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27, 1863, of Emilie Quiner, daughter of
E. B. Quiner, Madison, and who was a
nurse during the Civil War in a Union
hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, July –
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About This Diary

In the summer of 1863, Emilie Quiner was a 23-year-old school teacher in Madison, Wisconsin. She had started a diary when the Civil War broke out in 1861, and in it she recorded her thoughts about the war as well as her daily routine. Her entire manuscript diary is also online at [Turning Points in Wisconsin History](#).

In June 1863, wanting to be more useful during the country's crisis, she and her sister Fannie decided to accompany their friend George C. Smith to Memphis, Tenn., and work as nurses in a hospital for wounded soldiers. Emilie's diary entries from that summer begin on page 91 and are published with annotations at www.wisconsinhistory.org/diary.

After the war, Emilie completed her degree at the University of Wisconsin and in 1869 moved to Chicago to teach in the public schools. A decade later she moved to Denver, Colorado, where she taught for another 25 years. Emilie died at her sister's home in Chicago in 1919. Little more is known about her.

Emilie's journal came to the Wisconsin Historical Society in 1956 from John Temple Simpson of Houston, Texas, who inherited it from his father, Edward B. Simpson. Its previous history is not known.

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JUN 1955 John Temple Simpson
Houston, Texas
through his father,
Edward B. Simpson

Diary for 1861

Written by

Emilie C. Quiner

Madison, April 14th, 1861

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Monday

News came this morning that Fort Sumpter [Sumter] had been taken by the Southern forces under Gen. Beauregard [Beauregard], it caused a good deal of excitement here, though it had been daily expected for some time before Anderson surrendered after a gallant defense and when the fort was in flames, he left it with seventy-five men, his entire command was infuriated, his colors flying and band playing Yankee Doodle. His opponents it is reported had forty killed and one hundred wounded.

The Wisconsin Legislature were to have adjourned this morning at nine o'clock and many of them left here on Saturday, as soon as the telegraph came. The Governor recalled the members and ordered a new sitting to consult on the question of putting the State on a war footing. We went to the Assembly Chamber at seven. They seemed to be discussing the question in a general manner among themselves, on motion of Judge Spooner a Committee was appointed to consult on the matter, and the assembly adjourned until 7- o'clock PM. War seemed inevitable and every one seems to be willing to do their best in their country's service.

I have an invitation from Lottie Loatisse(sp) to Mrs. Bliss' to-night, but cannot as I am to have company.

George C. Smith – Miss Rogers, Misses Bodwells(sp), and Mr. Newton came in the evening. Had a pleasant time, talked about the news of the morning and got war like in our feelings. Patriotism is a great ingredient of Northern blood and I think our country has nothing to fear in regard to the loyalty of her sons and daughters. Mr. Newton is a democrat and the rest of us being Republicans, we had quite a war of words. After our friends were gone, we talked of the events of the day for a while and then retired.

Tuesday 15

This morning we went to the Senate Chambers to hear the debate on the war bill. The resolution to put the State on a war footing passed the Senate and was carried into the Assembly, where it was again discussed by many members and passed. The bill in relation to bank currency was taken up and also discussed, a Committee appointed and the Assembly adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine. There were several ladies in attendance this morning, Kate Kavanaugh and Fannie, west side the country this afternoon. Maria and I went up town, went to Klanbers'(sp) and to Bliss Book store, purchased the book in which I am writing. Fay Hubbard said I would never write it half through, that I would get tired of it in two weeks. I told him I should not, that I should write every day, and that every entry would be longer than the one preceding it. He said it would be a marvel if I did and it remains to be seen which was in the right. We came home in time to see Kate and Fannie start for the country. Preparations are making to send the regiment ordered by the President for the protection of the Federal Government. The Assembly this morning voted 200,000 dollars for war purposes and Col. Hood

said that two Garrison companies in Milwaukee had already offered their services, all are waiting anxiously for more news.

We went to the Lodge in the evening. Maria went with me and stood in the ante-room until recess. We had two candidates indicted. Mr. Craig was gone, and the news of the day took away the interest of the meeting somewhat and we adjourned early. There was a sociable appointed for the coming evening and as the Committee had done nothing in regard to preparations, we took it in hand, and arranged a program impromptu. It recessed to be a good one. There were several strangers in tonight. Adjourned to meet again in Lodge [indecipherable] on the next evening. Mr. Krupp came home with us. He seems very lonely without Fannie & Kate. Got acquainted with Mr. Bristol, a student of the University. He was instated tonight. He seems very pleasant and intelligent.

Wednesday April 16th

The legislature met this morning and as there was no further business adjourned sine die. The Governor's Guard tendered their services to the Governor and were accepted amid hearty cheers. The Star Spangled Banner was then sung by the entire company. I shall copy it to preserve my remembrance of this day.

Star Spangled Banner

1. O say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!
2. On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze o'er the towering steep
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream
'Tis the star-spangled banner, O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave
3. And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:

And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

4. Oh! Thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
When conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto – "In God is our trust!"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

The song was greeted with tremendous cheers and the members of the Legislature parted to go to their homes, with a determination in their hearts do all they could for the cause of their country. We heard today of many friends who had enlisted to join the companies who are going to the seat of war. The sociable this evening was well attended. Maria went with me. We had a good resume. Dr. Cass read a poem entitled The Tragedy by T. B. Aldrich, which was beautiful. Miss Crocker recited poems of Sie at Rhiemes(sp) which was very appropriate to the occasion. I recited Ralph Farnham's last dream which called forth hearty applause, and caused more tears. It is so beautiful I shall copy it.

Ralph Farnham's Last Dream

In the midst of his children's children by the home fires cheerful blaze,
An old man sat in his easy chair, dreaming of by-gone days,
Dreaming of wearisome marches, by flood morass, and wold
Where many a brave heart fainted with hunger, and thirst and cold
Dreaming of midnight watches, in the dreary drizzling rain
And the hum of his comrades voices, he never might hear again

Of the smoldering fires of the bivouac, and the sentinel's measured tread
Of the smoke and the sons of the battle, and the faces of the dead
Of the fair young son of his neighbor, who fought and fell by his side
And the sacred message he gave him, to his girl-love when he died
He saw the face of the maiden grow cold as death and as pale
As he sat by her father's hearthstone, and told her the cruel tale
"Aye, Aye," in his sleep he murmured, "she was fair, and he was brave,
But she faded away, like a blossom and we made him a soldier's grave,
But we routed the British legions and sent them over the sea
For the 'God of battles' helped us and our native land was free."
My son, I've been dreaming a dream which gave me pain
I thought I was young, and a soldier fighting for freedom again.
I saw the tents and the banners, and the shining smocks of the foe
And the crimson tracks our poor recruits left on the frozen snow.

But is it true this rumor or is it only an idle tale?

Do they talk of dissolving the Union?
Ah, well may your cheek grow pale,
And well may an old man tremble and his heart beat faint and low.
When he thinks of the price it cost us some fourscore years ago.
I have watched its growing greatness through a life of many years
And I never forgot that its blessings were purchased with blood and tears
I never forgot the privations of fourscore years ago
When the naked feet of our poor recruits left crimson tracks in the snow
I never forgot their faces and I seem to see them still
As they looked straight in the face of death at the battle of Bunker Hill
And so the home of Marion was the first to break the band
That bound the beautiful sisterhood of our beloved land
The children of those heroes around whose memory clings
The glory of King's Mountain, Cowpens, and Eutaw Springs
I've seen our blessed banner with its white and crimson bars
When fair South Carolina was one of the thirteen stars

And if ever that constellation is marred or rent in twain
It would blast the sight of these poor old eyes to see its folds again
And if God has forsaken our country, the only boon I crave
Is that he will delay its ruin till I have gone down to the grave
For I could not breathe with traitors or raise my face to the sun
Or dwell in the land of the living when the States are no longer one.

Mr. Baker then read, The "Charge of the Light Brigade". A toast was given by Mr. Purfle (sp) "Our country free now and forever" responded to by Dr. Bosihau (sp). One by P. G. Scofield "The Good Temples Volunteers" responded to by Mr. Hastings he spoke feelingly and brought tears to many eyes. Mr. Fox sang several patriotic pieces and we came home at half past eleven. Mr. High came home with us.

Thursday April 17th

An unpleasant day, and my spirits down to zero, we still have news from all quarters in the South. Heard today that a vessel laden with bacon and also one with ammunition had been seized on its way down the Mississippi by the Union men. Went out this afternoon to Rosa's staid there a short time, went up town with. Got some ribbon to make red, white and blue cockades. Mr. Williamson gave me the ribbon. Rosa came home with us and we made the rosettes, wore them to the patriotic meeting in the evening. A large crowd present in the Assembly hall, the meeting was for the purpose of raising funds to support the families of the

volunteers. Nearly 8,000 dollars was subscribed. The meeting was very enthusiastic. The volunteers marched in amid tremendous cheers. The band playing Yankee Doodle and the crowd sang Star Spangled Banner. The meeting adjourned to meet again in one week.

Friday April 18th

Went to Dr. Brisbane's with mother. Meet Will, he said that news had first been received that there had been fighting on the Baltimore Railroad, that the Southerners had some of the track, and the mob assaulted troops in passing through Baltimore. Three persons were killed, the President had issued orders for double the number of troops. Saw young Mrs. Brisbane at home, said her husband had gone to enlist, felt very badly about it. I pitied her very much.

Saw Lottie Loattisse said she was going to have a cockade. Mrs. Bliss bought ribbon for rosettes for shoes and collars. I have seen several ladies with them in the skirt.

Came home and spent the evening alone.

Saturday April 19th

Went this afternoon with Maria to get up a subscription for a flag for the Third Volunteer Corp, met with good success, raised 84 dollars together with what the School Choir gave.

Went in the evening to the City Hall to see the Governor's Guard drill. They are a very good looking company and will be Company A in the first regiment. Saw several of the volunteers from Madison and bade them farewell as I shall not probably speak with them again.

Sunday April 20th

Went to church this morning at the Baptist Church. There was a sermon preached in the Episcopal Church by the pastor, Mr. Britton, to the volunteers who attended in uniform. The discourse is said to have been very appropriate and impressive. I would like to have gone but thought I must go to my own church. Dr. Brisbane's son preached in uniform. Went to the Congregational Chapel this afternoon. Do not like Dr. Baylor as well as our minister. Came home and wrote in my journal, read aloud from Gold Fool, and 'Emerson's Conduct of Life. Dr. Brisbane, Jr. preached in the evening to volunteers. Pa and Ma went with us as we were starting. Mr. High came for Maria, she had gone and he accompanied me. A large crowd in attendance. Choir sang Star Spangled Banner. As the people were going out Dr. Brisbane announced telegraph news from Fort Pickens. The rebels were defeated with loss of three hundred men. The audience received this with three hearty cheers. The volunteers formed in a line and marched from the church and down the street to the sound of muffled drums. Found Miss Kavenaugh and Fannie at home and also Kate's brothers all very much excited about the war news, sat and talked an hour or two before going to bed.

Monday April 21st

Commenced cleaning house. Went up town and then Dr. Kayes took me out my school house. Went to Mr. Drummy's(sp). Mr. Tenney's and Casey's engaged board for the summer at Casey's, saw the school house, going to commence teaching a week from today. Came home. Went in the evening to Governor's Guard drill.

Tuesday April 22d

Cleaned the parlor. Went in the evening to the Lodge, had the blues could scarcely keep from crying all the evening. Dr. Brisbane, Jr. & wife initiated. She is very sad about his going and scarcely expects his return. While Brother Walters was making remarks on the dependence of brothers to the war she fainted, and when she recovered was taken home. Choir sang Star Spangled Banner and Red White & Blue.

All felt very sad at parting with our friends perhaps never to see them again.

Nomination of officers.

Wednesday April 23d

Went up town at seven o'clock, came home and got ready to go with the rest to the Capitol where the members of the order and the officers of the Guards were presented with rosettes of remembrance and bade God Speed in the cause of freedom. Went at twelve to the depot to see the Companies leave for Milwaukee, the rendezvous of the regiment. An immense crowd collected procession of the military, five Companies, Carriages, & came at 1 o'clock. Denin sisters sang Star Spangled Banner. Ways(sp) and others addressed the volunteers, and then the friends took leave of them. They entered the cars, and were bound away amid cheering, waving of hats and handkerchiefs, and cries of "God Bless you" every side. It was an affecting and interesting scene. Cora Williams came home with me. Went down to the lake in the afternoon.

Thursday April 24th

Cora & Hattie, and two or three other girls came to spend the afternoon with the children. Went up town. Met Lottie and Miss Taylor went up to the cupola in the City Hall. Randall Guards drilling stopped a while to see them. [indecipherable] to see Miss Fernandez, she was not at home. Came back to tea, and then went and got a basket and called on Nancy McConnell, not at home. Saw Bob, stopped a few minutes at the gate. Came home and went to bed. Adjourned meeting of citizens tonight.

Friday April 25th

Getting ready to go in the country some and mended all the forenoon, a warm, pleasant day.
Went out to make some calls. Conversation on the State of the country, entirely.

Saturday April 26th

Went up town to Klanber's. Called on Mrs. Rogers and bade her and Rosa good bye. They were sewing. Came home sewed all this afternoon. Mrs. Andrew Main called was glad to see her. Spent the evening at Mrs. Rogers, had a good deal of fun playing Charades and tableaux before the boys came, were all sitting on the floor, and laughing at the top of our lungs when they knocked. All was into the sitting room and looked as meek as Moses when they came in played beads, sang and talked the rest of the evening. Came home in the bright moonlight. Fay Hubbard came home with us.

Sunday April 27th

Went to church, a beautiful Spring morning. The air fragrant and cakery [indecipherable] fresh – such a sweet Sabbath – as I dearly love. Dr. Brisbane preached a beautiful sermon from the text “Passed my Fathers are one &c” We staid at home in the afternoon, Dr. Brisbane preached to the volunteers in the evening and the choir sang the “Star Spangled Banner”. Sat up until eleven o'clock to finish “Miss [indecipherable] Gilbert's Career(sp)”

Monday April 29th

Rose early, breakfasted, and walked out to Mrs. Casey's. Got there at ten minutes past eight, rested a while before I went to school. Very pleasant people. Mary and I went to school. Found the school house nicely cleaned and about thirty scholars. Examined classes all day, and by four o'clock had in a measure ordained orders out of the confusion. I was very tired. The school seems to be a very pleasant one, and I think I shall like it much. Was a good deal disappointed in not having a room by myself. I am so tired of noise, and confusion that when I get home I want to sit down quickly with my own thoughts, but I shall try and get along as well as possible under the circumstances. I would not seem dissatisfied for anything. They are all so kind here. Went to bed at eight o'clock.

Tuesday 30th

Rose at six, breakfasted, and went out in the yard, a pleasant day. Crocheted nearly two hours and then went to school. Got everything into sunny order today. Had no trouble whatever. Went to tea. It looked some like rain. I walked home, got there just as the family had finished tea. Went to the Lodge, had a pleasant time. Left before close. Mr. Baker came home with me. Found Lottie & D. Fernandez at home sewing on Mrs. Bliss's flags they remarried late. Pa came home, had a good deal

of fun about the "Home Guards." Promised to come home Thursday night to help finish the flag.

Wednesday May 1st

Cold and unpleasant. Walked to school. Three more scholars today. Went to Mrs. Tenney's for the Register. The several companies composing the 2nd regiment commenced coming in today, one from La Crosse, and another from Portage came this afternoon. They are to camp on the fair grounds. The barracks are not quite ready and they will remain in town until they are.

Thursday May 2d

Went to school as usual. Nothing of importance occurred aside from the regular school exercises. Came home, after tea. Found Mrs. De Mott (sp) here. She staid to tea, and Ma & she went up to the Assembly Chamber to work on the shirts for the soldiers. Maria and I went up and staid about an hour and then to Mrs. Seymour's to sew on the flag. Lottie, Kate, Laura & Addie Ripley were there. We worked until ten o'clock and then the boys ie Chappell, Gay & Sam came. We finished the stripes and fourteen starts on each side, listened to some singing by Vessey [sp] and came home at 1 o'clock. Fay came with us.

Friday 3d

Awoke this morning to the pleasing consciousness that it was raining heavily with not the slightest prospect of cessation. Hoped that some of my friends would remember me and offer to take me out, but who ever was in luck on a Friday? Put on a thick hood sail & took my umbrella and started.

Of all the walks I ever took this was certainly most cleansing. It rained and it blew and between my umbrella and basket and bedraggled skirts, and a three mile walk in the rain, I fared poorly and was completely exhausted when I came in sight of the schoolhouse. I walked on the railroad track and reached the end of my journey in a condition utterly indescribable. Laid my dress by the fire and sat all day in school with wet feet, wet skirts and head throbbing with pains. About eighteen scholars present. After I reached the schoolhouse it stopped raining and after hailing a few minutes commenced snowing beautifully and continued for an hour. Went to tea, intended to have gone home tonight, but was too tired. Went to bed early. I cleaned up and there was a prospect of a pleasant day on the morrow. Have heard no war news today. Two more companies arrived. One of the men from Portage broke his leg.

Saturday 4th

A pleasant morning, breakfasted early and about half past seven started for home. The walking very bad, meet Mrs. Allen and Miss Phelps going up town to work on shirts for soldiers. Got home at eight o'clock very tired rested a little while, got ready and

went with Ma & Fannie to the Assembly Chambers. It was crowded and presented a busy spectacle. There were ten sewing machines in operation. Staid until 1 o'clock, went to dinner and then back in the afternoon. There were a great many present this afternoon and we accomplished a good deal. The President of the meeting said there would be no necessity of working tomorrow. We met again in the evening, and altogether finished about thirteen dozen today.

Sunday 5th

Rainy and cold again, got ready for church. Dr. Brisbane preached from the first chapter of Genesis. When the services were over found it storming violently. Mrs. Craig got us umbrellas and we started home got as far as Mrs. Wise's. Mrs. De Mott was with us. The wind blew so hard that we could not keep an umbrella up and we went into Mrs. Wise's for shelter took dinner there staid an hour and came home in the rain, second time I have been "out in the rain" this season. Finished reading "Bittersweet" very good. Went to bed at four o'clock, sick.

Monday 6th

Walked to school. Very tired when I got there glad to find a warm fire. The wind blew violently all day. Went to Mrs. Casey's at night.

Tuesday 7th

Cold and storming worried all day for fear it would storm so that I could not go home tonight, rained all the afternoon. I went home to tea, had concluded not to go home, however it cleared off after tea and I started home. Went to the Lodge. There were fifty-two of the members of the Randall Guards inducted. It was a sight worth seeing, fifty-two young men binding themselves to abstain from everything which could intoxicate. I sincerely hope those pledges will be kept and that this terrible cause of soldiers in all lands will have no power over them. The officers for the next quarter were installed. We came home at eleven o'clock. Mrs. High came home with Fannie and I came along.

Wednesday 8th

A beautiful morning. Rose at 6 got ready and started for school at half seven, had a pleasant walk. It seemed almost cruel to call the children into the school room. The girls brought me some beautiful violets. Went home with Hattie Casey tonight. Her mother is a very nice woman. We went up to the grassy[indecipherable] after sundown and climbed to the top of the hill. Mrs. Casey brought home poor little lamb which had been bitten by the dogs. It was a pretty little thing. The children are going to take extra care of it, make it live if possible.

Thursday 9th

Got up at 6, had breakfast. Went up to the top of the hill with the children to get flowers. Grand quantities of Passion flowers or Rock Lillies as they call them here. The scholars came from all directions and we had plenty of flowers for one day. Kept some of the scholars tonight to get them tea, many staid till five. Went to tea. Afterwards went home. Was dreadfully tired, dressed myself and went up to the Assembly Room sewed a while. Went home and to bed.

Friday 10th

Went to school. Cold and windy & raining. After walking three miles did not feel very smart. Scholars did very well today.

Saturday 11th

Sick this morning. Felt hardly able to sit up. Before I went to school the Lieutenant and Orderly Leasguard (sp) of the Beloit Rifles came to Mrs. Casey's after butter, said that they had had none for a week. Came again in the afternoon, got a loaf of bread & some milk. We went up on the hill this [indecipherable] to get flowers. Nellie, Hattie & Esmosette(sp) Stoel came out this morning and staid all day. Went into the Camp ground tonight. Saw the mens seven barracks &c. and the soldier's arrived. Walked home, dressed, went up to the Assembly Room and had a good time. The Governor gave a supper to the ladies who worked on the shirts. The table looked very nice indeed. The band played Yankee Doodle and all the other patriotics.

Sunday 12th

Went to church. The Randall Guards were there in uniform. They are a fine looking company. Went to hear Dr. Baylor in the evening.

Monday 13th

Went to school as usual, rained, got dreadfully muddy. It seems as though it would never stop raining.

Tuesday 14th

Partially clear this morning, helped to be able to come to town, got home, found Mr. Brown & Mrs. M. coming in, could not ride so her Mr. concluded not to go. Waited for Mr. Brown, half an hour and then it rained. I was very much disappointed, more so as it cleared off beautifully when it was too late to go.

Wednesday 15th

Pleasant today. Went to school. Walked home Edith Maxwell came with me. Went up town. Legislature met today under call of the Governor.

Thursday 16th

Went to school. This evening went to Mrs. Casey's to tea. After tea went call on Mrs. Jenkins. Found Sam on the point of leaving his plow. We [indecipherable] cleaned up the house, got tea, went after the cows, got some flowers, and shells, and had a splendid time altogether. Came home about nine o'clock. Went to the school house, with some of the scholars to sew on our flag, did not have the key and so got in at the window. Sewed till half past ten, tired enough to sleep a week. Went to Mrs. C's to stay all night.

Friday 17th

Nothing unusual happened today. Kept some of the scholars after school to get their lessons. Kitty Casey came home with me. The construction man was standing near the school house and the conductor asked us to ride we got on, sat with the engineer and had a splendid ride to town.

Saturday 18th

Went up town this morning. Went to the Historical Rooms with Kittie. Came home, sewed all the afternoon, had company in the evening. Miss Chappell, Mrs. Craig & Rosa.

Sunday 19th

Went to church, Rosa came home with us. Went a part of the way home her this afternoon. It rained before we got home, and continued all the afternoon & evening.

Monday 20th

Rained violently this morning, did not start for school till eleven o'clock. It cleared off very pleasant indeed as I was going out, got there at one o'clock. Scholars had all gone home, sewed on the flag a while, went to see Mrs. Casey, and then went home. Kittie was with me.

Tuesday 21st

Maria & Rosa were coming for me in a boat. They could not get one and accordingly came on foot. Went with Mrs. Tennys and found them there. They went with me to Mrs. Casey's and had tea and then we walked home.

Wednesday 22d

Walked out to school, a beautiful morning. Staid to hear some lessons, sweep the school house to and as I was going home met Lottie, Rosa & Maria with Mr. Baker and Mrs. Rockwell, coming after me. Went to Mrs. Casey's, rested a while, and then started for the boat, had a pleasant row home. Got windy and went to the sociable in the evening. The Red, White & Blue Lodge was organized, and they hold their first meeting at Camp Randall on Thursday next, there was about 120 members. Had a pleasant time. Came home about half past eleven. Mrs. Baker home with Rosa & I.

Thursday 23d

Staid after school to sew on the flag.

Friday 24th

A very warm day. School went on very well, though I was glad when it was over it was so very warm. Sewed on the flag, made five stars.

Saturday 25th

Not as warm today, went to school. Mrs. Craig & Fannie came to see me this afternoon. We went home in their boat had a splendid ride discovered two caves along the shore in the rocks, saw a toad croaking into his hole in a stone. Stopped when we got opposite Mrs. Casey's. Went over they were just at tea, took tea there and then went back to the boat. I rowed home with Casey's & Sams help, nine o'clock when we arrived sewed till eleven and then went to bed.

Sunday 26th

Went to church, Dr. Brisbane preached a splendid sermon. It cleared off beautifully during service. Came home, read till three o'clock and then went to Bible class. Mr. Bray came along with us said he was going out to Camp Randall as we were all going concluded to go together started about five o'clock. Got as far as the corner of State Street when it began to rain and we very reluctantly retraced our footsteps. It rained all the afternoon and evening, and prevented our going to church.

Monday 27th

Went to school as usual. Nothing unusual happened today the old routine of school duties which get so tiresome sometimes went on as ever. Went home to Mrs. Casey's at six,

having staid to sew on the flag, we have got it almost done, took some starts home to cut, went to bed at eight.

Tuesday 28th

A pleasant day. The country has put on its robes of beauty and everything is beautiful indeed. June that queen of months is approaching crowned with flowers and beautiful with waving branches and graceful foliage. How I love this month, so fresh and beautiful, as the blighting heat of summer has despeled(sp) its springtime verdure. I walked home tonight and enjoyed it much. Went to the Lodge had a pleasant time. Sociable appointed for tomorrow night. Mr. Gray offered to take me out in his boat tomorrow morning. Mrs. Baker came home with me & Mr. High with Fannie.

Wednesday 29th

Had a nice boat ride this morning. It was very pleasant indeed. Fannie & Maria went with me. Maria went to school with me and staid all day and walked home with me tonight. People are talking now of the tragic death of Col. Ellsworth. This noble young commander of the Chicago Zouaves, shot in Alexandria by one of the rebels, Jackson by name, while in the act of trampling upon a secession flag taken from the top of his (Jackson's) hotel. The death of this brave young commander was speedily avenged by one of his men by the name of Brummell(sp) who run him through with his bayonet killing him instantly. Great excitement prevailed and his regiment have sworn by every hair of his head to avenge his death in that of thousands of his murderers, his body was embalmed and buried with [indecipherable] ceremonies, and the nation mourns his loss. We went to the sociable, had a pleasant time.

Thursday 30th

Went to school in a boat this morning. Staid tonight to sew on the flag, finished sewing around the stars. Went to Mrs. Danniring's(sp). They all went out to see a neighbor but I and the children. We talked until nine o'clock, and then went to bed.

Friday 31st

Cora and I had a nice ramble this morning over the farm. Went to see the sheep & horses, and goslings. Through the woods, Mrs. Danniring's(sp) farm is one of the finest in this vicinity and very pleasantly located full of slopes and undulations and very nicely kept. Mrs. Bolkin came to Mrs. Danniring's(sp) this morning she is a very nice old lady, her sister was with her, she has her maiden sisters living with who are over sixty years of age, she asked me to call, and I shall some time.

Mr. Tusoill, the school superintendent came to see me this afternoon, and gave me my certificate. I was to go home in a boat tonight but it looked so stormy that I concluded I would not wait and started in with Mrs. Maxwell on a

load of lumber. When we had got almost to town, met Fannie & Mrs. Craig in a buggy going after me. I exchanged news and we went back to the camp, drove around a while, and then came home.

Saturday June 1st

A warm sultry day. Went into town with Juliette at Klanber's. Asked them to dinner. Mrs. Andrew Mann & Mrs. Blivers(sp) was with them, all came down. Rosa Rogers came in the afternoon. Maria & I went to see Miss Fernandez. Went to the book store to see their new piano. Maria went to Sun Prairie with Rosa. After tea went up town again came home and sewed till eleven o'clock and then went to bed.

Sunday 2^d

Went to church this morning. It rained this afternoon cleared off very pleasant, however and is beautiful now as I sit in the door writing. Went to church this evening. Today is the same of a Sunday last year when Maria, Miss Kavanaugh and I were caught in a storm at the University. We shall none of us ever forget it.

Monday 3^d

Walked to school this morning. Every thing went on as usual. Staid tonight to sew on the flag.

Tuesday 4th

Pleasant day. Walked home tonight. Went to the Lodge. Met Mr. Smith there, glad to see him had a pleasant time. Mr. High came home with me. Mr. Smith said he would take me to school in the morning.

Wednesday 5th

Ma went with me to school had a pleasant ride. A meeting tonight to arrange a picnic for the soldiers. Mr. Smith said he would come for me and I concluded I would go in.
Went to the meeting. They appointed me as a committee to bag provisions which very agreeable task I shall escape by being a school marm.

Thursday 6th

Met Mr. Maxwell at the corner of the Park, rode out with him. School has been very pleasant today.

Friday 7th

Mrs. Mercer went to Sauk today. She stopped at the school house as she passed George & Lottie went with her. Mrs. Casey had company when I got home, rode into town with them after tea.

Saturday 8th

Went over to Mrs. Wiser's(sp) this morning, got some flowers & also went to Mrs. Sulmons's afterwards went to the store. A warm day for the premier. We went down to the Camp in the Omnibus, when there went through to the mess hall, worked three hours getting the tables ready, they looked very nice indeed, and we had an surplus of provisions. We had a speech from Col. Boon in behalf of the soldiers, one from Mr. Baylor in behalf of the Ladies, and several others gratis. The soldiers there cheered "the ladies." "The Star Spangled Banner" the Union, and almost every thing else. They then sang the Star Spangled Banner and as there are some fine voices among them it sounded well. The Cornet Band enlivened the whole with excellent music. After the soldiers had retired, the Guard came in and were served by the Ladies, also the Band. The remains of the repast were divided among the soldiers who expressed themselves highly gratified by the attention shown them. I said they should never forget it. We remained on the grounds awhile after services and then came home tired enough.

Sunday 9th

Dreadful warm today. Went to church in the morning and to prayer meeting in the afternoon. Bible Society meeting at the Methodist Church this evening, held until ten o'clock. Hugh came home with me. Mr. C. with Fannie.

Monday 10th

Went to school, found Mr. & Mrs. Sands at Mrs. Casey's when I got home. Sinclair Balkin came in the evening. Said he would carry a letter tomorrow morning for me to the post office.

Tuesday 11th

Got my letter ready, Mr. B called for it. Went to school. Walked home tonight. Did not get there until recess. Lodge closed early. Mr. Baker came home with me.

Wednesday 12th

Walked to school Charlie went with me. Had the 'blues' terribly this morning. Went to Mr. Kellogg's to tea. Went over to the school house after tea and assisted in raising the flag. We had quite a celebration gave more checks for the S. S. B. & had a patriotic time generally. It looked finely and is quite an item in the neighborhood. Staid at Mr. Kellogg's tonight. Saw them milk the cows. Had more skim milk. Grandma Kellogg recited some forty of her own composition about the war she is eighty-five years of age and it really showed extraordinary prowess of mind for one so old.

Thursday 13th

Looked out this morning and saw my flag floating in grand style. Went to Mrs. Casey's tonight.

Friday 14th

Wind blew terribly this morning, found my flag had lowered itself without saying by your leave, took it down. Wind blew dreadfully all day.

Saturday 15th

Kept school today, did not feel very well, and would have given about to be free from school duties, but I tried to be patient though it was hard work. The dust blew into the school room in clouds and the wind made such a roaring unsettling that it was almost impossible to do anything.

The girls had a paper this afternoon. Walked home tonight. Very tired indeed when I arrived.

Sunday 16th

A beautiful calm cool Sabbath. Went to church in the morning & to Bible Class in the afternoon. There was a slim attendance. Went to church in the evening.

Monday 17th

Went to school this morning, and when almost there discovered that I had left my key it was too far and too late to go back and I thought that I would make the best of it and so got in at the window. It was very amusing to see the scholars hopping out and in at the window all day but I kept on a sober face and they did not say anything. Went home at night after the key rode home with Mr. Maxwell.

Tuesday 18th

Walked to school this morning. Lottie went with me, and we walked home at night, found after we got home that Fannie & Mr. Craig had gone after us in a boat. Went to the lodge, Mr. Craig said they waited for us an hour and a half. Had a pleasant time. Mr. Baker came home with me & Mr. High with Fannie.

Wednesday 19th

Mr. Craig carried me out to school this morning. Maj. Crocker and Fannie went with us. Came after me again at night. Went to the Sociable, staid an hour or two and came home accompanied by Mr. Miller. Made arrangements for a picnic on Saturday.

Thursday 20th

Started with the intention of going in the boat when we got up town found that our timer was slow, we were half an hour too late, and so had to walk to school. Went to Mrs. Pierson's to stay tonight. Went out and found some strawberries.

Friday 21st

This is a week of mistakes with me. Mrs. P. had no time piece and as we waited for the nine o'clock train of cars and they did not pass I found myself at the school house at half past eleven. I was as much provoked as ever in my life but that did no good and as we were to have a picnic in the afternoon, I sent the children home to get ready. We started at one o'clock and after sundry delays in calling for scholars &c we arrived at our destination, and met Fannie's school just coming out. We had a pleasant time on the bank of the lake a ride in a boat, a supper under the trees, and a general frolic and then adjourned tired enough. Maria & I went up to Mr. Casey's and were glad enough to get a ride home.

Saturday 22^d

A breezy delightful day, although rather warm. This is the day of our picnic. Started at nine A.M. for the rendezvous, and after searching for various articles and a good deal of fixing we embarked for picnic point. We had a splendid row over, and saw quantities of fish on the other side of the point did not succeed in catching any, found a poor little squirrel in the water half drowned, laid in the sun a while and he soon found his senses and ran off. Went over to Mc Brides leaving Mr. Baker fishing. Got some cream a pail of water and some flowers and started back home again.

Mr. Baker, Maj. Crocker and Maria went out to fish. The rest went to walk and I not having any special desire for either chose myself sentinel and sat down to guard the provisions had a nice time by myself till obliged to defend them against a company of cows, who were determined to investigate the contents of the water pail and baskets. When they returned made preparations for dinner which we took at the fashionable hour of five after having the misfortune of having the ice water spoiled by the obtrusive nose of a cow which stole upon us in an unguarded moment. We had plenty of strawberries with cream, besides everything else nice, and after supper had the pleasure of ministering to the wants of two weary fishermen who had been out all day without water, i.e. the brother of our Governor and Will Atwood. After dinner had literary entertainment interspersed with jokes, laughter, gooseberry picking, machine poetry making, teetering[indecipherable] &, started after sundown for home, made the waters sing with our shouts & laughter. Maria sang her echo song, and we heard a beautiful echo. The full moon was about an hour high as we rounded the point and we had no idea of going home, and accordingly took a bee line for Gooseberry point. The

evening was perfectly delightful and I never enjoyed myself better. We arrived at home a little before twelve tired enough.

Sunday 23d

Rose this morning with a dreadful headache. Got ready for church, hear Dr. Brisbane. Went to hear the Baccalaureate address in the afternoon and to church in the evening.

Monday 24th

Mr. Craig took me to school in the boat this morning. I went to the store and then to the lake, when I arrived there I found that I had forgotten my key and soon made the disagreeable necessity of going back for it. I got to school about 9 ¼ o'clock.

Tuesday 25th

Went to school as usual. Very warm & sultry all day, and just as the last scholar took his departure clouds began to gather the wind rose and we had a most splendid thunder storm. I was alone in the schoolhouse and sat by the window to look, listen and wonder & as the flash succeeded flash the rain came in cascades accompanied by the loud peals of thunder, I felt God's awful presence in my very soul. I love a storm when alone, and the wilder it rages the greater the fury of contending elements. The higher and fuller the pleasure I experience. In about an hour and a half the storm abated and it being Tuesday night, I started for home. The air was cool and fresh, and had such an exhilarating effect on my spirits that I walked home in a very different frame of mind from that which I possessed at the close of school. Found Mrs. Craig in the parlor when I arrived, they all laughed at me well for walking so far in the wind. We had ice cream and strawberries, and afterwards went to hear the eulogy on the "life & character of Stephen A. Douglass" by Prof. D. B. Reed. It was very good. We had intended to go to the Lodge after the eulogy but it closed before we were released and therefore we did not go.

Wednesday 26th

Today is the annual commencement of the Wisconsin University. I would like very much to go but cannot. Walked to school.

Went over to Mr. Tenney's(sp) after tea. They were first eating their supper of green peas and new potatoes, and I complied with their request to sit down also.

Thursday 27th

Walked home tonight to attend the Horticultural Exhibition at the City Hall. It was fine, I did not go until late. Saw several old friends and enjoyed myself well, left them

dancing to the music of the fifth regiment band. Major Larabee was there. He is an old college friend of Pa's and I saw him for the first time.

Friday 28th

Walked out this morning. We raised the flag the second time tonight. It is upon a pole this time and I think will stay there. Went over to Mr. Maxwell's tonight with Mary, the little Mary got asleep and I brought her part way home, which pleased her mightily.

Saturday 29th

School as usual. Compositions & declarations this afternoon. Rode in tonight with Mr. Kellogg. Tired enough for four Saturday's.

Sunday 30th

Went to church this Dr. Brisbane preached on the institution of the Lord's Supper. It rained in the afternoon, towards evening Fannie & I took a walk over to first lake ridge, the wind was high and the waves, splendid. Went to the Congregational Chapel in the evening, and got lightly sprinkled coming home.

Monday July 1st

Walked to school. It was cool and pleasant. I was a little discouraged and disheartened for the first time since I commenced teaching. I was ill myself which was probably the reason that things seemed to go wrong. Two of the scholars staid tonight to sew.

Tuesday 2d

Very tired tonight. Went to Mrs. Casey's before going home, started about six o'clock, got home at seven. Went to the Lodge Fannie was not there. Mr. High came home with me. I was appointed member of a committee to arrange a picnic for next week.

Wednesday 3d

Mr. High and Mr. Craig and Fannie went out in a boat this morning. It was pleasant, but I did not get to school till half past nine. School passed pleasantly. Mr. High came for me in the boat and we got home about seven. Found Celia Parton & Dr. & Mrs. Barker here.

Thursday 4th

Wakened this morning by firing of guns and ringing of bells. Saw the procession go by our house at twelve o'clock, the chief features of which were the thirty-four girls in red white & blue to represent the States & nearly two thousand soldiers

representing the Fifth & Sixth regiments quartered here. Went up to Ski Park a little while, heard the Declaration read and the commencement of the nation, came home and a short walk in the evening finished my out-door performances for the day. This Fourth is an important one to us all, and who could look upon the two thousand brave men who passed through our streets today volunteers to defend our liberty and not feel his patriotism swell within him. Our country is shrouded and darkened by this cloud of civil war but trusting in God as our help and strength and as the supporter of the cause of right we shall yet see the clear sky over our heads and the light of peace and fraternity bearing upon us. Mr. High spent the evening here.

Friday 5th

Fannie & I having adjourned our schools till Monday, we set about enjoying our vacation in the most miserable measures possible. In the first place it was very warm. Fannie went to bed as soon as she finished her breakfast and we saw her only at intervals during the day. Celia & Maria & I decorated the parlor with oak leaf wreaths, cherries and flowers. It took nearly the whole forenoon to arrange them to our satisfaction. Then we concluded we would have a "party" and I made invitations for half a dozen friends to "drop in." Lottie Lattimer(sp) & Kittie Hubbard called in the afternoon and were treated to cherry pie. Only four of our guests came. We went down to the lake shore, sat on a boat near the lake, sang, recited, talked, laughed, and came home, finished the evening with ice cream & cake.

Saturday 6th

Went up town this morning, came home and sewed till eleven. Mr. Craig called and said that the committee was going across the lake to select a suitable place for a picnic and that he would call at two for us. It was very warm when we started, but when on the water, very cool and pleasant. Went over to "Sugar Bush" rambled around awhile and concluded that that would not do, and embarked for McBride's point. The lake was very rough and the waves occasionally washed over the stern of the boat where I sat so that I was completely wet through, it was so pleasant however I did not mind that. We went up to Mrs. McBride's who gave us a drink of water and all the ripe currants we could eat, besides a beautiful rose apiece we again sought the shore and ate our luncheon seated and chatted for an hour, and then started for home. The lake was rough but we were not afraid and I rowed with one oar all the way home. Went to the Committee meeting at Mr. C's office, got home at ten tired enough.

Sunday 7th

Went to church this morning. Came home wrote in my journal. Mr. Craig came in the afternoon and also Mr. Carpenter. Went to church in the evening.

Monday 8th

Went to school everything about as usual. Went to Mrs. Casey's.

Tuesday 9th

Walked home tonight or started to walk, and met Maria & Mr. High on the railroad & went in the boat. The wind was quite high, and it took us over two hours to get home, it rained a little, went right to the Lodge. Settled all the arrangements for the picnic on Saturday. Mr. High came home with me.

Wednesday 10th

Went to school. At night went to Mr. Kellogg's to stay all night. Sat up till eleven talking theology, politics, &c, with Mr. Kellogg.

Thursday 11th

Got up at five. After breakfast took a walk over the hill to the Lake Shore with the girls. Went to school at seven o'clock. After school, walked out to Kate Kavanaugh's tired enough when I got home (crossed out) there. We did everything we could think of chased the calves, cut straw for the horses, drove them to water, played with the dog, and about nine o'clock started in search of [indecipherable], got one with the aid of Peter and brought him home in triumph. "Thereby hangs a tale."

Friday 12th

Waked at half past four. Had got up and I took another nap. Kate walked half way to school with me, and met Charley Casey one of my scholars who came the rest of the way. Dismissed school tonight tired and almost discouraged.

Saturday 13th

Today is our picnic. Mr. Baker came about 8 ½ o'clock and soon after Mr. High & we started. There were four boat loads went. Had a very pleasant time. Went to Mrs. McBride's and got all the currants we wanted. There were about thirty-five people here, and when we came home we tied the boats together, and came across very sociably.

Sunday 14th

Cloudy this morning, got ready for church and started, it sprinkled a little but when the services were about half over it commenced raining in fine style and we had the satisfaction of walking home under borrowed umbrellas. Rained in the evening so that we did not go to church.

Monday 15th

Walked to school. Nothing occurred beyond the usual round of school exercises.

Tuesday 16th

Mr. Craig came for me today before school was out. I was sick and as always is the case at such times the children were more disorderly than usual. I was almost discouraged. I love my scholars dearly and I do not believe there is one who would willingly cause me pain but they are thoughtless and often seem unkind and ungrateful, but I will try and have patience with them. Went to the lodge, saw Eunice Kastings who has just returned from school, just as saucy and just as ever. There were a good many soldiers present, and we had some good speeches. After the Lodge Mr. Miller took us to ride, it was very pleasant being a bright moonlight evening.

Wednesday 17th

Rained in torrents this morning could not go to school. Fannie was at home also and we had a good time till it stopped raining about eleven o'clock, and then we went up town, went to the store. Made arrangements to go out to Camp Randall tonight in the boat. I went with Fanny to her school this afternoon. I believe visiting schools is worse than teaching. Our boat ride tonight ended in a rain down and we staid at home. Mr. High and Mr. Craig came and we spent a very pleasant evening.

Thursday 18th

Went to school in the boat. Came in as the soldier's picnic at Camp Randall, & home.

Friday 19th

Walked to school, a very pleasant day.

Saturday 20th

Dismissed school tonight with a lighter heart. When I got ready to go home found Fanny & Mr. Craig sitting on the railroad track waiting for me, walked over the hills to the lake, sat an hour under the trees reading and talking and then had a splendid row home. Mr. Craig staid to tea at nine.

Sunday 21st

Did not get to church this morning. Went to hear Dr. Taylor this evening.

Monday 22d

Went to school in the boat this morning. School about as usual. Went home with Ella Hill. After tea we went after flowers in the meadow and up on the hill got a lot of grass to crystallize. When Mrs. Hill's paper came, the news struck a chill to all our hearts. The telegraph announced the total rout(sp) of our troops at Manassas Junction and that between four and five thousand were killed and many taken prisoner. Our 2nd Regiment were in the engagement. Real loss in killed and wounded and taken prisoner not ascertained. Hopes are entertained from the usual exaggeration in such cases that it will turn out better than was supposed.

Tuesday 23d

Went to school this morning as usual. About three o'clock Ma & Nellie, Charlie & Mrs. Casey came out and remained until school closed when we went over to the Lake and came home in the boat. It was very pleasant. Last night news confirmed and scarcely modified except that the sons of our seven had been over extended, stragglers coming into camp in numbers. The 5th & 6th Regiments were ordered to march. Went to the Lodge with a severe headache. Some of the Zouaves were present.

Wednesday 24th

Found myself unable to go to school this morning. Fannie kindly offered to go in my place. Lay in bed all the forenoon and in afternoon read some. Fannie came home at night thoroughly tired out. Telegraph tonight; reports that more than two hundred men killed on our side to two thousand of the rebels. Defeat owing to General Patterson's delay in reinforcing us.

Thursday 25th

Went to school. Not able to teach, but learned that some things must be done and got along after a fashion. Went to Mrs. Casey's tonight. Mrs. Mercer wanted to go to the Camp & persuaded me to go with her. Saw the soldiers on parade. The 6th Regiment alone was there the fifth went yesterday.

Friday 26th

A warm sultry day. Went to school feeling very ill indeed. After school went to Mrs. Casey's and after tea walked home. Kittie was with me. Found the folks all gone to visit the Insane Asylum. Read the paper and went to bed.

Saturday 27th

Mr. Craig called this morning to see about the arrangements for going to Fond du Lac next week to the teacher's Association. I wanted to go very much, but want of money and other reasons will keep me at home or rather at school. News tonight nothing of importance. Telegraph reports somewhat more reliable, state the number of killed and wounded to be much less than at first supposed. Our second Regiment lost about forty men. Gen. Patterson has been superseded by Gen. Banks, and Gen. McClellan has taken Scott's place as commander in chief of the American forces that noble old General being too old to sustain the duties of so arduous an office he will remain however as McClellan's advisor.

Sunday 28th

A bright pleasant morning. The 6th Regiment started for Chicago at nine o'clock. Pa went with them. Went to church Rev. Mr. Harwood from Cincinnati preached. Arnier[indecipherable] Main sang in the choir, she has been gone two years. Services at the Church this afternoon but I did not go. Went to the Congregational Church this evening.

Monday 29th

Walked to school this morning. Very warm. Went to Mrs. Casey's to tea.

Tuesday 30th

Did not feel very well today. Went to Mrs. C's for tea, walked home. Tired to death. Did not go to Lodge.

Wednesday 31st

Started for school, met Major McDougal in his carriage and very kindly took me to school. Quite an item this hot weather. Went home with Kittie Casey after school, then over into the harvest field, where Mr. [indecipherable]'s men were at work, learned how to bind bundles and carried four thought that was glory enough for one day & accordingly went home.

Thursday Aug. 1st

A marvelously hot day. Did not feel able to go to school this morning went however and was obliged to close school at eleven o'clock, went home, kept my bed all the afternoon. Mrs. Casey's niece came yesterday, she is a nice little girl.

Friday 2d

Rode to school on a slow wagon, better than walking. Sick today, but thought I must teach, got along very well. Went to tea and got rested and then as I had concluded not to teach tomorrow, walked home.

Saturday 3d

It rained splendidly last night and is warm as ever today. I have done nothing today. This is miserable weather, I don't feel as if I was any use to myself or any one else.

Sunday 4th

Woke this morning with a dreadful headache. It is warm as ever and it seems almost impossible to exist. How I pity our poor soldiers several degrees farther south under the burning sun. I hope there will be no more fighting done while the weather remains so warm.

I did not go to church this morning being pretty sure that the weather and my headache would do away with all devotional feelings.

Finished reading "Tom Brown at Oxford" today, read ditto at Rugby last week, it is very fine and gives one a good idea of English schools and English scenery. The name of the author is Hughes I believe though I am not certain.

Monday 5th

Fannie & I started to walk to school this morning, met Mr. McDougal and he carried us out in his carriage. Harvest commenced last week and school was thin today. Went to Mrs. Casey's tonight. We went out in the field and bound a few bundles of wheat, ate some green apples and afterward played Copenhagen. Jumped up and had a nice time generally. Went down cellar and drank all the milk we wanted.

Tuesday 6th

Went to school, Ella Casey went with me. School rather thin today. Mr. Craig came after me tonight, came home in the boat. Went to the Lodge. Had a pleasant time.

Wednesday 7th

Went to school. It had rained in the night or I should have gone in the boat. Eddie Mason was at Mr. Casey's. We played ball tonight out in the yard and afterward went into the house and played Proverbs, we had plenty of fun.

Thursday 8th

School as usual. It cleared off this morning, bright and warm. Mrs. Tenney & Eliza came over to Mrs. Casey's tonight, and also Sinclair Botkin. Eliza and Sinclair stayed and

we played Proverbs in the evening, had splendid time. Eliza asked us over to tea tomorrow.

Friday 9th

Tired to death this morning, but had to go to school. Only 16 scholars the least I have had this summer. This week makes fifteen weeks that I have taught. Went home after school and washed me and washed my hair, and then went over to Mrs. Tenney's. In the evening Eddie & Sinclair Botkin came over and stayed till about ten o'clock.

Saturday 10th

Mrs. Mercer came home last night, we were all glad to see her. I walked home tonight. Tired enough.

Sunday 11th

A cool pleasant day, went to church. Came home wrote in my journal, and read remainder of the day.

Monday 12th

School as usual. Ella & I went to Mrs. Brown's(sp) tonight. Had a pleasant visit. A beautiful moonlight evening.

Tuesday 13th

Went to school, but few scholars on account of harvest. Walked home tonight. Went to the Lodge. Elected delegates to the Grand Lodge. Fanny was one, Mr. Hastings read an extra tonight containing news of the battle at Springfield yesterday. Gen. Lyon killed.

Wednesday 14th

Walked to school. A pleasant day. Went to Mrs. Casey's tonight. We played Proverbs after tea.

Thursday 15th Not home

Nothing unusual occurred today. Report of death of Gen. Lyon confirmed, also of rebel General McCulloch. Sen. Price[indecipherable] also rebel severely wounded. Our forces forced the enemy to retreat and camped on the battlefield. Rebel loss estimated at 8,000 killed and wounded, they had 28,000 engaged, we only seven thousand.

Friday 16th

Went to school, a pleasant day. Ella & I went to Mrs. Tenney's to spend the evening. Played euchre, had a good time. Stayed all night.

Saturday 17th

Taught school today and rode home with Mr. Brown tonight. Very tired.

Sunday 18th

Cool and cloudy. Went to church, heard a good sermon. Came home and staid rest of the day.

Monday 19th

Walked to school. Went to Mrs. Botkin's tonight, invited them to the picnic, said they would come. Went to Mr. Tenney's a little while afterwards.

Tuesday 20th

Walked home tonight, very tired, did not go to the Lodge.

Wednesday 21st

Did not go to school, but to Teacher's Examination instead. There were twenty-five teachers to be examined. Mr. Pickard and Messrs Sterling Bliss and Fox were the examining committee. Went to call upon Mrs. Mercer at Mr. Mason's after it was over. Were going boat riding tonight but were prevented by the rain.

Thursday 22d

Mr. Craig took me to school in the boat this morning, a pleasant day. I have had a full school and it passed very pleasantly. Went to Mr. Kellogg's tonight. We went up on the hill, and afterwards to Mrs. Tenney's wood lot to choose a spot for the picnic, concluded on the latter place.

Friday 23d

This is the last day of school. Rose this morning after breakfast went over to Mrs. D's staid a little while and then went to school had a very pleasant day but the tears would come in my eyes on discussing each class for the last time. We parted to meet again in the morning. Went to Mr. Maxwell's to tea staid a couple of hours and then went home. Eliza Tenney was there, we played games all the evening.

Saturday 24th

Rose early this morning a good deal anxious about scale of the day's arrangements. Started with Ella, Eddie, Eliza Tenney, George & Mary for the schoolhouse. Found the greater part of the children there. We went to the grounds Mr. Danniring's(sp) had very kindly fixed up some seats, and a table, also a couple of swings. They turned out very well. There were about seventy-three old and young, and all seemed to enjoy it very much. We had a nice supper, every thing passed off in an orderly manner. Fannie and Mr. Craig came after me, and after bidding them all good bye I felt that one more episode of my life had passed, that my influences there for good or evil, was ended. The children all seemed sorry to part with me, there were tears in many eyes, and one little girl sobbed all the way home and would not be comforted. God bless them all I love every one of them, although some of them have given me trouble and they have often seemed ungrateful for all my care and patience with them. I have passed a pleasant term among them, and sincerely wish them well in this world and the world to come, and hope that I may have done them some good. I was very tired at night, and after collecting my things, we started for home, we had a mile to walk to the lake shore. We had a picnic of our own on board, and after a very pleasant ride reached home about nine. The soldiers of the first Regiment returned today, and were enthusiastically received by the people they were welcomed at the depot, and provided with a dinner in one of the buildings, and in the evening were received by the ladies at the Assembly Room. They had a very pleasant time, most of them will re-enlist for the war.

Sunday 25th

Found on awakening that I had not fully recovered from the effects of the picnic. Went to church, Dr. Brisbane's son, one of the returned volunteers, preached this morning. Did not go this afternoon to church.

Monday 26th

Woke this morning with a strange feeling of loss, did not seem possible that I was not going to school, however I managed to get along very comfortably. I have a great deal to do this fall, and must improve every moment.

27--

Went up town this morning, sewed in the afternoon. Went to Lodge in the evening. Fannie was elected delegate to Grand Lodge.

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Nothing of importance occurred.

29th

Sewed all day.

30th

Went up town this morning, Mr. Craig offered to take me out to Mr. Tenney's this afternoon, as I wanted to go. We started that in, Fannie & I & Mr. Craig about 3 P.M. and they sat down among the trees near the railroad to wait for me. They promised to wait until seven o'clock before they launched. I was overtaken by Sinclair Botkin who came up through the woods, and he & I surveyed a new road through Mr. Casey's cornfield it was not altogether straight. He very kindly helped me over the interbeing[indecipherable] fences, and I arrived at Mr. Casey's in safety. I took tea there and then Ella and Mrs. Casey accompanied me to Mr. Tenney's. They had a house full of company, and Mr. Tenney did not get home until seven o'clock, and by the time I had my business with him arranged it was eight o'clock, and altogether too late to meet my friends at the boat. It being very dark I thought it likely that they had gone home long before Sinclair & Alex Botkins came over to Mr. Tenney's and Mrs. Mesees (sp) invited us all over to their house to spend the evening. We had a very pleasant time, playing Proverbs &c.

Saturday 31st

Rose early, after breakfast went out to the barn to hunt for eggs, got seven in all, I had to go to Mr. Danniring's(sp), and so walked up as soon as possible after breakfast, it was something over a mile. Mr. Danniring(sp)said I might ride on a load of wheat with him if I chose which I did accordingly. Ella & I went over to Mr. Tenney's after Eliza who with Ella was going home with me. We started about nine o'clock found it very warm and dusty, got into town a little after ten, the girls staid all day. Eliza's father came for her in the evening. Ella staid all night.

Sunday Sept. 1st

Went to church, rained some all day. Ella & I and Maria went to the Universalist Church this evening.

Monday 2d

Rained all day, until late in the afternoon, about 3 o'clock I went up to the Hall to help trim it for the reception of the Grand Lodge, it looked very nice indeed. After tea Maria & I started to accompany Ella part way home, it grew dark by the time we reached the camp ground and Ella did not dare go home alone through the woods and I did not dare go alone back to town, so we all went on. Staid all night and came back in the morning.

Tuesday 3d

Started for home early, it was very pleasant. Went to Lodge this evening.

Wednesday 4th

Sewed all day. Went to look at a house.

Thursday 5th

Sewing, went to Mrs. Wisers'(sp). Went to Lodge in the evening. Staid in the side room.

Friday 6th

Much as usual. Companies company Seventh Regiment coming in today.

Saturday 7th

Pleasant. Running around some today.

Sunday 8th

Went to church. Dr. Brisbane preached a very good sermon. Went to Chapel Dr. B preached there also.

Monday 9th

At home sewing as usual, Rosa came in the afternoon staid all night.

Tuesday 10th

Raining splendidly this morning, with no prospect of ceasing. We went up town about noon, and notwithstanding the rain to Addie Brisbane's to spend the afternoon and to Lodge in the evening.

Wednesday 11th

Got a note from Mr. Craig this morning saying that he was ill also his little boy who was very low with a fever. Rosa staid till noon.

Thursday 12th

Nothing of importance today. We got no telegrams of importance. Our Regiments here, the Seventh & Eighth are filling up and will probably leave next week.

Friday 13th

The Methodist Conference is in session here, went to the Church in the evening and heard the Rev. Mr. Tiliou(sp) of Janesville on the State of affairs in the County, his text, "Every soul must be obedient to the higher powers" &c., was well treated indeed. I think I never heard a better discourse on the subject.

Saturday 14th

Went up town this morning. We were all very much surprised by a visit from Cousin Augustus tonight. We were all very glad to see him I have not seen him since we were little children.

Sunday 15th

Went to church this morning. One of the Methodist ministers preached. Augustus came before Church but did not accompany us, went again in the afternoon, and after that Augustus went with us to walk, until tea time. Went to church at the M. E. Church in the evening, found it crowded so much so that some of the contents ran over into the street, and dispersed to other churches, we were fortunate enough to obtain a seat.

Monday 16th

A pleasant day. Staid at home and sewed all day.

Tuesday 17th

The cloth for making shirts for the soldiers came in today, and we commenced making them. There are twenty-five thousand yd's to make up. Went to Lodge tonight.

Wednesday 18th

Augustus went yesterday, still making shirts. I like it very well. Had a picnic for the soldiers at the Camp today, we went up, it passed off pleasantly. The Seventh Regiment go Saturday.

Thursday 19th

Worked all day on the shirts, went to the Horticultural Exhibition in the evening. It was very pleasant.

Friday 20th

Made 10 shirts today. Maria & I and the machine that is.

Saturday 21st

Shirt making still, finished ten today.

Sunday 22^d

Went to church today, a beautiful morning, heard a good sermon from the old text, "Enter in at the Strait Gate &c. I hope it may do me good, went again in the afternoon, a stranger, a member of the Conference, preached. Went in the evening to hear Dr. Baylor.

Monday 23^d

Rose early, sent off the shirts made Saturday and got ten more just as we nicely at work one of the machine springs broke, and so delayed us somewhat in getting it mended. We finished our ten however by six o'clock. I went to a committee meeting at Mr. Miller's. We staid until ten, had a pleasant time and all came as far as the gate with me.

Tuesday 24th

Had no work this morning, sewed on Ma's dress. Went to the Lodge. Dr. Brisbane was here and went with us. Our committee reported, and was received with satisfaction. We played Grab at recess, had a pleasant time. Fanny went home early. Mr. High came with me.

Wednesday 25th

Started this morning to call on Mrs. Geo. C. Smith at Mr. Schofield's called for Miss Chapman to accompany us. It commenced raining when we were almost there and continued to rain steadily all the forenoon. We staid at Mr. Schofield's until noon and then started home in the rain getting well drenched. Mrs. Craig came and spent an hour here this evening.

Thursday 26th

This was the day appointed by the President as a day of fasting and prayer. Services in all the churches, places of business all closed, Dr. Brisbane preached, prayer meeting before and after preaching.

Friday 27th

Went up town this morning, a very cold cloudy day, sewed until four o'clock and then went out in the country to Mr. Casey's, stopped at Mr. Maxwell's on the way. Mrs. Casey

and Ella were making pies for the soldiers in the evening and I kept them company and looked on. They made thirty-four in a little more than an hour.

Saturday 28th

Got up by candle light this morning. Very cold. Ella was coming to town. We started at seven o'clock. Stopped at the camp ground, went to Mr. Tenney's office, then to William's staid where he treated us to candy and grapes, we walked about a little and then walked into town. Ella went to take her music lesson after which we went to Curtiss's and had our photographs taken. Mrs. Wiser and also Kate Kavenaugh & Kittie Hubbard called in the afternoon. Mr. C. came and spent the evening.

Sunday 29th

Another cold gloomy day, went to church had a full house and a good sermon, went again this afternoon. Went in the evening to the Unitarian Church to Vespers. They have splendid singing.

Monday 30th

Sewed all the forenoon. Went up town with Ma. Spent the evening at home.

Tuesday Oct. 1st

Rained incessantly all day. Could not go to the Lodge.

Wednesday 2d

Still raining. How I pity our poor soldiers in camp. It is so cold and wet I think they must suffer.

Thursday 3d

Still rainy & cold. In the house and sewing all day. Mrs. Fairchild came over this evening.

Friday 4th

At home, rainy. We have had no frost yet and everything looks as green as if it were spring.

Saturday 5th

We were very glad to see the sun this morning, and it proved a beautiful day. Maria & I went up town.

Sunday 6th

Went to church, Dr. Brisbane preached from the text "Not every one who saith unto me, "Lord, Lord, etc." He preached a splendid sermon, went again in the afternoon.

*****Journal jumps in dates from Oct. 6th to Oct. 28, then skips from Oct. 28 to Nov. 6**

Monday Oct. 28th

We have been moving and I have not seen my journal for a long time. I take it up now with something of the feeling of welcoming an old friend. I am to be at home this winter how many of the records made here will be worthy of the time spent time alone can prove. I hope that I shall not have cause to chide myself for time misspent or opportunities misimproved(sp). We have a meeting at our house tonight for the purpose of organizing a Society of young people to send articles of comfort and necessity to our sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals. It seems to me a work of importance as they so very much need our aid and I hope that we shall accomplish something.

Tuesday 6th

The gathering last night was not large but we organized under the name of "The Young Ladies Relief Society" and appointed the following officers: Emily Quiner, President; Hattie Benedict, Vice President; Addie Parfle[indecipherable], Secretary; Minnie Baylor, Treas. Also the President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer Soliciting Committee for the various wards. Adjourned to meet next Monday evening at Addie Brisbane's. Went to the Lodge James High came home with me.

Wednesday 7th

Went up town this morning, Ella Casey came while I was gone staid until afternoon had a committee meeting in regard to the sociable here tonight.

Thursday Nov. 8th

Attended the Ladies' Aid meeting at the Hall, wound two skeins of yarn and raveled a square of linen for setons.

Friday 9th

Went out this morning on the Soliciting Committee, took me nearly all day, had good success. Tired enough tonight. Staid at home.

Saturday 10th

Went up town got some yarn to knit stockings also some needles for [indecipherable]. Went out in the afternoon to collect bundles.

Sunday 11th

Went with Pa to the camp to hear Capt. McLeod of the 18th Regiment preach. It was cloudy and cold when we started, but the sun came out beautifully in a short time. The preaching was in the Hall of Fine Arts and we had empty musket boxes for seats. The sermon was very fine and the attendance good. After the sermon Pa introduced us to Capt. McLeod, and also to Lieut. Moore of the same company. They seemed to be very fine men indeed, as we came out of the building the scene from the hill was picturesque indeed, with the bright sunshine (the first we have had for nearly a week shining sweetly over camp and city, lake and hill. We took a walk around the tents stood a while to see them fall in for dinner and the march thereto, and then came home. Went to the Baptist Church in the afternoon, and Congregational in the evening.

Monday 12th

Went up town this morning, and to the Society at Addie Brisbane's in the evening. There was a good number present, and we did a considerable amount of work, had a pleasant time. Addie treated us to pumpkin pie. Adjourned to meet at Addie Parfles.

Tuesday 13th

Went to the Lodge installation of officers. I was installed as Treasurer, had a Committee meeting at recess.

Wednesday 14th

Met at Addie Parfle's(sp) to rehearse charade. Mr. High one of the principal charaders being absent, we could not rehearse. Came home early. Mr. McKinney came with me.

Thursday 15th

Went up to the Ladies' Aid Society to Addie Parfle's(sp) in the evening to rehearse. Mr. Baker called for me. Mr. High being present, we rehearsed our charade several times, and adjourned to meet at our house tomorrow night.

Friday 16th

A pleasant day. Been at work all day sewing. Mr. High and Mr. McHenry came tonight but the rest of the corps [indecipherable] were not on hand, and so we had no rehearsal.

They staid about an hour and a half after they were gone Mr. Craig came, and spent the remainder of the evening.

Saturday 17th

Today passed with the usual round of morning duties, a trip up town after a pattern for soldiers mittens, and a visit to camp in the afternoon. Came home cold and tired and knit until twelve o'clock on the mittens.

Sunday 18th

A pleasant day, went to church, had a good sermon, Dr. Brisbane announced that he was about to leave as having received an appointment as Chaplain in the 2d Cavalry Regiment. We are very sorry to lose him, Mr. Craig said he would call for us to go to camp in the afternoon. He came at one o'clock and we had a pleasant walk, when we got there found the services would not commence for an hour sat down and waited. Mr. Britton preached and the band played, and we had some good singing by the congregation, after the services Mr. Craig took trade (temperance etc.) to the Chaplain to distribute and then we went to find some of our friends for whom we had some papers, found Will McConnell, gave them to him and told him to share them with Wells High when he came. Mr. Craig staid to tea and we went to the Congregational Church in the evening.

Monday 19th

Society met at Addie's tonight there was quite a crowd, had a very pleasant time and accomplished a good deal of work staid after adjournment to rehearse our charade, had a rather [indecipherable] time and came home late. James High came home with me.

Tuesday 20th

Rained all day. Staid at home, Lodge sociable post-poned one week on account of the weather.

Wednesday 21st

Stormy & cold, I have had the blues all day.

Thursday 22d

Went to the Ladies Aid Society. They were making slippers. Went from to Mrs. Rowe's and then home.

Friday 23d

Went out collecting bundles, came home found that Addie Parfle(sp) had been here to inform me that James High would not be in town, so that we could not go on with our charade in consequence.

Saturday 24th

Mrs. Rowe called this morning to see me in regard to the Sociable. Mrs. Martin called this afternoon. We were very agreeably surprised to see Cousin Augustus this evening. He came from Portage City.

Sunday 25th

Went to Church this morning. Augustus went with us, and also to the Congregational Church in the evening.

Monday 26th

The Society met here in the evening. Pa's got a buggy this afternoon and took me around to collect my bundles. We had quite a gathering in the evening and a pleasant time. James High was here and informed me that he would stay and take part in the charade. I told him that I should have nothing to do with it.

Tuesday 27th

Went up town this afternoon with Addie Parfle(sp) to get some batting for the Comforter we are to tack today, got enough for one came home and got one ready to tack and that was all. Addie staid to tea, Mr. High came for me to go to Exhibition of the Myrmidons Society of the University. Went to the Lodge afterward, got very much provoked at some of the members, and came home in no amicable frame of mind. Bid Mr. High good-bye for four months.

Wednesday 28th

Pa's got a carriage this afternoon and took me out riding. It was very cold but we wrapped up warm and were not at all uncomfortable. We went out to Mr. Tenney's and from there to Mrs. Reynold's got home about six o'clock. Fannie was sick and I taught school for her this morning. Went to Sociable.

***There are two 28th's in this month in her diary on different days.**

Thursday 28th

Today is Thanksgiving, went to Church in the morning, had dinner at four in the afternoon, had an invitation to a surprise party at Mrs. Miller's played cards in the evening until time to go, had a very pleasant time, our oyster supper &c. came home at twelve.

Friday 29th

Augustus started for home, this morning. I was sorry to have him go, it seems lonely without him, he is so lively and pleasant, we all like him very much. Commenced a course of study today, Rhetoric, Algebra, Geometry and Arithmetic studied till twelve.

Saturday 30th

A cold snowy day stayed in the house all day until the evening which we spent at Mr. Scofields.

Sunday Dec. 1st

Felt a great disinclination for going to church this morning, did go however, it was very cold. Snow about a foot deep. Wrote and read all the afternoon. Did not attend church in the evening.

Monday 2^d

Cold but pleasant. Sewed all day. Went to Society at Hattie Benedict's in the evening, the members present was smaller than at any time since our organization but the amount of work accomplished was very creditable. I am very anxious to get one box started, as our poor sick soldiers in the hospitals are very much in need of the articles. Meeting adjourned to meet at Addie Ripley's.

Tuesday 3rd

Maria & I tried our skill at the washing machine today it worked wonderfully and we thought some of taking in washings first for the pleasure of working it, but concluded on hanging out the clothes and coming in with frozen fingers that we had had enough for once. Went to the Lodge tonight. Came home with the blues.

Wednesday 4th

Went up town a beautiful day with the air of Indian Summer, a hazy dreary fragrant air if it had not been for a foot or so of snow which lay upon the ground I could have fancied it October. I was out the greater part of the forenoon, came home went up in the afternoon to get a box for our goods, Mr. Sprague gave me a nice one, and I had it sent to Addie's. Went up to see her staid an hour and home again. Received a letter from Pa's just like him, full of fun and frolic.

Spent my evening at home.

Thursday 5th

A warm pleasant day, Mrs. Mercer came in the forenoon and staid until the time for the meeting of the Aid Society at the Assembly Room. The Ladies' sent off their first box today, well filled. I hope it may do much good, and alleviate some of the suffering growing out of this terrible war. There is now some hope felt that it will soon end, if it does it will have cost already a fearful price, in broken hearts and desolated homes. God grant there be not many more. Mr. Craig came this evening to teach us to play Chess. I like it very much, and hope some time to be a skillful player. After he had gone Fannie & I had a game of backgammon for fours(sp) and then went to bed.

Friday 6th

This morning the snow had nearly disappeared, the air was misty warm & soft as spring. I felt a sort of house cleaning propensity come over me and after sweeping and dusting the rooms, making beds I found myself up to elbows in suds cleaning shelves in the pantry. Scraped lint in the afternoon. Played a game of chess with Fannie when she came home, scraped some more lint, read several chapters of Dicken's Great Expectations aloud for the edification of Ma & Marie and at this present moment am writing in my room 11 ½ o'clock P.M. without a fire and entirely comfortable notwithstanding the "rain dripping on the panes and sixth of December too! I have an odd fancy to describe my dress tonight, that I may remember myself all Decembers to come as I sit here tonight. (First dress dark delain(sp) close sleeves and cuff's, white apron cut round with ruffles, linen collar embroidered in prints as is the present style, black velvet bow in front, belt with buckle, a la Zouve and hair combed straight back from my bun classic brow over my ears, fingers dabbed in ink.

Saturday 7th

Engaged all the morning in the unromantic occupation of making mince pies. Bore and sewed some bandages in the afternoon. In the evening Mr. Craig and George C. Smith came. We played chess, backgammon & checkers had a very pleasant time.

Sunday 8th

A mild foggy day. Got ready too late for church owing to a mistake in the time was very much disappointed. Wrote letters all day read some in "Shirley" and the last Harper's and went to Church in the evening.

Monday 9th

We washed today with our new machine, It works admirably, though I would prefer one which would wash without assistance. Went to the Society at Mrs. Ripley's. We rolled a great many yards of bandages and also pieced some calico for comforters had a pleasant time. Adjourned to meet at [indecipherable] Griffin's next Monday evening.

Tuesday 10th

Sewed all day. Went to the Lodge in the evening, quite a large number present had a very pleasant time talked about getting up an impromptu sociable tomorrow night. Promised to recite something.

Wednesday 11th

Sewed, swept, dusted and cleaned this morning, spent a few minutes looking for a piece to recite – found one but had no time to learn it until about six o'clock. Addie Riply & Miss Balkin came this afternoon to tack comforters. We tied two & got another ready to tie. Went to the Sociable. We had some nice recitations & tableaux also an impromptu charade everything went off well and we had a pleasant time.

Thursday 12th

Played Chess with Fannie this morning. Sewed some. Mrs. Wisser & Mrs. Fairchild called this afternoon. Started about three o'clock to go out to Mrs. Casey's. It was very pleasant. They all seemed glad to see me. After tea we went to Mr. Tenney's stayed a little while & Mrs. Tenney & Wife Church came back with us. Found Sinclair Botkin at home had a pleasant evening. Kept country hours eating at half past nine.

Friday 13th

Had our programme for today mapped out yesterday. Rose a 5 ½ this morning not because I wanted too, but I being in home must conduct myself a la Rossian. I knit all the forenoon and a long one it was. After dinner Ella & I sallied out for a visiting tour. We first called on Miss Sinclair, found her alone Mrs. Botkin having gone away. Staid a short time, called at Mrs. Pethick's (sp), she entertained us very pleasantly showing us books & pictures brought from their old home in England, among which was an splendid painting, of the family nearly life size. It was very beautiful and I shall never forget it. Mrs. Pethick(sp) is a lovely woman, a lady even in the poverty which now surrounds her given where we went to Mrs. Dennings(sp) & Mrs. Kellogg's and spent the remainder of the afternoon at the school house. Like Mr. Allen very well think he might keep better order in school, he walked as far as Mr. Casey's with us asked me to come out to spelling

school sometime think I shall. Went up to Mr. Tenney's to spend the evening found Sinclair there. Eliza was at home played euchre. Went home and to bed.

Saturday 14th

Rose at a ridiculously early hour. At ten Ella & I started for town. Got home found the breakfast table still standing & coffee hot ate a second breakfast. Ella came to dinner. After which she & Nellie went to Mr. Laskin's to spend the afternoon & I went to the Band of Hope. Went up town first in time to see all the Reg's march to the Capitol House where the Gov. addressed them. The Governor elect also made a speech. Poor fellows I fear many of them are marching to their deaths, they are as fine looking soldiers as one would wish to see, five or six young ladies came in the evening and we had a dance in the parlor. Ella staid with me.

Sunday 15th

Rose late this went with Ella to the church of the Messiah, Mrs. Mercer & Mrs. Tenney were there. They were to ride home and Ella pressured me to go and come back to Camp with them in the afternoon it was a beautiful day Sinclair & Wallace Botkin came in while we were at lunch and staid an hour or so. Wallace is a Lieut. in the 12th Regiment. Went for Mrs. Tenney & Eliza and from thence to Camp. Saw the Dress Parade, & Mr. Tenney took us to Dr. Casey's quarters, and afterwards to Lieut. Mason's tent, had a very sociable time. Rode home with Mr. Main, found Mr. Craig in the parlor staid and went to church with Ma & Fannie, Miss Crocker called for me & we went to the Congregational Church. Heard a good sermon.

Monday 16th

Went up town this morning. Mr. Findley promised us a package of [indecipherable] for our box and Mr. Gilman wine slippers. Went to Flori's(sp) in the evening. Meeting adjourned to meet at Addie Parfle's(sp) two weeks from tonight. We are going to send our box next week & commence on another at our next meeting.

Tuesday 17th

Miss Crocker came this morning with Mrs. Johnson's baby she staid all day. Sent the baby home at noon she & Fannie played Chess in the afternoon. Maria & I and the machine did the washing. Maria went into the country in the afternoon. Went to the Lodge in the evening. A good many soldiers present, had a good many speeches, the evening passed pleasantly.

Wednesday 18th

Expected company in the evening baked all the morning. Went up to Camp with Pa & Ma this afternoon. Went to see Dr. Casey about sending our box with the 12th and

concluded to do so. Found Mrs. Wiser at home on our return. Mrs. De Mott & Mrs. Davis also came to tea, & Mr. & Mrs. Cruen(sp) in the evening. We had coffee which so exhilarated Fannie & I that we could not go to bed and so sat down to play chess, after they were gone played one game which lasted nearly three hours.

Thursday 19th

Three or four young ladies came in the afternoon to tie comforters. We tied three they stayed in the evening & Mr. Craig & Mr. Smith came in the evening.

Friday 20th

Sewed all day.

Saturday 21st

Sewed on soldier's shirts. Went up town in the afternoon. Played Chess in the evening.

Sunday 22d

Cold & snowy today. Went to church this morning. Read Shirley a part of the afternoon and wrote the remainder.

Monday 23d

Went up town this morning, & to Addie Parfle's(sp) in the afternoon. While there Gen. C. Smith came for Addie & I to go to Sun Prairie to visit with a Lodge, I came home and we started about 4 o'clock. We were to stop at Mr. Bush's and get some supper, but were late and so went on got there at half past seven and went directly to the nerve of operations staid until about two o'clock in the morning, then went to Mr. Bush's who with his good wife Emily(sp) entertained us at this unreasonable hour and then started for home where we arrived about 6 A.M. tired enough.

Tuesday 24th

Did not feel very bright today. Went to the Lodge in the evening.

Wednesday 25th

The day passed as Christmas days are wont to do. Passed most of the time kitchen had a nice dinner. Went to the Sociable in the evening had a very pleasant time.

Thursday 26th

Sewed part of the day, played chess with Fannie went up to Addie Parfle's(sp) to help pack our box found Mr. Sprague had not sent it came home again spent the evening at home.

Friday 27th

Went up town got me a new calico dress came home and sewed remainder of the day.

Saturday 28th

At home all day.

Sunday 29th

Went to church. Dr. Howard preached a very good sermon, though a long one. It was very cold. Wrote and sewed all the afternoon, finished "Willette" and commenced Aurora Leigh" a Christmas gift from Fannie. I like it very much, went to church in the evening.

Monday 30th

Went up town first thing this morning to get a box to put our goods in for the soldiers got one at Bartels. Pa got a dray and sent it up for me and in the afternoon Addie & I packed it – we had just enough to fill it nicely. I packed my box of jellies, and they are all ready to send. The Society met at Addie Parfle's(sp). We had a very pleasant time with no work to do, adjourned to meet again at Hattie Garvey's(sp).

Tuesday 31st

At home all day. Went to the Lodge tonight. Lodge adjourned early. Some of us staid to watch the New Year in, had a splendid time danced away &c. came away after midnight.

Wednesday Jan. 1st, 1862

New Year's Day, pleasant but cold, went out to bring in some clothes from the line nearly froze my fingers so began the New Year's.

Received several calls, staid at home in the evening.

Thursday 2d

Sewed all the forenoon went up to Addie Parfle's(sp) in the afternoon. We went to call on Mrs. Schlag (Nina Butler) and also on Mrs. Smith came home and staid in the evening.

Friday 3d

Sick today, crocheted some and sewed part of the time. Stormed heavily. Fannie & I played chess in the evening.

Saturday 4th

At home all did not feel well enough to do any thing.

Sunday 5th

Went to the Congregational Church this morning. Wrote to Gus in the afternoon, went to church in the evening.

Monday 6th

The State officers were installed today. We went up into the Assembly Room there was such a crowd that we could hear and see nothing. Went up town and then home. Addie Parfle(sp) came for me to go up town with her. Went to Hattie's in the evening, a good many there, made arrangements to meet tomorrow to consult about a festival, and then some of us went to the Governor's Reception at the Capital, staid until about twelve, and then came home.

Tuesday 7th

At home all day. Society met this afternoon. Concluded to have our festival on Friday evening. Appointed committees and adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock tomorrow. Went to the Lodge tonight.

Wednesday 8th

Maria & Addie hired a sleigh and started out soliciting this morning. Miss Chapman & I ditto, went all day came home wet cold and miserable, met in the evening to roll up the articles for the "Grab bag."

Thursday 9th

Maria & Addie went out again this morning and I did up a little begging and then went up to the Hall, worked all the afternoon came home very tired.

Friday 10th

Went up to the Hall this morning early washed dishes, swept, dusted, and worked all day, got everything in good order by seven o'clock, and then went home to dress did not have as large an attendance as expected receipts about eighty dollars, had a pleasant time, a nice dance and came home about two o'clock A.M.

Saturday 11th

Had all the ruins of the last night's banquet to straighten out and put in order, worked at the Hall all day, we had a Society Festival in the evening. Met Mr. Combs Sen.'s Brown & Hazleton tonight had a pleasant time.

Sunday 12th

Went to church today feeling very stiff & sore, heard a good sermon staid to Bible Class wrote all the afternoon read a little of Aurora Leigh went to church in the evening. Terribly cold, glad to get home.

Monday 13th

Sewed all the forenoon. In the afternoon Mr. Campbell called I went up town came back. Addie Parfle came spent the afternoon staid in the evening. Mr. Craig, Mr. Campbell & Mr. McHenry came also, had a pleasant time played chess, backgammon checkers &c.

Tuesday 14th

Mr. Campbell & Mr. McHenry called this afternoon to see about some of the Festival arrangements. Went to Lodge tonight.

Wednesday 15th

Washed today. Cold and snowy. Don't like housework, such weather as this snow or in any weather. Maria & I went out in the afternoon to call upon Kate & Annie Kavenaugh & Kittie Hubbard, found them at home said they had a splendid time last night went to Mrs. Reyonolds and were provoked that we did not go. I went to Addie Parfle's(sp) tonight to rehearse a Charade we are to perform next week.

Thursday 16th

Sewed all day. Went to see Tom Thumb(sp) in the evening. Liked the exhibition very well bought a Photograph of the little gentleman. His experimentations of statuary I thought very fine.

Friday 17th

Worked in the kitchen all the forenoon helping Ma weigh and pack port, first experience in the business, did not like it at all. Ma said that any who even expected to be a housekeeper should not fail to learn this important branch of business, couldn't see how the remark applied to me, I have no expectations. Fannie & I went to the Round Table at Mrs. Williams's tonight for the first time this season. It was very

pleasant made some new acquaintances, and met many old ones. Came home in a rain storm.

Saturday 18th

Did not feel very well today. Sewed all day. Mrs. Peirnan(sp) & Mr. McHenry came to rehearse the charade. Addie did not come Maria took her part and we went through it once to our entire satisfaction.

Sunday 19th

Went to the Congregational Church this morning, and then to ours to Bible Class. Came home made a fire in our room swept & dusted and then read Lalla Rookh(sp) until done. Wrote a letter to Gus and then went to church. Came home wrote in my journal read awhile and then to bed.

Monday 20th

Sewed and did housework all day. Went to hear Bayard Baylor lecture in the evening. Liked the lecture very much, it was on American Peculiarities. He spoke to a large audience.

Tuesday 21st

Went up town this morning. Sewed in the afternoon went to Lodge in the evening. Several Senators initiated this evening, made arrangement for a Sociable tomorrow evening.

Wednesday 22d

Addie Parfle(sp) & I went up this morning to arrange the room for the Sociable tonight. We put up the curtains, arranged the stage &c. and then went home. Had Recitations, music, charades and tableaus, and a pleasant time, danced a little afterwards.

Thursday 23d

Washed the forenoon went up to the Hall to arrange matters a little found Mr. Bowers and the Janitor there. They had straitened everything out nicely so that we had nothing to do but talk. Mr. Picken came up and helped us. The Relief Society met at our house tonight. We hemmed towels talked and played some, Society adjourned to meet here again on Monday evening next.

Friday 24th

Sewed all the forenoon, got ready to go to Oakland this afternoon. Started at one o'clock Mr. Craig & Geo. C. Smith with us. Had a pleasant ride though rather cold sleighing

excellent arrived at Mr. Smith's about 6 o'clock, had supper and drove to a festival which we had come to attend. Found the Hall crowded tables spread and everybody enjoying themselves. Had plenty of oysters, chicken pie and such creature comforts as well as more intellectual gratifications.

Got back about one o'clock. I made several pleasant acquaintances among which were Mr. Pardy, Miss Hunt & Mr. & Mrs. Bowers. Went to bed at half past two thoroughly tired.

Saturday 25th

Rose about nine o'clock this morning. Had a nice breakfast with country cream in our coffee, spent a pleasant forenoon and after dinner started for Madison where we arrived about eight o'clock very cold and tired.

Sunday 26th

Went to church this morning. Mr. Howard preached a very good sermon. Staid to Bible Class. Came home read & wrote all the afternoon. Went to Church in the evening.

Monday 27th

Washed today. It stormed violently all day. The Relief Society was to have met here but no one came on account of the storm Mr. Smith came and we played backgammon & checkers all the evening.

Tuesday 28th

Sewed all day. Went to the Lodge in the evening. Had a pleasant time. Mr. Scofield accompanied me home.

Wednesday 29th

Sewed in the forenoon. Went up town with Addie & Maria in the afternoon. Went to Hannah Chapman's in the evening.

Thursday 30th

Staid at home all day. Went to the Senate Chambers in the evening to hear a lecture before the State Historical Society.

Friday 31st

Sewed all day. Staid at home in the evening. Cousin Joseph came down from Camp Randall & spent the evening.

Saturday Feb. 1st

Baked and worked in the kitchen all day. Went up town in the afternoon, Miss Crocker & Miss Tenney came to spend the evening. Mrs. Scofield came in & Mr. Howard also called. We played backgammon and chess.

Sunday 2^d

Very cold went to church. Mr. Howard preached a sermon from the subject "How to preach and how to hear" a very good sermon. Staid to Bible Class. Mr. Seymour from New York City addressed us. He is a very pleasant man I like him very much. There was no service at our Church in the evening we went to the Congregational.

Monday 3rd

Stayed at home all day. Went to the Society in the evening. Had a very pleasant time, made sheets & pillow cases, played games afterward, among which was "Brother in bobbed(sp)!" under direction of Mr. Permas(sp).

Tuesday 4th

Went up to the Assembly Room with Ma. The body was in session, staid till adjourned. Went to Lodge in the evening. Was appointed Assistant Sec'ry much against my will. Mr. Scofield came home with us.

Wednesday 5th

Rose feeling quite ill this morning did not go to bed again on account of sleighride tonight. We started to Sun Prairie about five o'clock. Had a splendid time. About thirty of us went to the hotel and took supper and started home at about eleven o'clock.

Thursday 6th

Went up to the Legislature this morning staid about an hour. Went to the lecture in the evening by Prof. Denton subject Geology, it was very interesting indeed.

Friday 7th

Worked all day in the kitchen made candy & popcorn balls for company in the evening. Hattie Benedict, Mr. McHenry, Messrs. Craig Bessman(sp) & Smith came in the evening. We had a very pleasant time.

Saturday 8th

Baked all the forenoon. Sewed in the afternoon. Went to Denton's lecture in the evening.

Sunday 9th

Went to Church this forenoon. Staid to Bible Class. Hattie Benedick Maria & I concluded to stay and attend the Band of Hope meeting in the afternoon which we did. Ma sent us a lunch by Charley. Wrote & read in the afternoon. Went to Church at the Congregational Chapel in the evening.

Monday 10th

Worked in the kitchen in the forenoon. Went up town and purchased cloth for some night shirts. Ma & I cut them out to be in readiness to [indecipherable] this evening. Fannie & I went to the lecture I left Maria President pro tem. We returned home about nine o'clock had a pleasant time. The Society adjourned to meet next week at Miss Chapman's.

Tuesday 11th

Worked in the kitchen all day. Went to the Lodge in the evening. We had a discussion. I initiated and a pleasant time.

Wednesday 12th

Expected Mr. Smith to take us to camp this morning but he did not come. Went up town to my German lesson, came home and went to the lecture in the evening.

Thursday 13th

Remained at home all day and also evening. Studied German and Algebra.

Friday 14th

At home today. Went to lecture in the evening.

Saturday 15th

Ella Casey came in the morning, she wished me to go home with and stay over Sunday which I was obliged to forego the pleasure of doing for several important reasons she remained until three o'clock when her uncle came for her. Miss Crocker came in the afternoon to play Chess.

Sunday 16th

Augustus came quite unexpectedly this morning after our return from Church. We were very glad to see him. He was in good spirits and as full of fun as ever. We went to Church in the evening.

Monday 17th

This morning we received official accounts of the taking of Fort Donelson by our troops and the capture of fifteen thousand rebels composing the garrison also many pieces of cannon. It caused great rejoicing here, thirty four guns were fired and every one felt great hopes of the speedy triumph of our men. We received additional telegraphic news during the evening stating that five thousand more prisoners had been taken among whom were Buckeren(sp), Johnston & Pillow. The Society met at Miss Chapman. The rooms were full, had a very sociable evening.

Tuesday 18th

Gus went away this morning. I went to the Lodge in the evening. Was elected on a Publishing Committee.

Wednesday 19th

At home this forenoon. Went to my German lesson in the afternoon, and to meeting in the evening.

Thursday 20th

A splendid day. Went up town this forenoon to purchase articles for the use of the sick in camp. Took a long walk this afternoon felt dreadfully blue. Went to hear Mr. Swishelm(sp) at the Senate Chamber in the evening.

Friday 21st

Cleaned house some today, baked, got my German lesson. Went & recited at Chapel. A home this evening and studied Algebra.

Saturday 22d

Went up this morning to help celebrate the day by listening to Gov. Harvey's presentation speech to the Regiments on giving them the colors. Could not get near enough to hear a word he said. Went over to the Assembly Room and worked an hour to hear Judge Darin(sp) read Washington's Farewell Address. Came home too tired to go in the evening to the address.

Sunday 23d

Went to Church this morning, came home finished Rutledge, and read several reviews in the Atlantic, wrote some and went to Church in the evening.

Monday 24th

Went up town this morning & to the Society in the evening it met at Miss Benedicts. We made & rolled bandages all the evening. There was quite a number present. Society adjourned to meet at Miss Dodge's next Monday evening.

Tuesday 25th

Sewed all day. Went to the Lodge in the evening. A large number of soldiers were present as well as a delegation from Sun Prairie Lodge. About twenty-five persons were initiated. We spent a very pleasant evening.

Wednesday 26th

Circulated around generally today. Got my German lesson this afternoon and recited it. At home in the evening.

Thursday 27th

Walked out to Mrs. Casey's this afternoon, found Mrs. Merrill there, spent a pleasant evening and went to bed about nine o'clock.

Friday 28th

Went over to Mr. Tenney's this afternoon, and afterwards to Mr. Park's. Came back & spent the remainder of the day & evening at Mr. Casey's.

Saturday March 1st

Mrs. Mercer brought me home this evening, it was very cold. I sewed all day. Mr. Scofield came in the evening to have us attend an extra session of the Lodge this evening for the purpose of instituting a Lodge in the 16th Regiment. There was a good many there. Mr. Parman(sp) Lieut. In the 16th was chosen Monthly Chief, and about forty persons became members of the Lodge. We had some good speeches and pleasant time generally.

Sunday 2d

It commenced raining rapidly this morning about church time we went however, and heard a good sermon read and wrote in the afternoon. Did not go to church in the evening.

Monday 3d

A cold stormy day. Went to my German recitation in the afternoon. Only Mr. Craig there, the girls did not come on account of the storm. Miss Crocker & I played

backgammon until eight o'clock, and then went to the lecture, but found the lecturer
prevented the amiss[indecipherable]. The storms having blocked up the roads and
subject cars from arriving on time. He came however about nine o'clock. The
was Phrenology. The speaker O. S. Bowler(sp).

Tuesday 4th

At home all day, went to the Lodge in the evening. After the Lodge closed the members
adjourned to the American House where an oyster supper had been provided by S.
D. Hastings and others in this office and spent a very pleasant evening
together. We bid our soldier brothers farewell as they will probably go this week.

Wednesday 5th

Sewing today. Studied my German lesson this afternoon and recited it. At home this evening.

Thursday 6th

Had company this evening, played chess & backgammon, visited twelve o'clock when we
adjourned.

Friday 7th

Went up town this morning, spent the afternoon at Miss Turners recited our German lesson there,
played chess, backgammon, Proverbs &c.

Saturday 8th

In the kitchen all the forenoon sewed in the afternoon. Went up town spent the evening at home.

Sunday 9th

Went to Church the walking very bad indeed. Staid at Bible Class. Read John Halifax in the
afternoon. Did not go to church in the evening.

Monday 10th

Went to my German lesson today. Kate Kavanaugh & Miss Crocker came in the evening, played
chess & Miss C. stayed all night.

Tuesday 11th

Went up town this morning and to Lodge in the evening. Bade Lieut. Purman (sp) good bye as
the Regiment goes Thursday. We shall probably never meet again but I wish him
all good and it would do me good to see him again for the sake of the pleasant

hours we have all spent together. But this cruel war is taking many friends from our sight forever. God grant it may not be long.

Wednesday 12th

Ella Casey came in this morning and remained all day. Went up town in the afternoon and spent the evening at Amanda Larkin's.

Thursday 13th

Ella & I had intended to go to camp this morning to see the 16th Regiment off, but they started too early and therefore we did not go. Ella went home about ten. I sewed all day had company in the evening.

Friday 14th

Sewed this forenoon, studied & recited my German in the afternoon, read John Halifax in the evening.

Saturday 15th

In the kitchen all the forenoon, up town in the afternoon. Finished John Halifax this evening. I like it very much. It is the most plain common sense and yet charming story of house life & love and trials I ever read.

Sunday 16th

Went to church this morning. Mr. Howard preached on the text "We are fearfully and wonderfully made," he preached a very good sermon. Wrote and read all the afternoon, read Tennyson's "Maud" and "In Memoriam" and wrote a communication for our Lodge paper.

Monday 17th

At home in the forenoon, went to my German lesson in the afternoon. The Young Ladies Relief Society met here this evening. I made my report as President of the Society and we concluded we would have no more meetings. We played Chess and backgammon, and had a good time.

Tuesday 18th

Went up town today. To lodge in the evening. We had quite a discussion on Temperance questions tonight and I got considerably excited.

Wednesday 19th

At home today, nothing of importance occurred. Went to my German lesson in the afternoon.

Thursday 20th

Went up town this morning. Staid at home and played Chess with Maria in the evening.

Friday 21st

Augustus came tonight, just at the time we were expecting him. Mr. Craig came in the evening. We were very glad to see Augustus, he is going East with a view of moving out here next winter, to start in business.

Saturday 22d

We had company to tea today. Miss Kavenaugh & Mr. Craig, Mr. Smith and Miss Crocker came in the evening unexpectedly, so that we had quite a party.

Sunday 23d

Went to Church today, came home and read in the afternoon, "Mabel Vaughn" it is very good.

Monday 24th

Ma & I went up this morning and had our photographs taken for Augustus. Went to my German lesson in the afternoon, played Chess and Backgammon in the evening.

Tuesday 25th

Went up with Gus to get Maria's picture taken, got a very good one. Met Sen. Browne and Sen. Hazelton at the Gallery. Went to the Lodge in the evening, read the paper it was pronounced the best ever read in the Lodge.

Wednesday 26th

Went up with Augustus at nine o'clock this morning to get the children's likenesses taken as he was anxious to have them all. He went this morning. I was sorry to have him go, he seems like one of the family. Went to Miss Crocker's to a candy party this evening, we had any quantity of fun & candy. The Turner girls came home with us and remained all night.

Thursday 27th

At home all day read and studied in the evening.

Friday 28th

Went to my German lesson this afternoon, finished a dress for Ma, and attended a lecture this evening.

Saturday 29th

Sewed all day. Went to the Senate Chamber to attend a lecture on elocution by Prof. McCafferty(sp) of New York.

Sunday 30th

Dr. Howard preached his farewell sermon this morning. I am very sorry he is going.

Monday 31st

At home in the forenoon. Went up town and to my German lesson. Wendall Philipps lectures tonight on the war. I had a headache and did not feel able to go. Ma & Fannie went.

Tuesday April 1st

Worked in the kitchen in the forenoon. Went to the Lodge in the evening. We had a discussion and several speeches. James High was there. He has just returned to college.

Wednesday 2d

The German class met here today. We recited and then played chess until dark. Miss Crocker staid to tea and she and I played all the evening.

Thursday 3d

Mr. McKinney came this morning to remind us to go to Mazo Manie tonight to a Festival. Concluded to go.

Friday 4th

Started yesterday at seven o'clock on the cars reached Mazo about nine, went to the place appointed had a splendid supper, stayed a short time and sang "John Brown" and some other things and then were invited to adjourn to the Hall where the dancing was to be. It was a large factory building. We danced until two o'clock, when a gentleman very kindly invited us to go home with him and pass the remainder of the night, about a half a dozen went with the rest preferring to stay. We danced until four o'clock when the musicians were so tired that they would play no longer, and then we promenaded the remainder of the night, at daylight we

adjourned to the hotel. The rain having ceased the landlord made us a fire, and we procured water washed and made ourselves comfortable, had breakfast, visited the bowling alley, took a walk down the railroad track, climbed a very steep and high hill, three-quarters of a mile from the hotel, went back and found it was time to take the cars. Had a splendid time coming home where we arrived at eleven. I went to bed where I remained until five o'clock. Mr. Craig came in the evening.

Saturday 5th

Went up to the Assembly Chamber this morning. This afternoon made some calls. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Gillette came this evening. Played chess & backgammon.

Sunday 6th

Went to the Congregational Church this morning. Mr. Craig took dinner and spent the afternoon here.

Monday 7th

Snowing rapidly this morning, continued throughout the day, one of the worst storms of the season. At home all day and evening.

Tuesday 8th

Good sleighing this eighth of April. Snowed almost all day. Ironed and baked, worked in the kitchen most of the day. Went to the Lodge in the evening. Had quite a discussion in regard to the propriety of using liquors for culinary purposes. Mr. Hastings and Joseph Pickard also Mr. Scofield spoke on the question.

Wednesday 9th

News of a terrible battle at Pittsburgh Landing came this morning. Wisconsin is said to have had six regiments engaged. The reports say we have lost 20,000 killed and wounded the rebels 10,000, but it must be exaggerated. Much anxiety is felt in regard to the Sixteenth Regiment reported to have been taken prisoners by the enemy at the commencement of the engagement. The battle occurred on Sunday and Monday resulting in the total rout of the enemy with terrible loss. Went to my German lesson staid afterwards and played a game of chess with Miss Crocker. Came home accompanied by Miss C and we all went up to the Assembly Chambers to assist in preparing and packing articles of necessity and comfort for our wounded. There were a great many persons present, and a large amount of work was done. Gov. Harvey goes tomorrow with wagons and supplies. I went home with Miss Crocker played chess until tired and then went to bed.

Thursday 10th

Came home this morning sewed and crocheted all day. Stayed at home and played chess in the evening. News today is that our loss is about 10,000, enemies 15,000 and this a moderate estimate.

Friday 11th

Ironed this forenoon baked and made myself generally useful. Got my German lesson and went to recitation. Afterward Mr. McHenry invited me to go to a hop on the armory. Did not feel much like dancing went however, had a pleasant time came home at 12 ½ o'clock.

Saturday 12th

Rained incessantly today, much to my disappointment as I wished to go out. I packed two comfortables this forenoon, crocheted all the afternoon, read a little aloud from Widow Babbott(sp), played Chess in the evening, crocheted & read, did not retire until one o'clock. News tonight that our Sixteenth were not taken prisoners as at first supposed, they were among the first in the engagement, and captured a Battery commanded by Beauregard in person and depriving him of an arm. They are much praised for their courage and determination. Our Tenth was not in this battle but in one at Yorktown on Monday, where they fought splendidly and covered themselves with glory. We are all very anxious to hear from our wounded and to know whom of our friends we shall see no more on earth.

This war is a terrible thing, but we hope soon by the blessing of God it will be brought to a close and bloodshed and horror no longer blight our fair land.

Sunday 13th

Cold and rainy, did not go to Church. Fannie & Maria went. Received a letter from Cousin Gus last night informing us of Aunt Clover's(sp) death and saying that he should start for the East too soon now.

Monday 14th

Raining & unpleasant, nothing of importance occurred aside from then usual routine. Nothing new by telegraph. The list of killed and wounded not yet made out. Heard from Mr. Hadley of the death of Capt. Pease(sp) of the Sixteenth – he was an old acquaintance of ours and engaged to May Hadley. Heard also that Lieut. Pasman(sp) was dangerously wounded. Miss Crocker came to play Chess tonight, Mr. Gillett came and spent the evening.

Tuesday 15th

Baked this forenoon, went up town. Not very pleasant – went to the Lodge. I read the paper.
We had quite a discussion on the resolutions.

Wednesday 16th

Mr. Campbell came here this morning with his horse. Spoke to Ma in regard to boarding with her. I went up town in the afternoon.

Thursday 17th

Pleasant today. Worked in the kitchen all the forenoon. Went up town in the afternoon. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Gillette came to tea. Played Chess in the evening.

Friday 18th

Heard today that Cousin Joseph was wounded in the arm. We do not got full list of killed and wounded as yet. No news of importance from the rest of ours. Went up town this afternoon. Took a long walk. It was very pleasant.

Saturday 19th

Baked today. Sewed played chess etc. etc., in the afternoon. Got a letter from Ceelia Larton(sp).
Went over to Mrs. Martin's in the evening.

Sunday 20th

Went to the Congregational Church this morning Dr. Baylor's subject was "Special Providences." Took a walk out to the camp in the afternoon to see the Rebel prisoners come in, they were to come at five o'clock. Got out there and found that they were not coming until half past seven. Concluded not to wait. Maria & I went to the Methodist Church in the morning.

Monday 21st

We all felt a shock of deep sorrow this morning when news came through that Gov. Harvey had been drowned in the Tennessee River as he was going from one boat to another. His loss was a terrible blow to his wife. She was on the street when the report came getting subscriptions for the relief of a poor family in town. She inquired why the Capital and Court House flags were at half-mast and they would not tell her, she then told them to tell her if he was dead and reading it on their faces, dropped senseless to the ground, as soon as she was sufficiently composed she took the cars for Chicago, where the friends reside. The stores and places of business were all closed and draped in mourning as also the State House. The deepest sorrow is felt by all for the untimely death of so good a man. His place

cannot be easily filled. There was a meeting of citizens at the Capitol tonight to [indecipherable] resolutions in regard to the loss sustained by the State and his personal friends. He died in the discharge of a noble duty, and as duty in the service of his beloved country as though pierced by a rebel bullet and his name will be forever associated with this crisis of his affairs as one which (crossed out) whose honor never shrank from duty, who honestly and conscientiously did all in his power to aid the cause of freedom & right. He was a member of the Congregational Church, a good Governor, an able man a kind friend and warm hearted Christian. Peace to his ashes.

Tuesday 22d

A pleasant day. I worked in the garden some this morning. Went up town with Ma. Met Mr. Pickard, who told me there was a school at Mazo Manie, that one of us could have if we wanted it. It was a small one and we thought it a good opportunity for Maria to commence teaching. She went to Middleton with Mr. Craig this afternoon to the examination. Went to the Lodge tonight. Had a pleasant time. Had a Committee appointed to take charge of the Festival. It is to be on the thirteenth of May.

Wednesday 23d

Maria came home this morning with her certificate. Mr. Craig staid to dinner. Ella Casey & Mrs. Mercer came in the afternoon and remained to tea. Maria went home with them. I went to Degree meeting tonight.

Thursday 24th

Rosa Rogers came this morning, and spent the day. Hannah Chapman came to tea, and spent the evening, both remained all night. We played backgammon and cribbage. Went over to Mrs. Scofield's to see the baby. I had a good time generally. Went to bed at 12 o'clock.

Friday 25th

Hannah went home this morning. Rose and I went up town to make somecalls. Met Mr. Campbell who said he was going after me to take a ride. I was sorry to disappoint him. We called on Miss Fernandez, Nette Olery(sp) & several others went to two or three stores and then home. Went up to Sarah Furnes's [indecipherable] in the evening. Mr. Hood & Lizzie Herpers(sp) & Messers. Gillett & Campbell were there. Spent a pleasant evening.

Saturday 26th

Worked in the kitchen all the forenoon. Sewed in the afternoon. Played chess in the evening.

Sunday 27th

Cloudy and cold this morning. Did not go to Church. Read the Atlantic. Went to the Congregational Church in the evening.

Monday 28th

At home all day. Sewed in the afternoon. Played chess in the evening.

Tuesday 29th

Went up town this morning. Went to my German lesson in the afternoon and to the Lodge in the evening. Was elected Worthy Pro Templar. We had a very pleasant meeting.

Wednesday 30th

Baked and ironed this forenoon. Sick in the afternoon. Mr. Campbell came home late and I got tea for him.

Thursday 31st (crossed out) May 1st

At home this forenoon. This was the day set apart by Gov. Solomon for the funeral ceremonies of Gov. Harvey, but it rained incessantly all day. I did not go but heard that the Hall was quite full, Mr. McKenney came to tea. He and Mr. Gillett staid in the evening. We played chess and backgammon.

Friday 2d

At home all day. Wrote two letters went up town after tea. Studied and read in the evening.

Saturday 3d

Baked this forenoon. Cleaned with Maria's help a bedroom and partly papered it. Ella Casey came in this afternoon. Miss Crocker & the Furnes(sp) girls came here to recite today. Sarah staid to tea. We played Chess backgammon and euchre. Went up town at eight o'clock with Mr. & Mrs. Scofield.

Sunday 4th

Went to the Methodist Church this morning. There was quite a number of soldiers present belonging to the nineteenth Regiment, which is now guarding the Rebel prisoners in Camp. Read in the afternoon. Went to Church in the evening.

Monday 5th

Rose at five this morning. Got ready and Pa accompanied me to the cars. Started at 7 o'clock for Black Earth, found Dr. & Mrs. Hooker waiting for me at the depot. Went to the hotel another young lady was there with her father. We were commenced dining the forenoon. I finished my papers about two o'clock then went to see Mrs. High. Spent about an hour there. Dr. Hooker came for me, said if I was going to Mazo Manie I must hurry cars only stopped a moment, paid my bill at the hotel and got ready in time to see the cars go without me. Staid in Black Earth until six and then started on foot for Mazo about three miles distant, arrived there I went to see Mr. Brown one of the school board told me that the school was engaged, but hoped I would apply for it in the fall as he would like to have me teach. Went to the hotel with intention of going home in the 11 ½ night train concluded to remain all night.

Tuesday 6th

Rose breakfasted took a walk around the village and at nine o'clock the cars for Madison arriving here at twelve. Mr. Craig was waiting for me at the depot, but I missed him and came up town. Went to my German lesson and to the Lodge in the evening. Mr. Craig came to board here today.

Wednesday 7th

Washed and baked today. Mr. Scofield commenced painting the house. Very tired went up town with Ma in the evening, to get paper for the rooms.

Thursday 8th

At home all day. Minnie Baylor came in in this evening also Mr. & Mrs. Madison.

Friday 9th

We cleaned the parlor today. Got it done and the carpet down before they came to dinner. This evening was the anniversary of the Reference & Atherianum(sp) Societies of the University. I did not go.

Saturday 10th

Fannie & I papered the dining room today. Played Chess in the evening. Mr. Craig & Campbell here.

Sunday 11th

Went to Church. Mr. Mitchell of Rockford, Ill. Preached at the Baptist Church. I liked the sermon very much. It was very warm indeed. Went to sleep in the afternoon and to church in the evening.

Monday 12th

Cleaned house all the forenoon. Went out on a Soliciting Committee for our festival in the afternoon. Spent the evening at Mr. Bradley's.

Tuesday 13th

Went up town this morning. Finished papering the dining room. Went to my German lesson without knowing it. Went to the Lodge in the evening, Mr. Campbell not being there in season and the report of the Festival Committee being called for I was obliged to make the report. Mr. Campbell came afterwards. The arrangements for the Festival were made and it will come off tomorrow night. I was elected chairman of the Publishing Committee.

Wednesday 14th

Rose early this morning. Committed to memory half a dozen pages of Widow Restloff(sp) for performance tonight at ten. Mr. Campbell came for me with the buggy to go up to the Hall. We looked at two or three rooms and then concluded to have the supper in the Lodge Room setting our tables there. We had quite a nice supper and a very pleasant evening. Mrs. Allen sang "Kingdom Ciring[indecipherable]" and Old Southern Gentleman beside several others pieces and we had recitations and readings. There were a number of people from the Sun Prairie Lodge and they seemed to enjoy it much. Some of the young ones got up a dance in a lower room and we adjourned at about half past twelve.

Thursday 15th

Went up to the Hall this morning. Arranged and assorted the dishes and table cloths for the owners and then went up town. Got my German lesson, recited it. Played Chess. Went boat riding tonight for the first time this summer. We went to McBride's Point, got some flowers I sat by Mr. Gillett and rowed with one oar all the way home. We all enjoyed it much.

Friday 16th

Cleaning house all day. Celia Parker came this noon stayed until the cars left at three. She is coming to stay awhile next week. Played Chess with Maria and afterward with Mr. Craig.

Saturday 17th

Went up town with Ma this morning. We got a new carpet for the sitting room. Maria & I made and put it down today. Did not have a word of my German. Received a letter from the Clerk of Schools at Cross Plains saying I could have the school think Maria will take it.

Sunday 18th

Did not go to Church. Attended the funeral of Rev. J. C. Russell this afternoon at his home. There was a large number of persons present. We went to the grave, Rev. Russell was respected and esteemed by all who knew him and his loss is deeply felt. Went to church in the evening.

Monday 19th

Commenced teaching in the First Ward Grammar School today in Fannie's place she being to ill to teach. Like it very well.

Tuesday 20th

Went to school today. Came home, got my German lesson and recited it. Sarah Turner came home with me. We went to the Lodge. Not a large number present.

Wednesday 21st

School as usual. Came home at night very tired. Sewed until tea time played chess in the evening.

Thursday 22d

Went up town this morning before school also walked as far as University and back. Recited my German lesson.

Friday 23d

Received a letter from Celia today saying that she would be in Madison tomorrow.

Saturday 24th

Ironed and put up curtains in the parlor and sitting room. Worked around the house all the morning. Celia came at noon. Went to my German lesson. Ella Casey came and staid to tea. We accompanied her part way home.

Sunday 25th

Mr. Campbell came home this morning. Celia & I went to the Episcopal Church. Heard a very good sermon. Mae Kensey(sp) came to dinner. It was a very sultry April day, and we had hard work to keep ourselves awake in the afternoon. Went to the Congregational Church in the evening.

Monday 26th

Went to school this morning as usual. Celia visited me in the afternoon. Mr. Gillett proposed taking us out to Mrs. Casey's in a boat this evening, and we accepted the invitation. Arrived there about 8 ½ o'clock and found them all in bed. We proceeded in rousing the family and remained until nearly eleven o'clock. Found some difficulty in getting back to the boat as it was quite dark. Arrived at home about twelve tired enough.

Tuesday 27th

School today as usual. Came home early. Recited my German lesson. Sarah came home with me. Mr. Gillett brought Captain Buell of the University Mysuridons[indecipherable] to tea. Left him playing chess with Celia. Went to Lodge.

Wednesday 28th

Went up to the University this evening with the intention of going upon the Dome of the new building. Found that the workmen had the keys, and they had gone. We were obliged to content ourselves with visiting the Museum & then went to Sarah Turner's to spent the evening.

Thursday 29th

Nothing of importance happened today. School as usual, Celia did not go home today. We went up town after tea.

Friday 30th

Celia went home this morning. Mr. Gillett has got a Captain's commission in the 20th regiment and starts Monday to recruit his company.

Saturday 31st

At home all day. Put down a carpet in the dining room and made and put up some curtains. Went to my German lesson.

Sunday June 1st

Went to church, came home and read The Pilot until tea time. Went to take a walk with Fannie and Mr. Craig, and to the Methodist Church to hear Mr. Eddy in the evening.

Monday 2d

Commenced school at eight o'clock this morning and adjourned at two. Rather tired but had a good long afternoon to rest.

Tuesday 3d

Mr. Gillett left today. Went to my German lesson. Sarah & Mary came home with me and we found George C. Smith and Mr. Campbell at home when we arrived. We were glad to see George as he had not been in town for some time he is to remain during the session of the Legislature. We went to the Lodge in the evening. Had a pleasant time.

Wednesday 4th

Went up town after school. Came home and played backgammon with Mr. Smith.

Thursday 5th

School as usual. Went up to Mrs. Wisser's(sp) to spend the evening.

Friday 6th

Did not feel very well today. Sewed until tea time after school. Dr. Williard came to tea with Mr. Smith. He spent the evening with us. I like him much. He's a very pleasant man.

Saturday 7th

Sewed until nine o'clock went to teacher's meeting. Mrs. Wisser and Kate Kavanaugh came to tea and remained until dark. Maria came home this noon. She has been gone almost three weeks. It is her first assay at school teaching. We went up town after dark.

Sunday 8th

Went to church this morning. A Mr. Johnson from Michigan preached at the Baptist Church. A beautiful day. Came home and wrote two letters and read The Antiquary. Went to Church in the evening.

Monday 9th

School very thinly settled today a great many of the scholars gone to the Business Picnic.

Edward Everitt lectured this evening to a full house at the Baptist Church subject Origin & Progress of the War. A very good lecture. Everitt is a fine looking man about sixty five years of age, and a good speaker.

Tuesday 10th

School as usual. Went to my German lesson. Sarah Turner came home with me. Went to the Lodge. Two of the members charged with violating their obligation yesterday at the picnic, one of them confessed it and was reobligated.

Wednesday 11th

Went to school. Got home at two o'clock. Sewed all the afternoon, played chess in the evening.

Thursday 12th

Spent the evening at Sarah Turner. Looked like rain when we came home.

Friday 13th

Went out this afternoon with the intention of fishing. Lake was rough. I caught a large bass and the others had several bites, but on account of the wind we were compelled to go ashore.

Saturday 14th

Dr. Reed remained all night and we rose at six o'clock with the intention of going on a fishing excursion immediately after breakfast. Arrived at the lake and found it so rough there was no possibility of doing anything in the fishing line that time. We fished off from shore a little way and found that the water came over the boat, conceded we wouldn't go and came home quite disappointed. I went to Teacher's Meeting then up town. Celia came in today to stay a short time. At home all the afternoon and evening.

Sunday 15th

Raining & cold today, did not go to church. Wrote, read, studied all day.

Monday 16th

Went to school. Went up town after school. Staid at home in the evening.

Tuesday 17th

Went to Lodge tonight, had a pleasant time. It was proposed to have a picnic at Mazo Manie on the Fourth. Legislature adjourned today.

Wednesday 18th

We were to have a picnic this afternoon, but the weather was unfavorable and it was postponed.

Thursday 19th

Mr. Bingham was here from Palmyra, we went boat riding in the evening.

Friday 20th

Went up to the University with May Turner this afternoon to the examination, heard the French class examined.

Saturday 21st

Fannie & I & Mr. Craig went down to the lake after breakfast this morning and caught some worms to fish with this afternoon. Went to teacher's meeting at nine and then went fishing, staid until three o'clock and caught three fish, came home with a terrible headache.

Sunday 22d

Did not go to church this morning. In the afternoon went with Mr. Craig to the University to hear the Baccalaureate Address. It was cool and pleasant. Went to the Methodist Church in the evening.

Monday 23d

Went to school as usual this morning. After school went up town. At home in the evening. Went fishing in the afternoon, did not catch anything.

Tuesday 24th

Visited Mr. Allen's school today. Some of the scholars went with us. Went to the City Hall in the evening to the first of the Commencement exercises. The poem by Hebbell(sp) was very good. Anna Main sang.

Wednesday 25th

Went to the City Hall at nine o'clock to the Commencement exercises. They closed at twelve. We had a picnic in the afternoon at McBride's Point. Sarah & Mary Turner and

Campbell and McKenny were with us. Had a pleasant time. Went to Prof. Leathorp's(sp) lecture in the evening.

Thursday 26th

School again as usual. Nothing of particular importance occurred today.

Friday 27th

Miss Crocker thought we had better commence our German again today. We all staid to take tea with her.

Saturday 28th

Went to teacher's meeting this morning. Exercise on the elementary grounds. Fannie & I and Mr. Craig went fishing this afternoon. Took our supper with us, landed at six and ate it under a large tree on the point. It was very pleasant. We caught about fifteen fish and enjoyed ourselves wonderfully.

Sunday 29th

Went to church this morning, a very pleasant day. Heard a good sermon. Wrote and read in the afternoon. Went to church in the evening.

Monday 30th

Went to school, the day was pleasant and I felt very comfortable all day, came home sewed some wrote a little and played chess.

Tuesday July 1st

Went to my German lesson this afternoon. Then to the Lodge. Read a paper. Geo. C. Smith came this afternoon, was at the Lodge, also Judge Knapp who has not been here for a year. He is going to New Mexico. Mr. Smith staid with us and Mr. Craig came down and we had quite a long visit.

Wednesday 2d

School as usual. Came home and sewed all the afternoon. Wrote a letter to Gus.

Thursday 3d

Went down to Miss Crocker's at five. German lesson postponed, went home played chess with Mr. Campbell. Went up town.

Friday 4th

Was awakened this morning at sunrise by the ringing of bells and firing of cannon, a pleasant day somewhat cloudy and not at all warm. Miss Crocker, Fannie & I wishing to escape the noise and dust, walked three miles to the cemetery, staid all day, had a very pleasant time. Went home by the lake shore took off our shoes and stockings and amused ourselves by wading in the water, had a splendid time, came home. Found Mrs. Hayes and Artie Mills there, spent a pleasant afternoon, went to see the fire works in the evening. Tired enough to last me three weeks.

Saturday 5th

Sewed all day. Got my German lesson, the girls came here to recite. We played chess until nine o'clock and then put on our bathing dresses and went into the lake. Enjoyed ourselves immensely. Maria came home.

Sunday 6th

A terribly warm day, did not go to church. Ella Casey came in and spent the day. Maria & I went part way home with her, came home and went to bed.

Monday 7th

Rained a little last night making it cool and pleasant. Went to school. Sewed in the afternoon.

NOTE: No entries from July 8th through July 19th.

Sunday July 20th

I have not written in my journal for two weeks, have been very busy of late preparing to go to Janesville to the Teacher's Association. Went to church this morning. We all went this afternoon to the University Guards and staid until tea time. Went to church in the evening.

Monday 21st

Went to school as usual. Very warm. We went over to McBride's point this afternoon. Got some currants and had a picnic.

Tuesday 22d

Went to school this morning as usual, quite warm and I came home with a headache. Mr. Campbell came tonight. Played a game of chess with him before going to the Lodge. Had an invitation to go to concert tonight, did not care about going. Went to the Lodge.

Wednesday 23d

School as usual. Preparing for examination tomorrow. Went up town after school.

Thursday 24th

Went to school at eight o'clock. Examined six classes in the forenoon. We had quite a number of visitors. Kept until nearly five in the afternoon. The scholars presented Mr. Potter with a book at the close of the exercises. I was very tired tonight. Went to hear the Hutchinsons sing tonight. They had a large audience and gave entire satisfaction. They sang the poem by John P. Whittier which they were prohibited singing on the Potomac.

Friday 25th

Miss Crocker & I went up to the Third Ward School today. Met Mr. Allen who accompanied us. Went to Mrs. Wises's to dinner. Spent the day in the school and came home at night tired enough.

Saturday 26th

Went to Teacher's meeting this morning. Drew my quarter's salary, paid my debts, spent most all my money. Went to see Hannah Chapman and afterward to Mrs. Olueg's. I had not been to see Nettie since she died, she looked very peaceful and happy, the pain had all gone out of her face. She has suffered so long, that I was glad to see her at rest at last. The funeral is to be on Sunday. Went up town again in the afternoon. Fannie & I and Mr. Craig went over to picnic point. Mr. C. was sick, and we coaxed him to let us row, which he did all the way there and back. We took luncheon with and staid until nearly dark.

Sunday 27th

Warm this morning. Did not go to church. Went to the funeral this afternoon. There were a large number of people present. We went out to the cemetery.

Monday 28th

At home today getting ready to attend the Teacher's Association at Janesville tomorrow. Mr. Craig is going today and promised to find us a good boarding place.

Tuesday 29th

Rose early this morning. Packed my satchel and was with my sister all ready when the Omnibus came for us. Had a very pleasant ride to Janesville. There was quite a large number of teachers and others who went from here. Arrived in Janesville at half

past three, found Mr. Craig there, who accompanied us to the boarding place he had selected, we were tired and rested ourselves until tea time when we went down we found Mr. & Mrs. Cobell and a young lady daughter in the supper room. We're very much pleased with the family. Mr. Craig came for us to take a walk after tea. We went up to the High School Building, and through several pleasant streets after which we went to the Hall where we heard the opening address by _____ of Michigan. It was very good indeed. Tired enough to sleep soundly I think tonight.

Wednesday 30th

Rose early this morning dressed and waited quite a long time for breakfast. Met Miss Sarah Covell at the breakfast table this morning. Very pleasant. Went to the Association morning, afternoon and evening. Tired enough at. The day was warm and the room close and uncomfortable. 325 teachers reported themselves today.

Thursday 31st

Cool and pleasant this morning. Saw Mr. Wilcox up town as were going to the Association, he gave us some peaches. When the afternoon session of the Association was over, we that is a number of us went to visit the High School Building. Climbed up several hundred steps into the Observatory where we had a fine view for our pains. I enjoyed the walk to much. Went home to tea and then to the lecture in the evening.

Friday August 1st

Mrs. Lee from Milwaukee has been here, she is quite a pleasant lady. I liked her much. This is the last day of the Association. Fannie & Mr. Craig and I went to see Mr. Comstock yesterday in regard to the schools here and I applied for a place. The examination takes place tomorrow. The Association adjourned at noon, and they all left on the cars. I was quite lonely after they went away. A young gentleman Frank Whittier called in the evening.

Saturday 2d

Went to the examination this morning, came away with little hope of getting a school, as Mr. Lockwood said there were only two vacancies, and there were 10 teachers present. Miss Sarah and I called on Mr. & Mrs. East this afternoon, I liked them very much. We also called on Mrs. Anderson. Went to see a neighbor in the evening.

Sunday 3d

Went to church this morning. I had no bonnet with me, but Sarah persuaded me to go and wear my hat. We went to the Methodist Church, as I thought they might think me extremely outré at the more fashionable Trinity though after a good deal of persuasion I went there in the evening.

Monday 4th

The girls and myself went up town this morning. I had my picture taken at two different galleries this morning, remained up town longer than I intended and after a hasty dinner, ran to the depot to find that I had missed the regular Madison train but that by waiting an hour I could take a train which connected with it at Milton. Bade the girls good bye and settled myself to enjoy my ride. It commenced raining in a few moments and continued to do so until we reached Madison. To my great joy I found Gus waiting for me at the depot. He came last Friday morning. Found Kate Kavanaugh at home when I arrived.

Tuesday 5th

Fannie & I went to the Examinations this morning. Staid all day. Went to the Lodge in the evening.

Wednesday 6th

At home today. Nothing of importance happened. We went boat riding in the afternoon.

Thursday 7th

Commenced working for Pa today. Played chess in the evening.

Friday 8th

Went to the office this morning. Also up town.

Saturday 9th

Went to the office this morning. Helped Pas put down his carpet. Went boat riding in the evening. Went to Picnic Point.

Sunday 10th

Went to the Congregational Church this morning with Gus. All went to our church in the evening.

Monday 11th

Posted a letter to Janesville today also one to Maria and also one to Dr. Hooker, went to the office all day.

Tuesday 12th

Went to the office. There is great excitement in town in regard to the prospective draft of soldiers to make up an additional six hundred thousand men for our army. There is to be a war meeting tonight and a great many of our men have already enlisted McHenry and Leonard Bradly enlisted today. My heart aches for the thousands that must be bereaved can this cruel war ever end. Went to the Lodge tonight but few present, all gone to the War meeting.

Wednesday 13th

Expected Maria tonight, but it rained heavily and she did not come. Mr. Craig came to spend the evening and we played four-handed chip.

Thursday 14th

Went to the office as usual this morning. Mrs. Benedict visited us to meet the Misses Farnham at her home this afternoon. Had a very pleasant visit. Came home and went to the War Meeting in the evening. There was great excitement and noble men came forward by scores to give their money and lives to their country's service. Over ten thousand dollars have been raised within the last three days as bounty for volunteers. So the work goes bravely on.

Friday 15th

Maria came last night when we were gone. Went to the office this morning. Maria is going back in about two weeks. All went to the War Meeting again tonight. It was so crowded that we were obliged to stand. Heard some good speeches and music, came away at ten, though the meeting did not adjourn until nearly midnight.

Saturday 16th

Heard today of the death of Col. Crane one more martyr to Liberty. He died bravely fighting with his face to the foe.

Sunday 17th

Went to church this morning. Mr. Johnson preached a very good sermon. Mr. Craig spent the afternoon here. We did not go to church in the evening. Mr. Gillett who returned yesterday, spent the evening here. He is going into camp tomorrow with the 20th Regiment.

Monday 18th

Concluded to have our famous lake voyage today. Rose early. Got our things ready, and started about eight o'clock. It was a beautiful day. We enjoyed it exceedingly. Took our dinner about four miles from town, stayed there about three hours, rowed to the opposite shore and thence around the Lake, to McBride's Point by which time it was quite dark of a moonless night. We landed however, and spread our cloth for supper on the grass beneath the stars. Then we had any quantity of fun resulting from our efforts to spread our bread with pie and eat our honey with butter, concluded as the repast was entirely by the sense of feeling. I think I shall never forget the mistakes we made or the laughter caused by jokes at each other's expense. After supper we rested awhile and then started for home, where we arrived twenty minutes before one and found Ma in a terrible state of mind. I presume she never expected to see us again and she gave us a sound scolding for staying so late.

Tuesday 19th

Went to the office. Wrote all day, went to the Lodge in the evening. Gus was initiated tonight. Quite a number of persons there.

Wednesday 20th

Nothing out of the usual routine happened today. Mr. Gillett came into the office to show his captain's shoulder strips. I am glad he got the position, he makes a fine looking officer.

Thursday 21st

Campbell came home today. Marie came to tea and we went boatriiding afterward.

Friday 22d

The children Pa and Ma & Gus all went over to McBride's in the boat tonight, leaving Fannie & I alone. We played two games of chess and then went down to Mrs. Martin's.

Saturday 23d

Went to the office this morning, finished the names of the Thirteenth Volunteer Regiment. Fannie and I got the Key of Mr. C's. boat and took half a dozen of our and the neighbor's little folks out riding. Went over to picnic point -two miles – and back. We thought we were rather smart to row four miles. Also Mr. Craig came in the evening.

Sunday 24th

Went to church this morning. Mr. Johnson organized two Bible Classes of which I joined one. Rev. Mr. Fhom(sp) Hospital Chaplain at St. Louis preached or rather lectured this evening to a crowded house at our church. He made an earnest appeal to the Ladies, and others for aid for the sick and wounded.

Monday 25th

Went to the office this morning. Wrote three letters and posted them. Wrote all the afternoon.

Tuesday 26th

Wrote this forenoon at home in the afternoon. Went to the Lodge in the evening.

Wednesday 27th

Started at eight o'clock to go out to Kate Kavenaugh's in the boat. When we reached the Lake Shore found it very rough, but we wanted to go very much and after a great deal of difficulty and getting quite wet we got the boat launched. The wind was very high and we soon began to wish ourselves safe on shore. There was a good deal of water in the boat, and when there came an extra large wave it was pretty sure to go over the prow. I did not feel at all afraid, and after about two hours hard rowing we succeeded in landing at Picnic Point, where we remained until the wind went down, which was about five in the afternoon, and then came home. We were in a sorry plight when we landed, Fannie, Maria & Gus being almost as wet as they could be, I alone being in a presentable condition. They took off their shoes and stockings and hung them up to dry, and Gus broiled the backs of his hands in the attempt to dry his shirt sleeves. We had not thought to carry anything in the way of luncheon with us, and were quite ravenous by the time we arrived at home.

Thursday 28th

It was very pleasant this morning and we thought we could try it again. Gus & I went over to the lake shore to see what the prospect was. The water was quite calm and unruffled and getting ready we started again. Fannie would not go this time and so we coaxed Ma to accompany us, took luncheon this time and stopped about twelve o'clock on the shore and remained an hour. Reached Mr. Kavenaugh's after a walk of a mile and a half after leaving the boat. Found Kate not at home. Had a very pleasant visit with Sussie and after partaking of a good cup of tea and other refreshments started for home about five o'clock. Had a very pleasant ride home where we arrived about nine.

Friday 29th

Had intended to take the stage for Cottage Grove this morning, but concluded not to do so and went to the office instead. Spent the evening at Hattie Renehel. Had a pleasant time.

Saturday 30th

Went to the office this morning, came home at ten o'clock sick. Remained in my room all the afternoon.

Sunday 31st

Did not sleep any last night kept awake by pain my teeth and face, found on rising this morning that my face was much swollen. Of course staid at home all day.

Monday Sept. 1st

Did not feel or look very well this morning, found my face more swollen than yesterday. Worked around the house all the forenoon, and in the afternoon Maria went back to her school at Crop Plains today.

Tuesday 2d

Nothing of importance occurred today. The swelling in my face having nearly subsided, and having a paper to read, I went to the Lodge.

Wednesday 3d

Fannie went to the office. We concluded to go boat riding at eleven o'clock. Got started about twelve. Went to McBride's Point, remained there all the afternoon came home by the light of the moon.

Thursday 4th

Found Celia Easton at home when we arrived last night, was very glad to see her. She remained all night. We went up town this morning, were going to have a boat ride this afternoon but it unfortunately rained before, during and after the time appointed.

Friday 5th

Raining this morning as though it would never stop. We had made a great many plans for today but found ourselves at home, weather bound very much against our wills.

Saturday 6th

Still raining. At home all day until four o'clock, when in sheer desperation Celia & I put on our hats and sallied out despite the rain. Went to the office and helped Mr. Campbell mail the Farmer. Staid about two hours and came home quite contented with the weather.

Sunday 7th

Went to church this morning. Mr. McHenry came to dinner and Celia, Mr. Campbell, McH. And myself went out to the Camp. Staid two hours were invited to tea. Went to the Mess House and ate at the Captain's table. Had a very pleasant time. Went to church in the evening.

Monday 8th

At home in the forenoon. Went over to Picnic Point at five o'clock. Took our supper with us. Got home at ten.

Tuesday 9th

Celia went home this morning. Went to the Lodge tonight.

Wednesday 10th

Sewed at home all day. Legislature convened for an extra session under call of the Governor.

Thursday 11th

Rained again today. Maria came home to make cake for a soldier's picnic to be given at Crop Plains. Went back tonight.

Friday 12th

At home all day, the forenoon. Went up to the office. Gus extracted three teeth for me.

Saturday 13th

Mr. Campbell came this morning with Captain Ryard(sp) of the 29th Regiment. They proposed going over to Camp after breakfast to see the 23d Regiment leave and invited Gus and myself to accompany them. We started but found before reaching the Camp that they were not going until Monday. Stayed to witness Battalion Drill, came home about eleven. Regiment came up town in the afternoon, we went up to see them. Mr. Campbell and I played chess in the evening.

Sunday 14th

Went to church this forenoon. Mr. McKenney stayed to dinner and spent the afternoon. I bade him "good-bye" as I suppose I shall not see him again if the Regiment goes tomorrow. One more of the thousands of brave boys going to face danger perhaps death in his country's service. God bless them all. Went to Church in the evening.

Monday 15th

Went to the office this morning in the rain. Wrote until noon and remained at home in the afternoon. Mr. Campbell, Gus & I spent the evening at Sarah Turner's.

Tuesday 16th

Wrote this morning, went to my German lesson. Sarah took tea at our house and went to the Lodge with me. Mr. Scofield read a paper which was very good. It commenced raining violently about nine and Gus came home after rubbers and umbrellas for us. Sarah staid with me. We were quite wet when we arrived at home.

Wednesday 17th

Wrote all day at the office. Staid at home in the evening.

Thursday 18th

Wrote this morning and until four in the afternoon. Went to German and to a lecture delivered by Prof. Reed before Atherian and Hesperian Societies of the University, this evening. Fannie & Gus went to spend the evening at Hannah Chapman's.

Friday 19th

Wrote this forenoon. Fannie & I went to make some calls up in the Third Ward. Called on Mr. Johnson's people, were quite pleased with them. Mr. Smith came in the evening quite unexpectedly. Miss Crocker also came for me to go to the lecture. George C. remained only a short time as he expected to leave on the evening train.

Saturday 20th

Maria came last night after we had all retired. We were going boatridding but after a long time spent in arrangements for it found that Mr. Pickard was going to use the boat. Maria & I went up town in the afternoon. She had her Photograph taken. At home in the evening.

Sunday 21st

Went to church this morning, Mr. Johnson preached a very excellent sermon. Staid to Bible class.

NOTE: No entries from Monday, September 22nd through Saturday, November 1st.

Sunday Nov. 2d

A long time has elapsed since last scribbled on your pages old journal and I come back to you with something like the pleasure of greeting an old friend. I went to Crops Plains on the 24th. Left to visit Maria, Gus accompanied me. We remained all the week met Mr. Toyell(sp) there, had a pleasant time on the 12th of Oct. Went to Oakland to visit at Mr. Smith's, went to visit Mr. Purdy's school at Fort Atkinson, to Lake Mills to visit at Dr. Williards and to Jefferson, remained nearly two weeks and enjoyed myself very much. Came home and found Sarah & Mary Covell whose visit I had anticipated so long had been here nearly a week, and were going the next morning, they had expected me every day and so had not written. I persuaded them to stay two days longer and we had a very pleasant visit. On the 29th of Oct. I received a letter from Jefferson requesting me to take the school in that place for the winter. Pa did not want me to go and I wrote to them that I had made different arrangements. Went to the Sociable at Mrs. Reddens in the evening had a very pleasant time. Yesterday, went up town in the forenoon and sewed in the afternoon. Cold and snowy this morning. Did not go to church. It is real November weather, dreariest of all months, I think November is. We have been having glorious Indian summer and this change is not of the pleasantest. I am going to write for Pa next week and perhaps the week after and then I am going to Janesville to spend three or four weeks. I think I shall learn Photograph painting and perhaps remain in Janesville all winter.

Monday 3d

Went to the office this morning, left at five o'clock to recite my German lesson. At home in the evening.

Tuesday 4th

Went to the office, worked all day, went to the Lodge in the evening. Installation of officers, Mrs. Ceerath(sp) joined tonight. Had a very pleasant meeting.

Wednesday 5th

Went to the office, remained all day did not go home to dinner, recited my German. We made Miss Crocker a present of Schiller's works in two volumes. They were very nice and he very much pleased. At home in the evening.

Thursday 6th

Went up to the University this morning with Miss Crocker to her recitation. It was a very pleasant walk, and I enjoyed it. I like Dr. French very much. Went to the office, to the Historical rooms in the afternoon, and also shopping with Ma. Got me a set of jars. Went to a Sociable at Mr. Miller's in the evening. There were a large number present, and it was very pleasant.

Friday 7th

Went to the office, staid in the forenoon. Worked for myself a little in the afternoon. Got my German lesson and went to the Historical Rooms a while commenced reading Macaulay's History of England, like it much. Went to my German lesson. Mr. Smith here to tea, said they were much disappointed out in Jefferson because I did not come.

Saturday 8th

Went up to the office this morning did not stay. Sewed all day until three o'clock. Hattie Benedict & Cassie Farnham(sp) called, also Mrs. Carpenter. Went to the Historical Rooms at four, read an hour and a half. Sarah Turner came, staid to tea and spent the evening, translated a part of Schiller's Song of the Bells.

Sunday 9th

A beautiful day. Went to church did not stay to Bible Class. Went to the Band of Hope in the afternoon.

Monday 10th

Went to Gus's office to have my teeth filled remained all day. Went to the Sunday School Convention in the evening. German lesson in the afternoon.

Tuesday 11th

Went to the office commenced pasting my scrap book. Went to Lodge in the evening. Fannie joined again tonight. I was appointed on a committee for lectures and also on one for editorials this term. Had a very pleasant time.

Wednesday 12th

Did not go to the office today. Sewed all day, at home in the evening. Went to the Historical Rooms and read an hour and then to my German lesson.

Thursday 13th

To the office worked all day at home in the evening, Gus wanted me to go to the Sociable, but I did not feel like it.

Friday 14th

Went up town this morning worked around the house all day. Ladies came this afternoon to sew for Sabbath School children about twenty staid to tea, had a pleasant sociable in the evening.

Saturday 15th

At the office all day. At home in the evening.

Sunday 16th

To church this morning. Hamilton Main was baptized at 8 o'clock.
Rainy and cold, but we went down to the lake. Mr. Randolph preaches tonight.

Monday 17th

Went to the office this morning, remained until three o'clock finished my book. Went to the Historical Rooms at four and to my German recitation at five. Sarah Turner came home with me and we went to the Sabbath School Convention in the evening.

Tuesday 18th

At home all day sewing. Maria came home this morning. She was not very well. Went to the Lodge in the evening. Staid two hours after it closed. Had a pleasant time.

Wednesday 19th

Went up town with Maria this morning, to Historical Rooms in afternoon, to German, and in the evening Gus & Mr. Campbell accompanied us up town to get some birthday gifts for Nellie.

Thursday 20th

At home today. Went to the Congregational Sociable. This was at Mr. Blipe's. A large number were present and we had a splendid time.

Friday 21st

Went up this morning to have my teeth filled. Read and recited my German lesson, sewed in the evening.

Saturday 22d

Went to the office to have operations on my teeth continued, found Gus busily engaged and not likely soon to be otherwise. Remained up town all the forenoon. Sewed in the afternoon, had company in the evening.

Sunday 23d

A beautiful morning. Rose late. Got ready for Church. Staid to Bible Class.

Monday 24th

Had my teeth filled this morning. Went to my German recitation, sewed in the evening.

Tuesday 25th

Up to town all the forenoon. At home in the afternoon. Went to the Exhibition of the University Societies in the evening. It was very good. The best orations were by Messrs. High and Spooner. We intended to go to the Lodge afterwards, but it too late.

Wednesday 26th

Busy today preparing for Thanksgiving up town in the forenoon. Went to German in the afternoon. At home in the evening.

Thursday 27th

Snowing this morning. A veritable Thanksgiving Day. Gus & Maria & I went to church. Came home Mr. Craig came at two spent a pleasant afternoon. Dined at five. Played chess in the evening.

Friday 28th

Had intended going to Janesville today, but not feeling well postponed it until tomorrow. Went up town to German in the afternoon. Sociable this evening, all went but myself.

Saturday 29th

All ready for a start at 10 o'clock. Waited until half past ten for the Bus, it did not come and having my trunk to be sent I walked to the Depot. Had a pleasant trip to J. Nettie Durning(sp) & Martha Winni(sp) were on board bound for Milwaukee. Arrived in Janesville at half past one. Found the folks all well and glad to see me.

NOTE: No entries from November 30, 1862 through March 21, 1863.

March 22d 1863

Here am I again, my long neglected journal, sitting down after so long an interval to scribble once more upon your pages. When I last visited you the cold and frosts of winter were around me and we were preparing ourselves to spend its cold comfortless days and long bright evenings to the best advantage. Now as I write here by my window a drizzling March rain is pattering outside and my eyes meet as they gaze out, only a monotonous expanse of spring mud. The interval between these two points of time has been as eventful as the routine of my usually is that is I have read and worked, visited and received visits, eaten and slept and and in short done everything goes to make up what we call life.

My visit at Janesville was a very pleasant one. I remained four weeks during which we walked and talked and shopped and visited to our heart's content. We visited the Blind Institute and the Woolen(sp) Factory which are the principal points of interest in Jv. I became acquainted with many pleasant people during my stay and like Janesville very much. Spent Christmas at Miss Kavenaugh's and enjoyed it very much. Came on Saturday. Mother was preparing to go East. She and Charly were going Maria & I went out to Celia Garton's the day before New Year's. Gus took us out in the buggy. When we arrived found that Celia had gone to Sun Prairie. They sent for her and she got home about three o'clock. We spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening. The next day it rained almost incessantly so that it was impossible for us to get home, we remained another night and the rain having cleared, came home in the mud the next day. Mother started for the East the Wednesday after New Year's, leaving me installed as housekeeper. I liked it very much. Madison is not very gay this winter as many of our young men have gone that our [indecipherable] is rather thin. The winter has been warm and pleasant, with very little snow. Celia Garton came here to board and brought her fiancé. Mother & Charley came home on the fourth of March. Pa went after them, they remained in Washington a week. Mr. Campbell has gone to Ohio and Fannie to Milwaukee. Maria & I commenced attending school at the Normal School last week, we like it very much. I am to study German & French, Household Science and Philosophy of Teaching. The University session commences tomorrow. Today is Sunday, I attended church this forenoon and remained to Bible Class. There was quite a large number present. It is rainy and disagreeable and I fear we shall not be able to go this evening. We have been having some very interesting meetings during the evenings of the past weeks and it is hoped that some have been converted to God. I have resolved that henceforth I will live for him, and hope that God will forgive my sins and help to do right for the remainder of my life.

23d

Went to school this morning, remained until noon, and then came home as I had no lessons for the afternoon. Went to meeting in the evening. We had a very good meeting indeed.

24th

School as usual. Rainy and cold, remained at school until noon, and then came home. Went up town in the afternoon, and then to the Lodge in the evening.

25th

Went to school this morning. Came home at noon, and went back again. Was very tired tonight. Went to meeting.

26th

We all met with the University students in the chapel this morning. I came home at noon and went back again in the afternoon. Went to meeting in the evening.

27th

First recitation to Prof. Finch's in German this morning. I like him very much. Came home to dinner this noon. Staid to hear Prof. Carr's lecture tonight. Went to meeting.

28th

At home this forenoon sewing. Went with Mother to the Ladies Union League this afternoon. We had a very nice meeting. Afterwards went up town and then home. Went down to Miss Crocker's in the evening.

29th

A beautiful Sabbath morning. Went to church. Mr. Johnson preached a very fine sermon, from the text, While I was at work, here and there, he was gone. Staid to Bible Class, which was very large today. Did not go to the Third Ward Sabbath School today as I had a headache.

30th

Went to school. Commenced reciting today in all my classes, like the school very much. Went to meeting this evening, had a very interesting meeting indeed.

31st

School as usual. Came home to dinner. Remained to the lecture in Prof. Carr's room, a very interesting & instructive one. Went to meeting in the evening and afterwards to Lodge. Appointed a sociable for tomorrow evening.

April 1st

Very pleasant today, went to school. Expected to go to the sociable in the evening. Got ready and about eight o'clock Mr. Scofield came to tell us that the room was occupied by the masons. Quite a number came down to find out the reason and remained during the evening.

April 2d

Rainy & disagreeable this morning, went to school. Went to church in the evening.

3d

Started for school at half past seven, Mr. Campbell accompanied me and went to my German recitation. Came home tonight very tired. Went to Covenant meeting.

4th

At home today. Sewed all the forenoon, went to the Union League in the afternoon. Afterwards went up town. At home in the evening. Mrs. Eaton & Fannie came to pay a farewell visit, they go to Chicago Monday. Mr. & Mrs. Carner(sp) were also here & Ella Fox and Professors Donaldson & Howell. We spent a very pleasant evening.

5th

Went to church this morning. It was a beautiful day very warm & pleasant. Did not go to the Third Ward. Celia & I took a walk in the afternoon. Went to church in the evening.

6th

A pleasant morning, went to school. Went to church in the evening.

7th

Went to the Lodge this evening. Saw James High for the first time since his return. Had quite a long session. Commenced studying my lessons, about eleven o'clock and did not go to bed until half past two.

8th

Went to school as usual. Did not go to church in the evening.

9th

School. At home in the evening.

10th

Covenant meeting this evening, about ten new converts related their experience and will be baptized next Sunday.

11th

At home all day. Went up town at night. At home in the evening.

12th

A beautiful Sabbath morning. Went to church. Had a large congregation and a very good sermon. Returned home immediately after church to prepare for baptism. About two o'clock on the margin of Hurd(sp) Lake, fourteen young persons were baptized, myself among the number. This is the most blessed day of my life. May God grant that I may ever be faithful in the course which I have commenced. There was a very large crowd collected upon the banks of the lake, and everything passed off well. Went to church in the evening.

13th

Went to school. To Young People's meeting in the evening. We had a very pleasant meeting indeed. I don't think I ever enjoyed one more.

14th

At school all day. George C. Smith came to tea and went to Lodge. Sat up with the body of Mrs. Huntington, studied all night.

15th

Went to school this morning, not feeling remarkably bright. Did not go to meeting in the evening.

16th

School. At home in the evening.

17th

Went to school this morning, very warm and bright. We analyzed the Paeyne(sp) flower in the Botany class. The first flower I have seen this season. Went to meeting in the evening.

18th

At home, and up town remained nearly all the forenoon. Saw Mr. McKnsing(sp) who has just returned from the army, he was discharged on account of illness. At home in the afternoon. Went to the University to hear some recitations by Griffith, the elocutionist. Very good.

19th

Pleasant this morning went to church. To Third Ward this afternoon.

NOTE: No entries from April 20th , 1863 through June 27th , 1863

Sunday June 28th 1863

Another long gap in my journal, and I promised myself at the last that that there should not be another if it was in my power to prevent it, but such are human resolves. The last two months I have been very busy, between attending school and the meetings and getting my lessons, my time has been fully occupied. I never enjoyed a mission[indecipherable] better in my life and deeply regret that I am not able to go on with my studies, when I think of what I might do and what I might be if I only had an opportunity of continuing my studies for two or three years. I can hardly reconcile myself to the necessity which exacts[indecipherable] for me to do something else, but it is so and I must be content. I am going to commence taking painting lessons next week which I shall enjoy very much. We have had a very busy and pleasant time during the past week. The University Examinations and Commencement was fast over and the long summer recreations commenced. I want to accomplish a great deal during the summer, which I hope I may. We have had a very dry time this month of June. It has not rained this month and it seemed as if the very earth would turn to dust and be shifted away in the first gale, but today there is a change. This morning was the most sultry of the season. I did not go out until time got Sabbath School and on coming home got a sprinkling and now it is raining quite hard and the air is deliciously cool. Thank God for rain! Mr. Craig is down and I must go down but not until I renew my resolve not to neglect you again old journal as long as I have power to chronicle my daily thought and the events of my life for your pages. It is a long time since hand took my pen for the first stroke upon your fair pages, over two years. In those two years though apparently the same in circumstances I feel that there has been a change in me. I [am] not the same woman who sat here this day two years ago and wrote of her life. God grant that the change may have been for the better, I think it has. Sitting here today I hope that I have higher views of life, wider and broader comprehensions of its duties and responsibilities than then, and now looking back through those two years, their experiences, their trials and their sorrows, for there have been all of these, many known only to my God and myself, I thank him that he has given me them to teach me the life lessons which

without their aid might have been unlearned, and looking into my own head today I believe that I am willing to hear shattering bad news and fulfill whatever obligation he may impose. May he give me strength which I so much need to do all this. Looking around upon the life that I lead from the daily duties of my position, I often think it a barren field and long for something that shall more fairly fill and occupy my mind and head than that monotonous routine of every day duties and cares... Life seems very bleak to me sometimes and looking forward I see nothing but gloom and darkness. A great hope has gone out of my life in the last few months, and for a time it took all its sweetness and joy but with God's help I will confess my weakness, and bear bravely the yoke of life. I believe that God sends us trials to try our spirit and temper and refine us as gold in the fire, and I thank him that he has thought me worthy to suffer, may it do me good.

29th

At home today. Went up town in the afternoon. To meeting in the evening. When I got home Mr. [George C.] Smith was there. He is going to Memphis tomorrow. He wanted us to go with him to take care of sick and wounded soldiers in the hospital. I told him I would go. I think Fannie will too. We sat up very late laying our plans. Mr. S. is going to remain another day. Pa did not like the idea of our going at all, but finally gave his consent. Went to bed with my mind very unsettled tonight.

30th June 63

Up early this morning, having a great deal to do, getting ready for so long a journey. We are to stay two months before coming home. James Chapman & Lou Richardson are going also. There is quite an excitement in town about our going. We have been receiving calls all day. Mr. Craig has been here all the afternoon. He feels very badly about our going. I went to Mr. Johnson's to a party tonight and leaving early visited the Lodge. My friends all seemed to feel sorry that I was going to leave them though all thought it a noble work. They gave me their best wishes. After Lodge we went to Waltzinger for ice cream, found the store closed, disappointed. Went to bed very tired. We are to start at eleven tomorrow.

July 1st

Rose early, ironed, packed trunks, dressed myself, went up town and did a great many other things. We went up and had our pictures taken. Found that the omnibus had left, when I got home, quite a number of friends waiting to walk to the depot with me. Fanny went in the bus. The sitting room at the depot was crowded with friends, waiting to see us off, bade them good bye, and soon found ourselves under full steam for Janesville, discovered soon after starting that about half our baggage

was missing. Mr. Campbell who accompanied us to J – said he would go back and get it, if we would stay over one train at J. We went to Sarah Covell's and stayed until about 7 o'clock Thursday morning, went to the depot, found Mr. C and the missing baggage, and started for Chicago. Mr. Campbell brought letters from home and a paper with a very complimentary notice of our departure for the sunny south. Rode all night.

2d

Came into Chicago at 6 o'clock & I took breakfast at the hotel, stopped about two hours and then started for Centralia. We had a very long, warm, tedious ride, and arrived at Centralia at 8 o'clock. I am tired, hungry and almost out of spirits. An excellent supper and a rest of two hours made us all right however, and then we took sleeping cars for Cairo, we were in the best spirits in the world.

3d

Passed the night comfortably. The stopping of the cars early this morning awakened us. Found ourselves standing still in an apparently interminable swamp with two or three feet of water as far as you could see on either side of the track, with rank grass and trees and weeds. The cars were very close, and I very imprudently opened a window near my repenting of it immediately, however, for the first breath of the air was like pestilence, I came near fainting and did not recover from the effect of this for some time. After stopping here for something like half an hour owing to some derangement in the machinery, we moved on and soon entered the city of Cairo. The most miserable, desolate-looking place on the face of the earth is this same Cairo. We only stayed long enough to go down to the wharf and get aboard the steamer, but that was as long as we cared about staying. We hardly got a glimpse of any body but negroes, and poor white folks. Went on board the steamer Hope, got our breakfast, and soon had made ourselves comfortable for the day. The captain took us up to the pilot house where it was cool, and enjoyed the prospect very much. The Mississippi River was quite a disappointment to me, instead of the majestic [indecipherable] of which so much has been said and sung, I saw only a comparatively narrow and a superlatively muddy stream, that looked anything but majestic, as the steamer moved down, however, it widened and seemed more like my preconceived notions of old Mississippi. We reached Columbus early in the forenoon, stopped about two hours. It looks like a strong military post, the cannon flanked on the heights and the white tents of the garrison in the distance give it quite an aire militaire, while the mule teams and contrabands which throng the streets give one quite an idea of a Kentucky town. We stayed in the pilot house until dinner time. On the opposite shore from Columbus is the site of the famous battle of Belmont, so disastrous to us. It is an innocent looking spot enough, being a level piece of ground, partially covered with timber. It is hard to realize that these places have ever been the scene of such terrible conflicts. Met a brother-in-law of Gov. Solomon on the boat, he is a very pleasant man, said he would send us transportation to [indecipherable]. He

offered us wine before we had been acquainted fifteen minutes, which owing to our temperance principles we were obliged to refuse. Went to bed tonight very tired.

July 4th

Independence Day! And we floating down the Mississippi! Who would have thought it, on such an errand too? It was very warm this morning. I sat down immediately after breakfast and wrote a long letter home to be mailed at Memphis. After this we went up to the pilot house and had a good view of Fort Pillow which we passed about ten o'clock. It looks like a very strong point indeed. Very high banks surrounded by a high board railings with one or two guns visible from the river, is all that meets the eye now. Hardly a vestige remains of what must have been a formidable looking place. We passed Island No. 10 in the afternoon. It is garrisoned by negro troops. New Madrid is also quite a large place on the river, which has been the scene of a hard fought battle. A lady who came down from Cairo with us, and who is commandant at New Madrid, got off here. In a short time after this, we got a view of Memphis from a point in the river which is about four miles from the city, where the Mississippi bends in an abrupt curve. It looked beautiful in the light of the setting sun, and was quite a welcome sight to us, when a few moments after we found ourselves approaching the scene of our future labors. It is situated on high banks overlooking the river, and has many fine public buildings. We went immediately to a boarding house on our arrival, and retired to rest, or rather to try to rest for the house being nearly full, four of us had only a single room with a bed and a lounge as sleeping accommodations. We had quite a celebration on board the steamer today. The gentlemen got a flag and unfurled it in the cabin and then drew up resolutions, sang songs, and had a general good time. Jenny & I were appointed as committee with these gentlemen to draw up resolutions. We had quite a celebration. Met Paulus Adams & Rebels on the boat today. They are going to Lake Providence.

Sunday July 5th

A terribly warm day. We went up to the office after breakfast and staid two or three hours. Had a splendid shower while there, a regular tropical deluge, which passed leaving the air apparently as hot as before. Met Mr. Wayne tonight, a Madison man whom I remembered having seen in Madison but do not think I should have recognized without an introduction. He is quite pleasant.

Monday July 6th

Another warm day. We went up town this morning, visited the park, which is an exquisite little bit of greenery, teaming with squirrels which are so tame that they will eat from your hand here. I saw a magnolia blossom for the first time. They are splendid and grow in almost every garden here. There are also a great variety of evergreens, and beautiful flowering shrubs and trees meet the eye on every hand.

Here is the monument of Jackson, famous for having suffered mutilation at the hand of a rebel colonel, who would have blotted out the motto it bears "The Union it must and shall be preserved." We went up this evening with some gentlemen at the house where we board and Mr. Smith to get ice cream. A beautiful cool evening. We enjoyed it much. Did not visit any of the hospitals today.

Tuesday 7th

Excessively warm. We had a nice shower, however, in the forenoon, which cooled the air somewhat. Louise & I started out this P.M. to go up town. We were going to the Union Hospital. It looked very much like rain and before we had gone two blocks down it came. We took refuge in a grocery, the only available shelter, and spent about an hour and a half in the agreeable society of codfish and potatoes. It cleared up after a time and we went on, did not visit the Hospital however. Went up to the Park this evening.

Wednesday 8th

Started immediately after breakfast to see Dr. Irwin Surgeon General of Hospitals here, he immediately engaged us for hospital duty and gave us our papers. We visited the Jackson Hospital and afterward the Gayard, where we were engaged. We found Mrs. Wemple, a Wisconsin lady and Mrs. Green a sort of under matron here, very pleasant. They told us some very discouraging things and for some time I felt rather blue over the prospect. The surgeon in charge, Dr. Hartshorn came in and assigned us our wards. Fannie's is next to mine on the same floor. The wards are long rooms containing from fifty to seventy beds. Each one has a surgeon, a ward master and four nurses besides a female nurse. Dr. Nelson the surgeon of my ward seems to be a very pleasant man. There are some very sick men in my ward and being an entirely new business to me I went at it rather awkwardly, I expect that I shall soon learn how to work I hope. Mr. Smith and another gentleman came to take us to walk in the evening. We had ice cream, sat a while in the park, and then came back, and I went to bed feeling sensibly the oddity of our situation on our first night in the hospital.

Thursday 9th

Rose this morning at the sound of the bugle at five, dressed and went down to my ward. Went around and said good morning to all my men, attended to the giving out of the breakfast, fed one man, there are some who are very sick. One man was having fits when I entered the ward yesterday, he had them at intervals all through the night, and they think that he will not live through the day. After breakfast the surgeon came and I made out the diet list for the day under his directions. I staid in my ward nearly all day, at night I was so tired and my feet were so swelled that I could not sleep. There is a great deal of noise in the street, and sleeping in strange rooms is not just the thing for nervous people.

Friday 10th

Dreaded to go to my ward this morning, the air is so bad there. There are some very sick men here and they require my constant attention. I already feel very much interested in some of them, some who are very sick. Wm. Clark a boy of about 19 who has chronic diarrhea, I am afraid will never get well. I feel very badly about him and shall do all in my power to help him, he is very low however and there is but a bare possibility of his recovery. There are several other cases of the same disease, all doubtful. One man, Alfred Kent, about twenty, I should think and from Ohio, is very low with fever & debility, I am afraid that he cannot recover. I was very tired tonight.

A young man died in Fannie's ward. I felt very sorry about it. His name was Martin.

Saturday 11th

In my ward early. Clark better today. I talked to him a long time about his home and friends, told him I thought the doctor would give him a furlough and send him home as soon as he was able to go, he seems to feel discouraged, and, though he listens to my plans for him and acquiesces in them, yet he seems to think that he shall never see home again. I am afraid he won't, poor fellow! Went out with Mr. Smith this evening. Went to the Park, sat awhile, got some lemonade and ice cream, saw any number of ladies, and contrabands. Tired out when we got home.

Sunday 12th

My first Sabbath here. When I went down this morning, found the boys in some cleaning the floor, and after breakfast they changed the clothing of the men and also the beds. This is always done Sunday because this is inspection day. The Surgeon General comes around to inspect every thing and it must be in prime order. But not so well today. A man died in Fannie's ward today of chronic diarrhea. It does not seem like Sunday at home. I should not know it by any such actions here. Some of the men are worse today. I have been in my ward most of the day. Mr. Smith came this afternoon with a Wisconsin Captain who was very pleasant, said they would call and go to church in the evening.

Monday 13th

Rained the forenoon, made it very cool. Went to my ward as usual. Men getting along very well. Did not go out tonight. One of my men very sick. He cannot live, he is an Ohio boy, he is a very fine fellow about 20 years old. I would almost give the world if he could live. I wrote a letter to a cousin of his in the army at Vicksburg telling him how he was and asking him to write home, and inform his friends. He is very grateful for anything I do for him and though he never says much, his eyes follow me everywhere. He is very homesick. How my heart aches when I think that this is the way that the flower of our country's youth are perishing in this

cruel contest. I am thankful that God has given me the opportunity to do some good, and pray that he will give me strength to do my duty faithfully in the fear of His Holy Name. Tired out tonight, went to bed with a heavy heart, almost expect to find Kent dead tomorrow morning.

Tuesday 14th

Pleasant & cool this morning. Men about as usual. Kent is better this morning, ate quite a breakfast. I do wish he could get well. Clark is getting better slowly. I think he may get well, he seems to be in better spirits. Jennie & Lou went up town this morning. Mr. Smith & Mr. Wayne called in the evening. Tired tonight. Today as I was sitting by Kent, Dr. Nelson came in with a passion flower, which he got at the Jewish cemetery. I pressed it.

Wednesday 15th

Warm today. In my ward all day. Mr. Smith & Mr. Sweetland of the Adams Hospital came this afternoon to have us go up to the Officer's Hospital to see a Wisconsin Captain. I did not go, the rest of the girls did. I feel too anxious about my men to go anywhere, there are three or four that may die any time. Kent is very low tonight. I have sat by him all the afternoon, he is very quiet. It seems as if I could not bear to see him die. The doctor will not let me tell him that he must die, for there possibly may be a chance for his recovery, he says. I have no hopes of it. God pity his poor old mother and God pity all the mothers whose hearts will ache through the terrible consequences of this unnatural war. Went to bed tired enough.

Thursday 16th

A warm day, it rained about noon and cooled the air somewhat, a real tropical shower it was, the rain coming down in sheets. I enjoyed it, but I guess some of the boys who lay under the ventilator didn't, for the rain came right through. In my ward all day. Kent has been stupid all day. Had no appetite for food, could hardly rouse him to take his wine. I feel very bad about him, he will not live through the night I fear. God have mercy upon him, poor fellow. I would do anything in my power to give him back the lost life power, but alas human arms are too short and human effort too weak to help in such cases. There is another man in my ward whom I fear will die today. I wrote to his wife yesterday.

9 o'clock P.M. Kent is dead. He breathed his last a half hour ago. I closed his eyes, they prepared him for the grave and took him away. I shall never forget the sorrow I felt for his death, he was so young, so patient, so lonely and homesick and so grateful for everything I did for him. I shed as bitter tears over his dying bed as I ever wept in my life, it is so hard to see our noble boys die here alone, so far from friends who would give their lives almost to have been with them in their last moments. I shall write to his mother. The saddest duty of our position is this

breaking the tidings to anxious loving hearts at home. God give you strength to bear it, poor loving mother. My ward will seem lonely after this. I have watched him and fed and cared for him so long that the sight of his poor pale face on the bed seemed a part of my life. Poor fellows, so they die.

Friday 17th

Went to my ward as usual. Did not feel very well today. A little blue. I shall have to go out more. Fanny, Louise & I went up to Mr. Smith's office this morning. It rained after we got home. In my ward the rest of the day. Tired tonight, glad to get to my room.

Saturday 18th

Louise & I took a long walk this morning, went as far as the Soldier's Home, a very pretty place. We had a great deal of fun going out & back. There are so many comical things in Memphis. Wrote a letter home today, and also one to a cousin of Kent's at Vicksburg. Went to bed early. Very tired.

Sunday 19th

Warm today, men in my ward about as usual. In my ward all the forenoon. Sunday is Inspection Day here and a general cleaning up has to take place in the morning. This afternoon Mr. Smith came with a captain of the 17th Regiment, a very pleasant man. They said they would come and go to church with us in the evening, but did not come, we did not go out.

Monday 20th

Fanny, Louise & I went to market this morning at five o'clock. There is a very nice market here and we see a great many green things. I enjoy it very much. This morning I saw an old market woman coming in on a mule with a straw hat upon her head, the brim of which was at least half a yard in width and her face was so browned and sun burned that she would have safely passed muster among the Winnebagoes. Lou & I went up town after breakfast. In my ward all this afternoon. Dr. Nelson brought me scale from a large fish which was caught in the Mississippi at this point called the Elephant. Mrs. More and the rest of us went up to Mr. Smith's office this morning. Met Dr. McDonyhay of the Indiana Agency, a very pleasant man, looks like Dr. Williard of Lake Mills.

Tuesday 21st

In my ward all day. Cool and pleasant, men doing well generally. I wrote a letter for one man to his wife. He is a Virginian dying of chronic diarrhea. He says his wife is only 17 years of age. They have been married only about a year. He must die. Mr. Smith and Dr. Sweetland of the Adams Hospital came to see me, said the Hope was lying at the wharf. The girls went down to see the captain. I was too busy to go.

Wednesday 22d

Warm today. Rose early. Went to my ward this morning, found that my poor Virginian had died during the night. The nurses were with him when he died. They said that he died easy. I am sorry for his wife. I must write to her. I have been in my ward all day. This afternoon the Ward Master brought me an order from the Surgeon in Charge to the effect that the ladies employed as nurses in the Hospital should not enter the kitchen, as they have been accustomed to, for the purposes of cooking for the sick men, neither leave their wards on any account unless by permission of the Surgeon in Charge of the ward. This was sent as a general order to all the nurses in the Hospital. It created quite an excitement but we had a good deal of fun about it, as when we asked our surgeons to let us go out in the afternoon they gave us permission to go out at any time we pleased. A man died in Fannie's ward last night. We all had an invitation to go to the theatre in the evening, it was a Soldier's Benefit night and we went. It was crowded to excess and so very warm that it was almost impossible to breathe, and I had not been there five minutes before I heartily wished myself back at the Gayoso. The acting was the most miserable I ever saw and if anybody ever catches me at that place again, I hope that I shall have as miserable a time as I had then.

Thursday 23d

Mr. Smith came up this morning and said that if Fanny wanted to go home, she could go up with Mr. Hicks and Lieut. Cantwell today. They were going directly to Madison. She has been talking of going for some time. She concluded to go. I was almost angry with her. I do not think she ought to go off and leave me here. She left here about 12 N. I did not go to the boat. I felt very lonely all day, and would have had a real good cry if I had not been too provoked about her going. About four o'clock this afternoon, Col. Howe of the 32d Wisconsin sent the ambulance for us and about five we started for the camp. It was my first experience in the ambulance riding. We enjoyed the novelty immensely. I don't see how as much jolt [indecipherable] one vehicle as that ambulance contained, we had a great deal of fun about. When we arrived at the Colonel's headquarters we alighted and were conducted through a nice yard. The colonel lives in a very pretty house which used to be the property of a Secesh lady and was confiscated. We were very agreeably surprised at meeting a sister of Col. Howe whom we liked very much indeed, she has been here about a week. Col. Howe is splendid. We enjoyed our visit very much indeed. I was sorry that Fanny could not be there. We met a Miss Ballou of Green Bay, she is taking care of the sick in the Regimental Hospital. We went home tonight having spent the pleasantest evening we have had for a long time.

Friday 24th

In my ward most of the day. We all went up to Mr. Smith's office. He had just been down to see the boat off, which Fanny went in. She had been there waiting for the boat to go ever since she started yesterday. Lieut. Cantwell went with her. A friend of Fanny's, a Ms. Judson of Beaver Dam, came to see us this afternoon. Wrote three letters today for the boys in the ward. A boy about 16 years of age died in Fannie's ward today. His brother was with him, has been here for some weeks. He was a fine little fellow, has been sick for a long time of Typhoid fever.

Saturday 25th

At home all day. Clark is getting along well now, I think he will recover. I have two Wisconsin boys in my ward, one of whom was wounded in the foot, he is from Manitowoc. His name is John Bernard. The other James Farrell is suffering from a bad finger, the result of running a sliver into it while rolling pins in a ball alley. We did not go out tonight. We have been suffering terribly from mosquitoes until today. Mr. Cotton brought us some fixtures for our beds and we shall sleep under the protection of nets tonight.

Sunday 26th

Sunday morning again, it does not seem much like it here. I have not been to church since I have been in Memphis. I am so busy during the morning that I cannot get ready by church time and in the evening I am very tired. Today was time for General Inspection. Somers [indcipherable] from Washington came through the Hospital today. He complained very much of the bad bread, said we should not have any more such. One of my men is very low, I do not expect him to live more than a day or two. I wrote to his mother on Tuesday telling her that she had better come to him as he was very anxious to see her. I expected her yesterday. I fear she will not reach here before his death. We went out to Col. Howe's again today in the ambulance. They were very glad to see us and we spent a very pleasant evening. Col. & Miss [indcipherable] Howe made a great deal of sport about their commissary arrangements and we had a great deal of pleasantry at the supper table about the viands, came home about 9 o'clock.

Monday 27th

In my ward all day. Went out in the evening to get ice cream. Very warm.

Tuesday 28th

A warm day. We went up to Mr. Smith's office to get some things from a box which came from Wis. The man whose mother I wrote to last week died today, he was not quite sensible when he died. He asked very much to see his mother. I expect she will be here soon.

Wednesday 29th

In my ward early. Immediately after breakfast the Ward Master came to tell me that there was a lady below who wished to see me. I went down and found it to be the mother of the man who died yesterday, she was almost inconsolable when she found that he was dead. I had to undertake the task of comforting her, with poor success, I fear, for who can comfort or console such broken hearts, he had died without a word for his friends and she an old lady had come this long distance to see her only son and found him dead. I could not find words of comfort for her only begging her to look to God for consolation in her hour of bitterest need.

Thursday 30th

In my ward all day. That old lady went home last night. Mrs. Brown, wife of one of our sick men in my ward, is here taking care of her husband. Billy, our medicine man, was sent to his Regiment this morning and another one appointed in his place. We went out for a walk tonight. Got some flowers & leaves of the mimosa, a large and beautiful tree of the same species as the sensitive plant.

Friday 31st

In my ward early. A warm day. Lou & I went to the office this morning. Mr. Smith was not there. We waited a long time for him, as Ms. Davenport said that he had letters for us, did not get them as we were obliged to leave before he came. Ms. Davenport brought the letters in the afternoon. One of them contained very sad news for Lou. Her youngest brother, one of the 11th Regt., was killed on the 10th of June, near Jackson, Mississippi. She felt almost broken hearted. Miss Howe and Mrs. Bedlow called this afternoon and staid two or three hours. They went through our wards. We spent a very pleasant afternoon. At home in the evening.

Saturday August 1st

Capt. Pitman of the 23d called to see us this morning. He is going to Madison on furlough, we were very glad to see him. In my ward most of the day. The men are all getting along well. Sent several letters home by Pitman.

Sunday 2d

In my ward all the morning. Dr. Nelson asked me why I did not go to church. I plead want of time, but fear that want of inclination might also have formed a good part of my excuse. I have lost all my energy of late, have not the least ambition seemingly to do anything which is out of old routine of ward duty. I can neither read, write nor talk as I used to do. I have almost despised Southerners heretofore for their want of energy, but shall never do so again. This southern air is depressing beyond belief, and I do not wonder that sick men do not recover for many months in this climate. Col. Howe sent the ambulance for us today, and we spent the afternoon and evening at his residence. Enjoyed it very much. I was very near sick, however, and was glad when I got home. I was sick all night and did not go down in the morning until after breakfast.

Monday 3d

In my ward all day feeling miserably. The men are doing well. They will probably get furloughs, at least a large number of them very soon. I shall be glad to have them go as I think it will be so much better for them. We went out this evening.

Tuesday 4th

In my usual routine of duty today. Men are doing well. Did not go out today. Some of the gentlemen connected with the Hospital called this evening.

Wednesday 5th

In my ward all day. A man who is in Ward D, Lou's ward, died this morning immediately after having an arm amputated. His father and mother have been here for some time.

Went up to the Officer's Hospital today with Mr. Smith. Saw in upon Rusk of the 25th who has been very sick, is getting better, alas Adj. Shopiere and Capt. Henry also were there, very sick.

There are quite a good many Rebel officers in this Hospital and we met a large number of ladies from the city with baskets and I presume all manner of good things, bent on deeds of charity to the secesh. It made my blood boil when I thought that it was such as these who had caused and were still causing all the misery that we were encountering daily in our life in the Hospitals.

Thursday 6th

Mr. Smith left for Vicksburg today, Lieut. Billings & Lieut. Townsend called upon us this morning. The former is on General Solomon's staff and will go up the river with him on furlough in a few days. He promised to call upon us when he went though. Townsend is one of Gen. Bertiss's [indecipherable] staff and remained here so that we shall probably see him often.

I had a very polite invitation to take a life partnership with a gentleman in ward B today. Very tempting inducements held out, and if all that was promised

could have proved true I should indeed have “lived in clover,” but not having any inclination to walk so flowery a pathway, I very respectably declined.

Friday 7th

A very warm day. I went into my ward before breakfast but was obliged to leave it soon after and lie down. I did not get up until afternoon. At home this evening.

Saturday 8th

In my ward most of the day. Walt Judson came today at five o'clock with a hack and took us out to Elmwood Cemetery, a beautiful place. I never enjoyed anything in my life more than I did that ride. There are the most beautiful evergreen hedges around the lots that I ever saw in my life, and very large evergreen trees of many varieties fill the grounds. There is a great variety of trees here with a predominance of elms, which give the place its name. There are some very fine monuments and vaults, and in one place a large number of Union soldiers are sleeping side by side in their last slumber. It is a beautiful spot and a worthy resting place for noble hearts who have laid their all a sacrifice on their country's altar. At home in the evening.

Sunday 9th

Today passed as usual. In my ward most of the time. James Farrell, a Wis. boy, had his finger amputated the other day, and his hand is very much swelled and inflamed, he has been up stairs. They brought him down today and he is very sick. I got him something nice to eat, bathed his head, and have sat by him most of the day. He suffers a great deal with his hand. Did not go out at all today.

Monday 10th

In my ward and Ward B all day. There was a boy about 19 in Ward B who has been under the influence of opium for two days so that he was perfectly stupid and could not be roused. The Dr. told me to give him strong coffee every half hour, all day. I did so but it did no good and about 8 o'clock in the evening he died. I felt very badly about it as I believe he died from an overdose of the drug.

Tuesday 11th

Lou & I went to market this morning. Mr. Smith went with us. After breakfast went up to the office to see if Mr. D. had any letters for us. I got two from home. In my ward the rest of the day. Our box which we have been expecting so long came yesterday. Mr. Cotton said that he would have it brought up for us, which he did this forenoon. We had a regular jubilee over it and acted just as children would act with a lot of new toys. Everything in it was nice and we shall live in style after this while our box continues to dispense its stores.

Wednesday 12th

Warm today. In my ward all the forenoon. Some of the boys are expecting to go home on furlough soon. We had a little party this afternoon of Wis. boys, Johnny Reed, John Bausard [indecipherable] Homer Jones, Wm. Welch and Persy _____ I have forgotten his name, and James Hodges were invited up to our room, we distributed some papers for plates, Jenny & I went down into the kitchen and made some lemonade and then we passed around cake and lemonade and did the honors in grand style. Mr. Hayne came in just in time to be treated. We had quite a pleasant time, somewhat marred at the last however by the fact that Mr. Cohen came in after a time and said that we would be under the necessity of moving this afternoon, as the rooms we occupied were to be fitted up for a library. The boys helped us move and fix up our room. We do not like it at all. It is an inner room and very warm and close. I expect that we shall all be sick if we stay long. Very tired at night after our exertions in party giving, moving, etc.

Thursday 13th

In my ward all day. Louise & Jenny went out walking tonight. I did not go, went to my room and went to bed. I had just got into a comfortable doze when Lou came in and said there were a couple of gentlemen intending to favor us with their company for the evening. Here was a nice fix, we had no other room and it was too hot to live in the clothes press [their small interior room]. I could not make up my mind to lie still and say I was sick, so there was no help for it and I got up and dressed, in very good humor, of course, and after a little while Mr. Casey made his appearance accompanied by Mr. Wardrobe whose acquaintance we had not made before. I like him very much, he is a Wisconsin man, from Waukesha. Mr. Casey had been taking a wee drop of beer and was very talkative indeed. I got thoroughly disgusted with him, the more so, that he seemed determined to stay forever. They did go after awhile.

Friday 14th

A warm day. In my ward all day. Men are getting ready for home, they were paid off today. We were intending to go out tonight, I had an invitation to go and get ice cream, the other girls were also going but it looked so much [like] rain that we concluded not to go. Went to bed early.

Saturday 15th

Spent the day as usual in my ward. Fannie & I went to market this afternoon. There were a large number of people present. It was very warm indeed. These Saturday afternoon markets are a great curiosity to me, there are so many things to be seen which are wholly characteristic of the South. After we had made our purchases, we met one

of the boys in Lou's ward, who invited us to have some ice cream. This conveyed an idea of coolness and we consented, standing and eating our cream in one corner of the market where every moment we were jostled by the crowd. It was delicious and I think I never enjoyed anything more in my life. We went home and past this side of the market met my ward master and one of the nurses, who wanted us to go back and have something. We assured them that we did not need anything, but they seemed so much hurt and disappointed that we told them they might get us anything they chose. On our arrival at home, we found awaiting us two huge melons which they had brought from market. I had four invitations to go and get ice cream tonight. I could not accept them all so went with the first one who invited me. We had a grand time altogether. Got some ice cream, peaches and ice water and came home rather late and very tired.

Sunday 16th

Very warm indeed today. Went to church this evening for the first time in my stay in Memphis, went to the Union Church, it seemed to be a Methodist Church, unfortunately with Southern principles, so that Uncle Sam thought it should be about the right thing to confiscate it, which was done accordingly. It looked rather queer to see a church decorated with pictures of Washington and Clay and festooned with flags, but I am getting used to almost anything.

Monday 17th

Today has been a very busy day with us, a large number of the boys went home on furlough. We went down to the boat to see them off. It made me homesick to see them start. We staid on the boat two hours. About 1 hundred and forty went from our Hospital today. The wards look desolate. There are only about fourteen men left in my ward, and some of them go tomorrow. I feel very anxious about some of my boys, for fear they will get sick in going up. At home this evening.

Tuesday 18th

More of the boys went today. The house looks very lonesome. I have been at home all day.

Wednesday 20th

We went out to the Small Pox Hospital today with Cordy Reynolds. Went all over it, also to the Catholic Cemetery where we rambled around an hour or two, accompanied by the sexton, an old Irishman and quite a curiosity in his way. He told us a great many stories about the occupants of the graves and of their families. Met Dr. Worthington, the Surgeon in Charge, a Wisconsin man, and Drs Pegan & Bowen. The former is from Indiana. We liked him very much. We took supper in a tent under the trees. It was perfectly delightful there and we had a nice supper. After, we had a very pressing invitation to a dance on the green ward. The boys had a fiddle which gave forth melodious sounds under the magic touch of one of the

[indecipherable], and we danced one quadrille to the entire satisfaction of all concerned and then went home, having spent a very pleasant afternoon. Found them all doing well at home. Did not go out in the evening.

Thursday 21st [20th]

To my great surprise and also very much to theirs, five of our convalescents received furloughs and started home today, this leaves us only 7 men in the ward beside the nurses. I am glad to see them go home because it is so much better for them, but I do not expect ever to see them again and it makes me feel sad to say good bye to those who have been with me so long.

Mrs. Brake, Dr. Nelson and I went to walk after tea. We started to see a cotton field, but it got so late before we came to it that we concluded to defer seeing it to some other time and start earlier. Stopped at the Church Hospital when we came back.

Friday 22d [21st]

Received an invitation today in common with the other girls to a picnic at the Orphan Asylum. In my ward most of the day. Did not go out in the evening.

Saturday 23d [22nd]

It looked like rain this morning, but cleared up before noon. I staid in my ward all day until noon. We started for the [Orphan] Asylum about two, a couple of gentlemen from the Small Pox Hospital came with hacks and took Jennie and I, also Lou & Cordy. The gentlemen with whom Jennie & I went did not know anything about the direction of the Asylum, as unfortunately did not the driver. We however, took the road which seemed the most likely to be the right one, and started, after going a mile or so out of our way in two or three different directions, exploring a cotton field, being stopped by the pickets and inquiring our way several times, we managed to get into the grounds of the Asylum by the back way.

There we found Lou & Cordy who had started before us, they had been there some time and they tried to rally us on having been lost, which we would by no means admit. After resting a little while we went down into the worts at the back of the house, where they had put up a capital swing and enjoyed ourselves for an hour or so, and then came back to the house to supper. All the ladies in the Hospital were there and Drs. Nelson, Feasey & Watts. We had a grand supper in the dining room, after which we enjoyed ourselves, according to our tastes. Dr. Nelson & I walked through the grounds. He told me the names of all the trees with which I was not familiar, and we collected quite a bouquet of rose leaves and grasses and flowers.

There was a cotton field near the grounds, which we visited and I saw for the first time a cotton boll and the cotton plant growing with its flowers. I had some to bring home with me. I enjoy the society of the Doctor very much, he takes such an interest in every thing that I like, and I believe him to be a noble

mindful honorable man. I would like an opportunity of being better acquainted with him, but he is going away in a week or two and I presume we shall never meet again. About six o'clock all the people from our house except we young folks went home, and we danced under the trees by the light of the moon until we were tired, and then returning to the house, sang songs and talked nonsense until ten o'clock, when we concluded that it was time to go home. We met a Captain Pierce & wife from our 32d Reg't, who were very pleasant people. Mrs. P's is going up at the same time we do. We had a pleasant ride home and altogether enjoyed the day very much. I pressed my flowers as soon as I got home.

Mr. Smith returned from Vicksburg today. We shall probably start for home Tuesday next.

Sunday 24th [23rd]

At home all day. The girls went to church this evening. I remained at home. Mr. Casey spent the evening with me. Dr. Nelson called this afternoon and we analyzed a flower which we found yesterday, which was very singular. It was [indecipherable] or Spider wort. He showed me a picture of his sister, a girl of thirteen, a nice looking little girl.

Monday 24th

At home all day making wreaths of evergreens for my ward. A young sergeant of the Guard by the name of Andrews helped me. He is quite a fine fellow and I liked him very much. I have seen him a good many times before, he made two or three large wreaths for me and helped the boys put them up. I worked all day and with the assistance of the Ward Master and the boys, the ward was trimmed beautifully, everybody said it was the prettiest in the building. We had some flags, and mottoes and I think it was a perfect success. Lou & Jennie went out riding with Mr. Cotton & Mr. Twill and I having company remained at home, George Wicks spent the evening with me, and also Mr. Wardrobe. Dr. Nelson came in and staid an hour or so. I spent a very pleasant evening.

Tuesday 25th

We went up to the office immediately after breakfast to see what the prospects were for going home. Mrs. Burke went with us, Mr. Smith said that it was very probable that we would go tonight. We made a few purchases in town and then returned to prepare for our journey. I packed my trunks and dressed myself after dinner and then went to bid the boys good bye. Went through Ward 1 first. Poor boys, some of them cried at parting with me, I have been up there a good deal and it seemed very hard to go away and leave them so sick. I went through Ward B and also the kitchen and shook hands with all the boys, before going into my own ward. I felt as bad at leaving my boys that it took away all the pleasure I had felt in the prospect of going home, some seemed to feel sad at the thought that I was going to leave them poor fellows they are so grateful for any kindness shown them. I was glad

when I had got around, I shall miss my ward, and my poor sick boys, whether they do me or not.

I had not much time to spare, I had a long talk with Dr. Nelson in which he very kindly advised me in matters affecting my interests, and whether I take the advice or not I shall always be grateful to him for the interest he has taken in my welfare. He has been very kind to me and I shall always remember him as a true hearted gentleman. He gave me some cotton flowers to bring home and also another rose flower whose name he did not know, and also a book which he had lent me. He asked me for my address and gave me his, promising to call upon me in Madison on his way home if he possibly could.

We bade all our friends good bye and started for the boat about half past four. Mr. Watt, Mr. Cotton & Dr. Jackson accompanied us. The boat was almost ready to start and we bade them good bye, and shortly after starting on the guards saw the domes and spires of Memphis receding from our view. I stood on deck until the city was lost to my view behind the winding banks of the river and then went into the cabin.

I felt sad tonight and for several reasons, the principal one was leaving the boys sick in the Hospital. Most of them I shall never see again, if any, I felt a sort of presentiment when I came away that I should never return, however that may be, the God who careth for us all keep them in His kind guardianship. We took passage on the [steamboat] Platte Valley, not a very large boat but a good sailor. Went out upon deck after supper but could not remain long on account of the chilliness of the atmosphere. Retired early.

Wednesday 26th

Rose early after a good night's rest and after dressing, finding no one in the cabin, went out upon the guard. It was very cold. We passed Fort Pillow in the night. After breakfast I read a short time and then took my journal, which I had not had an opportunity to write up from my notes before. I wrote all the forenoon. The girls and Mrs. Brake went to sleep. In the afternoon we went out on deck and staid for some time. I read some, and wrote some. Mrs. Brake, Charley and I went on deck after supper and saw them take on a load of bags, it was beautiful moonlight but very cold. Retired early. Major Rusk and Captain Berry of the 25th are going up with us. There are two or three very sick soldiers on board, whom we went to see.

Thursday 27th

We had quite a fright early this morning. I think between two and three o'clock I was awakened by a loud crash, and afterwards we heard screams and the boat stopped suddenly. We rose immediately, hastened on our clothing and went out to inquire the cause of the stoppage. Found all the ladies up but could get no definite idea of what was the matter, one lady said "God knows I believe we are sinking." Some thought we had been fired into. At last a gentleman told that a snag had run through the wheel house on one side, smashing the wheel. This was not very pleasant news, as

we lay near Columbus, [Missouri] nearly twenty miles from Cairo, however they assured us that there was no immediate danger and we felt better.

After a while, when the real extent of the injury became known, it was found that the wheel was not injured but that a very large rupture had been made entirely through the boat to the upper deck just back of the wheel house, and within two feet of a state room door. It seemed very singular that it should strike just there, almost any where else it might have done a great deal of injury and caused loss of life. We stopped here about four hours.

About 6 o'clock the boat was ready to start and went off in fine style. It was very misty, and before we had got three miles from Columbus the fog closed around us so densely that nothing could be seen beyond the space of a few feet from the boat. The river is very low and the consequence was that we were very soon fast on a sand bar within 10 feet of a low sandy shore. The fog was so dense that there was no use in trying to start again, so we lay still waiting for it to clear up. Went to breakfast and after about an hour the boat was again in motion. We passed the Desuse which passed us yesterday morning, she was fast on a sand bar and had probably lain there for some hours. She got off a little after us and we had quite a race for a little ways, when we distanced her and she running into the fog got fast on another sand bar. She came into Cairo about a half a mile behind us. We reached Cairo about eight o'clock, disembarked and went to the hotel where I am waiting. We are expecting to leave here about 1 ½ o'clock this P.M. and in the meantime prepare to find out whether there is anything good about this miserable city.

Later. We have taken a long walk around Cairo, went into several stores, bought some knick knacks to take home with me of a soldier who was pedaling them at the depot. Cairo is a miserable place, that is a fact. There is only one street in the city which is passable in wet weather, unless it is those which are back up on piles five or six feet in height. The principal street runs parallel with the river and is much higher than the rest of the city. We did not see any one but soldiers and military and several officers. The streets are thronged with them. There are many gunboats and steamers lying here. We returned from our walk just in time for dinner. Major Rusk and Mr. Smith went down with us. The St. Charles Hotel is a very good house and seemed to be well patronized.

Took the cars [railroad] at 1 ½ o'clock, and left Cairo with very little regret. The scenery and vegetation along the route from Cairo to Centralia is more tropical than any that I have seen since I left home. The forest on each side was a perfect jungle, trees, limbs and vines seemed mingled together in inexplicable confusion. Near Cairo, and extending for some distance from it is a swamp, which is called (and very properly I think) by the 'natives', the gangrene swamp. It is the most desolate, horrible looking place I ever saw. We had a very comfortable ride from Cairo to Centralia, arriving at the latter place about 8 o'clock. Took supper here in a great hurry and then took berths in a sleeping car for the night.

Friday 28th

Rose early this morning after a passable night's rest, dressed as well as the motion of the cars would allow and went into the other car. It is very cold indeed, not much like the weather we have been having in Memphis. Got into Chicago behind time so much so as to be obliged to take our seats in the cars immediately, could not wait for breakfast, but Mr. & Mrs. Fuller at Chicago coming to M., also several other Madison men, Pvt. Dean among them. Did not feel very well today, owing somewhat to not having had my regular breakfast and somewhat to fatigue.

Arrived at Madison at three o'clock P.M., not having stopped since we left Chicago. It rained heavily, but this was the best looking place I had seen for some time. Folks all glad to see me of course. Alice & Charley were in the country so that I did not see them. Pa was very much relieved and I guess a little surprised to see me at home safe again. They are all unwilling to have me go back. Several friends came in to see me tonight. I was very tired and went to bed early.

Saturday 29th

Rose this morning with a strange feeling at finding myself at home, not very well, did not eat any breakfast, unpacked my trunk, made me a white apron, and wiped the dishes, then dressed and went up town. Went down to Lou's, found the girls all right. They got ready and went with me to call on the Governor. We went into the Treasurer's Office and Mr. Scofield went up with us. Our friends there were very glad to see us. The Governor was very kind, complimented us upon our perseverance and said he was glad we were going back. Went up to Bartel's Store and afterwards left the girls, went to Gus's office and came home with him. Sewed a little in the afternoon. Fannie & I went up town, made some purchases, went to see Lou, & Fannie found them at Ms. Weaver's. At home in the evening.

Sunday 30th

Went to church this morning. Mr. Goodspeed of Janesville preached for us. He gave us a very good sermon. Staid to Bible Class. It seemed good to be in our old church once more. Mr. Campbell came to see me in the afternoon, remained to tea, and accompanied us to church in the evening.

Monday 31

Did not feel very well this morning. Went up town. Saw Joe Curtis, an old friend, at home on furlough. He goes back in a few days. Got a new calico dress. Several friends called upon me today. It seems very pleasant to be at home again. I am a little undecided about going back. I would like to attend school this semester and finish German & French and take painting lessons, but I am afraid I could not content myself to settle back into the old routine again. I should be so glad to feel that I had done something, however little, for my country in this, her hour of need. I have always wanted to do something and now that a way is opened for me, I feel as if it were my duty to walk in it. Father & Mother would rather I should stay at

home but will offer no objection to my going. I did not feel well enough to go to meeting this evening.

Tuesday
Sept. 1st

A cool day though pleasant. Mrs. Gasten came to dinner and Celia went home with her. I sewed all day, although not feeling well. Went to the Lodge in the evening. There were very few present owing I suppose to the fact that so many had gone to the Grand Lodge. It seemed natural to be in the Lodge Room once more. I returned early. Mr. Johnson called this afternoon and also Seba Bodwell. Seba want to go to church.

Wednesday 2d

Quite uncomfortably cold. I have been shivering all day. Went up town this morning. Sewed all day. Some friends called in the afternoon. Went boatriing with Fannie, Gus & Mr. Craig. The lake was splendid, I enjoyed it very much. We went to Picnic Point. The lake flies were altogether too thick to be agreeable, and after resting a little we ate our luncheon and then came home.

Thursday 3d

Had intended to go up to the German class with Mary this morning, but found on rising that I had over slept myself, so that it was too late. Sewed until about four in the afternoon and then dressed myself and called on Addie Parfle(sp) whom I had not seen since her return, she is looking miserably. Also went to see the Miss Turners a few moments and then came home. Company in the evening.

Friday 4th

Went to the University this morning. Dr. Finch seemed pleased to see me. The class is very small this term, I translated a part of the lesson. They were reading William Tell, which we commenced last term. Dr. Finchs was very sorry that I was not to be present this term. Went into the school room to prayers. The school is very full this term and I saw a great many friends both from Madison and the surrounding country. Mr. Allen and Miss Moody looked as pleasant as ever and I felt as if I must go to school. Agnes Reid begged me to come and study [indecipherable] with her, she recites to her father. I would like it very much. At home all day. Attended covenant meeting in the evening. A large number present.

Saturday 5th

Mr. Scofield returned last night, I saw him this morning. He says Mr. Smith will not be well enough to go back next week so that we shall leave plenty of time to get ready for one stopped at Columbus. I have had calls almost all day and have answered the

same questions in the same way so many times that I am heartily sick of it and have about made up my mind that I prefer being a humble private individual to so much celebrity. Company in the evening.

Sunday 6th

Went to church. Staid to Bible Class. Wrote several letters this afternoon one in answer to one received from Henry Fisher. I was glad to hear that he arrived at home safe and was doing well. Mr. Craig came down in the afternoon and remained to tea. Went to church in the evening. I am beginning to feel as though I would like to visit the Hospital again.

Monday 7th

Had some teeth filled and also two extracted, they pained me a good deal. Sewed this afternoon. Fannie, Lou & Bertha came in a little while this evening. The girls are both well and anxious to go back.

Tuesday 8th

Went up town this morning. Sewing all day. Went to the Lodge in the evening. All our old friends present. Reports were heard from several who had attended the Grand Lodge. The evening passed pleasantly. Gus read his article on Tobacco which was well written and well received by the members.

Wednesday 9th

Went up to the office again to have my teeth operated on. Sewed in the afternoon. Mr. Turner called to ask Ma & I to come out tomorrow and spend the day. We promised to go.

Thursday 10th

We were reminded this morning of the variety of human expectations immediately upon opening our eyes. It was raining heavily and Ma & I reluctantly confessed that our visit to the country was out of the question. The sun shone out once or twice in the forenoon, but it finally settled into a steady rain and signals(sp) being useless, we settled ourselves to work with what grace we might. Mr. Craig came in the evening.

Friday 11th

Bright & pleasant today, concluded we would make our visit and ten o'clock A.M. found us on our way. Spent a very pleasant day. It rained a little on our way home. Found a Mr. Bond from Camp in the garden. He was very agreeable, and we all spent a pleasant evening.

Saturday 12th

I was almost discouraged about ever getting ready this morning. I have so much to do. I sewed steadily all day. Fannie helped me some on the machine. Pauline Drakely called this afternoon. I sat up until twelve tonight.

Sunday 13th

Rose with a severe headache, went to church, however, did not stay to Bible Class. A most beautiful day. I wonder if we shall have any such splendid weather in Memphis. At home in the afternoon. Went to church in the evening.

Monday 14th

Busy all day making preparations for leaving the – Went up town in the afternoon. Kate Kavenaugh and Mrs. Wries spent the afternoon here. Mrs. Erasmus(sp) & Pollie & Alice Weatherly called, also Ella Casey and Hattie Mann, Jennie & Louise came a few moments in the evening. We expect to start tomorrow night.

Tuesday 15th

A very busy day with me. Sewed until ten o'clock and then went up to the office to have some teeth filled. In the afternoon Pauline Drakely called saying they would like to (go) South with us if she could make arrangements to do so. I would like to have her go, Nellie, Gus & I went to Walzingers(sp) to get some ice cream after tea, and then I went to the Lodge. Spent a pleasant evening. Mr. Campbell was there, he returned this morning. We were much disappointed at not seeing Mr. Smith today, and much surprised at not hearing from him. I am afraid that he is sick, we expected to go tonight.

Wednesday 16th

Up early this morning, a very pleasant day. Ironed some this morning. Went up town. Ma, Pa, Gus & I went across the lake to Mr. [indecipherable] this afternoon. They have a nice place, and are very pleasant people. We had a splendid boatripe. At home in the evening.

Thursday 17th

We have not heard from Mr. Smith yet, and I am beginning to be extremely anxious. We cannot go this week unless we go today. Jennie says we must go alone, if Mr. Smith is not able to go next week.

Friday 18th

I went up to have my teeth finished this morning everyone who meets me wonders at seeing me and says, "Why I thought you were in Memphis!" Fannie, Celia, Gus and I went to the Hispanic Society at the University this evening, it was quite cold, but we had a pleasant time. The debate was on the question of the legality of the suppression of the Chicago Times, the jury decided it to have been illegal.

Saturday 19th

Up town in the morning. Sewed all day. Jennie & Lou came to spend the afternoon. Mr. Craig came in the evening.

Sunday 20th

Did not go to church this morning. Wrote and read all day. Ma & Fannie attended the Second Advent preaching at the City Hall this afternoon and came home quite full of it. Mr. Craig came before tea, remained and we all went to the City Hall in the evening.

Monday 21st

Very cool this morning, went up to the office to have a tooth filled found it very sore indeed, did not have it done. Spent the evening at Lou Richardson's.

Tuesday 22d

Jennie & Lou came this morning to tell me that they had received a letter from Mrs. Smith saying that her husband was very ill indeed, that he had been delirious since Monday last and that we had better go back without him. We were all very sorry to learn this, but have concluded to go tomorrow. We went to see the Governor, who received us kindly, and told us that he would do all in his powers to help us to get through safely. We then accompanied by Lieut. Taft visited the Hospital at Camp Randall a long walk and we found ourselves at home at one o'clock very tired, as well as very hungry. Sewed all the afternoon. Went to Lodge in the evening.

Wednesday 23d

Went with the girls to see the Governor. He took our order for transportation and sent it to Gen. Pope and we shall probably hear from them in two or three days. We are very anxious to go at once if at all. I finished my preparations today, and am all ready to start. Went to prayer meeting in the evening.

Thursday 24th

Cold this morning. Went to see if our transportation papers had come were very much disappointed to find that they had not been heard from.

Friday 25th

At home all day until afternoon, when we went up to the Governor's office. Mr. Watson told us that our papers might be at the Quartermaster's. Pa went for us and found that they had not heard from them. We are getting very tired of the suspense not knowing what we are to do. I went to see Cora Williams she came home with us to tea. Went up town with her in the evening.

Saturday 26th

At home until four o'clock, then went up to see the Governor. I wished to find out whether or not he would give us transportation if we should not obtain it of Gen. Pope. He told me that as soon as he received an answer from Pope, yes or no, he would consider the matter. I am very much disappointed but I am afraid we shall be obliged to make up our minds to stay at home. Pa does not wish me to go and all the family unite in hoping that we shall not get transportation. I am going to commence going to school Monday, that is in the forenoon and am going to write upon Pa's History in the afternoon. If anything happens to make it convenient for me to go to Memphis, I shall go, however. I went up to Sarah Tanner's found Addie Parfle(sp) there, staid to tea. The girls came down to choir meeting in the evening.

Sunday 27th

It was a glorious morning, warm as summer. I went to church. We had a good sermon from a Mr. Smith of New York, who is to preach for us again this evening. Wrote and read in the afternoon. Went to church with Celia in the evening.

Sept. 27 [28]

Rose early this morning. Got ready and went to the German recitation this morning. They were reading William Tell. Commenced French or rather a review of my French Grammer with the class this morning. When I came home at noon, Nellie met me at the gate telling me that Pa had received our transportation papers. I was very glad to hear it at first, and went to work immediately to get my trunk packed ready to start. Pa was very unwilling that I should go, however, and after getting my things all ready and the time nearly at hand to start, I yielded to the persuasions of my friends and concluded to remain at home. Pa wants me to write for him on his history, and though it is very hard for me to give up going when I have thought and planned so much about it. I do not know but my duty lies in this direction. I could not go away to be gone so long, possibly never to return, and

leave much hard feelings, so I felt he would have behind me. I went down at about nine o'clock in the evening after I had decided not to go, to tell the girls of my determination. Fannie & Ma went with me, we met them a little way from home, and went back with them. Fannie & Lou went to see if Miss Boardman would go in my place, she willingly consented, and said she would be ready at the time. Saw the girls finish packing, get ready and start in the omnibus for the depot. I felt so badly all the time that I could hardly keep the tears back and when they were really gone it seemed as if I could not bear it.

I cried all the way home and I would have given worlds almost to have been with them. I did not sleep much that night. It seemed as though I had almost committed a crime in not going. I shall never forgive myself, if it should prove that I was needed there, for not going. I am so miserable about it, I have always longed so much to be able to do something in this great struggle for the life of the nation and now that an opportunity offers, I have thrown it away. Yet God knows it was not for myself, I would willingly bear any amount of inconvenience or hardship knowing that it was in a good cause, and that it was worthy some pangs caused by this war, and I never knew so much real happiness in my life as I have experienced in the few weeks which I spent by the bedsides and ministering to the wants of the sick and dying in the Hospital. It is being deprived of this happiness, perhaps more than anything else, and the feeling that I was at last able to do something of actual good to my fellow men, that made the disappointment so keen, and now thinking of it when it is past and impossible for me to go it seems as though I could not bear it.

There is another thing which also adds to my sorrow which I must record in you faithful old friend, as being a part of my life and which I may wish to remember in the future, that is that the old sorrow pressing so sorely on my spirit for so long a time, seemed almost light when I was away, my mind being so fully occupied, and my sympathies so fully excited for others, I had little time or opportunity to think of myself. At home now in the comparative quiet of the life I lead, it comes back upon me with all the old pain and like the opening of an old wound, bleeds afresh. This more than any thing else makes me sad and heartsick now, and I think of it and of my disappointment so much that it seems sometimes as if I should go mad. I cannot help thinking of it, and tonight I believe I can say truly is the most miserable of my life. I am sad when I think that the last page of my journal should be made to chronicle such a fact.

It is time soon I shall bid you adieu, faithful friend, after having gone in your company for nearly two years and a half, laying you away among the relics of my dead past, no more to look upon your pages, save as reminders of what I have been as chronicled in you and what I shall be no more forever. Thirty months seems a short time, looking back upon them, but when I think of what I was then and what I have been in them and what I am now, they are not to be counted by days or months. God has prospered us greatly in these months. His blessings have not been few nor small, and although looking back on myself at that time I see a lighter heart, a more youthful face, lit with far more hope for the future and joy for the person then it would be possible to find in the one now

bending over these pages, yet I am sure that were it possible I would not exchange the one for the other.

The discipline which contact with the world, rough though it may be, together with that chastening of the heart which sorrow gives, has I hope not been lost upon me, and now writing these last words of my life record as far as this book is concerned, I feel that if a sadder, I am also a wiser woman than when I began. I feel now that although it is a thing sad and terrible to be robbed of the homes and promises which early youth holds out for the future, and to be made to feel that life instead of being a flowering path, down which we can go with winged feet and joyful hearts, it is oftener strewn with thorns which piercing our feet leave stains of our won blood to crimson the pathway, yet the pain and heart weariness, if it be borne bravely, will prove a greater blessing in the end, and lead our lives to higher walks and pines aims than mere pleasure and happiness in the present could do. I began this record in April when the young leaves were springing, and the infant year was first girding himself with the green robes of festal gladness, eager to run the golden sound of the seasons. Today as I write, the leaves touched by the white fingers of the frost, have turned to gorgeous tints of gold and scarlet, of purple and crimson assayed for the last time in State robe, ere he parts on that last white garment, which will cover the sunken boughs, and wrap them for the sleep of winter.

Farewell my journal, thou hast chronicled many pleasant times, thou bearest on the pages the names of many friends dear to me in the past. Keep them sacredly. I give thee them in trust.