Miss Dora Richards
Journal Book, for
1866

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April 1865

Papa desires me to write a journal so that I might improve my writing.

It was more than six months ago since I left Atlanta when Sherman took the city. He said it was a military necessity that all the citizens should leave and go north or south. We went to New York City. We stopped at Louisville a month so that Papa might sell his books. He left a book store in Atlanta, and brought his books to L to sell them. We then came on to New York City. We arrived there at midnight. We went to a boarding house for the rest of the night and until one could find our relatives.

I am 10 years old. yesterday the city was all in a glutification because Richmond was taken. Abe Lincoln is occupying President Davis's house in
April 1865

Richmond. We live on 6 avenue number 630. Virginia is one 11 months old. She had a tumble down 21 steps but she did not hurt herself much. I do not like New York as well as I thought I would. I thought Atlanta was a great deal pleasanter. Papa hears us say our lessons very morning. I have just finished mine and I always write some in my Journal afterwards. I went to the Broadway Tabernacle Sunday. It was very much crowded indeed. Because the preacher was going to preach about the victories and there was to be fine singing. They sang the chorus Hallelujah. Vinnie's Birthday has come and gone but she received no gifts except one cent's worth of candy from myself. Abraham Lincoln was killed by Wilke.
April 26

1865

Booth. We intend to move the first of May. The West is to take the floor with us. I am acquainted with five girls and I like this house better than the house we moved from because there is a big lot full of grass behind it and we can play on the grass as much as we like and around the other house there was no place to play except in the street. I have seen a picture of Abe Lincoln's Monument it is very pretty. I know just finished my lessons but I do not have to say anything except Arithmetic and Geography. Papa got a letter from Uncle Abe his man. Again he has got both children with him. Annie and Ethel. Aunt Mary Add was here last night she is going away tomorrow. A gentleman invited us to come to his Sunday school we can not go in the morning because ma goes to church and I have to stay at
May 15

home to take care of Vinnie. We went yesterday for the first time but it was not open. I do not know whether there is Sunday school in the afternoon or not. It is a new church not yet finished a baptist church.

May 16 Vinnie is cutting teeth out she is rather fretful. I dressed her in Arthurs clothes this afternoon everyone laughed at her. I take her out a little while every afternoon she likes to go out a great deal she would much rather walk alone and dont want any body to take hold of her hand Thursday 18.

Mama is braiding me a sague but she does not like it it is a very big pattern indeed. I cannot think of any thing to write and that is the reason I do not write more at a time
May 1865

Day before yesterday was the warmest day we have ever seen in New York, but today is chilly but not much. I went to Central Park last Sunday. It was very pleasant indeed a good many flowers in bloom, Lilacs, Dandelions, and Buttercups. Tulips. I am acquainted with a little girl named Emma Bryant a few nights ago her little sister got lost; she brought her out after dark and let her walk about by herself. When she wanted her she couldn’t find her anywhere. Her father and mother both came out to look for her. They could not find her for some time. At last they found her she had gone a good way from home. She was laughing when they found her.
May 29th

We have had two rainy Sundays in succession so that not one of us could go to church except papa could go. I do not do my sums in the day time because papa is not here and I do not know how to do them. I do them at night. Papa has been waiting to go to the South and is going to send it by a gentleman going there. He has gone down town now to give it to him. This is the first pleasant day we have had this week. It has been raining all the time. The organ grinder is at the door there is not many children around him they have not got out of school it is early in the morning.
May 31st

The Scarlet fever is on the floor above us, a little girl has got it but not very bad. I was out an hour after dark last night and there was a great many children out. We played school I should like to go South very much it is a good deal pleasanter than the North. Papa has been going down town all the week to find something to do. He has had more at all since he came to New York. Annie Blake was here yesterday for us to go to Central Park with her but I did not want to go and so I would not. Irene and Arthur went. Irene got lost from Annie and could not find her. A lady in a carriage asked her if she was lost and if she
June 9th 1865.

went to Sunday school. Rene replied that she did not. The lady sent she ought to go. She gave Rene a tract and took her to ride in her carriage when she got out she soon found Anna and Arthur. I am going to take # Rinie out a little while the morning and not any this afternoon. It will be too hot. I am not going out either. I am going to stay in the house and play dolls with Rinie. Mama is going out this afternoon. She has not been out for a week.

June 7th. Papa bought some strawberries. To day there is a gable many now. # June first began to write in a copy book to day and Arthur has just begun to do Long Division sums. Papa is
June 1865

reading aloud to ma in a novel about Maurice and Bertha. Mr. West is sick again; he has been sick three times since he came to the North. Mama has cut up my silk sack to make a waist out of it.

Uncle Willie was here yesterday. He looked for us an hour. Aunt Catharine was here; she brought her little grand-child with her. Her name is Minnie. Minnie is a very cunning little girl. She will not say ma but if you ask her to say ma she will always say papa. She can say "Aker come when you open the Window." She will lean out and call Arthur. She heard ma ma call Arthur once and she has said it ever since.
June 13th 1865

Mr Root came from Europe a few days ago. He took ma and Mrs West to the Theatre. Uncle Add wrote to Jennie for the letters. Today he sent a picture of him self and Aunt Mary "it they are very good ones indeed" and Mr Root gave ma a picture of himself. She wants an Album so as to put all of her pictures in it to carry back South and show them there. Aunt Hanit and Uncle P and Aunt Mary were here last night and Hattie spent the day here. Saturday she asked us to come to an excursion on the Hudson and so did Emma Bryant but we did not go together. June 15 I spent the day with Hattie. Saturday we had a very nice time. Hattie and I played a
June 20th

come almost all the time. She has got two little kittens and she said that I might have one if I wanted it, but I left it at her house so that it could play with the other kitten.

I am doing sums in Interest and Irene is in compound numbers. I like to cipher in interest now but I did not like to at first. Papa got another letter from Uncle Add to day. He has received two letters from him since he went away.

Papa is expecting to hear from Uncle Jake soon and perhaps we will go back to the South. I want to go very much. Mrs. West will go before me. So she does not like the North at all. I have been to several to see the flowers others. is a good many of every kind they
June 21st

were very pretty we did not see the water it was shut up that late.

July 5th  1865 Mrs West is going to the South in a few days I wish we could go with her.
Pa got a letter from Uncle Joe to day it has been a very long time since he heard from the South.

Yesterday was the fourth of July there was a good many fire works all day fire crackers were roasting about and at night there were sky rockets. Ma and Papa and

Arthur went to see the fire works at night. July 13th Mrs West is all ready to go south. She is going this afternoon if she can, perhaps we will go to some time this month.
Atlanta Ga.

Oct. 17th, 1871

On looking over these erroneous productions, I can not help wondering at the change that has transpired in 6 short years—though it seems hardly so long as that. Now instead of floundering so much differently, am attaining writing matter as I seemed to had done then, it is now an easy task may a pleasure. To cut down to record in my treasured journal the events of my life as they transpire often now to write 12 pages or more of much larger fair than this with even a sensation of weariness.
I began going to school the first of this week and I like it very well at a school. It is the first time I ever went to school. I always studied at home. I do not know what else to write, it is easier to write than to think of what to write than to think of what to write than to think of what to write. I have made so many mistakes that I am afraid to write any more less I should spoil the book. It always takes me all of the time to learn my Geography.
Atlanta, Ga. Oct. 6th, 1865.

I have not got anything to write in my journal and I never have. I would much rather write in my copy book. I have something to write there and do not know how to think of what to write. But it is to teach me to think that I write. I have learned a Piece of poetry to say Friday.

I have written my composition for Friday and I am very glad for it takes me an hour to think of a half page. I like going to school very well better than I thought I should this is the second week that I have been going to school. Flounce Root has been absent from school two days but her cousin has come to see her that is why I suppose she sits at the desk with Annie and I, Adie Wood is sitting with us still. Flounce comes back.

I did not go to church Sunday and so I did not have my text but I said a verse from the Bible Monday morning at school.

Dora Richards
Atlanta, Ga. Oct 16th

This is the third week that I have been going to school and I have not once been first grade distinguished. I am going to try to be this one. I missed in Dictation last week and that kept me from being first great distinguished. Annie missed in Dictation this morning. Four new schoolers came to school this morning, they are Florence Roots cousins. We have three examples to work to day and they are very hard. I have written almost all of my page. I wish I had written all. My page looks very badly to day, the lines are so pale I can scarcely see them. my writing is all of the lines.

Miss Dora Richards
To day is the day of the great Eclipse of the sun we all had smoked glasses to look at it. It was caused by the moon which passed between the earth and the sun. I thought it would be perfectly dark so that we could not see at all. But it looked as if it were night and the moon was shining. It was my beautiful sight, it was the first I had ever seen. It lasted from eight to 12 o'clock.

To day is very cold in deed Miss Taylor could get no coal so we bone no fire in the school room. My page very small much smaller than Annyes or Florence but yet I neve get done when they do I have learned my poetry for friday and I am very glad.
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I am going to commence French to day at home papa is going to teach me - I am very glad for I want to learn French. Cousin Annie is learning it at school I have tried for three weeks to be first grade distinguished and have not succeeded but I will try untill I do. Dictation keeps me from being so. I went to the Baptist Church yesterday Rev Dr Holmes preached in the afternoon but I did not go. I'm moving my Sunday school book got lost so I did not know my lesson Sunday. I like to go to go to Sunday school. When I know my lesson but when I do not I would rather stay at home.
I went to church yesterday morning, being Sunday. Rev. Mr. Smith preached, his text was: "For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul." As I have not written in my journal for more than a week, I think I ought to have a good many things to write but I have not. I missed my Grammar and Dictionary today. I am very sorry indeed for I studied them a long time but it cannot be helped for I will miss them though I wish I did not. There was a circus in this city last week but I did not go to it. I have been to one. I think that is enough I don't care about going another night away.
It rained all last night and is raining still. It is very wet out of doors as Atlanta all ways is after a rain it is muddy and disagreeable. In Macon it is very pleasant after a rain not muddy in the least and shows no sign of having rained. But I would much rather live in Atlanta I suppose because it is my home. When I came to school this morning no one was here except Florence Root and Mary Ennin. It was decided that if Miss Taylor did not come in a half hour we would all leave. She came at last and we had to stay for school much to the regret of some of us. I have nothing else to write and my page is finished so I will stop.
Atlanta, Ga. Nov. 22

It is very cold to-day and has been for two or three days. I went to Sunday school yesterday and Mr Root said the one who came practically every Sunday for two months should have a present of a book. The subject of my composition for Friday is the Lion I have written it, I wrote it Saturday night. I always write my composition or my poetry Saturday because I have no time to do it in the next week. We have two new school scholars this day. I have not yet been first grade distinguished nor do I don’t think I ever shall. Annie and Florence were both first grade distinguished last week.
It is raining to day but I come to school because I am trying to be first grade distinguished I have been perfect so far Florence is absent from school to day she was complaining yesterday of being sick I suppose she is sick to day. We have got twelve sums in Arithmetic to day but they are very easy and I have done them all. Miss Taylor says the girls must take turns keeping the fire burning every day it is Emma Ponions turn to day mine will not come round till next Thursday. Annie has finished her page some time ago it seems as if she can always think of something to write quickly than I can
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Atlanta, Ga. Nov. 16th

They are fixing the new doors in the school this morning and it is very noisy. I was working on History yesterday and I will not be first grade distinguished this week it is the only thing that I have missed this week and I am very sorry. We have a new scholar scholar to day. Annie finished her journal yesterday and has no journal to write in to day Miss Taylor told her to write in her copy book, I would rather write in my copy book than my journal although I have but a short page I can scarcely find anything to write.
Atlanta, Ga. Nov. 20th

Miss Taylor gave us permission to choose our own subject for a composition. Friday, I wrote mine. The subject is the done. I think that I would rather choose my own subject. I was first grade last week. For the first time last since I came to school.

We have 21 exams in multiplication of Federal.

today but I think that they are very easy.

Sallie Solomon began studying French today.
I began some time ago but have not gotten further than the seventh vocabulary. I like it very much. It is very fun to keep up the fire today. We have poetry one week the next we have a composition. I have written all I can think of but Miss Taylor says I write so small that I have to write much more than if I write small.
Atlanta, Ga, Nov. 23rd, 1865

One of our schoolmates died last Monday it was Mary Willis. Erine she was taken sick on Friday with a chill none of us heard of her sickness until we saw her death in the paper it made us all very sad. We all went to her funeral together yesterday it was at the graveyard Mrs. Taylor went with us I did not see her after she was dead very few of the girls did. Mrs. Johnson did not come to the funeral she was too sick on account of Mary being taken sick and dying so suddenly and they did not want her to know when they took Mary out of the house because they did not think she could stand it. We all miss Mary very much for we all loved her.
1865. Atlanta, Ga. Nov. 28th

Last Friday was our composition day but we all said poetry instead. We had three new scholars scholars yesterday. I went to Church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Cuthbert preached. His text was, "Rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in Heaven for as persecuted they the prophet which were before you. It is found in Fifth chapter of Matthew thirteenth verse. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead and papa and ma went over to Annie's last night. Papa and Uncle Sabey sung all thier funny songs.
Wednesday 2nd. R. cined at 15 minutes to 7 o'clock.

I was just in bed at the clock struck 7.

Rose as the clock struck 6 in the morning.

Breakfasted at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Dined at 3 o'clock.

Supped at 8 1/2 o'clock.

8 1/2
Manta, Georgia.


I have neglected my journal for a very long time but I have commenced it again and if I have the opportunity of doing so I will write in it once every week on Saturday or Sundays.

I have left Miss Tygloss school and I went to a teacher, named Mrs. Davis, a dashingly young widow who very soon after she began teaching went off the handle marrying a Dr. Mayson, a nice gentleman with eight children.

I next went to a lady named Miss Laura Haygood who I am going to now. I like her very much indeed.

She has thirty-seven scholars, her sister Mrs. Myra Y. teaches the small children.
My Studies. My Music
I am studying French. Latin now and I like them both very well. French a little more than Latin perhaps.
I commenced Hebrew week before last but as I have not proceeded further than the eighth lesson I cannot form a very decided opinion of it yet.
I am still studying Arithmetic though I am taking music lessons of 'Professor Harsen who I like very well. I take only one lesson a week and practice an hour every day.
I wish to learn music very much but I do not like to practice in the cold weather every day.
I have taken four pieces of P. Harsen but cannot play them very well. I have a lesson every Saturday.
Resume of Journal!

March 25th, 1673

Again I have neglected my journal for a very long time.

But I have an excuse, for I am continually occupied with my studies which of course grow harder and more numerous, as I grow older.

In the mornings is not until four o'clock, directly after I have eaten my dinner I go the piano and practice an hour and then I study my day in Rhetoric, which I commenced this term.

After all this it is worn out and I generally go out on the side walk or take a short stroll.
with my companions, for evening.

By the time I get back home it is dark, yet it is some time before father comes from the store, so I write a composition draw for Astin or Rene, put vegetables to bed, after giving her supper of "Kettle Death," with cake tea or biscuit and butter.

Then papa comes, supper is ready, after which we, mama, papa and, Astin and Rene and the rest of the family assemble for prayers.

This over, I put Rene to bed or rather go with her to our room to see her safe in bed and then go to bed. I come back in the sitting room sit up, read, write, study, and so forth.
Each day passes, as thus I have related.
I will now mention some things about my school.
When I reach school in the morning, many of the girls are there before me. I live some way from the school. We enter into a general conversation about various things. One speaks of her Algebra as being unusually difficult, and mentions that "Miss Sara says if we don't work our examples we must be kept in until we do," which is no very pleasant thing!

I'll assure you.
Another observes that she can't get such a long Geography and she don't mean to either.
Thus while some of the girls are trying to talk others are racing like mad around the desks, seated in full business of one of their companions. All this confusion is at last silenced by the little bell that tells all to cease for study now and they must wait till success for the rest of their day. When all are in their places and silence reigns, we have prayers after which we commence our lessons.
I joined the church during a revival—was baptized by Dr. William Branthy, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. I was thirteen years old last September. The eighth, 1867. Daptyeer, Nov. 6th, 1867. on Wednesday night. Several of my schoolmates joined the night. Sallie & Mary O'Keefe, Jane Newman, Emma Lee, and Agnes Morrison.
If a staff 5 ft. long cast a shadow 4 ft. at twelve o'clock, what is the length of a pole that casts a shadow 6.7 feet at the same time? 

Ans. The shadow is \( \frac{4}{5} \) of the length of the staff; therefore the shadow of the pole, which is given, must be \( \frac{4}{5} \) of the pole. (As it is same time of day). \( \therefore 6.7 = \frac{4}{5} \times 8.8 \). 

Therefore the length of the pole is \( 8.9 \frac{3}{4} \). I understand this.

If 5.3 gals. of water in 1 hour run into a cistern containing 9.7 gal., & 4.4 gals. run out in 1 hour, in what time will the cistern be filled? 

Ans. If 5.3 gals. run into a cistern in 1 hour, & 4.4 gals. run out of a cistern in 1 hour, then of course in one hour only 0.9 gals. would remain in the cistern.
Now as there are 97 gals in the cistern & only 9 remain in one hour of course the cistern would be filled 10 hr 7 2/9 hr (or 97) reducing 7 2/9 to m & sec it
46 minutes 4′ 40″ sec (10 hrs 46 min 40 sec)

Bought a cask of wine containing 75 gallons — \( \frac{2}{7} \) of it
leaked out. I sold the remainder for $100 per gallon; how much did it come to? (3)

Ans — Of course in 75-galls there must have been \( \frac{2}{7} \) of 75 gals are 5-2 1/2 gals, which being sold for $100 per gale come to $5-2, 5-0 cts

A case of wine cost $67, what is 2/5 of it worth. Ans — If 2/5 be worth $67 then \( \frac{1}{8} \) of course would be worth \( \frac{1}{8} \) of 67 or 8 3/8.

3/8 of course would be 6 4/8.
Bought 9 oranges for 6 2/7 ds apiece & sold them for 6 7 7ds what did he gain?

Ans.— 9 oranges at 6 2/7 come to 56 4/7 ds (I think) & as he sold them for 6 7 ds he gained the difference between 67 4/7 ds which (I think) is 10 3/7 ds

Bought 10 yds of cloth for 70 $ how much I sell it again per yd to gain $14? I don't know whether this is right or not. But it is the only way I can think of.

10 yds at 70 would $7 per yd now as I want to gain 14 $1 on all the yards together & there are 10 yds I should say 1 2/5 is each per yd. Then I bought it for 7 x 1 2/5 = 8 8/5 which be how I must sell it in order to gain $14. So prove it 10 x 8 2/5 = 84 & 70 x 14 = 84 I think this is right
What no added to \( \frac{13}{5} \) will make 17?

Ans: Knowing 1 of the parts + the sum we find the other part by subtracting from the sum the part known.

Thus 17 (sum) - \( \frac{13}{5} \) = \( \frac{34}{5} \)

The no which added to \( \frac{13}{5} \) will give 17. To prove it \( \frac{34}{5} + \frac{13}{5} = 17 \)

"How many yds of cloth that is \( \frac{3}{4} \) of a yd wide do we take\( \frac{1}{5} \) to make 10 yds that is \( \frac{3}{4} \) of a yd wide?"

Ans: If each of 10 yds contained \( \frac{1}{5} \) then of course it would need \( \frac{1}{4} \) yd to make it - but as each of the 10 yds contain only \( \frac{3}{10} \) it will of course take 30 yds \( \frac{3}{10} \) or \( 3 \times 10 \).

Or 10 yds that is 3 yrs wide is equal to 30 yds that is \( \frac{1}{5} \) yrs wide. or \( 3 \times 10 = 30 \)
8 yds that is \( \frac{1}{4} \) wide are equal to 2 yds \( \frac{4}{4} \) (or 4 quarters) wide.

How many yds of iron that is 3 quarter wide are equal to 7 yds 5 quarters wide?

Ans. \( 7 \) yds at 5 yds wide are
95 yds that is 1 quarter wide.

4 by of course \( \frac{1}{3} \) of 35 or \( 11 \frac{2}{3} \) that is 3 yds wide.

How many yds that is 6 yds wide are \( 37 \) yds that is 4 yds wide?

And \( 37 \) yds at 4 yds wide make \( 37 \times 4 = 148 \) yds that is 1 quarter wide, \( \frac{4}{9} \) of 148 or \( 24 \frac{2}{3} \) that is 6 quarters wide.

If a piece 50 yds wide be worth
137 dollars a piece worth that is 9 yds wide? Ans. 2 yds that as
1 yd wide \( 5 \times 37 \) or \( 185 \) yds value in yds made it will be \( \frac{2}{9} \) of 185. Kilman Stage.
If a piece of cloth 5 yrs. wide is worth $1.37 what is a piece of the same length 3 yrs. wide, worth?

Ans. If cloth 5 yrs. wide be worth $1.37 then cloth 1 yr. wide must be worth \( \frac{1}{5} \times 1.37 \) or \( \frac{2}{5} \) of a yard. Then cloth 3 yrs. wide must be worth \( 3 \times \frac{2}{5} \) or \( 2 \frac{1}{5} \) yrs.

If cloth 4 yrs. wide is worth $8, a yard, what is 1 yard that is 5 yrs. wide?

Ans. If cloth 4 yrs. is worth \( \frac{1}{8} \) then cloth 5 yrs. wide is worth \( \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{5}{4} \) or \( 2 \frac{1}{4} \) yrs. wide is worth \( 5 \times 2 \frac{1}{4} \) or 10.
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Edna arrived on the 8th of June late in the evening Wednesday