. Ella Louise and I walked as far as Bristol's with Em and she drove from there. After dinner mother, Ella and Louise walked out to see Carrie. Lou had practise at the church at 2.30 and I had to play for them. We were finished at 4 p.m. and so I went over and got Ina to go for a walk. We walked up to Em's but she was not at home so we walked down King St. as far as the Burnswick and turned there. At Geo De Bus's we met El coming in from Carrie's and so we decided to go to the station and see who came and went. The train did not come in till 5.30 and so we sat in the station house and took the people "in". Emma Anthes and Catherine B. went to Toronto on that train. From the station we went down to Miss Devitt's. We met may Hilborn on the way. We got home after six and then had supper. At seven 30 we had practise (the Sunday School Choir). Cook came with Jack W. I shook hands with him but did not talk much with him as practise began. We had only sang a little while when Eff came in and marched straight up to the platform and spoke to C. then she asked him to go for a walk and so off they went. We did not see them again. After the choir was finished our wonderful [~~crossed out: quart~~] octette practised. After that Ina El and I walked home with Emma.

Sunday [i.e. Saturday] April 9, 1898

I helped with the work in the morning. After dinner I got dressed and at 2 p.m. Em and I began to cart flower plants to church to decorate. At 3.15 we had all of them there but Mr. [illegible: Janzer?] had not [illegible: sent?] the [1 word illegible] yet so we telephoned up. They came a little after 4 so Em and I began to arrange them. There

were very large [1 word illegible] which we wanted on either end of the platform so we began to carry one of them Em took hold of one side and I took hold of the other and we had only gone about 3 ft. lifting it up from the floor about 4 inches when a piece broke out at the side Em was on and the pot fell on [crossed out: the] my big toe. It hurt very much at first but after a while I managed to limp around. We were wondering what to do when Vina came to help. So we got some wire and fixed the broken piece in again. Then we went on decorating and managed not to break anything more. We were finished a little after six. By this time my toe nail was all black and blue and around the sides it was all bloody. I put cold water on and then lay on the sofa I tried to sleep but I had too much pain. Ella and Ina went down town to get me new shoes. When Ella came back they colored Easter Eggs. I went to bed about 9.30 thinking perhaps I could go to sleep but no I did not sleep a wink. Mother and Ella stayed up til 11.30 waiting for our hats [crossed out: so]. About quarter after twelve there was a bang at the door. I called Ella and there were our hats. I did not sleep until after 5 a.m. my foot hurt me so.

Sunday April 10, 1898 - April 18, 1898

Easter Day

I got up a little after nine. Lou went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] but Ella and I stayed at home. I could hardly walk on account of my toe. Mamma papa and little Louise went to church. Louise El and I were alone for dinner as Lou mamma & papa were down at Frank's. I hardly thought I would be able to go to S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] but at 2 p.m. I went up to get dressed and got on my shoe. Then I managed to limp over to church. After classes we sang our wonderful octette. John Wiegand was to be one the tenors but he had such a bad cold he could not sing. So Mr. Devitt and Mr. Walter [illegible: Du Mart?] took the tenor. Mr. Kuehner and "Herman" Bender, the bass, [illegible: Maud?] Rieder and Mellissa Hallman the alto and Ina and I the soprano[sic]. We managed to pull through together. After that the "S.S. choir" sang a piece. Then Mellissa and her father sang a duet. Then Miss Earnest, Miss Wiegand, Mr. Devitt

and Mr. Weiner sang a quartette. So these was quite a programme for Easter. After S.S. was over we had to go up and change the decorations on the platform as Mr. Knechtel wanted the pulpit moved back for the evening. I could not help much Ina and I were sitting together when Eff and Cook came in. He came up and spoke to us but as Ina and he began quarreling I did not say much. I went right home. After supper Em came down pretty early and I sat with her. It was song service and the choir sang better than I had heard them sing for a long time. Cook had been over to Schmidt's for supper and so he sat with Ina. After church he went home with Hilda. Dr. D. Bauman went home with Vina so Albert was "fice". He came in with Lou. I went to bed a little after ten.

Monday April 11, 1898

I helped with the work as usual and then read. Emma came down a little after two and so we first took Vina's lily plant home and then went to church to decorate the S.S. room for the Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] literary. We got B. Fisher to sweep and then we dusted the things on the platform and decorated. Ella came over to help us a little while. I went home got dressed and then went to the Easter Literary. I took Little Louise but when she got there she sat with mother and then with Lou. Of course H.M.C. was there with "Faithful John". The literary was very good. Ina recited and Evelyn played they being the only ones the "kids"(?) that took part. After the meeting was over El Ina and I walked home with Emma.

Tuesday April 12, 1898

It was hot and dusty out. In the morning at 9.30 Em and I began carting home the plants we had borrowed. Then we drove down to Miss Devitt's and I told her that I wanted my coat by 3 p.m. but she said it would not be finished 'till six. We got the plants all home by 11.30 At 3 p.m. I got dressed and went to the station with Louise and Ina to meet Mrs S and her mother. We thought the train would be late and so did not hurry. But we were mistaken, for when we got as far as Simpson's we saw them coming, We went in to Schmidt's for a little while and then Ina and I walked over to Sugarman's to return a book

Ina had lent but no one was at home. We came backe home then. After supper Ina & Louie came over. Ina had asked me to go to the Methodist Church with her but as I had promised Em I'd go to the station at 8 p.m., the girls went along. We expected to meet her on the cross street but did not and so we had to go all [1 word illegible] up up to Kaufman's. Then we went to the station. We were only there about one minute when the train came in. Mrs. Kaufman came home. I saw H.H.C. and Hilda M. walking up [crossed out: on] and down on the platform. Cook went off on the 15 to nine car. Its a pity he had missed the 5 p.m. train but he had been in Waterloo all afternoon and I guess he was as much charmed that he did not notice how late it was. Well after we left the station we went to the Methodist Church. We were in time for the collection and the closing pieces. Ina and I walked up King St. with Em and then came home. When I got here Ella and Albert were [1 word illegible] both having come from Church and feeling pretty hot as they had decided to have church at 10.30 [1 word illegible] instead of [1 word illegible] But as the farmers did the voting it was carried. Albert was pretty cross about it calling them "farmers" etc Ella and I went to bed about 11 p.m. but he was here yet so I guess he stayed 'till the wee small hours.

Wednesday April 13, 1898

Nothing especial happened all day. In the evening Emma came down and Ella Em and I went down to the Library. We then came up to our place and Em went home with her mother after Prayer Meeting.

Thursday April 14, 1898

Did my usual work in the morning. In the afternoon Em and I had to decorate again for the evening. The J.Y.P.A. programme was excellent. Louie went over with us. The basement was full of people Mamma Little Louise, Edward (he came in with Vina) Ella Louie & I sat together. Ina and Em sat at the back some place. Mabel was there with May of course. Well after the programme was over, Louie Ella and I walked nearly to the tracks with Em.

Friday April 15, 1898

We did the work in the morning. In the afternoon

Em telephoned and wanted me to drive up to Merner's hatcheries with her. Alvin and Milton came for me at 2.30. When we got up to Kaufman's Emma was not dressed yet so I went up stairs with her. We were just going to leave Kaufman's when Mrs. Hohner asked if she and Ida could drive along. So Ida sat with the boys and Mrs. H with Em and I. We had to stop at the Foundry in Waterloo to get some food for the fish from Mr. Merner. Mrs. H got there too. Then we drove up to Merner's to get Hilda and went out to the [~~crossed out: Fisheries~~] Hatcheries about a mile out. There were several ponds or whatever you call them, and a house or shanty in which the young fish were kept. Hilda threw some meat into the ponds and we saw the fish come up after it. Well when we had seen enough of it we drove back and enjoyed the drive very much only it was a "little" bit dusty. We drove Hilda home and then drove to Berlin. When we got past the bend we met Mrs. Hohner again and so gave her a "lift" home. After supper, Eff Lou Ella & I took the seven car to Waterloo to the J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] Literary. Em intended to take the same car but as we passed their place we saw her putting on her coat at the door. Lou rang the bell but they did not shop 'till we got up at Yosts' and so Em had to run, and run she did! Ella said it did her good to see her "run" for a change. Well we landed safe and sound at the car track's end and in due time reached the church. There were only a few there as it was early yet. We sat in the gallery. After we had been there about 10 min the girls went out for a drink and in the mean time Hilda and Ella Good came up and took their places. The girls finally came back and had to take the other end of the seat. A short time after the meeting really commenced. Albert & Vina and Edna came in & sat on the sec. last seat. The programme was not very good. Lot of the pieces we had heard the night before. The programme was over about 9 p.m. and so we started on the homeward trot. Outside of the church we saw Dr. B. impatiently waiting. So we thought we'd walk slowly and see the "fun" but we did not see it. When we got at the crossing at the Zummerman Horse we saw Albert and Edna hustling down King St. This seemed to make Lou think it of no use to wait for Vina any longer as we could not see a sign of her. So Em El & Lou hurried on and Eff & I walked at a descent gate. At Hodgins Engleter and D w Mart passed

us whistling like sixty. When we got to Kaufman's
[crossed out: pretty cross about it calling them "farmers" ec. El and
I went to bed about 11 p.m. and he was here yet so I guess
he stayed till the "wee sma' 'ours."]

We found the girls waiting for us. When we got home
mother told us that Edward had been lost after we
were gone but she found him over at Frank's. Then
we went to bed. Little Louise went home in the afternoon.

Saturday April 16, 1898

Edward stayed at our place yet. Ella and I
did our usual Sat. work and mother and Lou
baked. In the afternoon Em intended to go to
Doon and asked me to go along. I got dressed
about 2.30 and then the telephone rang & Em
said she could not go. So I stayed at home
and read instead. She told me to go to the
station for the 4.[crossed out:30] train as Kate was going
& send some flowers up for us for church
on Sunday. After supper I began to read and
never thought of going to the station until 7.30. Of
course it was too late then so I read until about
nine o'clock and then took my bath and went to
bed.

Sunday April 17, 1898

Lou went to Y.P.A. [Young People's Alliance] but Ella and I did not go.
We all went to Church. It was quarterly meeting
and so Mr. Wing preached. We got home from church
about one o'clock. After dinner we went to S.S.
It began to rain about 3 p.m. Mr. Becker from Golden
Lake spoke to us. After S.S. it rained pretty hard
so I came right home and read. Frank came
over about 5 o'clock and stayed a little while.
After supper I went to church. Mr. Becker preached.
His sermon was fine.

Monday April 18, 1898

It was lovely out again. Ella went off to school
and Lou and I did the work. In the afternoon
I got dressed and went down town with Lou to buy
a sailor for me. I managed to get one at Boehmer's.
The others were so large that I look lost in there
I met Ella down town and came home with
her. In the evening I went to Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance]. There were
quite a number present. Mr. Bilger led the

meeting. I had to play. After it was over Ina Em, May Ella & I went over to Knechtel's to listen to the Ministerial Choir. They were practising some songs. Then we walked home with May and Em came to our place to see Lou till we came back Traver's were having a Ball and as we [illegible: plased?] we could see some of them through the windows. We met Eff and she walked along with us to Wing's. After we got home Ella and I walked to King St. with Em.

Tuesday April 19, 1898

It poured all day and I sewed all day I fixed over my light dress but the [illegible: yoke?] would not fit and so about 5 o'clock I gave up and got dressed. After supper I began to read "Beyond the Pale" and read 'till bed time. Wrote a letter to Myrtle.

Wednesday April 20, 1898

I helped with the work in the morning. It rained all day again. I read 'till dinner time and after dinner. May came over at 3 o'clock and asked me to go to Waterloo with her Thursday. After she left I got dressed and read 'till 5 p.m. When I finished my book, Emma came down after supper but went home at nine with her mother. Mamma went to Prayer Meeting.

Thursday April 21, 1898

It was a lovely day out. I did some of the work in the morning and then mother and I sewed. At 2.30 May came for me and we went up to Waterloo. The walk was elegant but it was a little too windy. May had to go to the dress makers and then we went to the church. It was about 4 p.m. and so we did not go in. An old man came out and we asked him where the P.E. were placed. Mr. Hauch as the South (ours.) Mr. Wing the [crossed out: North] West and Mr. Kreh the North. We walked home again. At the Hospital we passed "Willie M and then I saw Ella down at the H.S. so I [1 word illegible] an Billy was kind enough to whistle 'till Ella looked. After supper May Ella and I walked up for the evening session. Lou and Eff took the car. They kept a seat for us. Old Mr. Haist preached. After church May had to look for her father. We spoke to Mr. Litt and Mr. Moyer. We

were down at the trolley where Mr. Wing came up. We had the extreme pleasure of standing all the way home. Lou and Eff walked. There were only 53 on the car. Well Ella and I got off at Foundry St. and then went home & waited for Lou. Mother was up yet when we got home.

Friday April 22, 1898

It rained all day. We cleaned the front house in the morning, after dinner I got dressed. Mother and Lou and Edward (he came in at noon) slept till about 4'o'clock. I sewed. After supper Lou Ina Ella and I went to Waterloo to hear Bishop [1 word illegible] lecture. May was going along up but she did not call for us. We took the 7.20 trolley. Em got on at their place. As it was pouring rain the trolley [crossed out: was] smelt a little wet. (I mean the people in it) Evelyn went up with Idella Reider. I wonder if hers is not a case of going with the sister for the brother's sake. Any way it looks very much like it. Of course Talmon was along to look after his sister. The poor fellow was a little too bashful to sit with them in the hall and so he sat alone near the back. However E. had the pleasure of walking with him from the car to the Hall. The Hall was full even though it was so rainy out. First the audience sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" and then Mr. S.L. Umbach led in Prayer. Next the Ministerial Choir sang and the Lecture began. The topic was Looking [forward], Looking [outward] & looking [upward]. The whole address was elegant. After the lecture, the M. Choir sang and then there were some speeches etc and then M.C. sang again. Then we sang the Doxology and Mr. [1 word illegible] pronounced the Benediction. The trolley was crowded going home as there were only 66 on. "We girls" stood going home and gave our places to "venerable elders." Mother was up yet when we got home. Papa did not come on the 8 train as he had intended to.

Saturday April 23, 1898

Lou went to market and Ella & I did our usual Saturday's work. We had dinner about one and then Ella and I went up and got dressed. The girls were coming for us at 2.30 and we were then going to Waterloo. May came for us at 20 to 3 and

then we waited 'till 20 after 3 and as the girls had not come yet we started. We got as far as Bristol's and then we saw Ina coming. We waited for her and then trotted on again. At the beginning of W. Bowlby's Albert caught up to us he was driving & asked Ina and I if we wanted to go along. Ina said she'd sooner walk and then he drove on and took Ella and May along. We called for Emma but she was not dressed yet. While we were waiting for her Evelyn came in. Then we went up to Waterloo. The church was full. It was 4.20 p.m. when we got there. We sat at the back. Ella & May we up in the gallery and so we could not see them. Shortly before it was over we left. May went home. Ella & I went to Aunt Caroline's for supper. Evelyn went to her grandmother's. Emma & Ina went to Mrs. Ratz. There was no person else at aunties. We left for church at 7.30 and met the girl's in town. Of course we sat in the gallery but could only get into the back seat. A Miss Ratz from Brediton ame along with Em. May came up on the car with Miss Zurbirgg. It was pretty hot and so they had some windows open. Of course I had to catch cold going home there were 65 on the car but I managed to get a seat. I came up stairs took my wash & got to bed about 11.30.

Sunday April 24, 1898

Lou went to Y.P.A. [Young People's Alliance] and the rest of us went to church. Mr. Heinillar preached. Our family went to Carrie's for dinner. At S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] there were only Ina Ella Em & I for the choir. Miss C. came over to our class as Ella was her only scholar. The S.S. was very small indeed. I suppose nearly all had gone to Waterloo because they were having Ordination Services. We went out to Carrie's again after S.S. Lou & A.L.B. went out for a walk ([illegible: slum?]). Mother Carrie & John drove to Waterloo for Mr. Humillar but came back without him. We had supper & then set out for church. Mr. Johnson of the Naper-ville College preached in the evening. I went a little piece with Em & then came home read and went to bed.

Friday March 3 [i.e. 4], 1898

We cleaned in the morning. Em came about 3 p.m. and took Irene Ina & I out for a drive. Irene wanted

to go out to Carrie's for a little while so we drove her out there first and waited for her, Then we drove down town and there took Ina home as she could not stay out longer. Then we drove up to school got Ella and went up to Waterloo. We came back, left Irene off at our place and then went for a short drive yet. We got back about six. It had been a lovely afternoon and so we enjoyed our ride very much. I caught a nice cold though. In the [crossed out: afternoon] evening Irene Ella and I went over to call on Mrs. Erb but as she was not at home we went to church and sat in the cloak room listening to the choir. Then we came home and sang and stayed up 'till 12 o'clock. Albert came in for a little while after choir practise.

Saturday March 4 [i.e. 5], 1898

It was an elegant day out. Lou and Irene went to the market. Lucy Howell told me she was coming down to call on me in the afternoon and so I stayed in for her. Lou & Irene walked out to Carrie's about 3 p.m. and as I had such a head ache. Mamma said I had better go out for a walk too. So I went out to Carrie's. About 5 p.m. mother telephoned and said that Ina and Lucy were here so we came home. The girls stayed 'till six and then went over to Schmidt's. Lucy stayed there to tea. I was lying down all evening and went to bed about ten o'clock. Papa came home on the 3 p.m. train.

Sunday March 5 [i.e. 6], 1898

Lou and Irene went to J.Y.P.A. [i.e. Junior Young People's Alliance] Ella and I did not go. We all went to church. In the afternoon we went to Sunday school and then Irene & Lou went out to Carrie's and May Ella & I walked home with Em. Ina went as far as the Creamery with us. Lou and Irene came back for supper and we all went to church again in the evening.

Monday March 6 [i.e. 7], 1898

It was lovely out again but the snow had nearly all disappeared. Irene & Lou sewed and mother and I did the work. In the afternoon I walked up to school to meet Ella. We came home and then walked out to Carrie's. Bella Moffatt was

there and so the three of us came back together. After supper we went to Y.P.A. [i.e. Young People's Alliance] It was Business meeting and we took up the S.S. [i.e. Sunday School] lesson first. Bro Maertz had a good deal to say. Em Ina & I sat in the front seats and Ada Clemens gave us a lecture for doing so. Irene Lou Ella & Albert were laughing nearly all the time. After it was over Ina & I walked to the Creamery with Em and from here she went with the Zeller girls.

Tuesday March 6 [i.e. 8], 1898

Irene & Lou went down to the station for the [crossed out: 10] 9 train and from there Irene went to Waterloo. She came back about dinner time. In the afternoon I slept for a while and about six o'clock went down town with Irene. Mrs. [illegible: Bucannon?] is at home. After supper Irene Ella mother and I went down town to see about Ella's ring. We had a nice talk with Paul. Irene & I then went in to choir practise but did not stay long as they did not want us to go in. We came home & about 10. Albert & Lou came in. Ella went to bed but Irene and I stayed up. We all sat & talked till 11.30 when A got up and we thought he was going home but no he & Lou went to the Library as it was cooler there (at least [illegible: 80?] Lou told Albert). Irene & I stayed in the sitting room 'till 12 o'clock then got something to eat and came up stairs we talked 'till one, then I put out the gas & went into Lou's place in bed and we talked 'till we got sleepy and I went back to my bed. I looked at the clock & found it was 1.25 but still they were in the Library. I soon fell asleep & did no hear Lou come up.

Sunday-Saturday March 14-19, 1898

Did not do any special except write out a paper on the life of David. I went out collecting. Emma was down several times. She wrote a German paper on the life of Daniel and Evelyn wrote on Moses.