Song of the Majestic—Father Ryan

I walk down the valley of silence—
Down the dim, voiceless valley—alone;
And I hear not the fall of a footstep
Around me save God's and my own.
And the hush of my heart is as holy
As hour when angels have flown.

Long ago, was I weary of voices
Where music my heart could not win;
Long ago, I was weary of noises
That fretted my soul with their din;
Long ago, was I weary of places
Where I met but the human—aid ever

I walked through the world with the worldly
And craved what the world never gave,
And I said: "In the world each ideal
That shines like a star on life's wave,
Is tossed on the shore of the real,
And steeped like a dream in a grave."

Yet still did I prize for the perfect,
And still found the false with the true,
Sought not the human for heaven,
But I caught a mere glimpse of the blue,
And I wept when the clouds of the world
Closed over that glimpse from my view.
And I staid on, heart tried of the burden
And I mourned not the mazes of men;
Till I knelt long ago at an altar,
And heard a voice call me; since then
I walked down the valley of silence
As if for a way far beyond mortal ken.

Do you ask what I found in the valley,
As my tarrying place with the Divine
And I fell at the feet of the Holy
And above me a voice said: Bumice
Hear now from the depths of my spirit
The echo: 'My heart shall be thine.'

Do you ask how I live in the valley
With weep, and I dream, and I pray,
And my tears are as sweet as the dew
That fell on the roses of Majesty,
And my prayers like a perfume precious
And endless. God might, and I say.

In the heart of the valley of silence
I dream all the songs that I sing,
And the music flows to down the divine valley,
And each word is a word for a wing
Of woman, like the dove of the deluge
For messages of peace they may bring.

Put hands to the keep there are billions
Of men shall break on the beach.
And I have heard songs in the silence
That never shall float into speech.
And I have had dreams in the valley
Too lofty for language to reach.

10. And I have seen thoughts in the valley
With me! How my spirit was stirred!
And they wore holy veils on their faces;
Their footsteps can scarcely be heard;
They pass thro' the valley like virgin,
Too pure for the touch of a word.

11. Do you ask me the place of the valley
So dear to hearts that are harrowed by care?
A fold afar between mountain and God and his angels are there;
And one is the dark mount of sorrow;
And one the bright mountain of prayer.

"There is in every human being
Some hope, some glimpse of perfect
ation, some one place where we
we may fancy the veil is thin
which hides the divinity be-
hind it."—Confucian classic.
Holly Springs, Miss.,
Tuesday Dec. 29th:—(1885)

I am this day seated in a room of the first University building; in the land of
my birth, the home of my Alma Mater. How strange everything seems! Nearly 4 years ago since
I last set foot here and then there was only the foundation of
this magnificent 4-Story building they call Rust University. I could
not get to U.C. so started here
Sunday but got left. Yesterday morn-
ing started from home to the depot
met Mr. Fulton, the manager of the
Little Rock Exe, who promised to
call me his Passage. Received
a letter from Mr. M. in which
he apologized his delay in writing
by saying he had lost my letter by
receiving the Bee that I asked to.
Mr. B. told him he wrote again
in care of the Evening Way office. The
letter had been there a week when
I got there. He mentioned that resum
of the Times was sent me with
letter in which was a deac...
om of himself, from which I could
gage of his manner, but it was not
there & I have not received it. The
line of his letter is good but a recol-
scription of his motto is eminently
necessary in deciphering his letters.
"Read what you can &
gress at the rest." Have read it
twice & yet there seems something to
mean at. Will wait till I go home
at any rate, before I answer, then
possibly until I receive the paper.
Mr. Fortune sent me 18 copies of the
section with my article entitled
"Woman's Mission" in it, character-
izing it: "a beautiful essay." Sold
10 copies & will sell the others too.
It reads very well, but a little dis-
connected. Left a list of personal
at the office; heard from Messrs.
that Mr. Davis was married. I
and to the woman they say, I pity
from the depths of my heart.
Left on the 4 o'clock train. Arrived
here at night about 8 & came
The college building when
Mr. H. B. Hall greeted me. Today have been all over the building, inspected everything with the eager eyes of curiosity. Mr. Miller came to see me & we had a long talk. Then we all went out for a walk, strolled around town, meeting many I knew in the days of "auld lang syne," greeting some pleasantly, passing others differently, unconcernedly, and making the acquaintance of many who were children when I was here but are grown up now and abound out of knowledge. Visited the cemetery & found my father's and possibly my mother's grave, and was present at a burying. Came home very tired. Matt D. came down to see me; he looks something like a man & more like a yard every day. Gave him a proper & a slight sketch of myself for what it's worth. Caught two glimpses of Prof. T., but have not spoken to him. Went up stairs to a social feast evening and spent a very pleasant time. Met two gentlemen who are students here.
that I liked very much. I mean Anderson & Howard. The day has been a trying one to me; seeing old enemies, visiting old scenes, recalling the most painful memories of my life, talking them over with those who were prominent actors during my darkest days. They counsel me to forget, to cast the dark shadows out and exercise the spirit that haunts, but I—forgetting the vows that I had taken on myself to forget, and the assurances I have made that I was glad because they had not been sent there. Trials and afflictions are for this kingdom—cursed it my hands darkly and proudly declared I would never forget! O my Father, forgive me, forgive me and take away the remembrance of those hateful words, uttered for the satisfaction of self. Scumble the pride, exhibited, and make me Thy child. My position seems to be so favorably considered here that I shall certainly look twice before I venture anywhere. Father, I pray that...
and went to bid him goodbye. There was no reference to the past, but he inquired solicitously concerning our welfare. I saw that Hon. B. of the Little Rock Sun at the depot the morning I came away, but as Mr. Hall did not come to the train with me I did not get an introduction to him; he is a phlegmatic-looking individual, with little to recommend him to the casual observer.

I found not a single letter when I got home from any source, and of course was very annoyed and disappointed at this proof of my friends remembrance. I fully expected a missive from Dr. M. B. anyhow. He has no right to affect dignified anger or silence as my reply was forced by his request to state the offensive part of his letter. Curiosity as to the tone he would adopt was what animated me as much as other. Received a letter from Miss T. of N. who informs me she had but recently received any Sipt. letter.
Took my second lesson of Lady H. yesterday. My interval was filled up with reading Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe*. It is the second of his novels I have read and the simple language yet strong portraiture of the characters, invest them with a peculiar charm in my eyesight.

Borrowed "Vashti" of Miss T. & have been reading it all day. It is another of Miss Evans' pedantic novels, that have - in spite of her their being a spirited advertisement of her taste & skill in literature, women as well as modern, poetic & historical, mythological & biblical - in spite of which they have a peculiar charm to me. I had not read this one so long - it seemed like a new story to me altogether. She authorizes had skillfully grouped her characters, these are different addenda, different surroundings to all, but she loves to deal with the weird, the I had almost said supernatural elements run
this to compose all her creations—inflexible sternness, haughtiness, independence, unyielding pride, indomitable steadfastness of purpose throughout all trials, sacrifices of self, and there has in all her books & he found a doubting, scoffing, jeering, sneering, infidel clown, sometimes man, sometimes woman, so much so that it has almost grown monstrous. Her different characters change sex in different books. And the women have an exorbitant ambition that they feed, & transplant every thing & every body under their field & accomplish. I especially admire her novels this for the beautiful, if labor and finish of every thing; the description of the least minute of person, surroundings, nature pictures are beautiful and vivid pictures garnished by analogies & similes that are chaste, beautiful and many times meaningful & an ordinary reader. Her references, quotations, and general language are especially
her dialogue - are all elegant, the language chaste and the thought pure & elevating, the dialogue cutting, witty, & masterly. From reading her book, I should like to know something of the author. I should judge her to be an exquisite, refined creature, passionately devoted to music, art, literature; flowers, all the useless pains, daily & luxury money can provide added. She could hardly be otherwise than pure who writes as purely & she must be possessed of a mighty intellect. I am disappointed in "Vashti." The idea that Zelphian they could never love Salome Owen and yet be with her constantly makes him more of a god than a natural human being with heart & soul; is me, and I cannot fathom that nature that could willingly love such a creature, knowing she loved him dearly, and go through life without one spark of affection for her.
ever—and yet retaining its sweetness without having ties to call it forth. and the idea of her never marrying because of her hopeless love seemed unnatural.

Mrs. Savage & Hodges called this afternoon in the rain & stayed a short while. They painted the reception in such glowing colors I am a little sorry I did not go. Our P was up last evening & loaned me the $3. I asked him in a bill of $38. and I've no money to pay it. Looking back at my debts I am thankful I could not accomplish my pur-

pose & borrow money to get away. I would have been more deeply in debt and I am very sorry I did not seize the unfailing to buy that cloak I would have been $15. richer. Said Mrs. P, $3, according to promise on her part yesterday. She wishes to raise my board but I cannot do it. George came at 10 this evening but I did not admit him. Our party I was so happy.
Tuesday Jan 5th:

School reassembled yesterday all right—I now have 3 classes. No letters or papers yesterday and no papers today. Perhaps the editors are taking a holiday. The Living Way came out Saturday with half my letter in it; don't know if they print the other next week or not. Mrs. Marcus came out last night for the first time. Her talk did not altogether suit me but I could not resist it as I wished; this being his first time here. I guess he finds I'm not as silly as I seemed. Taught today, feeling worse than I have for some time; my cheeks & head have been in an uproar all day & I feel very badly tonight. The winter of my disconsolate determination to hire out at the end of the week. I ought to have the money to pay her for my board & she would not have left. I am so sorry I bought
that cagou when I could have done without it. I asked a loan of Mr. G. today, don't know what his answer will be. I hated very badly to do it but was compelled. I want to pay her even if I go. I will hate to go as the weather is very cold just now & I feel like I am going to be sick. I promised to pay him 10 per cent interest. Wrote to Miss Ford last night and tonight to Messrs. Wise, Halle, Avant. The last, asking for his picture & autograph & renewing our acquaintance. Found a letter from Mr. T. of Little Rock, Sun., offering me a scheme to have a branch of his paper published here & I get my pay by selling the papers. He wished me to assume editorial control & compliments me as a "powerful writer." Shall not accept as I could not make it pay. It is only 9 o'clock but I go to bed early to see if I will not help me to feel better in the morning.
Wednesday Jan 13th:—

I have been very sick since I last wrote, but kept up school, I am thankful to say & because I was not able to receive medicine I had them in abundance all last week. It has reduced & such direful extremity that I wrote a note to E. & I had some money at 10 percent int, but he came by last Wednesday afternoon after school & say he had it not. He expressed his agreeable surprise at receiving the set & we would have made it up if I had been willing & answer a question he asked— but I thought it was conceding too much, considering he had never told me anything & would not. I don't like to be friends, but shall do nothing more to make me so, nor will I submit to be conditions in order to continue it.

Mr. A. sent me some medicine by C. which I took that night. Mr. A. came shortly after dark the same afternoon & stayed till 12 o'clock! I was so worried & sick I thought he would never go. Thursday was election day; I was not interested in anything but the School Board & both colored men were beaten; we now
have an entirely white Board. As Mr. B. could not be elected I was heartily glad the other one could not be, for I believe him to be a toady and could unknowingly be used by the white men. Then he boasted so and conducted himself generally in such an obnoxious manner that it completely disgusted me with him. Mr. West came up to see me & stayed quite awhile tho' I was very sick while he was here. Jim came to the school & see me the same day and wanted money, of course. He has gotten into trouble & can't go back where he was. I have no money to give him so, but gave him a note to Mr. T. who, I knew, would help him if he could & told him to come back that night & tell me the result, but he came not and sick as I was I waited up for him till ten o'clock. During the night, it turned bitterly cold & I was very much surprised on opening the blinds next morning to find snow. It was very cold all day but I went with George & see
Mr. T. that afternoon about 1. He had given him a note & sent him to a friend of his & the prospects were that everything would be all right only he did not like the idea of J's companion (of whom I knew nothing). Did nothing all day Saturday but sit by the fire & try to keep warm; it was the coldest day I've experienced. I could not keep warm Saturday & Friday nights but did a little better Sunday. Went down to church but got there too late Sunday morning. Came back home & thought I would answer my letters as I had received them from Eddie, Mr. Anderson of N. S., and L. Mr. B., but it was late before I got at it and then only wrote to L. He sent me a letter in answer to mine of before Christmas, early in the week, in which, while he did not beg pardon he requested a cessation of hostilities is assured we can become the dear friends he addresses me as & does by asking me to be his little wish. I told him I would have respected
him more if he had owned up his 
sins & begged pardon honestly in 
stead of beating the bush & trying 
& excuse his ungentlemanly el 
ter behind my backs. He deeply 
insulted me by assuming it nec 
essary to tell me he was capable 
of a feeling no higher than serv 
ship, and expects me to forget the 
 enormity of his crime without even 
an apology. He is one who never 
likes to acknowledge himself in the 
wrong & wishes to smooth things 
over without such humiliation.

Mrs Powell adhered to her determina 
tion & move & altho I had paid 
her $4 on what I owed her I gave 
er a bill on Meekins for $2.50 the 
week, and I was forced to hunt 
another place. We & carry some 
books home Monday & found 
hers gone when I came. We & Fast 
& stayed all night and last 
night to.ост $6.8. M. over a 
week ago & received an early 
reply on Monday. He is pleased.
to receive a letter from a genuine woman as he has hitherto been overflooded with schoolgirl notes. I think I scent a faint odor of patronage pervading his tone, but I will not be so suspicious as to let it be known unless it develops itself more strongly. I answered that night before I went to F's. Received a letter from Miss T. and one from Aunt F. Y soon after. Will go to Mrs. H. tomorrow as my things were sent there today and stay till I can find some place more convenient. Mr. H. was to visit the schools today.

Thursday Jan 21st.

Went out to Mrs. H.'s Wednesday night as Mr. H. had decided after promising to take one, that he could not and I went out there thoroughly disappointed. Said nothing to her about staying there for I wished to get nearer to school if possible. Thursday night I went out to Mrs.
May 4 stayed and Friday night at Miss P. as usual. Every afternoon I went to a number of places for board but did not succeed until finally I grew desperate and went to see Mrs. H. Saturday morning made arrangements with her immediately and went up town to have any things moved. Got Mrs. P. as she was going to theatre I went. The play was "The Inside Track," and a very good one of its kind. Mr. B. came home with me. Did not go to Mrs. P. as I did not know the piece and was bothered.

Sunday I went to S.S. church at the Cong. Mrs. B. came home with Mrs. Hill & dinner I remained all the evening. I have discovered the keynote to her actions I think. That she would have, is most desirous of, she labors to appear indifferent but her real aim is to secure her ends without seeming to put forth effort. Her studied indifference.
"me royal highness" has refused me & I am determined that she shall not succeed in making me show interest in her without a corresponding show on her side.

Was late to school Monday but have been on time ever since.

Received letters from Mr. Carr, Mr. Fossey, Morris, & Taylor. Mr. Moriss writes a very interesting letter & sends me his picture. I told him I liked the face but it is the face of a mere boy; whereas I had been led from his writings to suppose him a man. I sent him a picture that I requested him to return as it is borrowed—but for mine from one for his own work I have my cabinets taken. He is a good critic & takes me to task for some of my expressions regarding Lady到底. He thinks I couldn't have found one less objectionable than the one I used. I described myself according to promise only withholding my age till I
know he, as I wish to make the unpleasant discovery that I am his senior — first. If a boy, he certainly has a man's head and a man's thoughts in that head. He is sarcastic on the lack of our women. I suppose also make their homes beautiful, clean, and homes in the best sense of the term. My other letters were not of much interest as I have not yet received E. H. B.'s letter. I wrote and mailed 7 letters yesterday to Mcgee, Lingle, Carr, Anderson, Fulton, Grover, Taylor and Jones. Some of them live over nice way before Christmas. I have yet to answer Corinna's and Jim Duval's letter to Mrs. Hall. Mr. A promised me a picture at some future day. Sent him merely a bunch of papers as he requested.

Things have been running along very smoothly at my boardingplace till last night. Mrs. A. is very gun.

\textit{Welcome & piquancyish and she}
started after 8 last night and 8 got up & went out doors and she had the door locked on her, this morning about 7 o'clock she came to bed as cold as ice almost & told me she had been out doors all night! Mrs. H. tried to force her to eat her breakfast and she would not; whereupon a scuffle ensued & blows were passed. B. stood it till she began beating 8 with a stick of wood when he first ed in and I interfered between them to keep her from bruising him. I left with them still fussing & B. declaring she would go to her mother. Miss H. saying she should not & B. standing by to see what was going to become of "sister." It is a sad sad thing and an unhappy household because the madness of it does not know how to control her temper or manage the children. I cannot pray for light & help bring peace out of this confusion. Came by
Mr. P. Lott's on my way home from school to borrow a number of the Ar.M.E. Church Review that I saw there. I had Mr. Fortune's article, "Civil Rights & Social Privilege" in it & I was anxious to read it. He said he would have it and I remained some time. As he very fond of teaing and as he firmly believed that he is teaching me I let him indulge himself with the idea. As he securely took as much pleasure in it. His wife is an easy, sweet tempered, sweet minded mortal. Mr. Carr came tonight and bought a present for Mr. H. from H. P. H. He had received my letter only this evening.

Sunday Jan. 24

The month is rapidly drawing to a close. I am truly thankful I am spared to keep up as well this far, but my systems is not in good order and I cannot consult a physician till I...
get some money. If I once get out of debt, I hope this lesson will be remembered and profit by; to think I am in debt more than one month's salary & if anything should happen I have not more than enough money coming to me to cancel my expenses. I earnestly pray the Board will pay for two months when next they meet. Friday it rained, and was very disagreeable; in the afternoon a horse had broken & it was very muddy coming home but I, J. G. & Mr. B. piloted me safely thru the mud. A. J. T. remained with some of her children. She has been singularly uncommunicative this week & I have not sought to woo her from her silence. She brought me a message from Mr. Dr. I. to the effect that she had something to tell me; must go over when I can find a pilot. Went to the Literary meeting at Lebauny.
Friday night I see McAllister play at but they read it this. It was exceedingly dull and tiresome and some of the pronunciation was execrable in the extreme. Took my 3rd lesson for the season from Mrs. T. yesterday. The weather was miserably cold as the second "blizzard" came some time Friday night after we got home, but I went as I realize we are losing valuable time by not going. Did not know it thoroughly but got along very well. She told me Mrs. T. was the one who had engaged to take lessons with her but as she had violated the contract between them, she, Mrs. T., did not feel herself bound to obey her injunction. She told Mrs. T. to tell Mrs. T. "Tell Mrs. T." She questioned me minutely about her but I evaded her as much as possible because I don't wish her to discard her for anything I may say. Came home I ironed my clothes that Mrs. T. bought home in the morning & charged me $0.25.
for. It is very cold today & so far I have not been out of the house today. Later went out & Mrs. Ragland's & returned about dark. No visitors except George.

Thursday Jan. 28:

No letters Monday, nor newspapers. All of the latter have gradually come in since then but "The Freeman". Letters from H. A. Morris, J. W. W. & F. Th. answered 6. I pm. they might also write to H. W. A. W. returned my picture & repeated the word "buy" so often I fear it nettles him a little although he declares it does not bother him. He urges me to write the book I spoke of: to make it classical, representative and standard and I shall make myself loved, honored & respected. He speaks as authoritatively about things and I could accept his calm re-
proof, superior criticism & logic & if he were not any junior, he is what I have long wished for as a correspondent, an interested, intellectual being who could lead & direct my wavering footsteps in intellectual paths. His youth, tho', prevents me asking & seeking information of him as I would one who was my superior in age as well as intellectuality, I may overcome the feeling tho' as there is not any pleasure without its alloy. He denominates my nose as my weakest feature but says it does not matter as it is pretty, perhaps. He phrenologizes my features minutely and unerringly, as well as amusingly. He writes a good letter & I feel my sceptre departing from me, before him as before no other & it is some what humiliating. He is progressing his path is onward and upward while I am drift
ing along with no visible improvement. It is not altogether procrastination, I don't know what book to read that will do the most good & know not where I am to obtain the knowledge. The stupendous idea of writing a work of fiction came to me & amile in derision of myself at daring to dream of such a thing— but his enthusiasm is catching. This yesterday found a card from Mr. P. saying a Mr. Benjamini would preach for me Sunday. I have read some of the P.'s literary productions and had gathered that he was a lawyer, & am surprised to learn he is a preacher. Shall go to hear him with some curiosity. A second letter was from Mr. Bowker who is evidently disposed to favorably regard any asking for pay & asks me to state my price which is an embarazzing thing to do. I have no idea of its worth & shall tell him
so when I answer. The last letter
I received in yesterday's mail
was from — Mr. B. who thanks me
earnestly for the picture and
begs me to assure him I re-
spect him as the assurance
that I did not — ransack in
his breast might 7 day. I don't
know what to say to him as I
still have the feeling of pity
and contempt for the man, which
is not strong enough to ride upon
by circumstances. — That I had
when I first wrote. I could not
withhold a grain of comfort for
revenge's sake — but can I truth-
fully say I respect him? He
said not one word about the un
returned letters; he is far nobler
than I — in that he treats me with

L. M. B. sent me a copy of The Bee
in which there is a marked article
from the pen of his very incapable
editor, I suppose. The article
in question speaks of the standard
goddess "as not knowing
what she is talking about. Can everybody be accused who differs from the Bee? Essays to be sarcastic and volunteered the information that the A. M. E. Church Rev. would pay me for my articles if I "really wrote" anything. He is contemptible & juvenile in the extreme and knows as much about what constitutes journalism as he knows Brown! I would not write for him for great pay & I will write some thing some day that will make him wince. I have (the editor) married—why nothing! the time! yes, he took up to himself a bride this evening. I think he has good ideas about most things but he has no tact or idea iniquity about how to express them in a way to gain attention or give weight to his words; he is either a fanatic or talks like one. I will outline my heroine's character in my next
Saturday Jan. 30.

Friday was a trying day in school. I know not what method to use to get my children to become more interested in their lessons. Had a talk with G. who informed me that some one had reported me as saying any young man I went with felt honored because of the privilege and that whenever any one was with me all the young men in town knew it and said of him that he was highly honored! He did not add (although I knew it must be so) that they hastened to tell such an one of the rumor and thus maliciously have been setting all the young men against me by their cock and bull stories have kept them away, for a silly speech of mine— if indeed I really said it (of which I have not the slightest remembrance. This bit of information opened my eyes to some things, which while I did not understand then
I attributed them to pride on his part; I now learn them to be studied and deliberate insults, and my blood boiled at the same submission. And then, simply and calmly told him I had been misrepresented as I had too often been and betook myself off to think. I went in my room, wrote, and asked him if he was in earnest when he asked me if I would try to love him; he replied that he was, indeed, and then said alright.

I know it is unchristian-like to burn for revenge as I do, but a devil is tempting me to lead him on to fool him at last. When I think of how I could and can fool him and of his weak imaginings to the contrary, petty evidences of evil work, that he has been safe hitherto because I would not stoop to deceit—I grow wild almost and determine to pay him back. But I cannot do that; I will do the right as I know it—because it is right.
and not as for pray. I have never stooped to underhand measures to accomplish an end, and I will not begin at this late day by doing that which my soul abhors; sugaring men weak, deceitful creatures, with flattery, 

& retain them as escorts or to gratify a revenge. & I earnestly pray my Father to show me the right & give me the strength to do it because it is right, despite tempting.

I shall pray for Mr. G. & all the others who have formed themselves in a league against a defenseless girl, that they may see the light & the injustice done me, and that I may bear it meekly, patiently. If I ever get a chance I shall speak to him about his soul as I have intended to do since Mr. Pasle died. otherwise I shall treat him as dignified and courteously as any other acquaintance. I will not thrust myself on him and give the opportunities for rough treatment that I have... Received letter from Mr. Rice
Mr. Sprague & a card from Mr. Neal giving subscriptions for Freeman. Have become negligent about correspondence because I am out of stationery & money too I suppose & have answered only Mr. II's letter. Did not go to the surprise party tendered Dr. P. last evening although Mr. II came & sat a while. Went to Mrs. II & took my 4th lesson today $2, so is due her then for. Went from there to call on Mrs. Neal, who is very bright complexioned, with fair skin & black hair, and rather pretty -- was more so, before she married. The inevitable baby is there with the habits peculiar to all babyhood. From there I went to Mrs. E. T. She expecting some fun with her mischievous spouse but he was not present. She is very good & kind and soft as a mouse. I like her immensely but can't say the feeling's returned. Came home feeling very, very badly but as this writing am since better.
Monday, Feb. 1st.

Went to service yesterdays morning & heard a very slen-
der, purile-looking, small spec-
imen of human nature occupying the
pulpit. His talk was premature,
somewhat, and yet applicable; his
peculiarities & oddities certainly
have the spice of novelty and
daring which surprised too much
for demur and carries one by
stone almost against the judg-
ment. He was, presented to me at
the close of the meeting but said
little; the predominant feeling then
was that he had great enthusiasm
for the work & that faculty alone
would cover a multitude of
digests & help resurrect the
church. I went back last night
to hear him preach in order
to come to a decision and come
away doubtful as to his holy
zeal & fitness for the work.

A constant arraignment of the Ne-
gro as compared to the white,
a burlesque of negro worship,
a repetition of what he did
not believe in, and the telling of jokes together with a refraction of his text "ye must be born again" made use of his sermon. It was in style as closely allied to his "talk" of the morning that I detected little difference between the two. If I were to judge I should say he lacks some of the essential elements that compose a preacher; he seems to be wanting in stability, and there seems also, to my mind, to be a lack of reverence in touching and dealing with holy things; a disregard of the Father's command: 'take off thy shoes; for the ground on which thou standest is holy.' Was troubled with neuralgia most of yesterday. Mrs. Mosely came to see me yesterday afternoon and remained a short while, made an engagement to go with him to Dr. P's tonight. Have spent an enjoyable evening. Received two letters this afternoon from W. & Mrs. E. of Ruef University.
Tuesday Feb. 2nd.

A snowstorm set in this evening morning I had raged all day. Have been very blue all day & I was in trying to come fort me but he makes a mess of it always. Found a letter from my Louisville correspondent who thinks I said more than I intended when I spoke of the fact of my being his senior as "unpleasant," and objecting to being patronized as the expression "my youthful friend" seems to imply. S. M. B. excuses his long silence in the fact that he had assisted in launching Mr. Chase on the matrimonial state, and seems to gloal over the fact of fighting back against "Ida" with a velegance. I don't know whether it is worth my while to try and make him understand my reasons for refraining an answer to the Bee's squib. Must answer Mr. Bowser's letter tonight ere I sleep. I don't seem very anxious for they seeing "my backwardness" in and
Monday Feb. 8th:—

Last Wednesday morning was the most trying of my school-life here; the snow (which fell all of Tuesday night) was from 10 to 14 inches deep, or there was no locomotion of any kind. I had to foot it to school, all around by Main Street, as there was most travel and the likelihood was greater of the snow being tramped down on that street — and I got to school about 10 o'clock utterly exhausted with wading thru' the snow. In account of the storms the week elapsed by I was gone in we were aware. This is my 4th week here & no letter from aunt Yet of G. had not received one from Edith saying all were well I should be uneasy. No other letters of consequence & my papers ended my week's mail. I have answered none of the letters but C. S. M. I think of his as he tells me in one received today that he does of mine & hasten to answer them. I certainly enjoy them because there is always
something interesting and couched in such chaste and soft language I was instructed entertained and amused. So, M. B. is older, has a more varied experience, considers himself a broad man of the world with no new worlds to conquer or nothing fresh or new to be learned under the sun. But if I decided to end either, it should be the tie for he is so revels so in small things and is a petty warrior. With all his accomplishments and advantages there seems to be no depth to him; but I forget comparisons are odious. I have not an overed D. M. B's letter yet, but will when I get time. Friday night I went to the theatre with Ella & Boots, 

"Humbug" & humbug it was. Mr. T. accused me during the day that it was "fine" and I went; yielded more persuasion than any desire of my own & was fully repaid for it for I was completely worn out & used up when I got home. Re received the "Tree Juice" & a note from our Benjamin & have not had the time to
read the one nor the grace to answer the other. I had hoped to have received a call from him ere this I returned my thanks, made my apologies in person, but he could not. Next nowhere Saturday, not even to take a lesson, as I didn't know it, but took a bath in the afternoon and pitched the rest of the day. H.P.H. came from Kansas City and stayed quite a while that night. I had intended retiring early in order to rise soon enough to attend the Moody & Sankey meeting Sunday morning. He came very near being late but got a front seat in the gallery. The singing was grand, but had we not gone to Avery Chapel to hear him also, I should have been disappointed because I could not hear very well from where we were in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His style is so simple, plain, and natural. He told the old, old story in an easy conversational way that charms the listener ere he is aware and the secret of his success is, I think, that he does not preach a far-away God—a hard To be reconciled Savior but uses
a natural earnest tone and tells it in a natural way without any long drawn, doctri ne or finely spun theology, or of rhetoric the simple truth that Christ Jesus came on earth to seek and save that which was lost. Mr. Sankey's sermon is a sermon in itself. Mr. Payne was there and I brought him home to dinner with me; he, Huyette & Mr. Kestner took up all the afternoon & I had no opportunity to make an entry or write a letter either. Truly there is no pleasure without alloy.

I intended writing Mr. Moody a letter asking him why ministers never touched on that phase of sin—the exact distinction practiced even in the churches and among Christianity—but rather, tacitly conniving at it by assenting to their exact arrangements, and accepting it as a matter of course, instead of rectifying it. But I had no chance; he left the city yesterday; so I know not where to address him. The weather has moderated and the snow is under the very warm rays of the Sun; cold melting fast away. He has unlocked Jack Frost's fingers & loosened
old Jack's grasp on the face of mother Earth; for which kindness she is now weeping tears of joy as she smiles & basks in the warmth of His presence. That which Jack Old Borea used to harden and freeze her with. The Sun god turns to tears of joy at her release and eventually will dry them all away.

(But it's awfully muddy & sleepy for all that). I had to school this morning by 8.30 and felt peculiarly pleasant and good. A day's work with these children has brought my temper to the surface. Found a letter from Mr. B. D. M. on my arrival home this afternoon instead of tomorrow as I expected. He understands my sympathies with my position of almost complete isolation from my fellow beings on account of lack of congeniality—and I think he does so the more fully because his own experience coincides with mine. His fine humor & sarcasm are very refreshing & I believe I can say at last I have...
found a thoroughly congenial coarse - if prudent, and I sincerely hope it may not die the death of the others, but it may be the earnest of and foundation of a lasting friendship, increasing with the years, such as I read about often, see very rarely and have experienced - never! T. J. B. was here when I came from school but as she came ostensibly to see Mr. Hill I made no effort to define her of it the visit. He went with Ella to the theatre & aunt H. had to go too & as there was no one to stay with me, I went too - not that I wished so much to go, for I had seen "The Mikado" before. It is a delightful jumble of ridiculous and laughable, combination of singing, speaking, and acting, and dress; for everything is represented as Japanese. It is very bright and picturesque, with no suggestion of the coarse or vulgar; the character of Ko-Ko is invincible & it was acted & performed. Yum-Yum is also a delightful, silly little creature. But my vit pale up there & came home wishing I had stayed when here.
Sunday Feb. 14th.

No letters last week and few letters except from you and X who is well. Answered C. B. M's letter and explained fully my position. I hate the barren formality of our address to each other. I want to say 'my dear Charlie' but I hesitate about breaking the ice, tho' I know the advance ought and must come from one. Mrs. Q. & I had a bout last week; he took my hat and walked off with it in the rain & I had to come home bare headed. I took that all in good part till I saw my hat next morning. Then I became very angry for it was utterly ruined by being held in the rain. I would not speak to him for two days when he wrote & asked for his umbrella & suggested that we stop playing as we could not do so without getting angry. I acceded & told him to come for his umbrella that evening. He did so and stood around like a man a long while but finally offered a dictated apology. He renewed his question of a former occasion.
as if I would tell him I "cared for him" without any like assertion on his part. He seems to think I ought to encourage him to speak by speaking first—but that I'll never do. It's conceding too much and I don't think I need buy any man's love. I blush to think I allowed him to care for me, that he would dare take such liberties and yet not make a declaration. He seems to not have confidence in my affection and were he to plead with me on his knees now, for more consideration would I consider his proposition. He had his opportunity and lost it thro' fear of being deceived and other timidity and it shall not occur again. He is too narrow and suspicious. Right here comes my temptation to flirt with him; to make him declare himself and forget all others, but I cannot—I will not consider it. I have preached and I must practice under all circumstances. I could not respect myself and do so & I will not exert any influence over him tho' he richly deserved.
be punished. Heard a sermon from Mr. Jones this morning. Little
Louise Cage is very ill with scar
let fever and we are just across
the street from there. Did not get
any money as I expected yesterday
and went nowhere nor even to
take a lesson. Got 90 cts. worth of
stationery Friday from Mr. Holliday.
on credit. Saw an article from some
Miss Eugene of State Normal school
of Miss. in "The Little Rock Sun" &
took it upon myself to answer her
erroneous view on "Women in Poli-
tics," partly because she seemed
striking at me about "telling wheth-
er she is a Democrat or Republican" because I did such a thing in
my article to the Freeman. Also
wrote a comparatively short letter to
L. M. B. in which I gave him my
candid opinion of his petty mode
of warfare and asked him to pro-
cure me Nuttman's Aesthetic Phys-
tical Self-culture & I would pay him
for it.
Thursday Feb. 18th.

Some of my good friends remembered me expressively in the burlesque valentine list as I have received this time no less than half a dozen, some by hand, some by post, and some from the school children. Note D. Aunt Fannie & Mr. Arnaux of N.Y.

Monday evening—also a letter to the Gate City Press. Found a letter from "Charlie", who is as bright, enthusiastic, and pretty as usual. Then to the theatre, but it was crowded.

Monday evening and so we went Tuesday night to see "The Silver King." Answered C. S. H's letter yesterday and sent him two different pictures to look at—so he might not forget me, but they are to be returned and last night answered the nearly a month old letter of B. P. P., that I have. I told him respect did not come at the bidding, but was called forth by action. Louise did yesterday. There are 8 stamps missing as I cannot remember how many letters I've written & have only 6 stamps left.
Mr. B. has told me an incident of Judge Green's court that for fear I will not remember it when I write my novel I will jot down now. It occurred that a white and colored girl had been in the habit of passing and repassing morning and evening, on a narrow path in the woods up the country, and there had never been manifested on the part of the white girl any desire to give half of the walk. One day they passed while the white girl's brother was with her and he pushed the girl from the path and abused her. The next day they met again when each was alone and the white girl attempted to imitate the example of her brother of the day previous and they fought; the colored girl getting the best of the fight, and she was reported, a complaint lodged against her and in the trial the jury brought in a verdict of guilty but fixed no penalty and the judge carried it to the utmost of his power by giving her 11 months and a half in the workhouse, one half day.
more would have been a penetrat

go offense & those are fixed by the jury.

I read of a case, or heard tell of one

where a white man could not get a

license to marry a colored girl, and

he cut open her three fingers & sucked her blood & then told them he had Negro blood in his veins & therewith procured a license; the facts were brought out in his sub

sequent trial as his friends knew him to be of Caucasian birth & parentage, & proved it.

George B. of this city and Mary Baret

ton lived together 9 years then when

they procured a license, there was a white friend they had to steal a way like culprits to be married & then they tried to send them to penitentiary for legally doing what had been illegally suffered and nothing said or done about it. They had several children and he wis

ed to legitimate his union &

their parentage.
Tuesday Feb. 23rd.

Friday I finished and sent off the article I've been preparing for the Fitch Herald, entitled "A story of 1900." Went to see Lotta in "Mlle. Fritouche" with Ella and Hyettie that night. She is a bundle of fun, nonsense and comicalities. The play affords her numerous opportunities for kicking up her heels and otherwise exhibiting her marvelous freshness and apparent juvenility. She is near forty but for all the world looks precisely like a girl of 10, full of gaiety, innocence, and of wonderful small stature. Mrs. Hill is sick; has been ever since Saturday. The Board paid us for Dec. only Saturday & as a consequence mine is gone already and no money to send Aunt F. yet. Paid Members $20, Mrs. H. $23.25, Mrs. Powell $7.00; have reserved $6.75 (after deducting 50-cents. to Williams, the book- store man) for street car fare & incidentals. Still owe Meeker's $61, Mrs. Major $4.00, Mrs. Thompson $2. We hope to get some more in about
Two weeks; then I shall send Aunt T. home. Went to Cong. S. B. to Courteny's church for morning service, to see Mrs. Graham in the afternoon, and to Collier's Chapel at night, in the manner in which my Sabbath was spent.

Mr. Barr came out in the afternoon; he escorted me. He left yesterday—so he told me that night, and I am not sorry, for I got tired playing second fiddle and running around with them.

Mrs. H. wouldn't let them go alone and they honored me by preferring me as chaperone. Yesterday was Washington's birthday and we had a holiday in consequence, but I profited little by it. I went uptown and made a small bill at Lowe's before about 4.00, for some things I really needed, came back, and went to see Mr. Turner and Mr. Graham again, derided some soap for myself, and came home about dusk. Mr. I. came out and sat like a mummy for some time, and left with little benefit from his
visit. Received all the papers & a letter from Sam. George was here last night and went to sleep, then I told him to go home. He went off, telling me he was going away from M. Tonight he came here with Mrs. Ragland but hardly spoke to me & refused to tell me goodbye. I think he is carrying his "miff" on a great extent.

Thursday Feb 25th.

Mrs. Hilt is still sick in bed, I wish she was able to be up. Received letters from Mr. A. Avant & Mr. Arnaud and both requested a picture of myself. Mr. A. of N. Y. requests me to read "Iphigenia in Othello" as he may need me in that part. Began to study again last night and learned almost a page of "Rose of Lady M." He sent me several essays of "The Enterprise," also received the Bee, but no letter from L. M. B. or E. So M. yet. I wonder what the matter can be?
Monday March 1st.

"Chawlie's" letter was here when I came home Thursday afternoon; he did not send the pictures but promised to in his next. He did send one Blanton Du came notorious letter against the negro & his own answer which is magnificent and comprehensive in its aspect. I answered & returned Mr. D's letter and sent him Miss Evans' article, my answer and The Free Herald article to read. I sent it (his speech) to The Appeal because I wish it published broadcast, but I don't know whether they will do it. I have been perusing the exchanges today & I see not one single mention of it in one of them. Got a letter from E. W. B., Saturday & he at present is on the war path; he tells me again about his affections, and makes use of the following ambiguous statement; "I could understand you better in another way." I don't know what construction to put...
on it and left I should be charged with the wrong one I make none. I answered his letter Sunday and told him I would certainly cease correspondence if he ever again considered it necessary to let me know the state of his affection were not inclining toward myself. He did not send the picture.

Went nowhere all Saturday or Sunday. Had intended going to Mrs. Thompson's the first day, as I paid her what I owed her the day before, but it rained all the morning and I did not go out. Found my paper and a letter from Paul Jones Osgood this afternoon when I got home.

I am somewhat embarrassed by it as there seems to be a tone of constraint about the few lines he did write, as he says, at the suggestion of Mr. Huysen. I have in mind to give it a good cold nip for I had no reason he
was in earnest when I bantered him about Mr. J. I started first not to answer it & then thought if I did I would apologize for the divulgence by H. of any of my silly tales. But I reflected that it would be best to answer in the ordinary tone and a dignified way, which I did, with no personal allusion whatever. I also wrote to Mr. A. to acknowledge the receipt of the handsome picture of himself which happened last week. The day I got it, George came in from the country and says Mr. A. came with him & asked to call on me, but he has not done so, as I write this. Perhaps he has gone back. I also mailed a letter to Mr. Fulton yesterday endeavoring to seek employment as a representative of his paper to Washington to the Press Convention. George has gone out to Mr. Payne's to work as he could get nothing to do here. I hope he
will do well. Mrs. Hill told me this morning she would have to move soon and as she goes farther out I, of course, will have to get another boarding place. It seems as if the old prophecy is coming true in my case. I was traveling New Year's day and I have moved twice already since then.

I have found out that some one tattles to Collier everything I do, and I have expressed myself pretty freely to Mr. D. this morning about it, but he affects ignorance of it all. Yet I do not fear; God is over all. She will, so long as I am in the right fight my battles, and give me what is my right. He tried to show me the folly of fighting against the tide. I told him that I already knew of the animosity of the men against me for expressing my honest convictions. God help me to be on the watch and do the right; to harm no man but do my duty ever.
Thursday March 11th.

I have had one thing and another delay me so I’ve not remembered where I left off. I received a letter from Hayette and one from Mr. Paul Jones of his city. I sagitated some time before I answered the letter because it was so stiff, and he plainly stated that it was the suggestion of X. That caused him to do so. I told him I had no objection to cultivating the acquaintance of cultured and thinking men of the race and in my letter to X. scolded him roundly for his evident blundering. Received answers to both letters yesterday. Mr. X is a long homily on the requirements of the race and X’s is an explanation of what I did not understand. He professes to like the name I gave him “silly boy.” Answered Mrs. Rice’s long delayed letter also last week but never thought of sending in my application for the school until I received aunt’s this letter the same day I mailed it—when I answered aunt’s this I sent the application to her. Received
C. S. Mr. Black letter the day I made the
last entry but found no time to
answer it till Friday, and mail
ed it Saturday with my aunt. Took
the first lesson of a new month of
Miss T. Saturday and read all day,
after going home. 'Brick & without
Straw' by Judge Pouroge. It deals
with the reconstruction era of
Negro freedom and American
history, and I like it somewhat.
The writer is actuated by a noble
purpose and tells some startling
truths. Mrs. Hill decided Sunday
might I move next day and she
did so. I bought a pair of shoes
on credit of Member's costing $2.97
and endeavored to wear them to school.
But they hurt me so I had to go
home at 1/2 o'clock & change them.
Received a letter from Fortune notifying
me of the end of my subscription
for the Freeman and an invi-
ritation from Brother P. D. a tea par-
ty in Nashville. Mr. P. might af-
ford to send me his paper.
think as I've sent him several subscribes. I'll not renew because I expect to leave shortly. His picture adorned the pauper last week. My curiosity is satisfied but I am disappointed in him. With his long hair, curling about his forehead and his spectacles, he looks more like the dandy of the period than the strong, sensible, brave man I had pictured him. But then, as I told Charlie W., one should not judge a person by the color of his hair or more by his clothes. The Sun unhesitatingly accepts my offer to go to Washington as its representative but remains pointedly mum about the money question. I am served immediately to say I could not go without. Then paying any way but nothing has resulted but a silence blank and discreet. Tuesday I came in with Mr. W. on the wagon early.
and stayed at H. J.'s house till time to go to school. Received cards from E. M. B. and E.D.M. The former has received the grand bounce and will be home in about a month. I wrote him immediately, saying I would be glad to see him. The card reminded me that I was in his debt one letter & intimated that if it was the fault of our very faulty school board that he would supply the deficiency in his next. Did not answer that for I knew he had received my letter and sent an answer to that this morning. It is a good letter and I feel so refreshed after reading it. He is indignant at what I told him about the persecution I am undergoing concerning societies. He is a good writer and a good boy I believe. He understands how to steer his epistolarly bark clear of the shoals and quicksands. He picks his way so deftly and skillfully out of the complicated lab
worth of woman's variance, moody and petty fancies. He wishes to know if I can stand examination in algebra, natural philosophy, etc., and I must confess my inability. I guess he means to do what he can for me there. I now begin to think of the golden moments wasted, the precious hours I should have treasured and used to store up knowledge for future use. It seems so hard to get at it (study) and I've made so many resolutions I am ashamed to make anymore. Went to see Mrs. Settle, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Love Tuesday evening where I stayed that night and think I will board. Mr. J. stays there and he will help me study if I go. Went yesterday to see Mrs. Dogan; met Mr. M. He came out tradition at and he went with me to Mrs. Tallie, but I don't think I should like to stay there. Received a letter from
"The Plaindealer Co.," who wish to know what I will charge for 2 letters per month to their paper. Answered today and stated that I would do as he wished for $2 per article. Don't know what they will say. Sent the article I have been writing on for some time to Mrs. Arneaux today, entitled "Our Crane." Mr. H. says for me to write the plot of my novel for me to write one in partnership.

Monday March 15th:

No letters since last week. Wrote to "Charlie" and mailed it on Saturday. Had some pictures taken then I broke my $5 to pay for them. I would have remained at Mrs. H's but she told me she could not board me for less than $15, and I could not stand that away out there, so came to see Mrs. J. who agreed to take me, as this is nearer than Mrs. E's. I decided to come at once. So I moved this morning 20 for like it much. Will begin taking lessons of Mrs. E.
Tuesday March 23rd.

Made small progress in books last week & hoped to have done better this week but I seem to find such little time to do anything in. Got my pictures and like them some-what but the more I look at them the less I like them. Sent one to Charlie and one to Bert hall P. C.

Mrs. H. came by where I was Friday I took one of them. I have not been for it yet but will go soon. Took the second lesson of the series in elocution Sat. but still have not learn-ed all of Lady Mi's role. Letter from L. M. B. yesterday & he is still hunting for his place. George came in Satur-day from Mr. P's & brought me a dol-lar; he stayed all night and went back on the cars Sunday. I gave him 30 cts. to do so. Received an invi-tation this morning to the marriage of Mrs. Booth. I was greatly surprised for I've never had any faith in it but the ticket says "Thursday March 25th, 1886". Will go down if possible. Had a long talk with Dad this evening who thinks my plan a faulty one and suggests for me to go to Louisville until the election is over.
Tuesday March 30th.

Received a long social letter from C.S. M. last Wednesday and answered that night & sent him a copy of the Enterprise. Mr. M. came that evening & we went to Avery Chapel to hear Asbury preach. Received a letter from Mr. J. of K.C. by same mail. He uses chaste language but his letters have not the easy and natural grace of a personal letter; rather has more of the essay in its makeup. Answered it only Sunday & my answer was almost equally dry. I knew absolutely nothing to say. The marriage & wedding had a very nice time. Mr. D. was my company. Gave the bride a plate butter dish & pepper box costing $1.04. No lessons of any kind were covered Saturday or being done the biggest job undertaken & finished was a bath. Sunday remained home to finish a labor article for The Detroit Plaindealer without if it will get in for this issue. A card from Mr. Bowser for an article combating Aunt Peggy's assertion & my paper were all my mail yesterday. Letters from Mrs. Lewis & George this day. Answered them & wrote to Mr. Dudley tonight.
Saturday April 3rd:

Nothing of importance to record for the past week.

No letter from E.S. Mr. yet, sent him a postal card today in which I reminded him that he owed me a letter. Received an answer from Mr. J. which was shorter and more personal than the preceding one. Also a card from Mr. Bowker asking for an article combating some of Aunt Peg's statements. I did not comply with his request. Answered Mr. J.'s letter last night. The Board paid me for Jan. today and it's very uncertain when we will get any more. Guess I'd better hold on to this, or what's left since I paid my debts. Paid Mary $20. Mrs. Suttle $7.00. Bought a pair of gloves for 20 cts. and gave Mr. Roman $1.00 to pay Judge Freeer for me. The case will come up in the Supreme Court some time this month and a tried friend of mine has unfolded a conspiracy to me that it is on foot to quash the case. I will wait and watch and fear not, Judge G. charges that as traveling expenses. It is a painful fact
that white men choose men of the
race to accomplish the ruin of any
young girl by that one would deliber-
ately ask a man of reputation to en-
compass the ruin of one's reputation
for the sake of gain is a startling
commentary on the estimation in
which our race is held. A younger
man would have violently resisted
the insinuation but the older blood
is wiser as well as cooler and
thus will use the knowledge gained
in circumvent plots. Have bun-
dled all Mrs. P.'s letters up to send
home but have not done it yet.
Will get them off some time next
week. Have seen or heard noth-
ing of S. M. B. for some time. He
will be home soon I suppose. Was
out to Mrs. Louis to supper one evening
last week & Mr. J. came home
with me. He had a fine time
debating. Am getting along nicely
in my studies. Hope I'll have
perseverance to continue. I'll
not pray over what I owe her
until I get some more money. Took
the third election lesson of the month
this morning & am thru' Lady Macbeth.
Sunday April 11th:

Paid a dollar to Mr. Barker for the Cong. church, 750c.

To Mr. Logan for trimming & shampooing my hair Friday evening, 25c. for repairing my shoes. Went to Episcopal church last Sabbath; Mr. W. called in the afternoon & took me over to see the bride. Nothing of interest transpired the first of the week. Messrs. Rosely & Phil called Tuesday afternoon but I was not at home. Messrs. Morrice & Settle called that night & we played checkers. Mr. L. took my peanuts Monday when I was there & I did not go back to recite the whole of the week. Made arrangements to take up the whole of my May salary at Menken's & gave them an order on the Secretary for it. I bought enough silk to finish my dress with petic buttons, thread, linings, etc. amounting to $15.80 & yet have no parasol, or other things I would like to have. My expenses are transcending my income; I must stop. Have not paid Goenestein, Mrs. Major's, Mrs. Love or Mrs. Hill. I seem as if I should never be out of debt. George.
came today and gave me $1.00. I now have $1.70 of his money. Received letters from Mars Bowers, Jones.

On Friday came the long looked for message from S. M. He has moved hence the delay. I answered his letter today; have been nearly all day at it and wrote two pages, as much indeed that I grew tired of it myself. Also answered Mr. Jones' letter today and in both of them I discussed marriage. S. M. B. arrived on the scene last week and came to see me yesterday afternoon. He looks as well as ever, and I was real glad to see him. Had no visitors today. I am in as correspondingly low spirits tonight as I was cheerful this morning. I don't know what's the matter with me. I feel so dissatisfied with my life, so isolated from all my kind. I cannot or do not make friends. These fits of loneliness will come to a tire of everything. My life seems wrong, the machinery out of gear. I feel there is something wrong. Will take it to my father. Have concluded not to take part in the entertainment being gotten up by the young ladies.
Wednesday April 17th, 1857

Monday afternoon L. W. B. came out to the school house just as school was dismissing and walked home with me. About the afternoon he then went out walking with me and we had a very pleasant walk. MISSED MY LESSON that evening. Went to recite yesterday afternoon and gave Mr. Doolittle lar to buy me a philosophy mit and I began the study of it today. I hope I may not grow weary in well doing and I shall earnestly pray for strength to continue. Mr. E. W. M. called last evening and remained very late; he brought me a fine cabinet photograph of himself and of course procured one of mine in return. Went to try on my dress today. It will cost me more than I can afford but as I am in for it, I shall be compelled to finish it up nicely. I need a parasol, fan and I bought to have a hat & pair of gloves but will not be able to purchase only those I really need.
Tuesday April 20th.

Mr. D. M. B. came over and we had an interesting game of checkers in which I beat—of course surprising him greatly. Mr. West called too but left very soon. Went to where Saturday but remained home. attended to my knitting. Friday evening I went to service with Mrs. Settle, from thence we came to the Church fair at Debuque school and spent a very enjoyable evening indeed. Took me Reason last Saturday as my book had not come. Sunday went to church, and went to see Annie from there and brought her home with me to stay the remainder of the day. Endeavored to read "Book's Errand" but with poor success. Received Mr. Jones' letter but have not answered it yet. L. M. B. came by on his way to Kinsale and promised to return the next evening. No other callers. He did come and we took a long walk out as far as Mrs. Milburne's and when we returned the moon was shining so clear, calm and bright.
That one 22 I in the moonlight and enjoyed the scene. It was delightful. The air, dust, and smoke seemed left far behind; all was peaceful, calm, and still; the mellow moonlight air was beautiful and the landscape spread out before me. Book lessons Thursday and tried on my dress this last evening.

*Sunday, April 25th;*

Easter Sunday! the day on which our Lord arose from the grave. I fear I have not spent it as consecratedly as I should have done, but I have attended service all day. This morning, remained at church. Went to Avery's house this afternoon & Mr. B. came home with me, and again at church tonight with Mr. B. I am thoroughly tried and worn out. Here my neat dress & hat as they were finished up & like the dress very much. Paid the woman $7.60 for making it and altogether it cost a good deal. Paid Mr. Pitts.

*Thursday, 12th, 4 cents Mr. Pitts' letter yesterday, which cost me 34 cents. B. W. B. came and remained late last night.*
I don't like it, that he come Saturday evening. Received a letter from Mr. W. who will be out tomorrow sometime. Had a holiday Friday & spent it in visiting and sewing. Went to see Mrs. Page & gave her 25¢. Also saw Misses Trumbler & Ashford a little while.

Only finished one garment for the whole number of days. Letter from S. & W. Friday, who as usual, had mislaid only letter & could not answer relative there to. In addition also begged an excuse for allowing 6 days to intervene between the receipt of his & answer to it. I have not hastened to give him a repetition of that excuse, for his letters still unanswered. Have answered none of my letters this for lack of time. A letter yesterday from Mrs. Bise who anticipates a pleasant time in my society and hopes in me to find a friend. I wonder if her hopes will be fulfilled? Mr. Jones a letter of over a week's date. Received one from H. H. A., relative to the school: he had only just seen the writing I had done in the back of the book I had answered accordingly to find out all about it.
He made no mention of the letter he owed me nor did I in my reply. I find this that I have overestimated somewhat in my representation of facts to him and will have to write again soon as I find out some things I wish to know. L. M. B. went out again last Thursday night and we went walking again. Went to Mrs. Hill's that time but she was not at home, only Mr. H. Mrs. Ragland has professed religion. Will endeavor to study this week and see some too, as I am very much behind hand with both. George was in today and had some pictures taken.

Thursday April 29th,

Monday no letter or papers arrived and I was kept so busy receiving visitors at school that I had no time at recess for anything. Beayne had a holiday that day and her students came over in great numbers. Meares, Mosely & McNeal called to see me Monday evening and we had a pleasant visit. While they were here Mrs. Lawson came to the door and handed me a note. Little thinking of the contents I tried carelessly
with it, but on my return surprise
when opening it, I found it to be
a notification that I had circulated
the report that he weared me with his
attentions! He wrote to beg pardon for
the one offence of having asked my com-
pany once assuring me it would not
happen again. I was very angry and
shocked; I racked my brain trying to
remember anything I might have
said that could be so construed but
could not and wrote & told him to
repeat what I had said. I desired
to know who of my friends (?) had told
him any such thing as requested
him to call the next afternoon. He
did so but would not tell me his au-
thor but promised to do so at some
future day. I can't conceive any one
trying to injure me maliciously but
some one has and it continually doing
so. I may be doing D. J. G. an injustice
but I believe it was he. I hope not,
but the mere thought has incensed
me so against him that I cannot
bear him. Letter from Mrs. Rice Tues-
day telling me I would have to be
there in June to stand examine-
tion when I am not sure school
will be closed here. It is impossible for me to be the at the time et. I wrote immediately and told her so & received one from aunt D yesterday imparting the same information. So, I know not whether to go or not. I shall have to be guided by circumstances. Wrote to Mr. J. but C.S.'s letter is still unanswered. I had hoped I was entirely out of the party the girls intend giving but it seems that it not to be for Hani. Thompson gave my name to Mr. B. & she has issued invitation to company for me. I am vexed and perplexed. I know not what to do. In consideration of aunt B's letter & the small amount of money I've sent her I am not able & feel it to be doing her an injustice to spend money in futility when she is bearing all the load. I was not able to buy that dress but did so now I am to be drawn into something else expensive & profitless against my will. I must to twice fortune to extricate myself. On the other hand owing to the peculiar position in which I am placed before the young men of the place, if it were known that I reject-

ed him on that score, it would only serve to intensify the feeling against me. Next to hear an address from Col. Keating on the opening of the school of manual training, and was greatly surprised by a rare treat from Rabbi Daniel. It's the first time I ever heard a Jewish intellectual discourse. Started an article on it last night but didn't finish it. Went to take a lesson yesterday and found Mr. Hamilton there. In a subsequent conversation Mr. Scott made me very angry by declaring I only was amiable to men in order to repulse them and attributing every thing to me that is associated with a healthless flirt. It made me very angry and I left; I am strongly in doubt whether to ever go again. I have been so long misrepresented that I begin to rebel. I should not have allowed it to go as far without rebuke. "Freeman", "Enterprise", have made an appearance this week.

Thursday May 6th;

I had no choice but to pay my assessment and go to the entertainment last week, so
tried to sell my encyclopedia to raise the money without breaking my $5, but I could not. So I bought two pairs of drawers (Osots), paid Mrs. B. $1.50 and Mrs. Settle $6.00 for half the month of April lacking one dollar. Borrowed Mrs. F's diamonds (?) for the occasions and wore my black silk. Enjoyed myself hugely and Mr. D. handed me a verse declaring he knew I loved him & he longed to sip the nectar from my curling lip. I received it in silence, but intended keeping it. Mr. M. attempted familiarity that I quickly rejected. Was on the floor in a set for the first time in my life and got through better than I expected. Mr. Dardie asked me to read a piece for his concert next week and altho' it is such short notice I shall do something because I wish to be present at his concert but am not able to pay anything. I have long ceased expecting company. However, have Mrs. Thompson & we did not decide on anything. I like Lady Mac's soliloquy & sleepwalking scene, but it is almost impossible to arrange it. I will give that or Le Mariage.
de Convenience", or the Drown of 76
deirine & Cynthia. Came home &
 slept till 3 o'clock when Misses Hamil-
ton & Barnes calling - Mrs. S. awoke
one, saw Mr. Humphries of Mines, who
would be all soon he said. To church
Sunday & Episcopal in the afternoon
home & bed Sundy evening early. George
was in Saturday afternoon & gave
me $1.15 to add to his $1.70. He is
palely grows slowly. His pictures are
very good indeed. No letter Monday
or Tuesday. Tuesday a letter from
Mr. P. in answer to the note I sent
with his letters over a week ago.
He calls me the twin mate of his
soul and I know not that he is
not telling the truth, and asks me
to write again and let him know
I received this letter which was
sent to a new address. Had a
talk with G. that day and requested
that we be more civil in our treat-
ment of each other especially in the
presence of strangers. I told him I
desired always to do right but
failed sometimes, and I think I
convinced him of my sincerity.
He called that evening and re-
married till after Mr. S. had gone. He asked me to kiss him, but I gently but firmly refused. Another lot of opportunity of hie, for springing the question that evidently seemed uppermost in his mind. I believe he loves me, but he is certainly very enigmatical in his behavior. Have seen nothing of J. M. B. for nearly two weeks; shall not ask him why he did not come when he arrives. Mr. Hewl was here Monday night and we played checkers for some time. No callers last night but a letter yesterday from Mr. Jones. No letters today, and as there was a rainstorm this afternoon, Isettled myself for a good long evening of study but alas for the perpetuity of human hopes! I had 4 callers tonight who came in simultaneously and remained the same length of time except H. who left on business. They were Messrs. Lawson & Humphries, Messrs. Hug, ette & McFee from Kansas City; the latter brought a letter of introduc tion from Mr. Jones. We four spent a pleasant, agreeable evening. Shall write to Mr. J. tonight.
Sunday May 9th—A letter from my aunt, Friday who wants me to decide what to do; she thinks I ought to be sure of something. Went to the literary Friday night. Went to recite Saturday but have made no choice of a piece yet. Went up town for dress but it was not finished. Met Mr. McAlwee who walked up the street with me and spoke of coming to see me. George is thinking of going to California. Saw Mr. F. who told me of the dirty method Mr. Gunness is at venturing to quash my case. He ordered him to stop it. I honor and respect “my dad” highly. A letter from C. D. M. that was lengthy, bright, and witty in the getting also a card from Mr. Mc Veely that I am undecided about answering. Answered Charlie’s letter today & called him by his Christian name, don’t know how he will take it. Wrote no other letters and remained indoor all day. Had nowhere I had no callers.
Tuesday May 19th,

No callers last week and only a letter from Mr. Jones, who wishes to know what I mean by "man of the world." The school board paid two months' sal.

and I paid all outstanding debts except Drenkins, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Dept.; paid my board up to June 1st, sent aunt $1, $10; and today deposited $50 in bank.

Bought Mrs. G. a parasol for $2, nearly, and have $15, with which to pay all others. I thank God for that. Saturday evening I went to the baseball park I saw a professional game for the first time, but lost my temper & acted in an unladylike way toward those in whose company I was & hardly noticed L. M. O. Went in the afternoon to pay Fannie a call, but she was not there, from there went to dinner at Miss Harvey, whom I liked very much. Received a letter from Mrs. Jones, which are splendid.
Sunday May 23rd;

I had a terrible fall from a horse yesterday afternoon. Started out riding a strange horse who was told, was afraid of the street cars, & the first one I met, he ran up on the mules & began rearing and plunging. I was terribly frightened but kept my seat until we got a little to one side, when the horse's leg became entangled in the traces that threw him and I went over his back, fell on my back; the small of my back is swollen & painful yet, where I struck. I was very uneasy for fear some of my bones were broken or my spine injured, some way. I do not know yet if such is not the case. I think of my escape with a solemn thankfulness.

Received letter from Mr. H. & Mr. Jones. No letter from Charlie yet. Mr. E. M. B. came by and totald quite a while last night. Answered the two first letters & wrote to G. C. & P. Received a telegram from my aunt today saying the examination would be held June 15th and telling me to come immediately. I don't know what I do, my business is not arranged to leave on such short notice.
Thursday June 3rd. — School is out & the exhibition attempted but it was a complete failure. The house was jammed & crowded & so noisy we could hear nothing, so half the exercises were omitted. We tried out as we have been on the pad, night & day for nearly two weeks. These last Washington called Sunday and I received Charlie's long looked for letter. Tuesday before going to school he offers as consolation for the delay in his writing the thought that he has thought of me. Also wishes to know if I can come to Louisville this summer. I would like very much to go but fear I can't spell able. Hop chance his letter soon. Got one from Mr. Jones this morning & his letter assume a deeper tone. I hardly know what to do. Tuesday Mr. T. came home with me & told me of his love for me. I reciprocated. I told him I was not conscious of an absorbing feeling for him but I thought it would grow. I feel so lonely & isolated and the temptation of a lover is irresistible. I should not like to go through another winter as nearly as
here to fore. But its all so new and strange. The only thing I regret it that I did not tell him the exact truth for he asked if I had loved anyone since the rupture between myself and b. & I said no. I must rectify that mistake. I could not live under false colors. We went to the picnic next day and he was unvaryingly kind & attentive. Paid a woman $5.00 to do my washing & ironed yesterday myself. Then to call on Miss Barnes & Hamilton in the afternoon. I shall patiently wait to see what the future shall bring forth. Mr. B was out last evening & we went walking. He had a debt to settle with me about Tuesday night's escapade & he talked in such a lofty strain & gave me untried some very good advice. He professed to be that I was agreeably surprised and delighted with him, when he soared above personal pique & forgot self in my behalf. He gave me a higher opinion of himself than I had & I now begin to think of him as a friend to be kept. I have not kept the friends I have won but will try from this on.
Monday June 9th, 1886. Holly Springs, Miss.

Did not decide until 12 o'clock Saturday to come to H. S. but after making my waist Friday, I went out talking. Received a letter from Mr. Jones Thursday and answered it for Charley and Mr. Hosley's. I sent Charley one of the pictures of my school. Next went down town to mail my letters and got a wagon to bring me to the depot for pets. Bought a waist for 7.25 and hurried to the depot where I found Fairnie, Susie, B., and Stella B. all bent on the same excursion as myself. Of course we had no trouble about the first class coach but we conquered. Arriving at Mrs. Parker's and having a very pleasant time. Went to church 4 times yesterday and spent a very pleasant time. Met many old friends and acquaintances among whom were fillie, Henry, Annie, Annie D., Nancy, M. C., Victor and spent a very pleasant time. The first two came home and spent the afternoon. Henry A. went to church with one of Mrs. H. S. But talked to A. B. about a card to G. H. Kent & Rust today and spent the time in the recreation room. Save H. A. my picture.
Memphis June 12th—Saturday 1884

Left Hollie

I sprang on Thursday at the school came that day and am here. I spent a very pleasant time at home, better than ever before. Monday night we went to the college in a hired to witness the literary exercises. Thank God going with me. He had a jolly good time and enjoyed it immensely.

Tuesday was commencement day and after those exercises came the alum- ni exercises which, the long were interesting. As I witnessed the triumph of the graduates and thought of my lost opportunity, a great sob arose in my throat and I yearned with utterable longing for the might have been. Then Hill said somewhat, "Did you ought to come back here and graduate," I could not restrain my tears at the sense of injustice I felt, and begged him not to ask me why I said "I could not." I quickly conquered that feeling and as heartily wished the graduates joy as tho' no bitterness had mingled with my pleasure. I had heard it asserted before I got Dr. W. B. that Hill & Annie would be married but
the time was near at hand and I had met no one who could tell me positively that it would happen, or that had received an invitation, but an idea prevailed that it would be at the students reunion so all went & assembled themselves in the chapel and waited. Their waiting was not in vain, for they walked in after a while and were married as unpretentiously as possible; the ceremony, announced by Prof. H. was solemnly & impressively beautiful. He has watched over and shielded Annie ever since he has been there, and it was but fitting that he should be proud of the successful termination of his care. When thinking over it the next day & endeavoring to find an adequate reason for his particular interest & care for her I decided that it was not as I used to think in my childish rage & jealousy at his evident preference for her— because of her color, for there have been others who were brighter and withal prettier than she and yet who won not his favor; it was not her high intellectual powers (for many I know were more brilliant), Florence especially was intellectual yet he interested himself not in their behalf as in Annie's and
I have come to the conclusion that it was her obedient disposition, her extreme submissiveness and therefore easily controlled and her evident ladylike refinement and when I think of my tempestuous, rebellious, headstrong wilfulness, the trouble I gave, the disposition to question his authority. I remember that Mr. X. is but human and I no longer cherish feelings of resentment, nor blame him that my scholastic career was cut short; my own experience as a teacher enable me to see more clearly and I know that I was to blame. I congratulated them both heartily and was cordially received. I was introduced to Miss Adkins, the music teacher, who seemed so fair and pure, so divinely good, whose motions were grace and poetry personified. She seemed to me, one of the few women that I have met who come near justifying the ravings of poets and proving their metaphors not inspired alone by the imagination. She came so thoroughly pleasant, so bubbling over with an effervescence of youth, health, high spirits, cheerfulness and with all such an exuberance of vitality in every look or motion that every one is charmed without knowing why.
She is quite young—just from college and when she is tuned down somewhat will be a truly noble-minded woman. I was introduced to Miss Forbes & Ribbler—the former went home with me, the latter called next day but I was not at home; both seem to be thoughtful entertaining gentlemen. Wednesday had several callers & in the afternoon when it cleared up, went to see Ann & Rachel R. from there I came to cousin E & dinner and we had a splendid time—did me! ate so much and stayed so long is why I missed Mr. H. The boys gave a very sociable (?) to the visiting girls that evening and sent Mr. Cosbe off after us! I was speechless with surprise when he presented himself with all his old time sang froid and announced that he was our escort! We went but I kept him at a respectable distance that did not allow a nearer approach; he did not attempt to go over it. His wife greeted me with cordiality and as I manifested a desire to see the babies took me in & we had a chat. Left next morning and as my ticket was through mistakes purchased for Illinois C. R. R. I had to come that way with the crowd. George with his usual imprudence, went there with only enough money to carry
him, depending on me to bring him money— as I did not, I had to leave him there. We were all day coming as we stayed at the junction till 3 o'clock.

Bound letters from Preston—T. L. Fortune and Mr. J. who informed me he would leave for here the 14th inst.

I answered & mailed him a reply yesterday which I hope he will get before he leaves. I am very eager to see him and hope I'll not be disappointed. I am glad I'll not have to wait till I go B. K. C. to see him. Went to see Dr. Sinclair about my ear, I am to go again today.

Went to Mr. J. J. C. came out last night and spent an agreeable evening in his society. He is very thin.

Tuesday June 15th—

Mr. B. and I took a long walk Saturday evening and he told me some things that surprised me a little especially about his loving me. He said he'd carefully guarded against such and was quite the kind of girl of whom he would become infatuated. I begged him not to spoil all by any such course; whenupon he said, as many others have, that he did not believe
I had any heart or could love anyone.

I did not endeavor to change his belief. Nor furthermore said, that he thought, Dr. G. idolized me; neither affirmed nor denied the statement. Sunday I went to the doctor and then to Collin's Chapel D afternoon service. Mr. Moody preached.

It was fearfully warm and as we were coming home a heavy rainstorm came up. Luckily we were on the car home with me. He came and remained all the afternoon. He also, that I have no heart. We came that night and we spent a cozy evening together despite the rain. He told me all about his engagement with Miss B. of Ga. He is the embodiment of fixbrness.

With me, my affairs are always at an extreme or the other. I neither have an abundance of company or none at all. Just now there are three in the city who, with the least encouragement, would make love to me. I have two correspondents in the same predicament, but past experience will serve to keep me from driving them from me. I am enjoying existence very much, yet now, I do not wonder long, but will enjoy life as it comes. I am an anomaly to myself as well as to others. I do not wish to be married but I do wish for the war
of the gentlemen. Received a letter from Charlie yesterday and answered immedi-
cately. He is bubbling over with fun & nonsense and writes to know how
that sister looks. Note to balance my account to come up on the 28th. Am as-
sumed that I will be re-elected to my position but am afraid to leave un-
til I know it as a certainty. Will write to Mrs. Bowser today also asking
Mrs. Taylor's & Fortune's letter. No message or letter from Mr. Jones yet.
Would have washed yesterday but it rained all day & is raining now.
My railroad case will not come up in the supreme court this term. Saw
Hattie today a note to Mr. Payne today as she is in search of a school,
and she seemed to take it as her
due. Of course I don't wish any
one to bow down and worship her
but I would like them to express
gratitude for an attempted favor.
Preserve me from narrowness &
impropriety, I sincerely pray. Received
a copy of the A.M.E. Church Review
this morning and a letter from the
editor asking an article from my
brilliant (?) pen. I have not decided
on accepting as yet. Also received E.J.'s journal; it is very good as a beginning but
rather abrupt.
Monday June 28th: It rained every day of the week in which I made my last entry and I did not get D washing until Friday. Going to the Dr. every day about my ear bothered me somewhat. Eddy came to see me one evening, and Mr. Jones another. Received a letter from Mrs. Jones Friday morning explaining why he did not come. Mrs. B. and myself went D confirmation Thursday evening and L. Mr. B. came after we returned and stayed some time. Mrs. B. stayed all night and we had a long conversation and came nearer being acquainted than ever before.

Went up town to get our salary from the Board Friday morning and I also went D the Dr. again. Durned home and went to Mrs. Barnes' to washing and Mr. Graham came while I was away and did not return that night. He left me without a farewell & I thought he would return but he did not. I don't know how I take him. He is either afraid & distrust me, or does not care for me one. I am too proud to beg but I must be loved with more warmth than that. Saturday morn
and I went with Mrs. Graham & Dr. and paid him $53.00 for myself. Put her on the care & go home and went to see Mr. Strickland about that fur-iture, but he was not in. Had D Menken & paid him $67. & my whole indebtedness & him & thank God it shall be my last. Put $48. in the bank which makes $92. in my account. Received a letter from aunt # who is very angry and disappointed because I did not come to California. Answered and tried to pacify her as much as I could. Intended to go and iron on Saturday but Mr. Payhe came for me & I went home with him and stayed a week. Just returned day before yesterday. Endeavored to make some entries while there but had no luck and very little time for this as I was pretty busy all the time. Wrote to B. M. B. & P. J. & a card to Mr. Turner on Sunday and took a walk in the afternoon with George. Saved all the week very near and made four garments. Washed and aired also, and my clothes are so pretty & white. Received a letter from B. W. B. while there, in which he told me
about dreaming any influence as he
was afraid he was falling in love
with me, also that he was going to
Washington. I answered and told him
not to do either, and assured him I would
in response to his pleadings, be in on
Saturday; also told him I believed him
incapable of love in its strongest,
best sense. I came in on Saturday
and found letters from Messrs Taylor,
Potter, Jones, Mosby, McFree, and each
from S.G. & Mr. M. I wrote immediat-
ly to Messrs Taylor & Co., telling the
latter what I give her as a birth-
day present and asking the latter to
write and tell me immediately what
she means by his warning regarding a stop-
ning place. Have answered one of the
others as yet. Went up town Saturday eve
and visited several places. Mr. B. came
out and persuaded me to go walking with
him and he forced me to our sitting place.
I weakly yielded to his importunities
to be seated and then he too told me
a tale of love and asked me directly
if I were pledged to any one. I could
not say yea, and I did say nay.
For with all the encouragement I've given
he has not sought to bind me to
him and remain as utterly indifferent.
that I don't and can't feel that I am long to him. I told Mr. B. I did not love him, but I was sorry that would cause a cessation of his visits. He talked some time longer and then begged so hard for the right to pay his addressess to me to hope, that I could not satisfactorily give. But he kissed me once. I think even now as if they blistered my lips. I feel so humiliated in my own estimation at the thought that I cannot look anyone straight in the face. I feel somehow as if I were defrauded of something since then. I came home and lay thinking of the awkward predicament I am in and the remark made by Mr. B. The other morning at the breakfast table recurred to me, "you are playing with edged tools," and I feel that I have degraded myself in that I had not the courage to repulse the one or the other. I know not which if the two I prefer. One has qualities the other does not possess. I cannot choose between them. I don't think I want either for a wife — and yet I would miss them badly as friends — and of course that would be an intermission of friendship if I said may. But God helping...
I will free myself from this predicament somehow and I pray for tact and judgment to do well by but firmly. Hopefully I can establish no middle ground between me and my visitors - it is either love or nothing. Went to church yesterday morning and saw T. A. Thompson, who tells me they will have berths & all the ladies will take the sleeper. I am unable and unwilling to do so, especially the roundabout trip they will take on the S. D. & S. W. R. R. I think we'll take the regular X. C. route. Spent all the afternoon and went dressed just about time Mrs. B. made her appearance on the scene. I scarcely spoke to him directly and Mrs. B. came in and helped to entertain him. He made an engagement for Tuesday evening. Went with Mrs. S. D. to the guild and from there went to do some shopping. Met Will D. Hall, D. and Henry A. on my way home and the last named came home with me and remained for supper. L. H. B. came in and was introduced. We played log annaschy and stayed till late. It seems backward and constrained in the presence of strangers.
Sunday July 4th, 96.

We have definitely concluded to go on the excursion which leaves this afternoon for the west, and all in a turmoil as to what I shall do and how get out of the predicament in which I am placed. Received another letter from Mr. Mc. Tuesday in which he was more explicit and yet made no specifications. I carried the letter to Mrs. J. and she said it was not worth attention and for me to adhere to our original decision. I immediately sent them word that we would come and stop where we had originally intended as we had a cordial invitation to do so and were not disposed to throw over old friends without cause. Mr. J. invited the concert & recited "The Letter Reader" & slept walking pieces from Lady Mabel Beth. The first was loudly applauded the last, given in my brother Hickey, was not so effective as I could have wished. Mr. B. seemed very cold & contrary that night and I wondered where the glamour of his presence was. Wednesday I washed & procured clothes. Sunday, Miss Beet did not finish in time to attend Mrs. Johnson's funeral. Expected Mr. G. not but he came not and
as I needed rest, I retired early. Friday we went to the rest of the day. Thursday we went to Mr. B. home to say his farewell respects, & at least I stated walking up street, but I was afraid he wished me to go to our usual resort and I affected & he very tired. Friday we went to Mr. Hills and stayed all day and had a delightful dinner. We came home in the cool of the evening and found letters awaiting us. One from Mr. P. J., requesting the same as Mr. Medee about our stopping-place and informing me he had procured a place for her. Had he most spoken so positively and concluded by affirming that the doctor of one of the churches here had endorsed her motives and gone with him to procure me a place & if we would telegraph when we started would have a carriage in waiting. I submitted this letter to Mrs. Stetson's judgment & she advised that we stop not at all. That was the best thing I saw to do and I wrote him to say we would not come at all and the same to Mrs. Bowser. Mr. B. objected to my ruling and insisted that I send him & telegraph and I did so, stating that we would be
there and for him to look for me. Went to a social of the Golden Star club Friday evening and enjoyed myself highly. Mr. Robert Lee asked par relative "Ridder Budd" for the amusement. Mr. C. came before we went this and informed me he had been there twice before. Dr. Smith of Marshallton was to see me Tuesday and very indignant over his bad treatment by the deacon of the church as he was not employed as he was led to believe. I could offer nothing in justification because I knew he spoke truly. Mr. Morely was in a few minutes Wednesday evening on his way to church and remain I could again later in the week to bid me goodbye. Saturday morning first thing I went to town to get my pile of letters and cards from Mr. T. informed me was for me at the Express Office. It was his birthday gift and I could not wait to get home before I opened the box. They are quite lovely and my keys have been lost all of last week, I took my writing desk to town to have it filed open when I returned found my keys where I had hidden them over a week before. Drew $5, all the money I have in the
world from the bank and then came home. The rest of the day was spent in packing. As the convention was held on court day, I expected to receive no callers. Today I've been nowhere and wished to keep my clothes all clean. We start about four this afternoon. I sincerely hope we'll have a pleasant trip and everything turn out all right.

Kansas City, Mo. July 8th. Thursday.

Have been in the city four days and this the first opportunity I've had to record the sayings and doings of the people whom I've met and the impressions of the country I've received. We had the most pleasant trip as we took a sleeper with a chair compartment attached and we stayed in that most of the time. The gentlemen were attentive and kind, and my first experience with a sleeper was by no means unpleasant. Until we got to St. Louis all went merry as a marriage bell but at that place they put me in a dingy old car that was very unpleasant, but thanks to Dr. Birchett we at last secured a very pleasant place in a chair car. The rest of the ride was comparatively pleasant. When we reached this
place no one presented himself as Mr. Jones so we moved aimlessly about until Mr. and Mrs. Bowser came up and insisted on our going to supper if we returned to leave on the 11 o'clock train. He decided to stay till Wednesday day and Mrs. J. got left. He stayed till next day. The next morning or rather that evening we went down to the church for an entertainment and were introduced to hundreds of folks remembering their manners no longer than they were asked. I saw Mr. McKee and had a long talk with him. I explained our peculiar position & the embarrassment I felt in accepting the hospitality of people who had expressed nice, bore a bad reputation. My constraint was natural & I felt indignant that their statements had caused me to act so aimlessly and disconnectedly. He was sorry he had written and etc. I found there had been a personal altercation between these Mr. J. & this family & Mr. N. is a spy or protege for him as he does not come here. Mrs. N. came again the next day trying to placate up for him but I treated him coldly and in treated that. I thought it strange he
could accept the hospitality of folks he still contends are not socially correct morally, etc. We met a great many at an informal entertainment Mrs. Bowzer had that evening, and enjoyed ourselves hugely. But have not laid eyes on Mr. J. yet. He sent an invitation to go carriage riding yesterday for Nan, D. and myself, but I was advised not to accept it, and I thought it a duty to my hostess to defer to her wishes as she is supposed to know people better than I. I did not, but requested my mail to be sent up to me. I have written Mrs. J. to not send any if she has not done so. I guess I'll go from K. B. as much of a stranger as I came here. For I hear he thinks Mr. Fleming reported as I forced him to do, hesitating the very rough conversation he held with him on my account and he has fallen steadily in my estimation. Have met Messrs. Gates & Coles who have made themselves very agreeable. They are teachers in the school. Have written to L. M. B., Mrs. S., and must write to Mr. P. tonight, alas a letter to The Hatchman. Mrs. Bowzer gave an informal reception to me Tuesday eve.
After a whole week of excitement and dissipation in Kansas City, we left this morning for this place and are here. We met many very pleasant acquaintances while there among whom were Messrs. Martin, Nash, Comstock, PERKINS, TOWNER, Edwards, Pittiford, Mr. & Mrs. Dexter, Mr. & Mrs. Blank, Mr. & Mrs. Lucas, Mr. & Mrs. Andrews, Messrs. Jordan, Linnwood, Harney, Groves, and Mrs. Sprague were the among the most prominent we met besides Mrs. B. B. Brown, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Ayette, and several others we knew before coming. Mr. Towner took us the first ride to the city in a carriage, we also visited the cable line engine house and the boats until that day besides a ride on the cable. Next day we went shopping and had our pictures taken. Thursday evening we went to Miss Andrews' in an entertainment, Miss Edy accompanying me and we had a royal time. Received via Mr. Jones forwarded letters from Auntly telling me to come to California, from Charlie sending my pictures, from B. J. Tannen.
Friday evening we went to the literary meeting and heard Mses. Bates, Bower, and Yates debate; from there we went to an entertainment given by Mrs. Sprague and others at Mrs. Robinson's. 

Mr. H. accompanied me and there I met Dr. B. & Mrs. Love from our town. We were introduced to Mrs. J. The same evening, his physical appearance does not prepossess me, and I perfectly abhor him since later development. Mr. H. made an engagement to go with me riding on Saturday but when he came he brought Mr. J. F. & we canceled our selves. Sunday morning brought an inciting note from the eerv... accepting. I cared nothing for his deconvenient conduct as desperate but when he accused me of gross further to say he had heard bad things about me when he was running to Memphis but had believed none of them until now. I was so angry I foamed at the mouth, bit my lips & the realization my imprudence ended in a fit of crying. Epistyle went to church with me that morning & the Episcopal service, and we saw both...
the miserable excuse for manhood. I answered his note declining further intercourse with either on the score of
having discovered that neither were
gentlemen. Mr. Prof. Dance of Indiana
who was enroute for Toronto. He is the
"Otto," about whom Bellie B. saved
a year or two ago. Mr. Blenning took us
out on the most delightful drive we
had while in the city Sunday evening
and we returned to find the house
full of company. We went to church Sun-
day night with Mr. Patton, a friend
of "Benny's" and had a nice time. He
is a perfect gentleman. Monday we
went calling first thing and visited
a dozen houses or more, and found
the people all comfortably situated. We
got home about 1 o'clock, and all lay down
for a snooze. I slept till about four &
than attempted to write but she had
so many interruptions like have only
written the fewest number of letters
since I've been here. I wrote to Mr.
Mayo, Ella R., Charlie, My brother
George & Mr. & Mrs. Hayette. We took our riding
yesterday evening & we had a glorious time but I'm
awfully sore from it today. From there we went
to Mrs. Luce's entertainment, remained till 2
A.M. Came home, went to bed & rose this morn-

ig at 5 D bid Mr. Bowee goodbyes
reflected for his work early. He is a
good quiet sensible, thoroughly good-
est man. I am charmed by his very
simplicity and unpretentiousness.
I told them the whole history of McGee
& Jones' scheming so they may know
the mischief but I would not have
done so had they not convinced the
Governor & I no longer felt honor bound
to tell B. sent a card declaring his
lovecompassion urging me to return.
A number of the goodly residents
of the place were down to see us
off this morning and we were much
affected by their thoughtfulness. We
got here about 10 clock P.M. and have
a splendid boarding place. Went down
from this afternoon to the headquarters
of National Teacher's Associaion to
the Capitol Building and while there
called on Mr. Ebe the present
auditor of the State of Kansas. He
is an mulatto, a polished equable
gentleman and has held the position
four years, Prof. Sampson called on us this
afternoon and left early saying he would bring
some gentlemen later. We bought Dr. Boyd, Prof. Lyle
and a Mr. Cunningham of Indiana whom we
had not met and we went out to the meeting of
the opera house & the Methodist church where the
grand comittee was holding.
Denver, Colorado, July 26th, 1886.  

Had a fine time in Topeka the three days I was there. Met many of the teachers from different parts. Prof. Sampson called on us as soon as he heard of our being in T. I later on he brought Rev. Boyd, Lamping, and Vance to see us. Pau P. I went out with the latter to a speech making at one of the colored churches, but left before it was over. Spent the remainder of the time visiting the capitol building where I saw McCabe, the present auditor of Kansas. He is a very polished gentleman, and the Grand Opera house & hear the different lectures on different subjects. Such crowds and crowds of people. I never saw so many teachers in my life, but none that I knew. I heard of Mr. Weaver but could not find him. About 50 are of our own race. Heste The Watchman & L. M. B. a letter about Kansas & also several cards. I was also called reception the night before I left the place and met many people. Among whom were Mr. Keeling of Naco, Texas, who is wonderful. Impressed me at a session of the N. E. A., by a spontaneous fort.
burst on the subject of The Bible Public Schools. I congratulated him on his speech and spent sometime in convers. As it a quiet modest man, hesitating but expressive in speech. Mr. Giles wanted to go home with me, but as he only did so be- cause Miss C. had other company I refused him. Prof. Vance took me home. Mr. Marcus took me driving through town Friday morning before we left, as that was my 26th, but day of the first time he had so hos- pitalized me I took it as a birth-day gift.

He left Popoka at 1 o'clock that day and traveled all of the afternoon at night and landed in Pue- bilo Col. 2 o'clock Saturday morning. I had to remain all day; at 6 we started again. I got to Colorado Springs where I got my first glimpse of the mountains. Went to Manitou Springs Sunday and spent the day in the mountains, drinking of the different springs. Did not undertake the ascent of the Peak, which is clearly visible from this peak as I had not my chock or was sufficiently wrapped up. Went
back to Colorado Springs that evening and went to bed early and had a good night's rest. Next early next morning and wrote the late City Press a letter before leaving for this place where I arrived at one P.M. and found as much prejudice here as at Memphis almost. Mr. Y. did not come with me as he stayed to go up the Peak but he followed later in the evening. Mr. Mr. Stewart, a lawyer of Pocahontas, said I have the finest practice of any lawyer in the west. He is afflicted with asthma. He is a very entertaining talker, the when well. A great many men I meet in this western country but a few ladies. Mr. Caldwell was ready to propose on the spot almost. While Mr. Y. along letter while on my way here, Dr. Bean has some fine public buildings; the finest and most complete opera house I ever saw. The Tabor; a magnificent court house, over which we were carried by Mr. Hackley one of the finest young men I have ever seen. The High School of the place. Mr. H. was
call tonight but did not stay long. He will call again tomorrow.

San Francisco, Thursday July 29th, 1876.

Have been in this place two days and found people wearing jackets & overcoats and with good reason, for it has been as cold here in this one of our hottest months, as it is in December and March. The situation of the place accounts for that as it is directly on the beach or coast rather of the Pacific Ocean. I have not been to the coast yet and only caught a glimpse of the steam thro' the Golden Gate as I passed across from Oakland on the ferry boat. We yet have only circulat(d around in the city looking at the shops and public buildings and going thru' Chinatown with its thousands of Chinese in all branches of industry. I visited the "Elevator" office yesterday and had quite a talk with the editor who gave me flattering accounts of the negro, and claimed that there were several wealthy colored
men here who drove express to blacked boots. Brunswick and the
York yesterday who gave me such a history of their trials since
they emigrated to this state that I became dependent and have
not been able to shake it off since. He paints Virginia and the
colored inhabitants thereof in anything but glowing colors, and
makes one almost afraid to go there and I heartily regret having
sold my ticket (which I did yesterday for $15). My heart is indeed
heavy and I know not what to do. I can only pray to the Father of
all mercy for guidance and help. Yet if all he says is true, it's
a mystery to one why Aunt P. says she will not return home. For
Aunt P. she has had a burden which was very heavy. I will not
run and leave her alone. As I am so anxious to see her I will leave
tomorrow for there. My journey to this place has been very interesting
the scenery from Denver was beautiful in the extreme, there was
something awful, majestic in the
height of the mountain & solitary grandeur of the peaks. The click led over the mountains at night and did not get the full benefit of our view. The remainder of my 4 days stay in Denver was made very pleasant indeed by Mr. H. who took me out twice, once on the car & once in a buggy. The buggy ride was something to remember as he took me over the whole city consequently the ride lasted nearly 3 hours. Also gave me a picture of himself which is a very good likeness. I like him better than any one I've known so short a while. Met him also at the entertainments I attended the night before I left; he was as kindly courteous as ever & when I bade him goodby he said he hated to see me leave & I can easily believe him, for I know I never hated so badly to bid a stranger goodby. I promised to write & really did leave him a note in Miss Julia's care, thanking him for his kindness to me & returning him some papers he left for my perusal. Travel with-out intermission after leaving Denver
until Salt Lake City was reached at 12 o'clock at night and 2 hours later. We went to a hotel and I spent a fitful remainder of the night on a cot without covering in the pitting room of the place Mr. Y. found accommodation elsewhere. I strolled about the city next day especially to see the Morhons and visited their Tabernacle in the afternoon where I listened to a harangue from one of themselves. Was much impressed with what I saw and was sorry I had to leave before it was over. Left on the 4 o'clock train and came this without stopping elsewhere to this place. As I had intended stopping at Sacramento City. My money was fast giving out so I thought better of it. Had my picture taken yesterday. Don't know if I shall like it, but the negative is good. Visited the Palace Hotel, said to be the largest in the world and has 960 rooms. Went out to the cliff house and had a magnificent view of the ocean and sat for hours gazing out on the billows that broke, break, break, on the cold.
gray stones; and being fascinated with the white foam that looked like milk. The rocks in front of the house were lined with seals that looked like many brown bags as they lay basking in the sunlight. Golden Gate Park, of more than a thousand acres, took up a considerable share of our time—with its broad smooth walk, beautiful flower bed, and conservatory with all manner of plants and flowers. I strolled home & found that I had had a caller but an unknown one, as he left no card and no one could tell to it was. Thoroughly tried out I shall retire as soon as possible. Sent a poem I found in a paper and consider peculiarly applicable to B. T. P. to him without a line but he will know who it is from.

Viealio Cal. Monday Aug. 2nd

Francesco Saturday after seeing my pictures, for this place & traveled all night. Arrived here at daybreak yesterday morning.
found all well and very glad to see me. The children have all grown as tall and Annie & Ida are nearly my height; and look very much like men. I look at them in amazement and find the little sisters of whom I spoke, shooting up into my own world and ripening for similar experiences as my own. A letter was given me from L. W. B. that beat me here. In it he speaks very kindly and declares his intention of going out as far as Denver to seek a competence and seductively seeks to know if he may return for me some time in the future. I wrote to him hurriedly in order to meet the morning's mail and did not enter on the question so broadly as I might have done, but I commented his determination and told him to do something that called forth admiration and respect and the rest would be easy. Write to him, also and, after consultation with aunt P., told him not D. buy the ticket. Poor aunt P! she wants me to stay the year with her anyhow, whether I get any work or not.
I, seeing how carnal she is with hard work and solitude for the children—know she is right & I should help her share the responsibility & God helping me, I will! If is not enough D take them and go right away if I could, but I will stay with her a year. The election of teach ers has not taken place yet in Memphis & all are undecided & I know not whether I'm on the list or not. It's very hot here during the day as different from S.F. I could not make up my mind D stay there after Dr. R's statement. I wished D come & see for myself. Although R offered D board me free until after the grand pa-rade on the 3rd. Also received a letter from Mr. T, who writes very dignifiedly. I don't know what to think of him. He says he always feels as if in a tight jacket when in my presence and wishes D know if I love him & I will live with him. I fear I don't but then I also fear I shall never love anybody.
Wednesday Aug. 4th

[Received] 2 letters & ever so many packages yesterday. Mrs. Bowers sent the group picture and a very kind chatty letter. Mrs. Little wrote a long interesting letter also that quite cheered my drooping spirits. Mr. Cole sent me a letter and the application for a school. I wrote to him sending it back filled out and a letter to Fan I. also one to Mr. Roman asking his advice about staying out here. Washed my clothes yesterday and a weary all day job it was. Rested today & wrote to Mrs. S., Mrs. R., and started an article for the A. M. E. Church Review but made little progress. Wrote a card to Mrs. Y.: changing my mind about the articles in question. Lily brought me a letter from him when she came from the office & he was magnanimous enough to say he missed me more & more every day; also told me of two gentlemen calling & see me Sunday evening.

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Monday Aug 9th, 1886.

Worked very hard all last week and had the usual swelling of the hands and feet that always attends me after a hard day’s manual labor. Received no more letters during the week but wrote to Mrs. S. & Mrs. Turner Friday evening for the first time in a long time. I went walking down the road with the children and was lying with my head in Lily’s lap when her Gates walked up. We spent the evening in animated conversation and it slipped away so quickly. We had a very pleasant time in S. F. I enjoyed the parade. I met several of the people and of course enjoyed the chance of becoming better acquainted. He left next morning but not before coming down and bringing the thing I told him to get & he did as before he received my card. I paid him for them & started down to the depot, but it was so hot & dusty & the people stared so, I gave it up & bade him good-bye at the hotel office. He told me that if he wrote
for me anytime soon I might know he meant business, & to come right away. That assurance comforted me very much for I begin to feel lonely so far away from everything & everybody. Yesterday morning Mr. Hackett's letter was brought me & I eagerly devoured its contents. He writes in the easy, natural manner that he spoke & asks me to remember that "Old" is my public name and not for private correspondence. I answered right away and told him many things. I also answered Mrs. Bowzer's letter & sent her a picture of myself to exhibit alongside the group picture. Have not answered Mr. G's letter yet, but will do so. Sewed a little today & will do more tomorrow. No mail from any source today. Took my first ride here, Saturday evening and enjoyed it immensely. School board at home elects teachers to day & if I am re-elected will return & take Annie, if not both of the children with me; for I've no books, no companionship & have an embargo laid on my riding out with the only one who can take me out. Have not met Butch yet. She called on us last.
Wednesday Aug. 18th, 18

Have just received a letter from Rose, in which she informs me that Harry is dead. As I had not heard from him in some time I was very much shocked. Poor Harry! I wonder if he was prepared to go? I always felt that he had consumption, and was just thinking about him only this week, for the first time in quite a while, and my heart smites me to think what a cruel letter I sent in answer to his last declaration of love for me! A better boy, with kinder intentions, never breathed and when I think of the last time he came to see me two years ago, and declared he was going away to work and that he would come back for me, I grieve that I did not treat him more kindly. I wish I could have seen him before he died, for one short hour. They brought him home a week before he died, and I know he would like to have seen me. May the Lord have mercy on his soul and may I remember to deal more kindly with the unfortunate.
der feelings of those who exhibit them. I always thought a great deal of him, weak and unreliable as he was, for he was the first to help dispel the dark clouds that had settled on my young life, and treated me with the courtesy and delicacy of a true gentle
man, although he knew the whole base slanderous lie that had blackened my life, and offered me his love even while his companions were rehearsing it the lie in his ears.

Gentle, kind and tender as a woman, if he was not of a decided character, I earnestly hope he has gone to rest. Peace to his ashes!

The letter gives me a great deal of news. Mr. Harris is dead & Lee's Act is not expected to live; the School Board as yet have failed to elect teachers. I wonder what they mean by it?

Received a letter also from Mr. Countee in which he informs me that they are unable to employ me regularly as correspondent, which I knew before I can't conceive his object for writing, if that was all he had to com

municate. We could hardly have receiv my postal when he wrote an
I can't fathom his object unless to inform me he doesn't want me to write any more for them. Received and answered a letter from Mr. E. He is jubilant I am fidant of my securing a position there. Informed him of my promise to assist me. Also received a letter from Mr. Walker of Bakersfield who informs me of his house & stock getting burned up. Sent a letter to Mr. G. to meet him when he gets home. I regret more and more every day that I sold my ticket. If I had it, it would not be a hard matter to borrow money to take someone away. Sent a letter to the Gate City Place. Also received a letter from my first letter in it.

**Sunday Aug 22nd:**

Received a letter from "Charlie boy" on the very day I mailed him the pilot (?) of our novel and it has the usual fulmination. I answered immediately and told him of my hesitating between marrying and staying here to raise the children. I know he will be surprised at the tone of that letter. Did very little work last week but must do better next. Went to Dan T. & B.P. today; and told Fran I need one more to come.
Thursday Aug. 26th:—Finished at last I mailed to the A. M. C. Church Review on the 23rd, my article on "Our Young Men," not because I was satisfied with it or thought it worthy publication by reason of the lucid exposition and connected arrangement, but as a trial to get the opinion of others. I never wrote under a great strain, but kept off it until it was finished anyway. I think sometimes I can write a readable article and then again I wonder how I could have been so mistaken in myself. I glance at all my "brilliant" productions fall on my understanding the all power of "dry" accents, however varied the subject and the style is monotonous. I find a paucity of ideas that makes it a labor to write freely and yet what is it that keeps urging me to write notwithstanding all? Messrs. Brown & Graham have about received the letters I wrote them last week. Wrote a letter to Mr. C. asking the loan of one 122
hundred dollars. Received letter from Mrs. Rice, Mr. T. and a card from "Charlie" this week. "Pap" tells me not to think of staying here, till my railroad suit is over then I can come back, that only intensified my desire to go back & I answered immediately telling him what I had done also a card to Mr. Rutherford asking him to find out the price of return tickets. Will take Annie back if no more - that is, if I get the money. Am making a drive for Aunt T. this week.

Wednesday Sept. 1st:— Have receiv-
ed an answer from Dr. A. who informs me the price of tickets at the scalpers is only a little less than usual fare from this place. No letter from L. M. B. yet or Jim H. either. I can't imagine the latter so rude as to fail to answer my letter purposely. I would write again but it would have the appearance of eagerness. Sunday passed in the same dull way. Monday I went a
letter to Mr. Y. & $3.00 subscription to G. C. P. for two persons at this place. Found a letter from him.

Mrs. C. also at the office, both of them assuring me of their assistance in procuring a place in the school. Mrs. Turner wrote also to say she had received my letter & had sold the things for $4. A letter from Mrs. T. T. S. yesterday morning acted like a tonic, it was so new & chatty. I wrote Saturday to Mr. F., telling him to use authoritative measures in regard to my return & see Mr. C. immediately & have him forward me the money. I know not if he will do so but I am very eager to get back home. I have not seen him & yet nor answered his letter. Have made two dresses for my aunt this week & want to do more sewing.

Today witnessed my first essay in story-writing; I have made a beginning. I know not where or when the ending will be. I can see and portray in my mind all the elements of a good story but when I attempt to put it on paper my thoughts dissolve into nonsense.
Saturday Sept 4th

I have finished the dream I was making and answered the 3.11, the 11.30 and the 5.15 letters.

Thursday evening brought a letter from E. M. B. very quiet and very manly in tone, yet a hopeless one so far as love is concerned and signing himself as mine to command & service. He is developing symptoms more to my idea of what became an earnest man and I told him so, as well as that if he succeeded in his new venture in winning my love in the meantime, I would help him prove to the world what love in its purity can accomplish.

Exactly 13 days since I mailed my letter to E. and as I predicted the answer came immediately. I received from him last night the most length letter I've ever gotten from him, containing an outline of our projected novel with which I am not much attracted it is too much on the style of other novels, rather educational. There was also some good advice as to marriage only married by a preface that it

... somewhat on my common sense especially after I had received the advice and I naturally resent that. Have not answered it yet. I wanted about Nov. 1
Last night received a Denver paper from Mr. H., containing an account of his nomination as a representative to the State Legislature, by the Republican party. Hurrah for Edwin! but as he has not answered any letter yet I don't know that I shall write to congratulate him.

Wrote a dramatic article to the P.C.P. almost advising murder! My only plea is the pitch of indignation to which I was carried by reading an article in the home papers concerning a great outrage that recently happened in Jackson, Tenn. A colored woman accused of fencing a white one, was taken from the county jail and stripped naked and hung up in the courthouse yard and her body studded with bullets and left exposed to view! O my God! can such things be and no justice for it? The only evidence being that the stomach of the dead woman contained arsenic and a box of douch on rats was found in this woman's house, who was a cook for the white woman. It may be unwise to express myself so strongly but I cannot help it. I know not if capital may not be made of it against me but I trust in God.
Tuesday Sept. 7th: Earthquakes have been shaking the south-eastern part of the U.S. even twice Tuesday Aug. 31st, and Charleston & C. has been a great sufferer by them; many people have lost their lives & others their houses. Write a letter to Mr. Tipton informing him of my intention to go back & asking what he thought of it. A. said point blank that she will not go back & his not for the hind. Will H. was up yesterday from Bakersfield where he is flourishing & wants every body to come & do likewise.

Received letters from Pan. T. & B. F. P. last night & answered both today; to the latter I related my dream concerning him & myself & that in my quandary I was almost tempted to write to him & ask him to save me from myself. Pan. tells me George is thinking of marrying & was very impudent to her, I earnestly hope he will get over this season of infatuation safely & do nothing to his own or any one else's discredit.
Thursday Sept. 9th.

How much can be compassed in twelve hours! The fact I have been very stormy ones with me. At breakfast yesterday morning B. brought me a card from Prof. B. and a paper from Prof. T. both apprising me of the result of the election. After knowing for certain I was elected I went up town & telegraphed to Mr. Y. to lead me $55. I send immediately. I also saw Mr. G., one of the School Board at this place, and asked for the certificate I had sent in with my application. He promised to hunt it up and send me. I came home jubilant with the idea of soon again meeting friends. Wrote a card to Prof. B. telling him I'd leave here on 15th, & for her to wait for me. After sending it a card was brought to me from Mr. Murphy, school superintendent, & the result of his visit was an offer of the school here to begin Monday & teach until the examination for nothing if I passed examination to get the last month & compensate me for
the months I received nothing. He offered all the advantages possible to his eagerness to secure me backed with my aunt's importance. This made me yield, tho' very reluctantly. He had the contract drawn up and signed and delivered to me by three o'clock. It was all done so swiftly there was no time to think & when I realized it all I shed bitter tears of disappointment; but my calmer second judgement coming to the scene I see it will be a better money plan than if I go home. I'll have no board to pay for the children, nor myself till after Christmas, & I'll have over $800 clear to take home; for I am determined to go to that railroad exit, if I come back, I see all that but don't like to acknowledge it & have been very slow in doing so. Write to Mrs. F. Today telling him all about it & sending a petition for leave of absence, by him, to the board.

Received the answering telegram from Mr. Y. today, responding promptly by my request. Bless him, Mr. F. write & give the letter tonight. I don't feel like.
Sunday Sept. 12th:— Have had another
fit of indigestion about staying
but I believe I have entirely recover
ed now and will send the let
ters announcing my determination
to Miss B. & Mr. Hawkes. That I wrote
to mail yesterday but did not. I
sent Mr. H. my picture also. In
my note to F.J.B. a card acceding my deere
about leaving here 15th, & one to B. & M.
apprising him of later developments. I
know Mr. H. will be disappointed but
I can't help that. I feel more &
more that my first duty is to my
city & my aunt who have helped
me when I had no other helper,
and I will stay this year if it
were ten times more unprofitable
than it is and whatever per
sonal cost to myself. Once this made
up my mind, I will have little dif
ficulty in adhering to my flat.
I will begin school tomorrow and not
be so ungrateful for the well wishes
that come to me on every hand. Re
ceived a letter from Mr. H. written the
day after mine of congratulation
of him. He is profuse in apologis
and frankly acknowledge his fault, with the one excuse of politics & office. I excuse him as requested, but his apparent sluggishness has cooled my ardor and taught me a lesson to make haste slowly. Shall wait for a return of the answer to mine of the 4th, which he will send & we and I will receive in about two weeks from now. Are I answer this & then very coolly. It is a good letter tho'. "Mr. Smith" informed me of L. M. B.'s leave for K. C. & settle & practice; it also contained a clipping from Washington, D. C., Advocate reverting to my being in the west & drawing conclusions thereby because D. had made known his intention of coming west & closing with a wish for us to live long & prosperous. His reply was just below & was intended as a rebuke. He also sent me the Advocate itself that I might see the original & write our. I'm address at the top. He need not have bothered himself to do that as I shall take note of the earliest notice of the cus. He would be
only too happy to have me do so.

I regret so much writing that last letter to B. P. P. What must he think of me? I gave way to a transitory morbid state of feeling and let my pen run riot. I shall occupy my mind with other things and let that matter that had occupied so much of my time rest in the hands of Providence.

I wrote to George today as this is the occasion of his birthday. I gave him a good plain talk on the subject of marriage. I hope it may do him some good. I wrote also to Mr. Taylor and then answered Mr. Walker's letter.

I must get to bed as school begins tomorrow. God grant I may prosper and be led by His Hand.

Tuesday Sept. 14th:

Letter from Japs: F.

Mrs. and Mrs. Bowes yesterday after all my resolutions and on the former assurance that Mr. B. had sent the money, I made up my mind again to throw up the school and come home. I went on seeing Mr. M. & resigning. Found Mr. R. here and we pleasantly while
away the evening in earnest converse. Britie is lower than I imag-ined and looks older and more settled. Her face, except when lighted up in conversation is hard. She has a slight drawl to her voice, and her con-
tinuous isolation has given her a more precise manner than she would otherwise have; also an unconscious tone of superiority and pride in a fact she often repeats of living within herself and on her own resources. Her remark that it was too often the case that people could not do so, following my remarks of dissatisfaction and isolation con-
ed somewhat of a rebuke to me. Her advice, "Do the duty that lies nearest," and a seed let fall now and then about my aunt's working so hard had the desired effect of reconciling me to my lot. I came home almost determined to stay & take the chances. Aunt F. talked very deter-
minedly telling me to go & what she would never do again and then turned about and cried half the night & all the morning. I knew I owe her a debt of gratitude, but
she makes it as burdensome for me as to make it very distasteful for her. Forced acts of gratitude are not very sincere, I should say. I thought I had exercised the demon of virtue and disinterest, but two telegrams from Moore C. & Y. were brought me informing me of my election there that forced me with full forces again. After a final conflict with myself I sent another telegram thanking them a thousand times but resigning and telling him it was impossible for me to come. I wrote a letter tonight explaining but will my explanation be acceptable? I know not if I will ever have another chance yet I try not to be rebellious but extract consolation out of the thought that My Heavenly Father will reward and bless me for doing what is right and just. And if I did nothing, sacrificed nothing, in return for all that has been done for me, I could not expect big blessing and recompense. Help me to bring success to my efforts. I pray.
Memphis, Tenn.

Oct. 2nd, 1886,

Nearly a month since I wrote in my diary and despite all my profes-
sions of resignation in the last entry I am back in Memphis
again. I taught four days in Vi-
calia and received the remittance
from both Means Church & yost.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, I determi-
ned to come home & telegraphed for
M. Jeff that effect; I told him if too
late for K. E. would come on to
K. E. Left that night & the mistake
was brought around by Los An-
gelos, Tucson, Ariz., & El Paso, Tex.
across to North North, up this In-
dian T. & Kansas to the city of
Kansas where I arrived with
more than an hour's stop. Tuesday
morning, 21st inst, I saw there was
a spirit of constraint visible & of
course was constrained myself.
I learned also that Jones & Co.
foiled in all their efforts, angered
that others succeeded in doing
what they offered to do—had publis-
ed a card in the papers calling
a mass meeting of the citizens to protect against the employment of imported teachers at the exclusion of home talent. I immediately declared off and proclaimed my intention of coming one, but Messrs. B & Y would not hear of it, and urged me to pay no attention to it, but go on & teach next day as my room was waiting for me. I yielded & went but my extreme sensibilities caused me to determine to come home & I told Mr. B. as that night. He was very angry & that grieved me because I did not want him to be, or to think I was ungrateful but I saw him no more that night. Mr. B came in shortly and he undertook to persuade me, but I was firm & he was in high dudgeon about it. He took one of my pictures. I had told Mr. Bailey, the principal that I would not return the next day so I occupied myself packing my trunk. Mr. B. came home about 10 o'clock and remained all the morning pleading but nothing he said moved me. Mr. B. came home at noon & we talked
and parted in a better frame of mind.
Mr. C. stood by me till the last
and was the last person I saw
as I left, but I breathed freer
after it was all over & I turned
my face to the only home I know.
I arrived here next day at 4 o'clock & found the people all unac-
tivated on account of Mr. Matthews' death.
I was at the teachers meeting next
day & assigned to Clay St. build-
ing. Mr. C. informed me that a
letter was sent to him to get in
formation concerning our moral
status as it was there rumored
that we had been dismissed for
immoral conduct here. Paul J.
write it also one to Mr. Sampson in
the same strain. I had not expected
anything like that & it angered me
somewhat. I have sent a letter to Mr.
B. telling him I would like to know
if there was such a rumour at
that, I might know if the
R.C. people would attempt to blacken
the reputation of those who dared
to oppose among them. Have
written also letters to Gates & Coles only
in R.C. Found letters from Greece

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Hackley, Morris, B. P. T., Miss Sances &
travel answered all but the next to
the last. Mr. & Mrs. Simmons, Pres. of
East Press Convention and became
home with me; he wheeled a picture out of me & a picture
promised to write for him. He is very
lively & jolly. Have been at work
all the week with 75 pupils. Had
three callers this week, Misses Jack-
on, Graham, and a Prof. Wilson
of Ohio. I was here Thursday night
& was disappointed in me; he
thinks I've lost my heart to some
one else and writes today to
tell me he is afraid such is the
case. Saw Mary L's mother to
day & she says the first thing H.
said was to ask where I was.
O, I wish I could have seen him.
Hannie H. came to see me yesterday
& she will be married in two weeks
& invited me to the wedding. Re-
cived an invitation from
Brookley's carriage which takes
place next week after next also.
Have nothing to add. Have spent
several dollars this week. Owe brother
$4.38 to Williams. 85.
Tuesday Oct. 12th, 1895

Mr. Mosely marries tonight. Have received several press comments and a very flattering notice in Mr. Simmons' paper. I sent him the article. Mr. I returned to me the roughs to print it in full. The Editor of The Indianapolis World wants to engage me as a free contributor to his paper, also to engage in correspondence. My experience with D. G. & co., has been of such a nature I hesitate about it. They have written letters to others besides Capt. G. and even sent a forgery to get evidence to convict me of immorality. Mr. B. advises me to keep cool but when he tells me that I have circulated the report that Lily is my child, instead of my sister, I could not help getting furiously angry, but have controlled my anger. Received 3 letters from the same place, of the same date and at the same time. L. M. B. wants to know why I have not written. Answered today. Annie H. married tomorrow night but live nothing to give her. I am not able. Dr. told me I had catarrh. I must attend to that. Stella will
marry next month & wants me to wait on her but I fear I'll not be able. Sent him a short, unsatisfactory note in which I told him my feelings to the best of my ability of him since. I told him he wanted to send a message by her, but she thought she would not see me. It was to the effect that he could not go to the wedding tomorrow night. He ought to have sent me word sooner.

Wednesday Oct. 20th:

It rained so I could not go to Fannie's marriage but I sent her a pair of shoes costing $1.60. wrote to Aunt H. who has heard something I should say about the children & has not writing Mrs. R., my old friend J. T. John-son, D. L. Overall, J. D. B., and a note to J. J. E. asking to be excused from going to the wedding the day after the wedding was over. Mr. E. changed me to his 3 yesterday and I've had a tough time with tough uplift ever since.

The right unit of the right side of the letter on the Knights of Labor demonstration at Richmond Va. but have misplaced it. Wrote
one to the Scintillator concerning the theatre here & it is published in this afternoon's paper. Mr.
C. was married very unexpectedly last week. I wish him joy. Have done no sewing yet this week. A letter from L. M. B.
was answered this morning, also one to Mr. G. & a card to Mrs. S. Monroe. Have received neither of
my papers this week. I went home with me from F. H. Sunday evening and stayed & talked a long while. George was in to see me Sunday & seemed somewhat constrained in his manner. I earnestly hope he is not thinking seriously of marrying.

Sunday Oct 31st:

Letters from L. S. M. - J. G. G. -
J. A. A. - C. H. S. - Mrs. T. F. - L. S. B. -
D. Taylor - J. D. B. - and have answered none. Mr. Johnson called last week & we spent a very enjoyable evening. He is editor of the Evening Star. Posted a letter to the Scintillator concerning the theatre which they published & the Free Lance published.

Tried for apples this morning, went to City Chapel this afternoon from three to five o'clock.
Sunday Nov. 7th: Few letters last week. An
swered Mr. A's, E.B. N's during the week.
Wrote to bent F. L. I. B. R. T. C. and
New J. S. tonight. The last published
my article "Our Young Men" last
week - wrote for several copies. Sent
$1.50 for the "Gattonian" & 50 cts. to
the C. S. L. C. for membership yesterday.
Broke my $10. to pay for my
hat & get some other things yesterday.
Bought $6. of lace to go on my
dress last week & will have to pay
about $4. to get it made over besides
shirts, gloves etc - such a scrawny
but it must be done, I suppose. Bought
L. $1.35 worth of books last week also.
Met Mr. Collier yesterday he advised me to
study up & get a principal's certificate
which he would give me a school. I believe its
worth the trip. Am going to studying in
real earnest after this is all over.
I kept expecting Rev. Johnson back
but conference has sent him to Clark-
sville. I wonder when I'll get my scrap-
book. I had begun to hope to hear
from or see him often; he is delight-
ful company. Heard George was going to
marry B. P.'s daughter so wrote him an un-
usual letter & hope in reply he did not ask me
who the wife was.
Sunday Nov. 15th:

No letter from H., yet I think he is defeated by what I can get from this paper.

Have not written to C. yet. Will send some next week. Received letters from Mr. Johnson, J. M. B., and J. S.

Mr. Lawson and others. The Lyceum was interesting last Friday evening if there were only a few of us. Ripped up my blue silk dress and took it to the dressmaker to make over this week. Bought Lily a pair of shoes $2.50. Received a card from Miss Scobell notifying me my octs had been received, but no communication yet from the paper. Books will cost seven dollars. Mr. S. sent me 4 copies of the paper, Luce says two of his own & two of something that had a sketch of his life. So far work is progressing pleasantly. To Cong. Church this morning & Miss Hill's to dinner, home late this afternoon. Letter writing tonight.
Sunday Nov. 28th:— Two weeks since I have written & yet I was home all day last Sabbath, for it rained the whole day. I was occupied reading "Kenzie" by Bulwer Lytton. It is a fine book, finished it some time during the week. All of the author's verses are learned, superstitious men at least— all the rest. I had no calls at all last Sabbath. Nothing of interest to write of the week before except a misunderstanding that occurred at the hurricane, at which I was very indignant. The School Board paid me for Sept. & Oct. Saturday Oct. Nov. 20. $70 was my share. After paying Schenker $12 — S. G. — P. W. — S. B. — V. L. — J. D. — I. B. — I. D. Hawkins $2. — J. Dr. Burchell $1. I had very little left to put in the bank or send for books. Have not sent for them yet but must next week. Received a letter from the Chequangan Headquarters but no other yet. Letter from Mr. J. who was then at Clarksville instead of Ohio, which was answered immediately also.
one from T. M. T. who wrote me, because I had called him, in my letter, "Mr. Brown" instead of "Mr. Smith" or "Mr. Black," as I was wont. He writes about friendship when he didn't need it, and friendship when he did need it, and hastens to decline to do several things before they were asked of him. At first I was angry that so slight a thing would call for such zeal and was for sending him a cutting letter in return, but on reflection I did not. At least I should not call it one. But I manifested my displeasure by sending him a half-sheet in return and told him I did not need to defend myself against the silly accusation of turning my back on a friend simply because he was down in the world, had changed his occupation, and therefore could not at this time make an assurance one way or the other, but closed by telling him to be a man, a strong, liberal-minded man, or be none at all. I have no answer to it as yet. I suppose he is angry. Took a short
letter to B. S. N., asking for my picture. Received letters this week from Dr. A. B. S. N., who thinks of coming here Christmas, Mr. J., who will be in the city today & expects me to furnish him a paying audience & lecture Dec. 27th. Friday evening, according to a rash promise of mine. The editor of the Indianapolis World has at last decided on the remuneration I shall receive for the article I sent him & gives me a year's subscription to his paper, sending me the receipt for one after placing my name on his roll book as an honorary subscriber! Cheeky, that! Last but anything thing else but least of all, Mr. Hackley's letter came to hand Thanksgiving Day. He enlarges on the cause of his defeat & draws valuable lessons therefrom. Visited Miss Rosa Sheppard Thanksgiving also went to the Stranger Church & heard a good sermon & witnessed practical evidence of white folks' Christianity, in the haste with which they passed us by when choosing a seat. Wednesday evening was the day of days, the night of
Horrie & Stella's marriage. The church was crowded & the house was packed, and the presents were many & beautiful. There were three bridesmaids each, of which I was the first. Everybody said we looked sweet & I guess we did. The bride was simply lovely. Friday evening found me at home early to work on the "Star" & I found a letter from H. J. J. awaiting me, informing me of his coming & urging me to secure the audience for him for the following Friday evening. I did so, but the notice was too short to charge any admission. Saturday I did not go out of the house all day but stayed home & finished my dress. Sunday I wrote to Mr. H. & then went again to see Miss Sheppard where I met Mr. H. Alice. From there I went to Stella's & remained all the afternoon. Had a pleasant time. Came home early & found the elder awaiting me. Quite the impulse of the moment & simply...
bowed & passed thro', but recollecting myself I went back and shook hands with the gentleman. He went to Harris' from there, went to church at Providence where he preached a very good impromptu sermon. He will come tomorrow night to take me to the lecture at Beale St.

Saturday Dec. 4th:

Found a letter from "Charlie boy" when I came home Monday evening. He failed not to express himself & say waiting a month before answering him & supposed that I have a more interesting correspondent I have grown indifferent to writing to him or I have allowed my "love of repose" to get the better of me too much for my own good or the happiness of my friends. I answered two days later & told him my delay was intentional & why it was so, but sent him a good long letter. I don't imagine he prise very much as he hardly had time. I concluded when he wrote that half sheet, that if he had twice to write etc., he certainly had twice to write me a decent letter. Went to the lecture from

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day evening I was highly entertained and enthusiastic. I never was so touched for Africa before, as when he pictured the thousands bleeding and dying in ignorance and sin, their eagerness for the gospel, and susceptibility to learning. Mr. J. proposed that I join with him in the editing of a book and outlined his plan.

I gave him no satisfactory answer but he grew warm enough to express himself as to what he would do. In case I did not. I was surprised to think he would suppose such a course would have any effect with me. I answered him coldly in consequence of his tenderness in thus addressing me. I worked all Monday afternoon for his lecture and was told by Prof. Sampson Wednesday morning that the gentleman would leave that night. I immediately replied that if he did, I would never speak to or recognize him again. The same evening and brought the African lecturer, J. D. Johnson, but I noticed that he was singularly retentive and brief in his replies and surprised that Mr. J. had told
him what I had said, which was true as I found out. He concluded to remain and left to attend a lecture of his own. Next day in Mr. J's office he showed me a portion of a letter that greatly excited my curiosity, but he would not satisfy it. He then stated that I call a concourse of the members together and get them to agree on what they would give.

I told him that he had been considered all the week we had not formulated any arrangements, & consequently must be content with whatever was given.

It was all a failure, tho, for it began to snow in the afternoon & continued so that when we started out, there were fully 6 inches deep. Of course nobody was there & after waiting a while returned home. He was disgusted & silent, I was cold & my mittens & trentities decidedly uncomfortable from contact with the snow. His visit has been something of a disap-pointment to me, for everything seems to have gone away this week. I have not been happy in my expressions & several awkward things have transpired & I know he goes away with a greatly modified opinion of my wo
many equiparce & dignity; even my last speech was an ambiguous one. Received a card from editor of C.S. L. informing me, my book had not been received, but sent.

Sir, the two numbers previous. The money is lost, I know and all for my stupidity. I might have known it. My brother Jim came to see me Wednesday & talked fully and freely with me; he has been roaming around & has been following a passion for gaming. I talked long and earnestly with him & begged him to promise to quit. He said he would consider it. I told him of the depths to which he would sink & when he said the passion would never get such a mastery of him, I told him to promise to quit & let that the adherence or the struggle be the test of the power it had already acquired over him; & he might judge of the future from that. O God, hear my prayer & help my way-diring boy to come back to the innocence of his childhood!
Let me be a useful instrument in thy hand to reclaim him! I have thought of prevailing on him to stay here & help me with my project to start a chicken farm, & for us to go housekeeping. He went out to see George & find out about him & his marrying, & promised to return yesterday, but it turned so bitter by cold, I guess he concluded to stay. Snow everywhere—an unusual sight for us before Christmas. I do hope he will return.

Letter from Annie & aunt Fannie. Have written to Dr. S. — Mr. J. — Charley Brown & Stone, publishers (for my books.)

Mr. Little remained up town until 12 o'clock last night & tells me this morning that Gen. Turner, editor of the Sentinel, made one of the most eloquent pleas in behalf & defense of respectable colored people he ever listened to; that he declared it was not now or at any time, that colored women were harlots etc., that there were as many decent among them as among their own race; that there were some who were disgrace to their race, but that the white race had no room to talk the same language of them.
Tuesday Dec. 21, — Over two weeks since I wrote! I do not like to be so long as I am sure to forget something, but it seems I cannot help it. I must to stay be marriage. Dec. 24 I received a severe shock of fright by the floor of the room I was in falling. Mr. T. came for me in a hack, but I was gone; he brought me home that Jim returned with George & they both went to Millington; he says there is nothing of George's marrying. They have concluded to make a crost up there this year & by that time I hope to be able to start my project. Received a letter last week from Mr. J. He was then in Baltimore, had waited two weeks before he wrote in accordance with my request. He is in Chattanooga 4 days & showed my picture to Prof. W. Asked I was getting on with my work, etc., etc. I answered immediately so he might not depend on me, to let him know I could not do as he asked me & telling him I was seriously offended at his showing the picture (which, by the way, he had without my consent as Mrs. Tette was so willing to let him have it).
has been time to answer but the
has failed to do so. I know not what
influence he left with Prof. A. And when he
told me they discussed me, my blood was
fire. That reminds me of another picture
episode. I took the picture I observed Dr. B. from
his album the night of the wedding & he
say'd I did so because I was jealous of the
end & I gave him a piece of my mind
concerning as an untruthful & ungentlemanly
a trick & he denied it every bit. the
soft cake is Received the first of the series
of books from Brainard & Howe also the
Dec. No. of Chautauquan. Am not
keeping up as I could wish but will
resume after Christmas. Have concluded
negotiations with Dimeous touching
the ticket for the convention. I am to
write short twice a month articles for
him exclusively until August & the
price of my ticket will be forthcoming.
The world sends me 1 & 2 years subscrip-
tion & the world as pay for my article.
I sent them to Jim, I will write no
more for them. They write & ask a
communication for Christmas but they
will not get it. I may write them some-
thing for New Year's. Jim says it
takes time to break up a habit that has
been forming for years, signs himself "your wild & reckless brother." It is a good hopeful letter. Received my pictures & a long letter from Charlie Friday, & answered Saturday. My letter had a motherly tone that I suspect he will not like. Received a short note from Mr. Hackley also, who only wrote in answer to my inquiries concerning Mr. Humbert (who is dead, poor man) & yesterday brought me a fuller missing till answer soon. All of last week was occupied in soliciting money from the Bryceum to get something for Mrs. B. The pin I got her cost 75, all of which I collected but 75 cts, which I paid myself. The presentation was made in good style, I think. Her sister was present & addressed me. Went out with Sam & Mr. F. I look at some property Sunday afternoon, & to church with the same young lady & her brother, the younger F. That might have told we will get no money this Christmas. J. M. B. has a letter in this week's World. He doesn't write & see any more.

Mr. Carr came out to call tonight & we spent an enjoyable evening together. He promises me a Christmas gift.
Tuesday Dec. 28th:

Christmas has come & gone & brought with it the good cheer incident thereto. I have had a good time but the pleasure has not been wholly unalloyed. I have heard things that causes the iron to enter my soul but I must learn to bear them & meet them in a more unmov't manner & be more calm & philosophical. I rejoice in good health & fair prospects. Received a which boughm, an photograph album from my brother G., a box of paper from Mrs. C. Today's mail brought me a beautifull autograph album from Mr. J. & I am expecting a book from L. F. B. My expectations of Christmas will have been fulfilled. I gave Mrs. T. 1.00 for Page the same, Mrs. M. a handkerchief & Susie a pair of stockings, George a pair of gloves. Received a letter from California Friday Dec. 24th, with a chief mail gift of $3.00 for Lily. Received a month's pay the same day. I paid Mrs. S. $25, Mrs. A. $2, and put $50 in the Union & Planters Bank. Will send Aunt A. $5 for her things. Had Miss B. here & supper that evening & we went to the Christmas tree. W. X. D.
Episcopal Church service Christmas morning. Was on the go all day.
Mr. Mosby called in the evening afterward. Mr. A. & I went to Collins C. to a Christmas service. I had a splendid time. Monday went to church, remained till 8. S. went from there to Miss D. & D dinner, came home, then went to the Knights of Labor to hear Mrs. Side Merrickweather speak. It was a noble effort. Mr. Alexander accompanied me. I like him very much. Remained home all day Monday scribbling. Monday evening Mr. A. & myself went to call on Miss Baker & spent a very pleasant time. From what he tells me, I believe him to be a sincere friend of mine. I must try & curb myself more, and not be so indifferent to the young men, they feel it, & resent it. I will find less business in town. I be more careful than I have, so I may give no cause whatever for uncharitable remarks. Wrote to Mr. A. I mailed the letter today. He is going this the north. Wrote a letter for the American Baptist.
Monday Jan. 3, 1887:

The new year is three days old ere I find time to make entries concerning its arrival. Me & I had intended doing many things & paying much less calls last week but the pavements kept so glossy the greater part of it, that we were afraid to venture. So the week passed & we went nowhere but to Florence's marriage Wednesday night. Messrs. Carr & Mann were the only callers I had. Received letters from L. M. B. & Dr. S. The former in response to my card, the latter sending money, contract, etc. & our contract is sealed, for I returned the contract signed & began & early out his instructions immediately for I called his attention to his manner of signing his name "Rev. Mr. J. Simons D.D." as being superfluous. Don't know how he will take it.

Answered L. M. B. very stiffly requesting my picture. Was at Cong. Church yesterday & took sacrament. While there I reviewed my first year of experience & I am so overwhelmed with the little
I have done for one who has done so much for me, & I resolved to connect myself with the S. S. forthwith & work for the Master. I think I shall ask for a class of youths & see if I can not influence them in a small degree to think on better things. The Bible & its truths are dealt with too slipshodly & suit me. God help me to try. I shall begin this year with that determination, so that another year may find me with more & offer the master in the way of good works. God help me to be a Christian! So conduct myself in my intercourse with the unconverted. Let it be an ever present theme with me, & help me to better control my temper! Bless me for this evening year; let me feel that Thou art with me in all my struggles. May I be a better Christian with more of the strength to overcome the weakness & humility that becometh a follower of Thee. Pray for my brother also & Mr. Johnson thanking him for the beautiful autograph he sent me, for Christmas.
Tuesday Jan. 18th:

Received an answer from Mr. J. B. D. proving him to be in the right & I in the wrong. Have written two letters for him already & two for the Watchman here to which he has objected as being a violation of our contract. The Freeman & L. C. Stilley & Dr. Way copied my letter to the Sincitar, the first named & the De. But Plaindealer have an extract from the Watchman letter relating to the k. of l. Wrote nothing last week as I was sick all day Sat. & spend the second Saturday part of Sunday at Woodstock with friends. Mr. Harrison came to the school to hunt me up the week previous & I promised to go then & I did for the first time in nearly 8 years. Hunted with Mrs. P. & got her husband to promise to send their daughter in school. He was here last week & says he will bring her Monday. I am glad of it. Promised Mr. B. to go to the theatre with him & went but I felt like a guilty thing for breaking my word. The play was Monte Cristo.
Found a letter from Mr. W. awaiting me one Sunday a week ago, & very interesting it was. I answered immediately. He has been having a gay time in Erie. No letter from Charlie yet. A short letter from J. F. requesting his M. S. sent Saturday. Mr. J. wrote to know when I can come to B. Read a paper at the Institute Friday entitled "What Back We Yet?" Friday night we went to hear Bishop S. speak. Mr. Woodford came home with me. Mrs. Rickman has given me a tempting invitation to accompany her home this summer, but alas! I cannot, on Lily's account. I like not the idea of sending her away from me to strangers at that. No, that will have to go as many other such offers have done. I cannot accept it. I will teach this summer. She is a good woman, and I feel as near to her as to a mother. Saturday I received a letter that had I got it 6 months ago I would have been better off in Pueblo than I am if not experience. The letter Aunt J. wrote just before I left for California advising one not to come. There it has been all these months, it hard. I say.
Sunday. I'm still weak, I went to Avery Chapel S.S. & organized a class of young men or rather youths, just emerging into manhood. I talked to them & got them to say they would come every Sunday. I am so thankful & more than delighted with my success, so far & pray for it & continue. But I seem to be a failure as far as my own brother is concerned, for I speak harshly or indifferently & impulsively to him before I think of the consequences. I can get along well enough with others, but am too hasty & impatient with my own. God help me be more careful & watchful over my manners & bearing toward him. Let not my own brother perish while I am laboring to save others! Have heard nothing from Jim since I wrote him last. A member of prayers & a letter from J. S. yesterday. A letter & my little picture from last week from L. M. B. He gratuitously declined to do many things that were not asked of him as well as refused & sent my other picture. He here is a repetition of the same old preconceived notions of friendship. I'll deal with the silent testament of silence.
Tuesday Jan 25th:— The week passed swiftly & pleasantly if not profitably. Wednesday evening Mr. M. came over & we went to hunt wife home where we found at Miss J's, to go with us to Miss B's. We went but she was gone to the theatre. Returned to Miss J's & snatched a snare of it. Thursday evening Miss J & Mrs. Carr called & spent the evening agreeably. Friday remained at the Institute till late but went nowhere that night. Received a letter from Dr. Yates giving him a good cordial for waiting so long. Due to Prof. Johnson whom to Eli. Received letters from Mr. J. T. Aunt & Sunday. Went to every S. I. had a class of eleven; surname is Excelsior.

Tuesday Feb. 1st:—

Expected to attend a party given last week but my escort did not come. He not only did not come but has told others that I wrote his name on the invitation & intended submitting it to an expert to decide if it was my handwriting.

I spoke to him about it this morning.
and he acknowledged that he said
some of it. I thanked him that he had
so early shown me my mistake in sup-
posing him a high-minded gentleman
who could discriminate between the fake
and the true & would scorn to lend him-
self to wrong and injustice. I feel so
disappointed in them all! He made
no excuse last week & I asked for none.
Thursday eve, Sam & Jim came by
& played parcheesi till late. Friday
was occupied in finishing the exam-
inations. A letter from Mrs. C. That even-
ing wishing to engage me on the
Dispatch staff. Dickie D. was
married Thursday of last week. I am
the only lady teacher left in the building
who is unmarried. Letter from N.N. J.
Saturday. Went out to Mrs. Hill's &
stayed all night. Saturday I came
to church next day. Went to Avery Chap-
el S.B. after church & had three mem-
bers in a class! I hope for the best
this. An account in last week's Sein-
stor of a woman who married a
white man's face to a jelly that was
trying to enter her house. She & her
husband in the attempt. He was so bad
ly hurt he died in a few moments.
Note to Minnie C. P., N. N. J. and C. G.
Write to Mr. P. in answer to a letter I received from him yesterday wishing to know if I was married declaring how he was affected by it conjuring me to tell him by memory of what he had been if it were true.

I sent a few lines merely stating that if he desired my happiness to come home & help make me happy. I know not what he will think of it but I feel singularly lonely despondent and wrote on the spur of the moment. Stayed at Mrs. Hill's 2 & I, last Saturday night I came to church Sunday morning. Had no caller in the afternoon in the person of Mr. Dunlap, who took me to church that night at the song.

Wednesday Feb. 8th:

Another week has slipped away & I've done nothing. Interest has been & is still centered in the Peduria case that has brought forth some shocking developments concerning the morals of high life. A silly woman forgot her marriage vows for an equally scatterbrained boy, who boasted of his conquest in Nash-

ville, St. Louis, Marianna as well as
here, as a result he lost his life. The brother of the woman taking this revenge on him. It seems awful to take human life but hardly more so than to take a woman's reputation & make it the jest & byword of the street; in view of these things, if he really did them, one is strongly tempted to say his willing was justified.

Letters from Misses Simmons & Backley who was in X. B. at the time answered yesterday. Went to church at the eleventh hour yesterday; from there to Avery & S. D. and of my classes came back again. My Sabbath evening caller was Mr. & Mrs. Henderson, Messrs. Lee & Phillips, Fair & Jinn, who wanted me to go to church.

Mr. C. was out Friday & made arrangements that we go & see Booth play Richelieu. But I am afraid we waited too long to get the tickets & thus we were crowded out. Mr. Mann promised to see what he could do & let me know last evening but he came not. Mr. Settle is sick with pneumonia & Lily has stayed with him while we were at school. I'm going to speak to Miss B. about her next payday.

Letters from Eli & Nathan.
Monday July 17th.

Wednesday evening went up to Paris & spent a pleasant evening in company with Mr. C. W. Thompson playing parchesi. Thursday night Mr. C. sent a note to say he could not get the tickets but would go to the Odd-fellows entertainment. I was much disappointed but I went to the latter place with him, & spent a miserable evening there. Went to Mr. Bowers & Mrs. T. L. Brown's congratulating them on his success. Next night Friday I went in company with Miss Baker & her cousin & see Booth play & Hamlet. It was a superb rendition & at the first time I saw either the man or the play I could form no comparison between other actors & the greatest living actor. I saw him also the next night in company with Miss F. J. L. & Mrs. Trauman, play Iago. I do not like that near as well as the former. There was an incongruity as well as an ordinarieness about it that showed little if any of his genius. Came home thoroughly done up as I was out all the night before. Miss Baker, Miss Ford, Turner, Jackson & myself went out to Paris after the theatre Friday night.
as we expected to leave the next night and spend the rest of the night in fun and games. Enjoyed myself nicely but have felt very badly ever since from its effects. A caller Friday at school, Mr. Balay by name, with an introductory letter from Dr. Hun. J. B. He was at X X X Sunday and accompanied me home. He spent the afternoon in pleasing converse. I was loath to see him leave. Had my class as usual and tried in my feeble way to talk to them. I earnestly pray for faith, wisdom and patience to accomplish what I have undertaken. Let my work prosper in thy hands, my Father. Let me not trust in myself, nor forget the lessons of humility Thou hast taught. Bless me in all undertaking, my Father. I guard my tongue from evil. Answer to my need, letter to B. F. P. today & he asks if his coming will really contribute to my happiness. I know not what to write; he seems so surprised at my writing as I had not forgotten him. Shall write & ask him to forget & send me back these letters. Letter also from Aug. 4. Note to B. F. in this day.
Sunday Feb. 20th, 18__

Letter from J. A. of New York City in answer to mine of congratulations; he presumed to familiarity. Did not answer. Wednesday evening went to Bettie B's funeral & that night to the wedding of Miss L. Friday: Thursday morning I went down town came to see me at school & brought me a ticket. Friday the suggestion entered my head to get up a storm party among the teachers & I believe it will be a success.

School Board paid for two months yesterday. I also drew out $20 from the bank in order that I might pay Mr. Church & have enough to foot my other bills at 20. Bright: L. a pair of shoes $3.00. Paid Menken $5.00, Miss J. $2.00. The next belong to Mr. B. I regret it but it is not to be helped now. If I could only take that money as my own.

Went to have gone to Le Moyne last night to practice a drama in which I have taken part, but I had no one to go with, so went off to Frau's & stayed all night. Mr. Hunter came after I had gone, but they did not tell him.
where I was. Miss B.'s word there will be a rehearsal tomorrow night. I'll guess I'll have to go. went over to Mrs. H.'s this morning and met friendly there. She looks very badly. I fear she will go into consumption. Came from there to S. S. had 10 in the class. Our collection was 60 cts. Mr. Dardie Jr. walked home with me and read me a severe lecture on going to the theatre; he showed me how his father, Prof. Thompson, Mr. Greenlee, Mr. Selby, mon. Dr. Burchett, etc. regarded it. That he now considered that I was one who failed to practice as I preached. I regretted it more than I can say all along, but not so keenly did I see the wrong, or think of the influence my example would exert until then. I had not placed so high an estimate on myself. He certainly gave me food for thought and helped when I grow weary or despondent and think my life useless and unprofitable, may remember this episode, and may it strengthen me to the performance of my duty, for I would not willingly be the cause of one could being led astray by the help of the weak and helpless. Help me to be firm and strong for the right, watchful for my own conduct. Pardon me, and grant me success.
Tuesday March 1st:—Paid at last.
I went up to Mr. B.'s this morning before breakfast and paid him one hundred dollars, leaving 35cts. still unpaid. Did not call for a receipt or think one necessary. Now when I pay Mr. Yates it will be all right. Had I only been ready could have gone to housekeeping this week, & a location just suited to me, but I had no furniture & there was no time to consult Mrs. Matthews. I am dissatisfied here, and much as I dislike the way things are arranged, I have decided to make no other break until I start out for myself. I believe in everybody's saying what they can, but I don't believe in one's being too passionate—me & when it comes to a point of offering to sell a pair of shoes to a child that might easily have been given away & taking dishes promised them & paying their way on the street cars when going on errands for them. I'll not next till I am out of the house, as
I've lost my interest in it, not many letters last week -- in fact only one of special interest & that was from Mr. H. He writes with his usual, happy style & proposes to introduce me to a lady friend. Have not replied as yet -- will wait & curb my impatience. While I received none, I wrote more than for many a day.

To Mr. P., Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Wells,heers Ousley, Harrison; Lewis (a bundle of papers) Norris and Mrs. M. Cates.

I wrote to Mr. B., & Rev. Mr. J. Seinman.

Still owe Messrs Taylor & Boles letters. He had a holiday last week & Mrs. S. & I went calling a thing I've not done before since I've been in Memphis. He paid 12 calls in all & came home in the evening tired out, & then did not get around Monday night. 5 of us -- all that came of the large number expected -- went down to Ellen's. D & I spent a very pleasant time. Tuesday night, the messrs. Bryant came & I spent the evening playing parcheesi -- they left next night. They are very pleasant. Mr. Carr came that evening also. 172
brought a Mr. Stewart with him. He seemed somewhat constrained in the presence of the others, but said he would be here the first Sunday in the month. Practiced Wednesday night again, & the rest of the week tried to make up for my loss of sleep. Spent Saturday in writing for the American B. Sunday went to church after a call from Mr. McDogal who took a picture & sent by him to Mr. Rather. Had 10 in the class Sunday & my contribution was 7.5 etc. I am so proud of my success. Rather help me, I pray, be more thoughtful & considerate in speech, and action be consistent. May my labors be attended with success. I guide my pen in ways of wisdom & peace; and may my prayers be answered & may I be submissive to thy will.

Sunday, March 6th:

No S. S., no church, no nothing today but a steady downpour of rain; so no one has been out but L. Letter from Mr. H. (nearly two weeks ago), Dec.
Friday and Charlie yesterday. He started to write in answer to my pump card but was taken sick. The letter was concluded in a different handwriting and stated that he was sick. Stranger and resentment she is away and I wrote him immediately solicitously, inquiring for his health. Thee out every afternoon except last week practicing my drama. We are getting along nicely. Bought a pair of shoes for myself yesterday for $4.50 and a writing desk for Lily for 90 cents. Had to have my dress made soon but I've no money to spare. Have not made Lily's dress either. Tomorrow is her birthday. She will be 11 years old. Ann. T. Mr. Mann, and Mr. Can and I call this evening. Have not moved yet and hardly think I shall move until school closes anyway. Will have to put up with it, and if the Father prosper me, will go to housekeeping on my own hook. No letter from June Matthews yet. Mr. Cusley was in to see me yesterday and I agreed to go out when school is out and stay a month.
Monday March 14th: Letters from Mr. B. Mrs. A. W. W., Eli, Jun., Mr. Yates. Wrote to Mr. Danish Johnson & H. last Monday. Every afternoon last week we practiced and Friday night the long expected event transferred was an artistic & financial success. Wrote the American Baptist Saturday. I find myself running out of subject. Will have to check up if I expect to hold out till Aug. Called on Mrs. E. H. Morely who with her husband have been in town two weeks, in company with Mrs. Cooper, Misses Thompson & Helton, week before last. Last Tuesday evening went to the first music lady's to a social to meet her. Had a pleasant time. Mrs. Marcus was in company. Our preacher is here and I heard him preach first Sunday. So far I like him except he accentuates too much for a stranger. Kind to me & ½ to invite was too late to meet my class.
Hated it badly, as I had to miss last Sabbath. Mr. S. went to the office yesterday & brought me a letter & card from B. & Dr. S respectively. The former sent my letter & talks as tenderly as usual. I wonder if there is nothing to him but words. Heaven knows I would gladly help him, but he seems content to remain as he is, despite his tone and I cannot show more anxiety than he. Note to Mr. Taylor, Jim, Mr. P. & Mrs. Mcl. last night. Look my dress & trimmings today and spent $3.25 in the store besides the money I'll have to pay for my dress. Dr. Braden of Nashville visited the school today also had a call from Mr. Fleming.

Tomorrow is the day of the drawing. I wonder if I'll get anything, or if my approaching case in the Supreme Court will bring you any thing? A little help now would do wonderful things. Trust I may be prospered.
Sunday March 20th:

I am not happy at nothing seems to make
me so. I wonder what kind of a
creature I will eventually become?

A letter from Aunt Margaret
last week that informs me grandma
just died March 1st. I was very
much shocked to know she had been
alive all this time & I never knew
it or where she lived. I wrote in
immediately asking for particulars.

A letter from Aunt F. who still
wishes to know what it will cost
her to have the place “probated” & her
must find out what the terms
mean before I write. One also from Mrs
Rice who has a little girl. The
new preacher called & we went to
prayer meeting last Wednesday even-
ing after supper. I like him rather
well,  & save a few mannerisms on
Sunday night Mr. Greenelee called. Friday
night went to the Log Cabin & was re-
elected as editor. Learned that
George is at Mr. Payne's. I fear he
drives him away with any tongue &
game. Will write him. Mr. Evan was
out calling Friday eve & went with
the S. with Cecil. Mr. H. came home
me from the Institute. He's a nice little fellow. Added another dollar to my already long account at Hamlin's this afternoon. I'm determined it shall be my last. Can buy things cheaper at other places and I'm going to do a cash business after this too, help me.

Monday March 28th:

Letters last week from Aunt Annie, Mrs. H. F. J., Mr. E. H., and Charlie & Mrs. lawson. Wrote to George, Jim, Aunt A. Mr. Taylor, Bowser & Simmons bought a hat costing $3.50 that I am sorry for now, had I were over one night & played the par excell. Friday night went to Byenum & Saturday made a dress for Lily. Must make her some skirt! Mrs. Matthews was up yesterday and I went with her to her church & missed my own service, but we had a very affecting meeting. Mr. D. came with such fervor. I wish to attend the series of meetings this week, but I have no one to escort me. Must to meet my
class in S.S. at every at one o'clock. Father help me to have some influence over them and use that influence for good. I want to be of use to them, show me the way, I beseech thee. My mind reached about our religion costing us something and I thought of the beautiful Easter time coming, that my thoughts had strayed away from the true significance of the time to less important matters of dress, that I have made no preparation for an Easter offering, but must do so and instead of spending my holiday in fun & pleasure for myself will fast for my many acts of neglect & remain home with work, watch and pray, and praise for the wonderful goodness of my Father to an unworthy servant. Is it to see old man Boot who has been sick so long, last week was greatly refreshed by my visit. Mr. Carr brought a good anotherly lady Miss White from K. G., to see me today at school. Paid Judge Green $10. Today to continue the case with what he has, make $10.
Monday April 4th:

Last Tuesday evening Mr. Marsue took me & called on Mrs. Means & we spent a very pleasant evening. Wednesday night Messrs. Carr & Woods called to take us to call on Mr. White. We had a fine time going through the rain & spent a very enjoyable evening. Mr. Wilkins was out to see me Tuesday evening & brought an American B. Thursday evening went up to Mrs. Hooker's to meet the "Hon. J. Peabody." He's a gas bag if not worse. Friday night to the Elycium with my work unprepared. The excursion till next time. Saturday passed most of the day, went to Harris in the afternoon & stayed quite a while in company with J. Mr. B. called that evening & we went to Mr. Turner's for a moonlight walk. Harris, Abbie J. & the D. came by & reviewed me as a last goodbye from J. for he left yesterday morning before I opened my eyes. So take a morning walk she went out to me, love.
Han & I - and I spoke about moving
as Mr. S & Billy don't seem to get along
well together. Made hurried call on
Meadowmies Page, Turner, & returned
in time to get Billy ready for SS.
To church in the morning, from
hence to S.S. then home where I
found Ella Stanford awaiting me.
Before she left Mr. T. came & I
spent a very pleasant afternoon
in his company. Mr. Dr. came
home with me & made an en-
gagement to call next week. Then
& I went to church & dinner late.

Monday, April 11th,

Nothing of especial interest to record for the past
week. Tuesday evening went to bus.
Dorsey's from there went to prayer
meeting. I asked the prayers of the
church for my aunt. Yet again
Thursday night in company with
Mr. & Mrs. Tate & Mr. A. Mr. Orr came
but did not come on to the
church as I requested him in
a note I left for him. Received
a note since in which he says he
went to the Christian Church instead.
Letter from "Hallie Tho" Thursday.
August 18th. Answered immediately. Letter from
Mr. J. of Nashville. He intends coming this way soon. Friday night he
sent word in and informed me of
Louise Payne's death & said he would
out there next morning, but were too
late for the funeral. Sunday was
Easter - the day our blessed Lord
was risen. First morning service
S.D. and back home - the usual
routine except that I went to
Herman's for dinner. No callers
in the afternoon. But read prke-
gam to read the novel. She's that
fine creating such a stir. Better
from my dear aunt who was
packing to move when she wrote. I'll write her before I send
the money; I think I can see my
way clear to paying back the money
if I borrow it. The G. C. P. bring
the sad intelligence that Louis B,
is paralyzed. I was very much
shocked on reading it, and will
write him a letter tonight. The Su-
preme Court reversed the decision of
the lower court in my behalf, last
week. Went to see Judge C. this afternoon. She
tells me four of them cast their personal
prejudice in the scale of justice. I'm

sided in face of all the evidence to the contrary that the enrolling car
read a first class coach for colored people as provided for by that act.
I note that calls for separate coaches but first class for the races. I
felt so disappointed, because I had hoped such great things from
my suit for my people generally. I have firmly believed all along
that the law was on our side and would, when we appealed to
it, give us justice. I feel ashamed of that belief and utterly discourage
aged, and just now if it were possible would gather my race
in my arms and fly far a-
way with them. God is there
no redress, no peace, no justice
in this land for us? Thou hast
always fought the battles of the
weak & oppressed. Come to my
aid at this moment & teach me
what to do, for I am sorely, pit-
tyingly disappointed. Show me the
way, even at Thou led the chil-
dren of Israel out of bondage
into the promised land. To Maple
Taylor, Johnson, Bonner, & tint write when
able to buy or save.
Monday April 18th:

Have just returned from what I consider the best thing out. The Negro Mutual Protective Association had a public meeting at Avery Chapel tonight and Mr. A. escorted me down. I was very much enthused as I listened to the speakers and saw the earnestness of the men present. The object tonight was to draw up resolutions concerning John Scott's man's action and touching also the competitive drill to be at Washington next month. The Negro is beginning to think for himself and find out that strength for his people and consequently for himself is to be found only in unity. The earnest scholarly enthusiasm of Mr. Drew, the dignified yet triarchal, stern demeanor and bearing of Mr. Shaw—show that the men of the race who do think are endeavoring to put their thoughts in action for those and to inspire those who do not think. A note from Miss H. informed me that Mr. Hampton has returned home and swept 184
to find out where she was. Mr. Hilling and I also called on Mrs. C. and got her consent to sing for us. Went to Mr. Drennen's and paid him $10. Bought a pair of shoes and a dress for Lily. $3.25 and came very near buying a pattern, but refrained. No letters today. Mr. Fleming and Miss P. called on me yesterday afternoon and spent a pleasant afternoon. My Sabbath School class was quite interesting. Must go to SS at my own church. Saturday the school board paid me $120. $30 of which I immediately sent to Mr. Yate for Mr. Johnson for my pictures. Paid Hilling $100 etc. on acct. Bought 30 etc. of stampers, 25¢. Bottle $40. Have her 5 more before next $4.00 for last 4 this month's washing. That about exhausts my side, but I am thankful it is as well as it is. Ridie M. sent for me today afternoon. I went to see her and she told me a horrible tale of cruelty and mistreatment, and said she was going home next day. Have not seen her since so can't say if she did. Miss Youren not a usual Friday night, Mr. A. accompanied
Came to see Mrs. B. last week. She informed me of his affliction and received the answer Saturday. Glad to know he is better.

Sunday April 24th:

I have not heard from Mrs. Amour since I last saw her. In her request, her picture and sketch if he published it, am anxious to see what sort of figure I cut. Wednesday evening Miss Berr, Jackson, and水产 went out to call. Went to see Mrs. G. Sunday. She looks very thin and poorly. Formed ourselves into the nucleus of a dramatic club and wrote out a list of names of those who thought would take part. To meet here most Wednesday night. Thursday evening a letter from "Jim" and a call from Mr. Drv. He spent a most agreeable and enjoyable evening. He promises to call again Friday afternoon brought a letter from Mr. J. Who will send my picture this week. Mr. A. and I went out to Mrs. Henderson to tea the same evening and returned to the Lyceum. A letter Saturday from the Conservatory agent. Chicago who wish me to write. Almost finished a dress for Mrs. J. Carr brought me a note from Dr. B. P.
came back this morning early to wait with me to the conservatory to get some flowers to send him (L. W. B.) after putting up over half the night, was up by six this morning and enjoyed my walk much. The basket of flowers I bought were both lovely and fragrant. I sincerely hope they will help to cheer him up his lonely mess. Back for breakfast, then went to Cong. Tabernacle, Beal etc. I personally requested they announce for entertainment. Also sent notice to Avery & the Episcopal Church. Then to my own church to service, from there to Mr. Herman's, thence to Avery S.S. Then to Mrs. Henderson's for another dinner, from there to Dr. Phillips' with another oneICE. home — to church tonight & now to bed. Best camping when out on the way she went back with me. Have spent for the week: Box of berries for $2.00, 25 cents. Flowers for $1.25, calling cards 25 cents, church 25 cents. May all the mistakes of the past week be forgiven & the good deeds repeated.
I want here to speak a word of my delight in our preacher. He is the most energetic man I know. He has made the waste places blossom as a rose, and the church is beginning to look up. He is also a hard student and good preacher. The way he handles the delinquents is admirable, for they are becoming as quiet as lambs, and yet they all stick to him and respond when he calls on them. They yet remain his friends. He is certainly a splendid judge of human nature.

_Mr. W._

_Monday May 2nd:_

_Last Monday_ nothing unusual occurred; went to the church meeting & everything passed off amicably. Mr. P. & Mr. Gaillard called for me. Tuesday we went & Mr. A. called & invited me to attend Sir E. concert but I had engagements at home that prevented.

Messrs. Wood, Carr, Woodford called & we spent a pleasant evening. Each of the gentlemen bought a ticket for our concert. Wednesday received a letter of acknowledgement & thanks from J. M. B. That evening in response
to invitation nearly a score of young ladies & gentlemen met to form the dramatic organization, & appointed a committee of which I am chairman to draft plan for permanent organization. Hunt out to Cud & I's with Ella & stayed all night. Came home early next morn-
ing Thursday evening called on & solic-
ted the Hon. P.B.S. Pinchback & lecture for the Lyceum. He promised to be there & I published it so. The result was we had a nice crowd out & while they heard nothing extra as a speech, we got a crowd to make the announcement concerning Judge Douglass. Saturday finished the work of the previous S. I had an enthusiastic session of my S. S. class yesterday. Mr. & Mrs. S. went to my church both morning & evening. Letters from Mr. Yates, Mrs. Gates, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Arr. Spent for the week ending $4.90 at Menken & $35.00 at church. Received my pictures which do passably well & exchanged with Miss B. Note Prof. H. J. &c. Tonight after a good deal of worry comes our concert & entertainment. The clouds lower but I sincerely hope it will not rain. Last Thursday the pictures of the school were drawn; today we had a sample of them.
Tuesday May 30th:—The concert which was a grand success every way is over & done with. Our program was good (as they see & they sold out nearly every thing). I recited "Le Mariage de Couvendance", for the first time here and everyone admired it. Indeed Judge Latham paid me a very high compliment when he said it was the most artistic piece of elocution he had ever heard. I felt greatly flattered, Jimmie Mr. & Mrs. Barr & Mr. Thorne were my especial helpers. The last named gave me a basket of flowers costing $1.10. Taken all together it was a big success, for I learn we made clear nearly $60. Thank the Lord for His blessing.

Letters from my aunt & Mrs. Bower today.

Returned Thursday May 5th:—Part of the Dramatic Club last evening but we did no work. Adjourned & met Tuesday night. Bought 60 cts. worth of packages yesterday, received my bill with the same mistake on it. Lily & I had a pitched battle this morning for some of her felicite practice. My Father help me guide her night.
Monday May 16th:
A whole week went by without a letter from anyone. Finished Mrs. S's dresses & begun one for Mrs. L but had to go to town to be paid one month's Sat. 20. got up early & finished ironing in time to go. Put $40. in the bank, paid Mr. S. $50. remaining on board, went $4. 30 up town to finish my break this evening & I will have to pay $8. for the making. Mrs. S. has been sick for three days & I've done the cooking. Mr. Jack was out one evening last week. Went to the L. last Friday evening but no meeting. Letter from Mr. B. & Saturday. One from H. J. today. Wrote to my aunt & instructed her to send a clear deed. Counseled Mr. S. about it & desired him to work it up. I owe so many letters & am getting too lazy to answer them. Messrs. Woodford & Hunter came as callees yesterday.
Monday May 30th; Two weeks since I scratched a line. Since then we have had our concert was caught in the rain—Charley sent me home in a hack. Very few letters from anyone. Mr. Athat not called for some time. Mrs. Oham was up from Bardie last Sabbath Mr. W. called as well as many others. Mr. Greenlee escorted me to church that evening. Mrs. Carr & Mr. were out Thursday evening & the latter perfected arrangements to take me to Raleigh the 24th (yesterday). Friday evening Mr. Roman was out & escorted me to the Lyceum also engaged my company for the concert two weeks hence. Dined, served, went for my dress, & all Saturday made preparations for lunch and all for Sunday and it rained until 12 o'clock. We went to Raleigh this our stay was necessarily short. I enjoyed the quiet of the place very much and the drive was splendid! The cemetery is a beautiful place. It all had the beauty of novelty to me. Are very grateful fo
the opportunity to do so. So church last night we went at Avery but I did not enjoy service much. Letter from Haytette Saturday & he is in Colorado Springs, Colo. He is certainly a rolling stone as is also L. M. B. who, face by the K. C. O.'s patch is en route for Baltimore. School out tomorrow I cannot say I am sorry. I don't feel glad. Expenses go on just the same and I don't wish to leave town yet. I wish to get a school this summer if possible. 

Friday June 11th.
any expenditure, if I live another year, I feel that I have paid, but have nothing to show for it. I must pay again. I wish I could have managed better for this month, but could not. I wish I could feel that my money was not so persistently sought after. I wonder if I shall ever reach satisfaction in this world. My father, brother, and in my undertaking I pray thee. I have secured no school as yet, and fear I shall not.

Wrote 10 letters at a stretch, day before yesterday: Messrs. Hackley, Morris, Lawson, J. H. Alexander, Simmings, D.D., Hills, Mrs. Alwine, Mason, Uncle Fannin, Mrs. Overall. Heard Dr. Mr. Dudley 4 n letters to Mr. Arnaux last week. Answered to the last today. Brought a picture in costume, of the winter. Attended the Institute all of last week, 4 went to the Picnic Friday evening, where I remained till late. Work at the Hill house yesterday 4 calling at about 5 other places today. Am very much dissatisfied about the way money matters have paid out.

Head 4 which Billy severely this morning for her second speculation. I earnestly pray such may never happen again.
Nearby a
month has elapsed since I scratched
ned a pen in my diary. Four days only is
lacking to make it out; during that
time I have seen much and got about
 briskly. On the Tuesday following my last
entry, I came out here, and with the
exception of last week spent in town,
have been here ever since. Sunday
June 19th, an omnibus full of us
went to Raleigh and spent the day
very pleasantly, and on Tuesday shook
the city dust from my feet. Returned
the following Saturday for my trunk,
the next Tuesday for a side saddle
and went to Wilmington July 2nd in
response to a postal from my brother
Jim stating that he was sick and
asking me to come to him. Returned
here Sunday and left Monday for
Memphis where I went to meet Mrs.
Yates and help make his stay a
pleasant one. With the exception
that I have drawn 5 dollars every
time I have gone in town, I have
nothing otherwise to regret. I have
only $35 in bank now, and with
my school to teach this summer.
there is a strong probability of its being again diminished before school opens. Dr. J. has placed me on the program of the Texas Convention against my consent, and promises to send the whereabouts of my friends. I guess I'll go there, of course will have to prepare, and preparations take money. Last Monday July 6th, Mr. and Mrs. G. and myself spent the day talking over old things. That evening we went to the asylum and had a very pleasant time. The lady, Mrs. Alexander's brother, was out with Miss Church and I was glad of the opportunity to meet him. I also met President Burns of Alcorn University that evening. Talked to Charlie, Mark, and Jimmie. Saturday Mr. Goyette spent part of the day with me, he and Kan; then came Walt, and after him came Mr. Fleming. We went to Mr. Smith's concert that evening. Tuesday ate dinner with Mrs. Wallace, afterwards we took a drive, then home to meet an engagement that was not filled. That morning we called on Miss Church and found her the most pleasant companion; from there to Mrs. Cooke's; thence to Mrs. Goyette. Thursday went to Mrs. Cooper's and that evening Mrs. Cooke gave a quiet party for him and we had a pleasant time with some good music from Miss McCullough.
Friday morning we went to the office of the school board, but Mr. Bollier was out.
Mr. Hill though was present & entertained us nicely. Our parting was particular to ourselves as we said our goodbyes on Main Street while waiting for the car. Miss Mollie was down Friday evening to call and said she wished to have a talk with me. Her ambitions seemed as in consonance with mine that I offered to come over the next morning. I did go and I came away after about two hours chat—very much enthused with her. She is the first woman of my age I've met who is similarly inspired with the same desire, hopes & ambitions. I was greatly pleased by my visit and only wish I had known her long ago. I shall not let the acquaintance slack. Indeed I shall write & wish her to come out here to see me.

Note to Dr. S. Aunt A. join George & aunt in... rode out to Woodstock & mailed my letters Monday. Have gone about 20 constant rides, but not had time to settle down to regular work yet. I must do some thing to show for this summer.
Saturday July 16th:—This morning I stand face to face with twenty-five years of life, that ere the day is gone will have passed by me forever. The experiences of a quarter of a century of life are my own, beginning with this, former, new year. Already I stand upon one fourth of the extreme limit, and have passed one third of the span of life which, according to the Psalmist, is allotted to humanity. As this day's arrival enables me to count the twenty-fifth milestone, I go back over them in memory and review my life. The first ten are so far away in the distance as to make those at the beginning indistinct; the next five are remembered as a kind of butterfly existence at school, and household duties at home; within the last ten I have suffered more, learned more, lost more than I ever expect to gain.

In these last decade, I've only begun to live; I know life as a whole, with its joys and sorrows. Today I write these lines, with a heart overflowing with thankfulness to my Heavenly Father for His wonderful love and kindness, and for His Beautiful goodness to one that He has not chosen me to
want, that I have always been provided with the means to make an honest livelihood. And as I review those measures, my soul is singing the glad refrain, "Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me, Bless this holy name for all His benefits." Then I turn to scan up my own accomplish- ments I am not so well pleased. I have not used my opportunities to the best advantage and find myself intellectually lacking. And excepting my regret that I am not so good a Christian as the goodness of my fa- ther demands, there is nothing for which I lament the wasted opportu- nities as I do my neglect to pick up the crumbs of knowledge that reach me. Consequently I find myself at this age as deficient in a comprehen- sive knowledge as the veriest school- girl just entering the higher course. Heartily deplore the neglect. God grant I may be given firmness of purpose and point to essay and continue its eradica- tion! Then knowest I hunger thirst after righteousness and knowledge. O, give me the steadiness of purpose, the will to acquire both. Twenty-five years old today! May another 10 years find me immersed in honesty and purity of purpose and motive!
want, and that I have always been provided with the means to make an honest livelihood. And as I rehearse these measures, my soul is singing the glad refrain, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless his holy name for all His benefits." Then I turn to ruminate my own accomplish- ments, I am not so well pleased. I have not used my opportunities to the best advantage and find myself intellectually lacking. And excepting my regret that I am not so good a Christian as the goodness of my fa- ther demands, there is nothing for which I lament the wasted opportu- nities as I do my neglect to pick up the crumbs of knowledge within my reach. Consequently I find myself at this age as deficient in a compre- hensive knowledge as the veriest school- girl just entering the higher course. I heartily deplore the neglect. God grant I may be given firmness of purpose and -fire! To essay and continue its eradication! Thou knowest I hunger and thirst after righteousness and knowledge. O give me the steadiness of purpose, the will to acquire both. Twenty-five years old today? May another 10 years find me indentured in honesty, purity of purpose and motive.
I have not heard from him & am acting on that belief. If he disappoints me it will not be the first of its kind. However I shall leave nothing undone on my part. A letter from Mr. W. yesterday. He is very stiff - the result of the cold water douche I threw on his first very grateful epistle. I don't like that style & I might as well say so. I won't encourage it.

Aug 3rd: Came in town Saturday and have yet received no letter from Mr. S. Sent him a telegram today. Mr. S. is very sick & I have been cooking etc. these very warm days & drew $10. out of the bank Monday & had my book balanced. Found that I am $6 richer than I thought for I still have $36 in bank. Got my new argument yesterday as well as made a $2.75 bill at Freyken's. I didn't want to do it but my money was running too short.
Louisville Ky. Friday Aug. 13th

I have been in this city since Monday evening. The Convention is over, all papers read, many men of prominence met, many visitors received, my picture (God save the mark) in yesterday's Courier Journal, and I am still here. An answer to a second telegram came Friday evening Aug. 5th, telling me my place was on the way & on Saturday I had everything to do, as Mr. B. was still very sick. Sent for Mr. H. who stayed all night with me & helped me all next day. Mr. H. drove me down to the depot. Messrs. Savage & Truman came down to see me off & I got here & found no one awaiting me but I found them. And stepping with a pleasant lady on Centre St. No. 631 - Mrs. George Murfree, by name. The Convention was but poorly represented north of Mason & Dixon's Line - none of the northern gentlemen were present, but...
we had a very pleasant session
and an earnest one. There were
some able debates by P.H. Mann
of St. Louis, Bragg & Mitchell of
Virginia, Alexander Clark
D. A. Rudd, Anderson C. M.
Wade and others. I think it ac-
complished much good and I
am glad to be here. I was called
on to respond to "Woman Jour-
nalism" at the banquet Wednesday
night and was so surprised
that I omitted to say many
things I should have said. I ef-
fered my word of thanks in be-
half of my sex — for the flattering
encomium bestowed on them
by our editors and the hearty wel-
come accorded our entrance into
this field. I wished I may never
have a more favorable opportu-
nity to urge the young women to study
and think with a view to taking
places in the world of thought &
action. The suddenness of the
thing drove everything out of
my head but I will remember
next time. For visitors I've received
Misses McKeeley of this place, Jane
of New Orleans, Allenworth of
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the W. S. A., Bragg and Mitchell of Virginia, Alexander Clark of Chicago, J. J. Simonsen for President, Wade of Nash-ville and last but by no means least, Mrs. Morris, the mother of "Charlie." Mrs. Fitz-Gibbon and Mrs. Homan called in the afternoon while I was away at the University where I took supper. So also did Mr. Wade. Wrote to Mr. Ausley today also sent a note to Mr. Hildreth. Must copy and prepare a toilet to go out. Later had a dozen photographs ordered. Today after we returned from New Albany, Ind. Messrs. Bragg and Mitchell called together with Miss Cook we went over the river to Indiana. Took in the town and returned on the daily line. Paid $1.25 for my fare. I am afraid for that reason I shall not be satisfied with them; they are too cheap. I will not receive them till I get home. Have already exchanged with Mr. McAl- most against my will. I hardly knew him well enough. 204
Lexington Ky. Wednesday Aug. 17th

One can never tell one day what he will do the next. I had no dreams of going coming here twenty-four weeks ago, but here I am domiciled in Bro. Ayres' house. Arrived at noon today after leaving this morning at 6.50 A.M. and have had a good sleep since. Have already met Mr. B, the correspondent for the paper here & sister of Mrs. Hook of my town. She & a young cousin called soon after my arrival. I was very much pleased that they did so. Am going to Mat- lersburg tomorrow. I see Dr. Berry & think of returning to Louisville Sat. I will have company if I return then, as Miss Parrott & Gibson who came up this morning with me, will return then. Messrs. Dragg & Mitchell, after going down with & having a group picture taken Saturday, left for the place that evening and Mr. B preached here last Sabbath. They have gone home now & I am not sure they have not taken a great deal of my time. Write to Mr. Wilkins by Bertha tonight.
interest with them. Bought Lily a pair of carriages $1.50 and Mr. Dudley a volume of "Robinson Crusoe", 3 pet. myself a Norfolk Jersey jacket $3.00. Had many members of call for last Sabbath, many of whose names I can't remember. Miss Booker, a certain friend of Charlie's, was the only lady. Messrs Perry, Nixon, children, Upshaw, Bennett, McKinley, & Minor were a few of those I rememder. Dr. Simmons & Miss took spent the evening with us. Monday morning in company with Mr. & Mrs. I visited the City Hall & ascended to the cupola - only 147 ft. high & had a splendid view of the city which is roughly estimated as being seven miles square.

Spent the afternoon at the university, but went nowhere at night.

Tuesday morning wrote & mailed two letters to the 'Headlight' & run, respectively of desk. Monday evening, sent a card each to Messrs. Settle & Dudley advising them of the fact that I had decided staying longer as my ticket was extended to Sept. 10.

Mrs. Dr. Williams is trying to get me in the notion of going visiting Mammoth Cave.
Louisville, Ky., Wednesday Aug. 24th:

Returned here against the earnest expectations of Lexington friends, last Saturday night. Put to Millersburg last Thursday from D. Dice Dr. Berry & wife. My visit was a pleasant surprise to them. Returned that evening & Miss B. brought her married sister, Mrs. Franklin & child.
Spent the next day with them at her country seat & the finest dinner, and most superb I ever ate was served at her house. The cream was excellent. Spent the evening at Miss B's (who had a few friends there) and the night with her. She is a sensible pleasant girl & gave the best imitation of Jester Joe I've heard. Visited Misses Ross, the younger of whose played splendidly also at Mrs. Nelson's. Then home.
To see if any one had come. Packed my trunk & received a telegram to come on. Had fine fun coming back. Visited the Christian church Sunday morning, the Episcopalian that night. Came home by Fifth St. Church & met a number of people, among whom was a Mr. Nalle, who is curious.
my Denver one-time-friend
Monday morning bright early
I went to get my pictures changed
my jersey, the neck of which was
too large. The pictures were missed
& I would not have them. I wish
thrown away, but came down to
another gallery and ordered another
dozen. Plenty of money, came home
then went out to the University & re-
mained all day—got there about 3
o'clock & found Half Louisville had
been to call. Miss M. & I then went
to the Orphans' Home and spent
the remainder of the afternoon.
Went to Miss Jordan's to a rehearsal
that evening & came back by the
University. Borrowed 5 from Mrs.
that day. Went buggy riding yesterday
morning with a Mr. Jones of New Or-
leans. A visit from Mr. Gibson
& the gentlemen during the day—an
excursion up the Ohio River last
night, by the light of the new moon.
the day forms were done. Miss Bryant
called to see me while I was downtown buying
gloves (69c) but I came before the dress
Miss Jordan & Davis called today, also
the Messrs. Hascley & J. Kent went to look at the
proof of my pictures, which were very good.
the sheet taken on the tower of the City Hall
& led Miss Sam Jordan's Knight's Home.
Woodstock, Tenn. Tuesday Sept. 6th, 87

Have been back from Louisville 11 days and am just making my first entry. Have made a cold badly on my arrival and have been busy hunting a home ever since— but am unsuccessful as yet. Have only stayed at the house two or three of the nights since my return & then my things were locked up, and there was such an air of constraint visible that I have only tarried long enough to write to Dr. I. Mr. G., to Miss Jordan. I've had no heart to write to any one else, I've been in a state of such depression at 8 o'clock on Dth & Friday night 26th, accompanied by Mrs. Britton and arrived in M. next day at 1 P.M. The friends did not want me to leave apparently & were very kind to me. Quite a number met at the house and entertained me with songs and Misses Harris and Childress gave very fine eloquentary renditions and the whole body adjourned down to the train with me. Misses Harris & Gibson & Miss Jordan rode to the last station with me. Thursday
To Wright Ave. Sept 9th - Friday.

Moved here yesterday - at Mrs. Spilman's. But don't know how I will like it. Only did it as a last resort. On coming back I found every other place objectionable on some account & I had knocked around as long as I could. Stayed at Bert's that night went out to see Mr. Mayo also. Better from Bootie, Lew, Dr. S. and Mr. Mitchell (his picture also) have answered all but Lew. Also wrote to Charlie, Reb & Aunt A. Edie is at Mrs. H.'s. I earnestly trust we will pull thru the year all right.

Everything & body is stirred up over the school matters. Mr. H. had a fine article on the question Sunday's Advocate that is stirring up a lot of excitement. I hope it will be successful.

No letter from Mr. G. yet. I guess Mr. Jones must have been once taken. I thought I'd write & acknowledge the receipt of the confectionery but on second thought I won't.

#20 Goelie St. Sunday Sept 16th, 1872
Stayed at Mrs. S.'s 5 days & moved.
morning Mr. J. took me another buggy ride & I returned & had a chill almost there was such a change in the atmosphere. Mr. J. took me to see "The Burning of Moscow" that evening. The next day I went nowhere but received visitors at home. Monday I drew $5. from the bank. Tramped all the week but have no boarding place - yet - as I had not seen Lily, my dear little sister - I came out this morning and am here. Mrs. J. greeted me so coldly I was rather hurt and will return tomorrow instead of staying the week as I had intended. Am firmly resolved to go to housekeeping on my own account next year. If Mrs. Hawking will take Lily & learn teach her how to cook I will be able to do as and have her to keep house. I am sick & tired begging people to take me to board, and if the weather perserves me, I'll do it no more after this year. Received letters from Reb & Charlie Saturday. Enjoyed & must answer them today.
here on Tuesday 13th, the room, better facilities everywhere, and so far am doing very well. She is still at Mrs. H. E. Couldn't borrow the money to buy aunt F's place so she try to save for it if she will wait. Wrote a statement to her & await her answer. School began the 15th, on Thursday. Went to see the Dr. about a bill of $13, so he sent me as chargels for attending George & he told me George had never been to get the instrument. I wonder if that money goes for nothing. My pictures came Wednesday & I had written Miss G. on Tuesday. They are very good - the best I ever had I think. Strange to say, no letters from L. yet, I sent a very formal card to him yesterday also a letter to Mr. Z. & we to Riddle. An invitation to Dr. Bragg's wedding came to me last week also. He is to be married next Tuesday. I don't know how to understand my Louisville friend. I've not heard a thing from Mr. Murphy yet. I'm awfully busy. I know if she's got to ask me. Hard answer, Lin's letter.
14th Br. | Bought basket at Hackney’s.

Stationery at H. & Co. on Dec. 1.

16 | Blank book

10 | Toilet Articles @ Munk’s 12.1

16 | Shoes 2.5