

Jesse Lowe Smith

Diary

1911



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Forward

The Author: Jesse Lowe Smith was born in Macon, Illinois, on 23 November 1869, to the Rev. Leonard Francis Smith (1838-1874) and Bridget Ann Lowe Smith (1842-1941). His father's diary for that date: "At 5:30 wife bore me another child, a boy weighing 10 lbs when dressed. Dr. Tobey was the physician..." Jesse's father, Leonard Francis Smith, son of Jesse Smith and his second wife, Sophia Lake Spencer, had married Bridget Ann Lowe, daughter of William Fletcher Lowe and Elsea Aquila, on 10 September 1863. They had six children, Elsie (1864), Kittie Grace (1865-1932), Clarence Bruner (1867-1943), Jesse Lowe, Edith (1873-195?), and Lennie Francis (1874-1976).

Jesse Lowe Smith attended grade school in Macon, Illinois. With a passion for books and nature study, Jesse saw his life as a teacher. He attended the Academy in Benton Harbor, Michigan from 1884-1887, living with his Great Aunt Margaret Crooks. In 1888 he returned to Macon where he taught for three years. Teaching and studying independently as he taught, Jesse, at age 21, qualified for entrance to de Pauw University in September 1891. After one year at de Pauw, he returned for one term at Macon, and then, with his mother and sisters, went to Lexington, Illinois where he taught for four years from 1893-1897, followed by five years in Park Ridge, Illinois. In May 1902, Jesse came to Highland Park as principal of the Elm Place School. He was Superintendent of Schools for District 107 at the time of his death on 21 April 1934.¹

His diaries reveal Jesse Lowe Smith as a man of many interests and great influence. He was widely known and respected throughout Illinois as an innovative educator and avid naturalist and in Highland Park as an educational, cultural and civic leader. He inspired the Elm Place School teachers to higher ideals of education and the students to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the world around them. He left a lasting impression on all who knew him in life and continues to inspire many who make his acquaintance through his diaries and his legacy in Highland Park.

Identifications: In his diaries, Jesse frequently refers to members of his family. During his years in Highland Park, Jesse provided a home from his mother and sister, Kittie. They are often referred to in the diaries as M. and K. His brother Clarence Bruner is referred to as Clarence or Clarence B., and Clarence's two sons, Leonard and Clarence, Jr. (Bruner or Junior) are also mentioned. Jesse's sister Edith married Clarence Danforth (Danforth or Clarence D. in the diaries). His sister Lennie married Arthur Enders, and their children, Robert and Ruth Anne, are mentioned in the diaries.

Transcriber's Notes: Every attempt has been made to provide an accurate transcription of the diary entries with respect to spelling, grammar, and punctuation; therefore incorrect or inconsistent (Mr. Smith spelled the same word in different ways at different times) usage is retained without the use of [sic]. When words were added above the line, they have been inserted into the text. When words were inadvertently repeated, the second occurrence of the word has been dropped. Margin notes are indicated as such and are placed following the text that they appeared adjacent to in the diary. When words were illegible, brackets have been supplied enclosing a blank space []. Words that could not be deciphered with certainty have been placed in square brackets followed by a question mark [like this?]. Transcriber's notes are indicated by brackets [like this – ed.]. Clippings that were pasted into the diary are described in a transcriber's note, but are not always transcribed.

¹*Diaries 1859-1874 of The Reverend Leonard Smith, Circuit Rider* by Blanche Beal Lowe.

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Sunday, January 1

Threatening weather. Some rainfall P.M.
Heard Gunsaulus at the Auditorium, and the special music of the chorus choir. After lunch – to Lincoln Park conservatory and to the Academy of Sciences to look over collections.
Took 4:45 to Norwood Park. Visited the Winchells and Vincents.

Monday, January 2

Biting cold blasts. “A north wind from the south.” 5° above. Icy roads and walks
Spent some time working at the schoolhouse. (Vacation)

Tuesday, January 3

Moderated.
Went to Tracy with Mother and Kittie. Visited with Aunt Margaret, Florence, and Jessie. Read some of Uncle Austin’s old diaries.
Gilbert Smith, oldest son of Crowell Smith, lives at Ontario.
(Leonard Smith was cremated at Oakwood Cemetery, Dec. 28, 1910).

Wednesday, January 4

Severe, icy winds from the south. About 3° above.
Am working on “Nature Study” material.
The Teaching of Biology –
Lloyd & Bigelow.
Practical Nature Study –
Coulter & Patterson
Agriculture for Beginners
Burkett, etc

Thursday, January 5

3° below. Moderated then snowed more or less all afternoon.
At the city. Many errands Chat with Miss Collins. Also Searles and Albert.
Took 12 negatives to Chic Transparency Co.
R.R. 52 + 30; Shave, etc .25; Lunch 40; collars 1⁰⁰; collar buttons 25; *slide rental \$1⁸⁰;
*copying letters (stenog.) \$1⁵⁰; this book 75; rubber bands 30;
Sent out 14 letters on mid-year promotions.

Friday, January 6

Beautiful winter day. Thawed a little. Gray again later in the day.
Aunt Margaret, Florence Clarke, & Mrs Margaret Bottoms at noon dinner. Story of how Mrs B. was nearly deported at Detroit custom house!
Took 3:30 for city. Meeting of Board of Directors of Geog. Society. Went to supper with Dr Caldwell & spent evening there. Met Lydia Brown on way home.
R.R. 52 + 25. Papers .06
Meat 1⁰⁷
Pd Chic. T[el?]. Co. 2⁶⁰; Albert Larson 1¹⁵
Sent out 14 letters to high schools. Pd. M. D Brush Co.

Saturday, January 7

Milder. Short fall of snow, then rain fall. Cleared up somewhat.

Interview with Mr. W.M. Lewis of L.F. Academy. Then to the city. Visited with Searles. Inspected slide boxes at the Art Institute. Pd. 6⁵⁰ to Davies Typewriter Exchange for repairs on my Remington.

This evening had an interview with Mr Moseley.

Kittie in bed with the grippe.

Spent – Carfare .67 + 20; business arithmetic 1²⁵ (What a fake!); Candy 10;

Sunday, January 8

Strong wind from north all day. Cold.

Heard Rev Mr Dobson this A.M. Dinner at Mr. Geer's

Read Mäterlinck's The Bluebird through.

Spent the evening with Mr. Parratt.

Saw a small flock of wild geese, Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Church 10¢;

Monday, January 9

Milder. Wind blew somewhat – like March. Beautiful rosy sunset.

School began again after two weeks' vacation.

Board meeting this evening. Report of boiler inspector presented.

Shave 15; household 3⁰⁰;

Tuesday, January 10

A January thaw. Water underfoot.

Began series of lessons on lumber with 5A's.

Of absorbing interest – Beveridge's challenge yesterday of Lorimer's right to a seat in the Senate.

Wednesday, January 11

Rained off and on all day. Pools of water everywhere. Frozen gutters overpouring.

Taught Miss Guiney's room this P.M.

Prepared "petition" relating to mid-year promotions to H.S.

Thursday, January 12

Icy everywhere at first but sidewalks thawed clear. Fog tonight

Mothers' meeting today. Mrs Gilson of Wilmette spoke. Fifty ladies present.

Taught extra today in absence of Miss Guiney.

Yesterday - 35¢ express on package to Edith, & 10¢ for key rings for school.

Today – shave 15¢; pictures 35¢;

Friday, January 13

Rainy day. Still misting, late at night.

Civics Lesson and illustrated lumber lesson, A M Three science lessons P.M.

Went down to Fullerton Hall to hear Professor Leith lecture on a summer trip to Hudson Bay. He visited Moose Factory, Rupert's Station, & on to stations east & north - - along Hudson Bay. He crossed Labrador as did Wallace (Lure of the Labrador Wild).

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Came out on trolley – Prof. Grant being with me as far as Evanston
R.R. 52 + 10 + 25. Lunch 10. Shave 15; Drugstore 35.

Saturday, January 14

A little cooler. At the city. Session of Committee of Seven at Quadrangle Club. Lunch there. Present Clarke, Tear, Whitten, Meyers, Bone & self. Absent Jones.

Lantern slides at Chic. Transparency Co. Pd 3⁷⁵ for my own (15) and \$3⁵⁰ for silk slides for school – (7 slides) Copied from Corticelli Silk Co's slides

R.R. 52 + 10 + 20. Gloves 2⁰⁰. Shave & shine 25. (Ticket 6⁵⁰)

Sunday, January 15

Turned off cold – and rather clear.

Rested at home all morning. Emerson's Spiritual Laws.

Supper at Hull House – invitation of Miss (Dr.) Alice Hamilton. Miss Addams at head of table – Miss Breckinridge, Miss Dewey, Miss Abbott, Miss Hannig, etc. Talked in Bowen Hall to a small audience about Wild Flowers. Looked in on the theatre where the Russians were giving a farce – benefit of "strikers."

R.R. 52 + 15; Lunch 15.

Monday, January 16

Cold. About 3° above.

The "bird and bee" man (Col. Brown) lectured for us today. Quaint – odd – effective.

A flock of seven waxwings in the oak east of the News Letter office at noon! A fine little hoot owl at evening blinking down from a bough in front of Schumacher's Drug Store.

Tuesday, January 17

Warmer. Cloudy. Did not thaw.

Spent much time over steam pump with Hughes of Lewis & Kitchen; Mr. Bolan; Mr. Morse. Must learn the business.

Phoned Carl Hansen that he is offered position of engineer at Elm Place!

Wednesday, January 18

Pleasant wintry day until late afternoon when icy blast from south set in.

Hughes for L. & K. tested volume of air furnished each room.

Mailed formal notice of election to Carl Hanson – engineer-to-be.

Mailed Eby pictures of the Guernsey herd.

Pd. out for Dist. 107 – Express 1⁰⁰ + 40. Meierhoff 1⁵⁰

Thursday, January 19

Milder – gray. A slight fog as night set in.

Parsons of D.C. Heath called.

Rob't Webster finished up day's work but went home too weak to resume work.

Barber 15.

Friday, January 20

Mild – slippery, then thawy. Slight mist.

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Oscar Hallstrom at the engine.
Kittie's eighth day in bed. Ear has discharged every day, Erysipelas in face for the last four days!

Eight B's gave the Eight A's a party this evening.
Barber 15; shine 10; household 12⁰⁰; Brand \$1⁸⁰; Nat'l Child Labor Ass'n \$3⁰⁰;

Saturday, January 21

Colder. Turned off clear. About 8° above this evening.

To Chicago. Called at Pres. Harris' office but he was not in. Was advised to see Dean Holgate. At Miss Ingersoll's and brought away slides. Bo't Galsworthy's Justice at McClurg's. Home at 12:28. First after lunch – went to H.S. Heard Dr. Bergen's paper on hygiene in the school. Then spent rest of the afternoon with Mr. Bolan testing our heating plant. Met him again at 10:00 P.M. & was there until 11:30.

R.R. 52 + 05; Book 54; barber 25; overalls 65;

Sunday, January 22

About 6° above this A. M. Clear. Thawed a very little. Sharp.

Read Galsworthy's "Justice".

Made three trips to school building this day to see to heating.

Monday, January 23

Mild. Thawed quite a little

Meeting of educational committee today. Planning for a series of lectures.

Caucus with Mrs Schumacher about "boy problems", & with her and Miss Bass about the janitress.

Barber 15; Mother 70; Castors 65

Tuesday, January 24

Mild. Thawing. Clear. Sun shines warm.

Teachers' meeting.

Dist. 107 D[r?] – Pd Milton Maechtle 50¢ for labor; C.F. Manahan 1⁰⁰;

Wednesday, January 23

Mild – muddy – dripping this evening.

Thursday, January 26

Warm; foggy; muddy.

New engineer, Carl Hansen "on the job".

To N.W.U. this A.M. to consult Dean Holgate about willingness of the U. to entertain the N.E.I.T. [North East Illinois Teachers' – ed.] Ass'n next Nov. Visited the very beautiful gymnasium! Chatted with Mr. Kingsley awhile.

Copy to printer announcing series of popular lectures under auspices of P. & T.A. Closed with Dr. Atwood over phone.

Groceries .75; shave 15;

Friday, January 27

The same as yesterday until late P.M. when a cooler wave set in.

Saturday, January 28

A beautiful sunny day, only moderately cool.
 First – to printing office; then overhauled stage scenery at school. Then took 10:32 to city. Shave and shampoo; then to Ricketts for diplomas; M. Field; lunch:
 2:00 Attended Excursion Committee meeting at Federal Building.
 3:35 Dr. McMurry & I had a committee meeting at the Great Northern. Also met Sup't Blair there. Mr. Eggers, also.
 Lunch 37; R.R. 52 + 15; groceries 58; barber 75; typewriter hektograph ribbon 75;

Sunday, January 29

Gray but mild. A cool breeze set in toward nightfall. All snow gone! Mud.
 Walked to Blodgett on Deerfield Road, then north to W. Parke Ave., & thence home.
 Heard wild geese call in the dusk. They were headed eastward.
 Read from Muir's A Summer Camp in the Sierras and have thought much today of a visit to the region!
 Evening at Mr. Parratt's.
 2 Daily News Almanacs 80¢

Monday, January 30

Rather sharp this AM., but moderated during the day. Clear.
 Miss Canavan ill and Miss Kerfoot a substitute. Special --- work with printer.. Proof on commencement programs and hand bills for Dr. Atwood's lecture. - - Sent bills to every home this P.M.
 Pd Meierhoff \$1⁰⁰ for load of manure.

Tuesday, January 31

Light snow fell in the night but most had gone before noon. Mild this evening.
 Flock of 27 wild geese going west at 8:30 A.M.
 Very busy day. Dinner at Mr. Geer's with Dr. Atwood, Miss McCormick, Miss Bliss, et al.
 Dr A's lecture in our auditorium – The Geog. of the North Shore – splendid. Audience of nearly 300.
 Sent two messengers to city for Dist. 107 – Expenses 1.04 + 40.
 Monk's cloth 1⁹⁶
 Shave

Wednesday, February 1

Still mild. Rising winds and cooler late in the evening.
 Extremely busy. Scenery for graduating exercises. Three boys and I worked until 11:00 P.M.
 Saw about 40 geese in one flock – east bound – 12:30 A.M.
 Spent 70¢ for stamps for Dist 107; 25¢ for tape;

Thursday, February 2

Ground hog day, a mild day and the sun shone at noon! A strong wind had blown in the night but every thing was peaceful by morning.
 Extremely busy. At building until 10:40 P.M.

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Shave 15¢;

Friday, February 3

Mild. Gray.

Graduating exercises of Class of Feb., 1911 – 12 pupils. Gave scenes from Maeterlinck's *The Blue Bird*. Very large crowd! Lots of work!!!

Shave 15; shine 10;

Saturday, February 4

Mild. Sunny.

At the city. Took specimens of milkweed blossoms (which Kathryn Caryl had sent from Porto Rico) to F.T. Harmon to get micro photograph of pollen. Got slides at Miss Ingersoll's. Left three negatives at C. Transparency Co. Met Mr. Cade.

In morning loaned wagon load of school scenery to Miss McCormick for the H.S.

R.R. 50 + 20; lunch 50; shave, etc. .25; Miss Ingersoll for slides & coloring, \$21⁰⁵;

Sunday, February 5

Wind blew a little cool in the A.M. but the sun shone, P.M. – about 4:00 it began to snow hard – S.E. wind and at 10:00 P.M. is still snowing & drifting with a strong wind.

Had a fine walk in the storm – from 5:00 to 6:30 – down Sheridan Road to "Lookout Point"; back to Ravinoaks & down to Lake shore; north to mouth of Ravine Drive & up the latter. Beautiful sights in the storm.

Monday, February 6

Storm continued all night and much of the day. Very heavy fall of snow. Drifts about buildings three to five feet high. Mild temperature as evening came on.

Saw a brown creeper today.

Promotion transfers today. New pupils began to come in.

Miss McC's pupils gave "Pandora" in the auditorium today.

Tuesday, February 7

Mild – almost thawing. Gray with occasional cloud masses causing twilight.

Shovelled snow back that I had scooped up on neighbor's yard.

Prof. Grant lectured on Glaciers of Alaska, this P.M. Audience of about 175. Receipts 16⁶⁵.

Barber 15.;

Brand €

Wednesday, February 8

Bright Thawing!

Went to city this A.M. on "wild goose" errand. Saw Mr Rocheleau and tried unsuccessfully to see Mr. Owing's of the Internat'l Harvester Co.

Miss Miller's pupils dramatized some short stories this P.M. All pupils below 6th as spectators.

Left more slides at Chic. Transp. Co.

R.R. 52 + 10; lunch 40;

Brand 35¢.

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Thursday, February 9

Bright at times but gray oftener. Cold wind rising during day. Much colder at nightfall.
P & T.A. meeting. Dr Bergen's paper. Also "Chicken Little".
Went to Park Ridge on 5:50 & 7:20 trains to talk with Mr. Clute about his lecture on the
Western Artists. Called on Mrs Collins & Mrs Maher
R.R. 52 + 52. Supper 35 + 15; magazine 15. Gas bill 4⁹⁰ & various checks – see stubbs.

Friday, February 10

Bright and cold though not severe. A slight thaw at noon.
A trying morning with the heating apparatus. Building mostly too cold, but some rooms
overheated.
Shave 15¢;

Saturday, February 11

Mild. A great thaw.
All sorts of errands at the city.
Miss Bass' resignation from 7th – 8th mathematics, etc. to take effect Mar. 1 received.
Met Chas Goddard and had a chat with him.
Plumber took out bowl in east dressing room off auditorium.
Berube set some desks and worke on bolts, etc.
R.R. 52; lunch 30;
For Dist. 107.
Canes for chairs 1⁰⁰; gilt .72; hktog. ink .75; paper .40; staples .20; seals .30; carbons .48;
film .24;

Sunday, February 12

Mild. Gray. Threatening rain – but no farther than a little mist.
Heard Mr. Dobson this A. M. Short (sidewalk) walk late in the afternoon. Supper at Mr
Clow's.
Began Richard Feverel. Read some on Forestry.
Church .10;

Monday, February 13

Mild. Misty. Late in the evening rain!
Miss White's children dramatized Chicken Little for all the pupils at morning assembly and
I presented our set of Lincoln slides.
School Board meeting this P.M.

Tuesday, February 14

Rained heavily in the night. Gray – dripping all day.
Miss Gr. ill and I taught her room all day. Miss Kerfoot substituted for Miss Knapp.
Dr Cowles lectured on "Plant Societies of H.P. & Vicinity." Fine. Receipts \$12⁷⁵
Mr Sherff & Dr. C. had conference in my office afterwards, then we went to 10:35 train.
Barber 15¢;

Wednesday, February 15

Gray. A little cooler.

Went to U. of C and School of Ed. to look up a teacher. Saw Miss Rice; Miss Lackner; a chat with Leigh Knight, Dr Crocker, et. al Got Yellowstone slides of Miss Reynolds.

Charge part to Dist 107.

R.R. 52 + 20 + 20; Lunch 30; supper 30; books 80¢.

Thursday, February 16

Overcast. Heavy showers this P.M. Snow banks here and there only reminiscences.

Took 5:20 to the city & the 7:00 to De Kalb. Luncheon at Dr McMurry's. Delightful chat with Mrs McM.

Visited with Mr. Parsons, Mr Whitten, Mrs Benedict. Left for home on 5:16 P.M. train & visited all the way in with Mrs L.B. McMurry & Dr Cook.

charge part to Dist 107.

R.R. 52 + 2.28; breakfast .30; supper 30; papers 10;

Friday, February 17

Rained more or less all day. Prof. Cox reports it the warmest day in February in 16 years! About 58°.

Went to Batavia via the A.E. & C.R.R. One mile was made in 46 sec.! Saw Miss Inga Arentzen at work. Also Miss Carter, 5th grade, (Promising) and Blanche [Canciense?], 2nd grade, (Excellent. A natural born teacher). The last, a classmate of Elsie Webb and born at Assumption.

Returned on the 12:30 to Chicago. Called on Searles.

R.R. 52 + 1⁰⁰ + 10; (charge part to Dist 107) Lunch 35; groceries 75; shave 15. Pd. Oscar Hallstrom 12⁰⁰ for Dist 107

Saturday, Feb. 18

Clear and gray! Snow fall night before. Cooler. Freezing.

This A.M. to the University to attend meeting of Academy (State) of Sciences. Addresses by T.C. Chamberlain, Noyes, Dr Pusey, Prof Cowles.

Home & prepared for evening talk which I gave at West End Woman's Club (Mrs McCall) before the Open Door section. Appreciative audience. Enjoyed it myself. "Forestry".

On way back – while on Madison St. car, saw an automobile at high speed knock over an old man. Our car went on but I got out later & went back. Gave my name to the police.

R.R. 52 + 20 + 10; lunch 25; (Evening expenses pd – Recd 1⁰⁰)

Sunday, February 19

Spitting snow occasionally. Colder. Gray.

To Art Institute to P.M. to see paintings of Sorolla and of the Western Artists. Met Mrs Butler, Mr. Bley, Mr. Weld.

Went over to hospital to learn of old man injured last evening – Geo. F. Lindley of Eagle Grove, Iowa. An engineer visiting his mother. Was apparently not much injured. Examined at hospital, then went home on trolley!!

R.R. 52 + 15; lunch 15.

Monday, February 20

Snow squalls after a beautiful sunny day. Much colder.

Miss G. unable to be at school. Taught three of her classes.

Rooms cold at 9:00 A.M. Spent much time over the heating apparatus.

This P.M Mother and I heard Miss McDowell at the Club House – “Maintaining the American Standard of Living.” Simple, convincing. Malcom McDowell told of the “bread wagon”. Spirited discussion

For Dist 107 – Messenger 52 + 25 = 77. Shave 15. Garters 50; cuff holders 10.
Household 8⁰⁰

Tuesday, February 21

10° above the A. M. Cold winds

Building cold. Sent three rooms home. Went to the city & brought out Mr Hennig, heating engineer with Lewis & Kitchen. Spent afternoon going over plant with him.

Mr Nichols lectured tonight, “Bicycletry through the Alps and Apennines”. Very well received. \$13⁴⁰.

Charge part to Dist 107

R.R. 1.04 + 20; lunch 40; shave 15; books 72¢; Tailor .75;

Wednesday, February 22

Washington’s Birth Day! A beautiful, sunny day! Cold. Patches of snow still.

No school. At home nearly all day.

Walked over the fields after sunset. Heard the horned larks but did not see them.

Called this P.M. on Mr. Greenslade and Mrs Schumacher. “School business.”

Groceries 25;

Thursday, February 23

Clear. Milder. Windy. Beautiful day

Had field trips with pupils to inspect erection of a store building.

Went down to Lincoln Center this evening to dinner as guest of Mrs Bley and heard Mr Hooker’s address on City Building. Got home at 11:30 P.M.

R.R. 52 + 5; apple 5; paper 5; barber 25;

L[??] 10¢ (Dist. 107);

Friday, February 24

Sunny. Warm. Boys playing marbles. Roller skates. Lilac buds swollen. Tulips peeping through.

Went to meeting of Board of Directors of the Geog. Soc., this P.M. Was appointed on committee on nominations.

R.R. 52 + 15; papers, etc. 10;

Saturday, February 25

Mild, mild! Overcoats almost a burden.

Got up at 4:30 to work up material about course in zoology. To the city on the 8:49.

Meeting of the Committee of Seven at the Tribune B’ld’g all day. Luncheon at City Club. Messrs Tear, Jones and Meyers

Wrote up Bob G for the new (local) paper.

Mrs Moseley phoned she saw a bluebird today. My sister heard a robin calling at daybreak.

R.R. 52 + 20; Lunch 50; Groceries 20; barber 75;

Dist 107: glycerine 3⁰⁰; alcohol 95; gelatine 40; Punch 75; staples 10.

Sunday, February 26

Rain in the night. Colder. A gray day relieved at times by a veiled burst of light.
(Mrs Moseley reported seeing a bluebird yesterday.)

Tramped late this P.M. over the meadows and into the Skokie – south. Gathered pussy willows and osier dogwoods. Heard the horned larks in the fields.

This evening wired Miss Catherine Bailey of Battle Creek to occupy Miss Bass' place.

Monday, February 27

Cool. Clear. Delightful weather.

Johnson Temperature Control man overhauled our apparatus.

Long conference with Mrs Wrenn, Mrs Buchanan & Mrs Underwood about Boy Scouts, etc.

Party at the High School this P.M. Fine time.

Boys brought in a female Old Squaw duck they found dead on the beach.

Barber 15; express on slides ;

Tuesday, February 28

Nipping cool. From gray to clear.

Wrote an "editorial" for the first issue of the Highland Park Press.

Rev. A. Eugene Bartlett's lecture on the Passion Play at Oberammergau this evening was impressive – brilliant Receipts \$22.42 Very appreciative audience. Had a long chat with Mr. Bartlett in my office after it was over.

Pd gas bill \$4⁸⁰.

Wednesday, March 1

Cold wind. Sunny. Bright.

Went over to Batavia late today. Spent from 7:30 to 9:30 with Supt Bone, discussing the course of study prepared by the Committee of Seven, & came back – reaching H.P. at 12:05

Expenses chargeable to N.E.I.T. Ass'n.

R.R. 52 + 1⁰⁰ 152

Supper [6?]0; magazine .10; Gieser 6⁵⁸; Harmon 3⁰⁰; Mrs Clow 25⁰⁰; Volunteers of Amer., 2⁰⁰; Bock 14⁰⁵; Ticket to Muldoon lecture .50;

Thursday, March 2

Gray and bright alternately. Milder

Miss Catharine Bailey here to take Miss Bass' place.

First issue of the "Highland Park Press." Called at Ed Farmer's house this P.M. (Elizabeth was killed yesterday at Hubbard's Woods), and at the home of the widow of Martin Hart.

Mr Kimball called with copies of the petition against hunting – which I had drawn up.

Shave & shine 25; Pd Esther Kerfoot for Dist. 107 – 22⁰⁰; sundries 15;

Friday, March 3

Mild, still.

Miss Bailey began regular work. Miss Bass did various things – calisthenics, etc. More racketing and complications between the latter and the janitress. Miss Bass given a "shower" by the children.

Barber .25;

Saturday, March 4

A beautiful sunny day – cool -- ; a beautiful night.

Conference with Prof. Cox, Cowles, Goode, Miss Lackner & Mr. Mortensen at Prof. Cox's office!

Heard Forbes Robertson in The Passing of the Third Floor Back at the Garrick! Very beautiful – touching – most impressive. A profound sermon.

R.R. 52 + 30; phone 20; lunch 30; lantern slide .25; shoe repairs 1²⁵; books 2⁰⁵; (music .65); passe partout .30; strawberries .25;

Sunday, March 5

Gray; Drizzly. Then gusts of rain towards evening.

Communion service at the Presbyterian Church.

Dinner (Mother and I) at Mrs Shannon's to meet Miss Holbrook. McKenzie & "Happy" there, also Mrs Payne and Muriel.

Began "Clayhanger."

Church 20; trolley 20;

Monday, March 6

Mild. Sunny at most.

Barber 15;

Tuesday, March 7

The same story of ideal March weather – clear, cool.

Made a reconnaissance this evening after school, west of Ravinia station & back around to the R R Mens' Home, but saw no new birds.

Mrs Leaming claims to have seen a meadow lark today.

Dr. Baker lectured tonight on the Birds of Highland Park. Receipts 16.95 (?). Are not supposed to pay him anything.

Trolley .45; Nat'l Geog. Mag. 2⁰⁰

Presbyt Church 17⁰⁰; McClurg's 7⁴¹; Papers 1¹⁵; etc.

Wednesday, March 8

Still most delightful weather!

Went to N.W. gymnasium building this A.M. and had a conference with Mr Hammett with reference to use of the gymn by the N.E.I.T.A. next Nov.

Saw a robin on the ridge of a house and heard him scold.

Mr Webb's assistant came out, relined our kiln, & started firing.

Met Ralph Davis and three other boys this P.M. at Port Clinton school to talk boy scouts.

Trolley 30;

Thursday, March 9

Mild. A faint shower at nightfall, then a clear moonlit sky. Great explosion at Spring Prairie, Wisconsin, at 8:30 which shattered a big transom window at the fruit store here.

Committee meeting of Parents and Teachers Ass'n this afternoon. Am chairman of committee on lectures for next year.

Robins reported freely.
Fountain pen 2⁵⁰; stamp book .97;

Friday, March 10

Mild. Saw bluebirds & meadow larks "a plenty" this A.M. south of Lincoln Ave.
Telegram from Aunt Eva in the night announcing death of Uncle Nat. Mother left Chicago at 6:05 this P.M. for Omaha. Death had been expected.
Minstrel show of Tri Mu's in auditorium, the school to have a share in proceeds.
Overcrowded house. "Great show"
Went on meadow lark party after school with Miss K. & 20 children. Saw 4 meadow larks, 11 red polls, 4 robins, geese, ducks, hawk, etc.
Barber 25; telegram 30; drew out \$30⁰⁰ for Mother;

Saturday, March 11

The overcoat a burden! Strong south wind. A suggestion of a shower at nightfall.
Morning at U. of C. looking up milkweed material. Visited with Lee Knight & had lunch with him. P.M. Called at Miss Ingersoll's and brought away 2 slides. Visited Mr. Hooker at the City Club. Went out to Seward Park to see physical apparatus. Conference with Bahr this P.M.
R.R. 52 + 20 + 20; Sundries .10; Photog materials 80; At Brands 1³⁰ + ⁸⁰; neck tie 1⁰⁰.
Sent \$6⁶⁰ to C.K. Reed for bird guides

Sunday, March 12

March showed her teeth today! A slight rain in the night; bluster and a sleet squall or two in the morning; high winds and cool in the afternoon; clear skies and cold at nightfall.
Heard Mr. Dobson's sermon, A.M.
Went down to Mr. Ebling's this P.M. – Ravinia – to help him name the trees & shrubs on his place. Met his wife & baby – Louise. Called at Bergman's.
Was given half dozen or so people from whom to solicit contributions for the new Presb. church.
Church 10; trolley 10.

Monday, March 13

Clear. Sunny. A little cool.
Field trip with some children and the Misses B, G. & M. Saw one bluebird, one meadow lark, one grackle, etc. Song sparrows have been heard here for a few days.
Board meeting this evening. All present except Messrs Drum & Louderback.
Bananas, etc. 20;

Tuesday, March 14

As yesterday. Beautiful days and brilliant moonlit nights.
Miss Holbrook's lecture this evening on German Art. Not well prepared. Slides poorly arranged. Receipts \$12.
Had a long conference with Mr. Bowen about his record as commissioner of public works.
Fine teachers' meeting. Read selections from Clayhanger. Discussed James. Mrs Bournique & Mrs Curtis present.
Household 2⁵⁰;

Wednesday, March 15

An icy northwest wind came up in the night and blew strong and cold most of today. One nearly froze one's hands out-of-doors.

Card from Mother says they buried Uncle Nat the 12th.

Sent \$5⁷⁵ to Gillette for wildflower plants for the school.

Barber 25; telegram .25;

Thursday, March 16

Still cold though relenting somewhat.

Left on 3:30 train from H.P. & 5:00 I.C.R.R. from Chicago for Rockford where I gave Wild Flower Trails in Swedish Luth. Church, benefit Boys' Club – Expenses paid only (RR. 1⁸⁵ + 1⁸⁵, etc). Good house & good attention. Ellen Chamberlain present, Mrs. O.J. Kern, Ruth Marshall, et. al. Guest of Dr. [blank] Kimball & wife – fine nature lovers. Stayed all night at their house.

(Boy Scout lecture by Crosby at Auditorium while I was absent. Excellent report of it).

Friday, March 17

This A.M. left Rockford, acc. by Dr. Kimball on the 7:30 (8:00) train, I.C.R.R. for Chicago Home at 11:22.

Mother arrived this A.M. from Omaha.

Rec'd check from P. & T.A. for money advanced -- \$5⁰⁶.

Lectured at Central St. School Evanston, this evening on Wild Flower Trails. Very appreciative audience – Mrs & Mr Dwight Perkins, Mrs Wheelock, Mr. Kingsley, Myrtle & Ethel, Mr & Mrs F.H. Pattee, et. al. Fine time. Fee \$10⁰⁰.

R.R. 26 + 20; barber 25;

(Geese are honking over as I write – 11:15 P.M.)

Saturday, March 18

Milder. Pleasantly cool.

To the city. Conference with the printers and Prof. Cox about prospective bulletin of Geog Society.

Home at 3:37. Rested. Attended teachers' party at Auditorium. Slipped away long enough to chat with Mrs Schumacher about Boy Scouts.

R.R. 52 + 10; lunch 35;

Sunday, March 19

More fine weather. A little windy. Dry!

Church A.M. Mr. D. preached. Mrs Everett conferred with me about S.S. work.

Went to city on 4:26 to talk in Church of the Redeemer, Warren & Robey. Supper with Rev. & Mrs Bartlett. He had to lecture in a Cong. church one half mile away, so Mrs B. presided. Small and rather dull audience in a large room. A few quite enthusiastic. W.E. Walker present. Fee \$10⁰⁰.

Expenses 62 + 60 = \$1²²

Church .10.

Monday, March 20

Mild, mild!

1911

Birds' nests the principal at A.M. exercises today.
Sundries .10;

Tuesday, March 21

Mild. Windy! Dry!! Nature invites one to make garden. The catkins of the hazel are beginning to hang limp and golden. Other catkins and buds are making great progress.

Rev. Mr. Bartlett gave his lecture on Switzerland this P.M. A smaller audience than at his previous lecture. Good. Beautiful pictures. Receipts

Called on the Olivers after school and saw some of their paintings by Wendt and others.
Barber .15;

Wednesday, March 22

A little rain in the night. Cleared off much cooler – yet not unpleasant.

This afternoon went to meeting of Prin. Ass'n of Cook Co. & vicinity at Cook Co. Courthouse. Discussion on report on grammar. Hasty supper at restaurant in city. Home at 7:10 & then to schoolhouse to meet some incipient scouts. Then to Presbyt. Church on invitation of Mrs F.D. Evertt to be present at discussion of S.S. matters (Loaned "Jim" -- \$10⁰⁰ in the city).

R.R. 52 + 10; supper 30; sundries 63; household 10⁰⁰;

Thursday, March 23

Clear. Cool.

P. & T. Ass'n held joint session at auditorium, addressed by Dr. Rachel Yarros on Social Hygiene – Large audience. Fine time.

This P.M. attended a caucus on aldermanship & accompanied a party that called on Mr. Rabe, requesting him to run for the position.

Barber 25;

Friday, March 24

Clear. Cool. Milder.

Conference with Mr. Bahr this A.M. about shrubbery at school and about plant house. Mr Sherff came to confer about early Spring flowers.

Signed Mr. Rabe's petition at noon.

Saturday, March 25

Mild. Charming. Overcoats a burden.

Committee meeting at Prof. Cox's office this A.M.

Walk over into the Skokie late this P.M. Thousands of juncos, song sparrows a-plenty and occasionally a fox sparrow in voice! Red-winged blackbirds abundant and a deafening chorus of frogs! Skunk cabbage peering through!!

Barber .65; R.R. 52 + 10; lunch .37; tags .10; etc.

Sunday, March 26

A rainy Sunday with the grass growing green.

Conference this P.M. at Mrs Schumacher's over Boy Scouts' affairs. Mr Carr elected President of the Council; I secretary.

Called on Mr. Morse about club of boys at Port Clinton.

Kittie & I spent part of the evening at H.R. Smith's.

Monday, March 27

Bright at first but blew increasingly cool and strong and snow flurries prevailed by evening. Held first meeting of group of ladies interested in nature study – 3:00 to 4:00.

Enthusiastic group.

Left H.P. on the 9:11 P, M, & Chicago on 11:43 P.M., Alton, with W.F. Rocheleau for Springfield to appear in behalf of Starved Rock Park.

Tuesday, March 28

Springfield

Woke up in "yards" of the Alton in Springfield. Beautiful sunny day, grass bright green, clear, but a little cool.

Preliminary caucus in Atty Gen. Stead's office in Supreme C't Bldg. A.M. Breakfast and dinner at St. Nick.

P.M. in rooms of Appropriations Committee, David Shanahan presiding. Our turn came after long hearing of other claims. Prof. James, Rocheleau, Mr Richards, Mrs Webber, Father Quirt & others spoke. Had a good hearing. Trolley to Decatur & spent evening at Clarence's. Left on Wab in night for Chicago.

Wednesday, March 29

Reached C. at 7:00 A.M. & H.P. at 8:36. An inch or more of snow on the ground. Nearly all melted during day.

Scarlet fever at Ravinia and cases in three homes on W. Central Ave. Dr. Bergen examined all our pupils. No result.

Mrs Benedict visiting. She, Miss G. & Miss S. and I went to Glenco after school to inspect building.

Lennie & Arthur and Robin came.

Springfield expenses 5.70 + 1.50 + 30 + 75 + 4⁸⁶ + 50 + 50 + 52 + 10 + Barber .35;

Thursday, March 30

A little snow in the night and a flurry this A.M.

More talk about scarlet fever. Article in the Record Herald.

Lennie & Co. spent day in city. Here at evening.

Miss Martha Deegan applied in person for a position.

Mr. Sullivan figured on our plant house, i.e. the heating thereof.

H.B. Edwards 1²⁵;

Friday, March 31

More snow in the night but it practically disappeared in a few hours. Day bright at times.

Lennie, Arthur, and Robin went home this P.M.

Distributed warrants. Miss Knapp's pupils gave a King Arthur play.

I left early and went to Board Meeting of Geog. Soc. at Cox's office. Got through motion to print Starved Rock bulletin.

R.R. 52 + 10; sundries 10; Scout books .90 + 1⁸⁰; (Ticket 6⁵⁰)

Saturday, April 1

Left on the 6:20 A.M. for C. and the 8:10 I.C.R.R. for Freeport. 20° above zero. Clear. Thin ice needles on pools. Warmed up greatly during day.

At Freeport at 11:25. Went to Clifton House. At 3:00 gave flower talk to Woman's Club. Very appreciative audience. Fine time.

Visited Lincoln-Douglas debate tablet. View of Pecatonica River. Left on 6:45 for C. Home on the 10:40.

Rec'd \$20⁰⁰ + 6⁰⁰ for expenses.

Trochees 25; papers, etc. .30

Barber & etc. .40

Sunday, April 2

Snowed nearly all day!! Not a great deal of melting because ground was now cold. Went out while it was still snowing to the skunk cabbage patch west of Highwood to photograph it in the snow but couldn't find the plants! Cold as it was the juncoes were lively. I saw one phoebe, dispirited and irritable.

Mr Mitchell called about the lecture on the small parks.

Trolley 10.

Monday, April 3

Snow melted in large part during day.

Went out after 5:00 o'clock and took two photographs of skunk cabbage in the snow.

Had afternoon class of women – bird and flower class.

Wrote checks as follows.

Chicago Boys' Club 2⁰⁰; Bock 13⁰⁰; loan to Clarence 100⁰⁰; Gas 4⁹⁰; Gieser 9⁴³; Roddag 1¹⁵; Clow 25⁰⁰; Mandel 10⁰¹; Stevens 6⁰⁰; Fields 83⁰⁰; Nelson 1²⁵; Zahnle 3⁹⁶;

Trolley .20; dry goods .50; Rec'd of Kittie 56⁶⁵;

Tuesday, April 4

Very gray – then rainy. Late this evening rather heavy rains. Thunder was quite pronounced several times.

The election No opposition to T. M. Clarke for supervisor.

Had a civics lesson with 8A's & 8B's because of its timeliness.

Pins .15 (Dist 107);

Wednesday, April 5

Gray and threatening but only a little cooler. Grass looked greener.

Went to Elgin & gave flower talk before the Every Wednesday Club at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Alfred Bosworth, 623 Highland Ave. Mr. Cade operated. I paid him \$10⁰⁰ and expenses – 16⁵⁰, and received \$35⁰⁰. Mrs [Powis?] (a Dunham of Wayne) was particularly agreeable.

Got back to Chicago at 7:00 and went to hear John Drew in "Smith". Delightful evening.

52 + 10 + 60 + 60 + 50 + 10 + 25 + 10 = 277 – Elgin trip.

Barber 25; theater 1⁰⁰

Thursday, April 6

Gray all day until 4:00 P.M. when sun came out; there was a glorious sunset, and a perfect moonlight night prevails.

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This P.M. – Conference with Mr. Kimball; then to H.P. Club for Boy Scout conference; then 20 minutes' chat at Brand's studio; then up to Oliver's for another conference.

1²⁵ + 0³ for Garden Manual;

Friday, April 7

Cool winds. Clear and beautiful.

Usual grist of events. Had Berube figure on greenhouse at Grammar School.

Saturday, April 8

Gray and threatening at times. Milder.

To the city after spending an hour or so preparing copy for H.P. Press.

At 2:00 P.M. committee meeting – excursions – with Atwood, Mansfield, Rocheleau & Cox. Then caucus with Cox over work of nominating committee. Shopping, etc. & supper at Restaurant. At 8:00 P.M. Executive Committee meeting at Great Northern – Dr. McMurry, Mr. Hannah. Short chat with Dr. Caldwell.

For Dist. 107 - \$3⁰⁸ for envelopes for drinking cups

R.R. 52 + 10; Wippermans 1¹⁵; Collar button 25; toilet paper 1¹⁰; Lunch 35; supper 40; pictures 12;

Sunday, April 9

Beautiful Sunny. Cool wind off the lake.

Ramble off towards Skokie – saw my first flicker though reported some days ago – hermit thrushes (saw them two days ago first); then to church. P.M. went to Washington Ave. & west to Skokie with Mr. & Mrs. Wonser, Mr. Parratt, & Mr. Burkhart.

Church 10.

Monday, April 10

A beautiful day, milder than yesterday.

Nature class this afternoon – unusually interesting.

Board meeting this evening. No quorum Mrs S., Mr. M., & Mr. G. present.

Tuesday, April 11

Mild. Spring like. Light shower after nightfall.

Planted dicentra, mertensia, aquilegia, and sanguinaria in school ravine. Mr. Bahr brought up a man and started work pasking around front of building.

Mr Szmugalski, Manager of Park No. 1, lectured on Recreation Centers of Chicago. Very small house. \$3⁷⁰. Fine talk

Barber .25

Wednesday, April 12

Mild. Somewhat gray. Geen things getting greener.

50 years ago – the bombardment of Ft. Sumter. Held a short assembly in commemoration.

Talked before Wilmette Women's Club at 2:30 P.M. A lot of school children run in at the last moment with bad effect. (\$10 – fee).

Conference with Prof James over N.E.I.T.A. meeting; also with Mrs Anna Halstrom, cateress, & talked to Mr. Nichols. Supper at restaurant. Then to city – to Hull House and had a conference with Mrs Pelham.

R.R. 15 + 5 + 52 +20; supper 40; sundries 1⁰⁰;

Thursday, April 13

Thunder storm in the night. Mild day and thunder storm in late afternoon. Heavy downpour. Some hail.

Asa Goddard visited me today. Talked over phone with Prof. Cox over nominations for Geog. Society.

Barber .15;

Friday, April 14

Clear. Fine weather. Windy.

Hepaticas are blooming here and there. The dandelions are opening.

Geographic Society this evening. McClintock on Blackfeet Indians. Splendid slides.

Conference with Miss Baber and others. Looked into Mr. Clute's class.

Visit with Miss Holbrook for an hour or so at my building. Also Miss Julia Street, of Michigan City.

R.R. 52 + 5; Lunch 15; Macon Cem Assn. 1⁰⁰;

Saturday, April 15

Strong wind all day. An "April day" with sunshine sometimes broken with flurries of rain or snow flakes.

Tramp to Skokie with Mr. & Mrs. Perrine and Chas Delhaye. Brought back marsh marigolds, skunk cabbage, etc. for wild gardens.

School election. Anticipated fight by a candidate of Dr. Oneil's. No ticket put up. 134 votes Mr. Moseley – Mr. Morton & Mrs Schumacher.

Trolley .10; flower .75; ice cream .20;

Sunday, April 16

Easter Day!! On the whole a nice day. Cool and overcast at times.

Church at Presbyterian Church. This afternoon Mother, Kittie & I went to four o'clock vespers at Presbyt Church at Waukegan. Mr. Chidester's church. Mr Baggett conducted chorus.

Alex Dotey and Osborn Darby went out in a canoe shortly before noon today. Their canoe was floating empty at 12:30, their caps came ashore----that's all that is known just now!

Church .50; trolley .90

Monday, April 17

Mild. Beautiful day. Planted marsh marigolds and skunk cabbage in the school ravine.

Field trip to Skokie west of Highwood with 20 women – Parents & Teachers' Assn. A fine time. Saw myrtle warbler. It was reported a few days ago.

Norton called and I had a little chat with him.

Trolley 15; sundries .15; Sent Aunt Eva \$12⁵⁰ for Mother's ticket & berth;

Tuesday, April 18

Gray; then sunny and mild. Fine misty rain as evening wore on.

1911

Election day. Great excitement. Mr. Oliver won – mayor. My candidate for Alderman in this ward, Mr. Raabe, lost by 39 votes to Byron Stevens.

Mr. Cl[?]rte for supper His lecture on Homes and Haunts of Western Artists well received by small audience. Receipts about \$5⁰⁰. Entertained him at schoolhouse until time for 10:35 train.

Stamps 10; (R.R. tickets 13⁰⁰)

Wednesday, April 19

Rainy. An April day. Grass grows visibly.

Alexander Doty's body recovered this afternoon.

Miss Hostetter & Miss Canavan took 29 pupils to Field Museum.

Kittie and I and ten of the "staff" took dinner at Hull House tonight and saw Galsworthy's "Justice" in the Theater. A strong presentation.

R.R. 1⁰⁴; .40; supper 1⁰⁰ + 15; tickets 1⁰⁰; barber .15;

Thursday, April 20

Mild. Thunder storm and brief but heavy rain after 9:00 P.M.

Dr. Caldwell to supper and his lecture on School Gardens. Fine lecture – small audience.

Body of Osborne Darby recovered this afternoon.

School Century 1²⁵; Aunt Eva .75; Groceries .50

Friday, April 21

Sunny and gray. Warm and cooler. Moody.

Funeral for Alex Dotey at 11:00 A.M. A la C. S.

Arbor Day talks this afternoon but plantings deferred.

Spent evening preparing to explain "The Making of a Butterfly".

Barber 25; sundries .10;

Saturday, April 22

Beautiful day. A little cool.

At Lewis Institute to present flower talk before West Side Nature Study Club – A.M.

At 4:00 o'clock gave talk at Lincoln School before children and at 8:00 o'clock to adults Got along well but was disturbed by children at evening performance.

Barber 75; lunch 40 + 20; car fare 52 + 15 + 20 + 15 + 15; seeds .75;

Sunday, April 23

A beautiful, sunny day. A cool wind.

Rested. Late afternoon scouted through the Skokie from Fort. Sheridan R.R. station to Kuist's farm. The Skokie was ideally beautiful at sunset – pools of water – green grass and brown – gray mist of aspen catkins – the calls of the birds.

Trolley .05;

Monday, April 24

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Tuesday, April 25

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Wednesday, April 26

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Thursday, April 27

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Friday, April 28

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Saturday, April 29

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Sunday, April 30

Bright and gray alternately. Cool wind came up after nightfall.
At church. Sermon on the Tercentenary of the Eng. Bible.
Short tramp late in the afternoon. Principal musical performer – the brown thrasher.
Church .10.

Monday, May 1

Cool. Threatening. Light rain with snow particles. Clearing some what at nightfall.
Cold.

Nature class met as usual. Scouted over Mr. Egan's place
Mr Nida & Miss Davis of River Forest visited us. Mr. N. and I had lunch at the Cafe.
Conference this evening with Mrs Schumacher over teachers.
Lunch 1⁵⁰;

Tuesday, May 2

A sharp frost and then ice last night but little damage done. Gray to clear today.
Moderated a little towards evening.
Two field trips today. Mr Woodruff of the Academy of Sciences accompanied the ravine
trip and took pictures to use in the "welfare exhibit". Prof. Tomlins called to outline a "scheme"
and to invite me to a lecture of his at New Trier next Friday evening.
Martins here; water thrush we saw this afternoon.
Barber 25; sundries 10;

Wednesday, May 3

Frost but not quite so sharp. A bright, pleasant day.
Field trip – ponds – with 4A's.
Conference with Teachers' Committee this P.M. at Mrs Schumacher's. Mr. Louderback
present.
Boy brought in a live Sora rail.
Mother 10⁰⁰;

Thursday, May 4

Clear. Still a little cool. Frost last night.

1911

Business meeting of P. & T. A. today. Held committee meeting on lectures afterwards. Planned 10 numbers for next year.

Barber 65; ice cream 20; Pd Bock 14.72 [G.F. Bock operated a grocery at 14 Central Ave., Highland Park – ed.]; G. 8.48 [Adolf Gieser operated a grocery at 234 N. Second St. and Paul Gieser operated a meat market at 18 Central Ave., both in Highland Park – ed.]; Mrs Clow \$25 [In 1911, Mr. Smith & his family rented a house owned by the Clows – ed.]; Chic Tel. Co 3⁷⁵; Middleton 8.15 [John Middleton operated a coal and wood business at 32 First St., Highland Park – ed.]; Laundry 2.55;

Friday, May 5

Left on 5:20 A. M. for DeKalb to attend Supts' Asson. Breakfast at restaurant in C.& N.W.R.R. Station, Chicago. Mr. [T?]ear & I went out to DeKalb together. Gave flower talk before Normal students and several hundred children in the A. M. Lunch with Dr McMurry's. Session in P.M. Supper at the Glidden. After evening program gave Biog. of Milk Weed, etc to audience in Normal School auditorium. Then stayed until 12:30 P.M. in Fay's office looking over Lincolniana, etc. Slept at "European Hotel"

R.R. 26 + 1¹⁴; Br. 60; Supper 50; Bed .50; pamphlets .75; sundries 10;

Saturday, May 6

Remained at DeKalb until 12:44 A.M. Valuable discussion. Mr. Bardwell & I named Com. of Seven for following year. Conference with Dr. McMurry. Rode with Bohn of Centralia back to Chicago.

Shopped at Wipperman's. Charged my new tripod, etc.

Home at 6:30.

Developed my first plates. Didn't get through until nearly 2:00 A.M.

R.R. 1¹⁴; Break. 40; R.R. 26; Check room 30; Wipperman's .50; car .10; sundry 20; barber 25;

Sunday, May 7

The warmest day thus far. Sultry almost. Hard maples in full blossom. Wild cherry also. Went to Skokie w. of Washington Ave with Mr. Parrat [Parrott? – ed.] late P.M. Took 6 photographs. Palm warblers abundant. Bobolinks. Woods full of warblers.

Developed plates again this evening.

Trolley 10. Check for Bilharz \$4⁰⁰;

Monday, May 8

Warm. Showers towards evening.

Bird class as usual. Over to Mr. Egan's where rain drove us in.

Oriole, catbird, wood thrush, red head, great crested, etc. Cardinal grosbeak, warblers!!

Board meeting this evening.

Sundries .05;

Tuesday, May 9

Warm but pleasant.

Left on 3:30 train to city and took 5:15 on the C. M. & St. Paul for Savanna where we arrived at 8:50 P.M. Particularly noteworthy was the country between C. and the Fox River. Away from C. cherry trees, peaches & pears and apple trees were in bloom.

1911

Stopped at the Radke house.

R.R. 26 + 2.70; supper 40; night message to Mrs Schapper .65; sundries .20.

Wednesday, May 10 Savanna, Ill.

Clear. Very sultry and very windy.

Soon after breakfast went down to river. Saw fisherman cleaning fish – including sand sturgeon. Photographed a river scene, also a clammer at work.

Visited Lincoln school – A.M. Chat with Mr. J.B. Wallace. Watched the work of Miss Eva E. Stevens. After dinner tramped along C. B. & Q. tracks up river. Too windy to get river views. Took flower pictures in a hollow. Took 5:30 train to Chicago & 10:45 to H.P.

R.R. 26 + 2.70; hotel 1⁵⁰; supper 1²⁵; sundries .30; lunch .25; Magazines, etc. .25
Barber 10;

Thursday, May 11

Refreshing cool wind. Clear.

Vegetation at Savanna yesterday a week or more in advance of that of H.P. Warblers seemed to have gone there and the vireos were in full voice.

Developed negatives this evening.

Bicycle 3⁷⁵;

Friday, May 12

Pleasantly warm. Cool breeze blew up towards evening.

To the city this A.M. to consult with Miss Ingersoll as to slides for 8th grade exercises.

This P.M. went down to Geog. Society. Isham Randolph lectured. Panama Canal.

[Isham Randolph was the chief engineer for the Sanitary District of Chicago from 1893 to 1907 and is credited with guiding the construction of the Chicago Drainage Canal, now known as the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. In 1905 President Roosevelt named him as one of thirteen members on the International Board of Advisory Engineers to recommend a type of canal for the Isthmus of Panama. The majority of the Board recommended a sea-level canal. Mr. Randolph was part of the minority who recommended the lock-type canal that was eventually built. – ed.]

R.R. 1⁰⁴ + 20; plates at S.W. & Co., 1⁸⁸; Wipperman 12⁹⁰;

Saturday, May 13

Cool wind. Beautiful & clear.

Photographed dandelions A.M. P.M. went to Beach by trolley. Saw Harris' sparrow. Bearberry in blossom. Also lousewort, violets, puccoon, arabis, etc. Late – 7:15 came to buck bean in full blossom! Got to Waukegan 7:45 P.M. Supper there 9:05 trolley home.

R.R. 30 + 10; handkerch. 25; supper .40; extras .15;

Sunday, May 14

Gray at times. Threatening. Pleasant.

Church this A.M. P.M. late, Kittie and I went to Mr. F. D. Everett's. Met Mrs Eugenia Bacon. Rev. & Mrs. Dobson came in later. Tea.

Church 10;

Monday, May 15

Warm. Clear.

Bird class this afternoon. Met at Mr. Moseley's house and ended up at Mr Chandler's.
Last of the series.

Conference with Mr. Greenslade and Mrs Schumacher (separately) this P.M.

Field trip by wagon to Clay Cliffs with Miss Guiney's 8A's.

High tide of warblers! B.t. Blue; B.t. green; chestnut; bay br; b & w; Tennessee; redstart;
black poll.

Ice cream 10;

Tuesday, May 16

Hot – almost. About 4:30 a cool breeze came up from the lake – but died down in an hour
or two.

Barber .15; Lancioni .20;

Wednesday, May 17

Hot. Dry. No cool breeze. Mosquitoes and June bugs.

This A.M. went to Chicago. Visited Searles, et. al. Got back at 12:20. Put up scenery on
auditorium stage. Then went over to the H.S. to help put up our exhibit for Grammar School day.

R.R. 52 + 10; ice cream .25; camera plates 1⁸⁸; sundries .45;

Thursday, May 18

Hot. A remarkable record for May. Have been running school only until 2:30.

Field trip for Miss Miller's room this A.M. to farm.

Committee meeting at Mrs Underwood's this P.M. Hard work getting room ready for the
operetta.

Beautiful performance this evening – by fifth and sixth grades.

Ice cream .50; sundries 15;

Friday, May 19

Hot! Windy. Blew a little cooler by evening.

A.M. Miss Parks' pupils and I planted in the garden. P.M. Matinee performance of
operetta – The Year Around.

Grammar School Day at the H.S. Could not attend.

Ice cream .20;

Saturday, May 20

A little cooler – then heavy rain storms this afternoon. Lilacs almost washed down.

To the city on the 9:53. At 1:00 lunch at Field's with Miss Baber and Prof. Grant.

Conference about needs of Geog. City.

Had lesson on printing from negatives by Mrs Wipperman.

R.R. 52 + 40; glass .75; groceries .15; lunch, etc .80; hat 3⁵⁰; Bilharz 4⁰⁰;

Sunday, May 21

Cooler. Misty and bright haze. A.M. This P.M. after 3:00 o'clock short but heavy
downpours at intervals with some heavy electrical displays. Raining at 10:30 P.M.

Trolley to Ravinia, A.M. and walk over west – fields & woods.

At home all afternoon. A cough. Overtaxed strength.

Trolley 10.

Monday, May 22

Rained at times again today.

To the city this A.M. to talk over teachers with Searles.

This eve Dr. Bergen took my temperature and sent me home!

Watch 1⁰⁰; R.R. 52 + 15; lunch .30; phones .10; shave 15; W.H. Gilman 1⁷⁰;

Tuesday, May 23

Clear. Fine.

Ten of my staff and I went to Child Welfare Exhibit in the Coliseum this P.M.

The Academy of Sciences included in its pictures one of a group of our pupils and me in a ravine.

News of sudden death of Mrs G. L. Lenglade of Connersville – formerly Miss Floy Robinson!

R.R. 52 + 20. Sundries .15.

Wednesday, May 24

Beautiful summer day.

To Waukegan this A.M. Pleasant visit with Miss Beasley. Observed Miss Thye at work – 5th grade. Good work with much promise.

Routine work. P.M. Conferences with Miss Van Law about salary schedule, etc. Ditto Miss Woodley.

Letter from Kathryn Caryl agreeing (too late) to accept 3rd grade!

Sent flowers to Connersville.

R.R. .40; barber 15; Hardware 2²⁸;

Thursday, May 25

Very warm again but not so humid as last week.

Spent most of morning and some of the afternoon at home resting, trying to throw off a touch of the grippe [influenza – ed.]. Lungs mostly affected.

Conference with Miss Bailey about her position.

Ice cream .20; Mother 7⁵⁰;

Friday, May 26

Hot!

Left home on 7:05 & via Lake Shore R.R. (8:27) went to Whiting. Mort and Flo got on train at Englewood for Chesterton. Spent A.M. seeing Miss Enola Baker and others at work. Visited Sup't Halliday. Took trolley to Hammond and had lunch at Majestic Cafe. Arrived to visit Miss Virginia Admiral but her Supt. (McDaniels) told me that she is to be married this year. Took So. Bend Electric for Pullman & I.C.R.R. to city.

Mother crossed Lake this A.M.

R.R. 52 + 25 + 20 + 45; lunch .55; sundries 20; ice cream .20;

Saturday, May 27

Still very hot.

At home this A.M. Some work at school b'ld'g. Arranged with G.G. Greene to take over some lumber, etc. left in Mr. Grover's shop.

P.M. – to city. Returned lantern slides to Art Institute, etc.

R.R. 52 + 20; ice cream 30; music .20. Barber 25; patterns 35;

Sunday, May 28

Grew cooler in the night. Rain fell early this morning and cool breezes blew all day. Gentle rain began to fall at 6:00 P.M. and continued for some time.

Church A.M.

Slept nearly all P.M. Started at 5:00 for a tramp but threatening storm sent me back.

Church 10; trolley 10.

Monday, May 29

Cool. Cloudy. Late afternoon light showers and a drizzle on into the night.

Memorial Day exercises this P.M. Mr. Goodridge came in and sang "We shall meet, etc", & other songs – the children joining in the chorus.

This evening last general meeting of the P.T.A. for the year. Reports made, including mine on lectures proposed for next season. H.S. boys sang and Miss McCormick recited.

Barber 25; tickets to H.S. play 1⁰⁰;

Tuesday, May 30

Pleasant. Cool breezes all day.

No school. Tramped in Sixth Ravine this A.M. where I met Louis Weld who was collecting mosses, etc.

From the woods heard the soldiers in the memorial exercises – Dead March in Saul, the volley, taps, and the battery salute.

Mowed yard P.M. Spaded ground; planted asters; visited milkweed patch on beach plain and found eggs of monarch.

Trolley 10; ice cream 25; sundries 10;

Wednesday, May 31

Fine summer day. Cool, as evening came on.

Plans for school picnic on lawn.

Stereopticon lesson on lumbering – Miss McCord's room.

This evening Misses Miller, Balyeat, White and Grunewald and I experimented in printing from some of my negatives. This at the schoolhouse.

Ice cream 10; barber 15; H. Holt & Co 3.60;

Thursday, June 1

Warmer. A little sultry as the day wore on.

A field trip with Miss G. and the 8 B's to Clay Point. Took two photos. Mr. Meierhoff driving. Returning, sent 4 B's & Miss H. by wagon to Moraine Ravine. P.M., took 3 A's and Miss Toland to Meekers farm – The New Arcady. 142 cows, etc.

Ice cream 20; chloroform .15;

Friday, June 2

Overcast. Rained at times until about nine A. M. Cleared off P.M. Rainfall .14 in.

"School picnic" at noon in spite of threatening weather. Receipts \$99.00! Miss Canavan's room gave scenes from Odysseus for the "play."

Barber .15; ice cream 10;

Saturday, June 3

Light shower about 5 A.M. and heavy thunder of a local storm at a distance. Warm, but delightfully cool breezes.

To the city. Selig Polyscope Co. to consult with reference to moving picture film – monarch butterfly (Eggs hatched yesterday!); Searles; W.S. Tothill on 1815 Webster Ave; etc., etc. Met Dr McMurry by appointment at Great Northern at 7:45. Planned program for Nov. meeting of N.E.I.T. Ass'n.

Last day in old station (Wells St.) of C. & N.W.R.R. [Built in 1881, the Wells Street terminal (Wells & Kinzie) was replaced by the Chicago and North Western Terminal (Madison and Canal Streets) – ed.]

Saw Mrs Van H of Benton Harbor; Hedges; Jameson; little operator formerly of Lex (boarded at Shades), etc.

R.R. .52 + .40; meals 1⁰⁰; tips 20; pocketbook 1⁰⁰; Wippermans .96

Sunday, June 4

A hot day. Cool breeze about 6:00 P.M.

At home all day.

Monday, June 5

The cool breeze of the night tempered the heat all day. After night fell this day the breeze died away and the temperature rose.

Field trip with 7 A's (Meierhof's wagon) to Sixth Ravine. Great display of botrychium. Photographed Miss Canavan's pupils this P.M. Then went down to Board meeting of Geog. Soc. Pres. Isham not there. Salisbury presided. First trip into new C. & N.W. station.

R.R. 52 + 10; ices .15; phone .5; Mother 6⁰⁰;

Tuesday, June 6

Cooler. Pleasant.

Working hard – making screens for exhibit in various rooms.

Moraine Livery 1²⁵

Wednesday, June 7

Delightful. Cool and sunny.

Very busy at preparation for exhibit. Issued card invitations today.

Printed nearly seven dozen prints this evening – Miss Miller, Miss Canavan & I.

Stayed at school building until 12:00 P.M.

Thursday, June 8

Beautiful summer day.

Still very busy preparing for the exhibit.

Friday, June 9

Intensely warm today, a warm wind blowing from the S.W.

Busy day. This evening & afternoon, the "exhibit" of work.

Ice cream .20 + 2⁹⁰; barber .15;

Saturday, June 10

Same intense heat. The hottest record in 30 or more years. Late afternoon sky grew overcast, a wind sprang up, and the cool wave was on.

To the city A.M. At Miss Ingersoll's, Flanagan's, Wiperman's, Fields.

P.M. took two photographs of manual tr. objects at the school.

R.R. 52 + 10; lunch .35; sundries .30; watch repairs 2⁵⁰; fan 2⁰⁰;

Sunday, June 11

Thunderstorms in the night. Delightful breezes today.

Children's Day at the church.

Afternoon – took a walk with an Englishman, Mr Wilfrid Draycott, an actor in the Seven Sisters Company – a great lover of flowers. Showed him my showy lady slippers on Ravine Drive. While there met Miss Ethel Colson of one of the Chicago papers with the Holbrooks and showed her the flowers also.

Rained again this evening.

Church .25;

Monday, June 12

Pleasantly cool. A brief dash of rain at 5:30 this P.M. Rainfall yesterday .57 inches.

Board meeting this P.M.

Stewed a good deal today over a deluge of tarvia [a brand of road-surfacing material made with asphalt – ed.] on parkway at school building.

Ice cream .10;

Tuesday, June 13

Pleasantly cool. Beautiful cloud masses all day.

Very busy. Phoned Thurbers to frame up 48 inch Sir Galahad (\$45⁰⁰). Commencement invitations issued. Turned over operetta funds of 68⁹⁹ to Mrs Wrenn, treasurer of Art League. P.M. Miss Gertrude Miller of Lake Villa visited our schools. Mr Howe, exponent of new reading method spent two hours with me. This P.M. to Ravinia theater with Mother to see Marie Armstrong's play "A Pedagogue Agog"

Trolley 20; Mrs Clow 25⁰⁰; Bock 15²⁵; Tel. 2¹⁰; Middleton 1³⁷; Field 14⁸⁸; Gieser 6⁹¹; Zahnle 3⁶²; Stevens 1⁰⁰; Bergen 8⁰⁰;

Wednesday, June 14

Beautiful summer day – but a light shower fell before 8:00 this morning.

Norton called in on me this A.M. Had a conference with Mrs Schumacher. This P.M. flag day exercises – first in auditorium and then around flag pole. Homer Scott introduced as Pres. of Class of June & Helen Moffet as honor pupil. Sundial given by 6A's set in place.

Photo of children about pole and also at athletic slide. Took teachers in the bus to see cypripedium hirsutum. Called at Bacons' this P.M.

Thursday, June 15

Fine summer day. Last day of school for the children. Rehearsals this A.M. The 5B's planted seeds of the hard maple. P.M. Assembled in auditorium and gave honorable mention list. Children then went home.

Took 2:52 for Chicago. Board meeting of Geog. Soc. Dr. Isham presided.
This evening wrote up reports for Miss Grunewald, Bailey, & White
Graduating exercises of H.S. but could not attend.
R.R. 52 + 10; ice cream .20; express 50;

Friday, June 16

Rained – light showers before ten. Heavy rain and storm after 9:30 P.M. Rain fall in 48 hours 1.8 inches.

Checked up teachers' work all day. Graduating exercises this P.M. Subject Switzerland. Homer Scott's class. 18 graduates. Exceedingly hard work at the lantern, some of the slides having to be used over again.

Barber 15;

Saturday, June 17

Sunny most of the time. Pleasant.

Teachers scattered today for their homes. I "lopped" on the bed much of the day.

Kittie and Mother went to the city by trolley late this A.M. Mother grew quite sick on the way and was taken to the hospital room at Field's as soon as she got there. K. brought her home late P.M., as soon as she was able to hold her head up. Violent bilious attack perhaps. Nearly collapsed when she got home. Given medical treatment at once

Groceries 18; sundries 15;

Printed photos at G.S. until late hour.

Sunday, June 18

An ideal summer day.

Dr. Bergen called. Mother better but weak. Did not go to church. Spent several hours watching transformation of monarch larva. Read from Semple's new work – Geog. Influences.

Late this P.M. went to Ravinia to see Mr. Wonser's showy ladyslippers (about through blooming). [Fred Wonser lived at 333 Cary Ave. – ed.] Called on the Griswolds. Visited wren's nest in street lamp. Went down to [N.?] Glencoe crossing to visit wild four-o'clock colony.

Developed negatives this P.M.

Trolley 15.

Monday, June 19

Cool breezes at first but these died down and a hot day ensued.

Copy for letter soliciting funds for boy scouts; worked at schoolhouse; photo of young grosbeck & wren's home at Mrs Moseley's. Miss Smith there.

Mother hardly any better.

Tuesday, June 20

Warm at first but cool tempering breezes blew.

City. Slides to Miss Ingersoll where I bade her & Alice goodbye for their European trip. Suit to Anderson's; camera to Wipperman where I left my lens to be sent to Rochester to have the telephoto attached. Filter Co. and Clow for bubbling cups.

This P.M. committee meeting at schoolhouse. Greenslade, Morton, Norenberg, Schaeffer. Printed some photographs.

R.R. 52 + 20; lunch 25; sundries .45; barber 15;

Wednesday, June 21

As yesterday. Breezes began to die away as evening came on and heat arose.
 Met Mr Norenberg at the schoolhouse this A.M. and noted places for replastering.
 To the city this P.M. Meet Mr. Geer by appointment at filter office. Home on 4:15.
 Worked around place.
 Reading Semple's Geographic Influences.
 R.R. 52 + 10; barber .75; drinks .20; fountain syringe at Gsell's 2⁵⁰;

Thursday, June 22

A hot day. Yet there were reminiscences of breezes.
 A.M. – Wrote 9 or 10 letters; conference with plumber and with engineer (Hanson) P.M.
 to city with Mr. Clow to see the Pittsburgs wipe up the Cubs. Old Honus Wagner starred today –
 hitting and base running. [Honus Wagner played shortstop for the Pittsburg Pirates. He began his
 21 year career in 1897 and is considered one of baseball's greatest players. – ed.]
 Home at 6:30. Supper & lunch & errands. Then trolley to Evanston to see Prof. James but
 did not find him in.
 R.R. 52 + 30; trolley 30; sundries .35; game (75) .50; medicine .35;

Friday, June 23

Another very hot one.
 A.M. Mowed lawn; did errands; wrote on census sheets at schoolhouse.
 P.M. Covered nearly all territory north of Moraine Road.
 Went down to Evanston after supper. Found Prof. James and had a conference at first with
 him over Nov. program of E.S. of N. I.T.A; then we went over and conferred with Mrs Best about
 the Drama League and giving it a place on the program. Chatted with Geo. Grant on trolley on
 way home about his Cuban experiences.
 Trolley 30; barber 15; bicyc. 3⁷⁵
 Ice cream .40;

Saturday, June 24

Began very warm and sultry. Drizzle began before noon and by 3:00 had become a real
 rain. .33 inches fell.
 Miss Baber – McClellan, & Marsh came out to explore a ravine. Phoned me. I took them
 to the Sixth Ravine. Then along lake shore to Clay Cliffs of St. Johns and then to Highwood Station
 where they caught the 4:54 home. All of us were drenched but we had a great time. Two of the
 showy ladyslipper blooms were still fresh! Liparis l. gone
 Trolley .20 + 5; bread .10; sundries .05;

Sunday, June 25

Rained off and on during the morning.
 Met filter man (Mansfield) and his foreman at school with Morton, Geer & Witten.
 Ate dinner with Mr. Geer – just us two.
 Nap. Read from Physiog. of N.A.
 Evangelical Church this Eve. Rev. Mr. H.H. Thoren on Conservatism. Anecdotes of life
 in Montana made me think of the Cody Trail.
 Rain .21 inches.

Church .25

Monday, June 26

Hot and murky. Thunderstorms at 6:00 P.M. Beautiful rainbow.

City. Went to Selig Polyscope Co – 3901 N. Western Ave. about moving picture film of monarch butterfly. Mr Selig showed me about the big plant: Camels, lions, wolves, horses, stage coaches, artificial lakes, grottoes, caves, etc. The theatre complete with stock company of players, etc.

Conferred with Mr. Pitts of the Gt Northern about Glacier Nat'l Park.

R.R. 52 + 20; lunch 27; ices .25; sundries .67; knife 1⁵⁰;

Tuesday, June 27

Began pleasant and as day worn on breezes grew delightfully cool. Beautiful clouds afloat.

A.M. Examined milkweed colony on beach. No eggs. Measured blinds at school.

P.M. To city. Out to Selig P. Co. – but pupa not ready to develop. Ordered suit at Anderson's. Shades at M. Field's. Met Mowers this eve to figure on calcimining, etc.

R.R. 52 + 10 + 10; barber 25; cleaning hat, etc. .40; Anderson for cleaning suit 1⁷⁵; ices .20;

Wednesday, June 28

Cool. Quite cool. Almost chilly riding.

Took 7:50 & went to Polyscope Co. Found pupa had been out about one hour. Then down to U. of C. Visited with Dr. Caldwell, Miss Baber & Dr Crocker. Lunch at Commons with Mr Plapp. Downtown – then up to Gunther's Ball Park to see Robert Greenslade pitch for the All-Stars vs. Gunthers. Score 5 to 4 in favor of latter. Home on trolley by 7:30 P.M.

Met Booze Strayer, Orsille Bray & Will Bold today.

R.R. 52 + 5 + 20 + 20 + 15 + 20; lunch 30; ballgame .50; sundries 10;

Thursday, June 29

Delightful. Cool. Gray sky at times.

Census and other school work nearly all day.

Mother came down to her meals today for the first time since June 18.

Lindens beginning to bloom; elder berry at high tide!!

Barber .15; Gas 4⁶⁰; M.W.A. [Modern Woodmen Association – ed.] 4³⁰;

Friday, June 30

Grew rapidly warmer today.

School census occupied time about all day.

Board meeting tonight, four members present. Awarded plastering contract to Wm Norenberg; painting & kalsomining to Wm Witten; linoleum to Marshall Field & Co.

Chat with Miss Gray at the Demings'; with Mrs Shannon and Mrs Oleson on Mrs S's veranda. [Mrs. Maude H. Shannon lived at 116 Moraine Road – ed.]

McKenzie showed me his garden.

Paper bill 2³⁰; Ravinia tickets 10⁰⁰;

Saturday, July 1

One of the hottest days thus far.

Met Miss McClellan and party of 30 students from U. of C. at 10:15 and guided movements all day. – Highwood, clay cliffs, Ft. Sheridan pumping station (lunch), Sixth Ravine and Ft. Sheridan R.R. station at 4:40. All suffered from the heat.

Pyrola yet in bloom.

Trolley 10; sundries .10;

Sunday, July 2

As hot, if not hotter than yesterday.

Church A.M. Communion service.

Slept P.M. Had a walk after dusk.

Read extracts from Roosevelt's Ranch Life, etc; Semple's Geog. Influences; Caesar's De Bello Gallico – VI.

Air laden with perfume of lindens. Elder blossoms linger.

Church .10;

Monday, July 3

Intensely warm following the warmest night I ever experienced in H.P.

At 6:10 P.M. a cloud came up from the north and northwest, a deliciously cool breeze blew from the lake, and we soon forgot our troubles.

Census work all day.

Wrote to Mrs Sherwood (Polytechnic Society) accepting date of Mar. 8 to appear in Fullerton Hall ---- Wild Flower Trails.

Ice cream .20;

Tuesday, July 4

Very, very warm. Crowds of people from C. flocked out here and elsewhere to get relief but it was frightfully warm.

Finished making the rounds for the census at 11:00 A.M. Wrote on the records until 4:00 P.M. Then was taken down to Everett Millard's in the Boynton machine where he and Mrs M. and I scouted over his grounds, naming trees, etc. Spent two hours.

Too hot to go to pageant in Jackson Park in the evening. Visited with Mr. Parratt instead.

Wednesday, July 5

Very hot still. Spent morning & part of afternoon at building (school) with workmen – and finished my report to Tp. Treasurer, etc.

2:42 train to city. Try-on at tailor's; lantern slide maker; M. Fields about linoleum, etc.

Thomas concert this P.M. at Ravinia. For encores "Bubbling Springs" and "Doll-House" – Chaminade. With the Everetts & Mrs Cregier's crowd.

Before we got back a brief but terrific thunder shower was on. Took refuge in R.R. station for awhile.

R.R. 52 + 10 + 10; ice cream .20; neck-tie .50;

Thursday, July 6

A cool night succeeded by delightfully cool day. Cool breezes strong and steady. .15 inches of rainfall last evening.

At school nearly all day. Cleaning out auditorium for plasterers, etc.

Thomas Concert this P.M. Kittie with me.

R.R. .10; M. Field 34.21; Mrs Clow 25.00; S[tevens?] 6.43; Mandel 4.68; Zahnle 4.26;

Friday, July 7

Pleasantly cool.

Worked at school building nearly the entire day. Checking up reading books; copying stencil; passing upon work for plasterer; figuring upon linoleum; a book agent for the Macmillan's; Thomas Concert this P.M. Wagnerian. Magnificent. Soloist – Miss Mylott. Recd ½ doz spring “fries” from Clarence.

Mandels 4⁶⁸; M. Field 34²¹; Gieser 6⁶⁹; Rafferty 2⁷⁵; School News 1²⁵ Dr La[ne?] 5⁰⁰; Chic Tel. 3⁰⁰; Presb. Ch. 8⁷⁵; Aud. Soc pict 1⁴⁶; Bock 32⁶⁴; Ringdahl. 50; Trolley.10;

Saturday, July 8

Hot.

A.M. to Chicago. To slide makers and directed coloring.

P.M. Home. Went out at 3:00 with Mrs & Mr E. L. Millard in their auto botanizing. In Skokie found *H. leucophera* past blooming; prairie dock & *liatris* soon to begin; N. of Ft. Sheridan station – dug up shooting star plants; at Sixth Ravine – *pyrola* plants.

P.M. Worked on notes for lectures at U. of C

R.R. 52 + 20;

Sunday, July 9

Very hot.

Church A. M.

Slept P.M. a little, then went with Mr Clow and Mr. & Mrs Wm Noerenberg in the auto to Fairview S.S. convention. Unexpectedly asked to talk to help fill a gap. Mr & Mrs Everett, Mr Dobson, Mr Sedgwick, & Mrs Noerenberg talked.

Church 10 + 25;

Monday, July 10

Very, very hot. Spent much of the day planning my talk on the milkweed.

P.M. to city to get my new suit.

Pd. Anderson 52⁰⁰; Chic. Transp. Co. 1⁵⁰ for slides & coloring.

Barber .15; R.R. 52 + 10;

Tuesday, July 11

Day began – hot – depressing. A change came in the morning – a suggestion of brief thunderstorms all about us and the temperature was materially reduced.

7:15 A. M. for U. of C. where I talked on wild flowers before one of Dr. Caldwell's classes at 9:00 and before another at 10:30 on the milkweed and transformations of the monarch. Mr. Eikenberry, Dr. C's assistant, had charge of things. Dr. C. being in San Francisco – Home at 4:37. Ravinia concerts P.M. (Stock).

Got my telephoto lens today from Bausch & Lomb per Wipperman. R.R. 52 + 20 + 20; Lunch 30; ices 30; net & vasculum \$3⁶⁰.

Wednesday, July 12

Very pleasant cool day. Wind from N.E.

A.M. At milkweed patch on beach. Too windy for photographs; no eggs or larva; tinkered at school bld'g; P.M. The latter repeated. Miscellaneous errands.

Barber .25;

Thursday, July 13

Pleasantly cool. A.M. Another unsuccessful attempt to photograph milkweeds --- too much wind. Inspected work at school –

Worked at home – garden – overhauled books and papers – photographed clouds over Lake, late in day. Dug lily bulbs. Visited Ugolini's . Santo died at a hospital in Chicago this A.M.

Wipperman 21³⁵;

Friday, July 14

Pleasantly cool. A thunder storm about 12:30 and 1:00 this A.M. Rainfall .36 inches.

At school building; conference with Mrs Schumacher & Mrs Everett about tinting; Bahr about shrubbery and plant house; Morse about engineer; Mrs Oliver about P. & T.A. Dug up remainder of bulbs; spread manure & fresh dirt over plot. To the concert P.M. Mother & K went also – Mother's first public appearance (except automobile rides) in four weeks.

R.R. .20; bicycle repairs 1⁰⁰;

Saturday, July 15

Pleasantly cool today. A brief but heavy shower (thunder) this afternoon. Another thunderstorm of wide extent at 8:30 P.M.

Collected milkweed eggs (monarch) this A.M. Rested all afternoon. Got ready to go to concert this P.M. but storm interfered.

Rainfall .31 inches.

Barber 25; meat .10;

Sunday, July 16

Delightfully cool.

Church A.M. – Evangelical Rev B.A. Schultze

Nap – P.M. Then meeting of Boy Scout's Council at Club House at 4:30.

This P.M. the last of the Thomas Concerts at Ravinia. Sat with Prof & Mrs U.S. Grant.

[Ulysses Sherman Grant, geologist and Northwestern professor, born February 14, 1867 in Moline, Illinois, died Sept. 22, 1932 – ed.]

Church 25; trolley.10.

Monday, July 17

Another delightful day.

A.M. at school house. Also took two pictures of H.S. with Mr. H.R. Smith's assistance.

P.M. At school house. Then by bicycle to Co Line & west, then north, & home by Deerfield Road. Found 12 or more monarch eggs but only one larva! Found two species of milkweed I did not think grew here. Especial display of wild bergamot.

Barber .15; postage .10.

Tuesday, July 18

A little warmer but refreshing breezes. An overcast sky at times.

8:49 to city and 10:00 to Pullman; then electric to Mineral Springs. Visited tamarack swamp and explored region to west, taking trolley at Oak Hill station for home. Supper in Chicago: 8:00 for H.P. Took only one photography – that of a milkweed. Found only eggs of Monarch and the free-flying forms.

R.R. 52 + 30 + 1⁰⁰; lunch & supper .50; papers .07.

Wednesday, July 19

Brief but heavy showers in the night (3:00 A.M.) and unsettled weather with showers until P.M. when it cleared off cool and fresh.

A. M. to Selig Polyscope Co. with 6 or 8 monarch eggs. One came out just before noon while machine was being set up, but some of its motions in gnawing its shell were photographed. Waited 2 hours for others to come out but no result. Down town – shopped variously. Supper there. Evening with Miss Baber. Caught 12:15 A.M. train.

Rainfall .23 inches.

R.R. 52 + 10 + 20; meals .85 + .15; shave .15; Wipperman .50;

Thursday, July 20

Another fine day.

A.M. To Polyscope Co. The eggs had either hatched or would require a day or more; so I came away.

P.M. At school building; Late in afternoon experimented with camera.

Board meeting this evening.

R.R. 52 + 15. + 05; neck ties .50; Royal League 4⁵⁶. (July & Aug); Highwood M.E. 1⁰⁰

Friday, July 21

Pleasantly cool.

A.M. Various conferences at school building – with Mrs Schumacher over tints; retiring engineer; new engineer; plumber, etc.

Fred Needham came on the 11:22

P.M. Fred and I began “doing up” Chicago; Shopped, visited dock, supper at grill room of Pullman b’ld’g; White City, etc.

R.R. .78 + 60; supper 1⁶⁵; White City .20; barber .25; Charity .25;

Saturday, July 22

Fine day.

Fred and I went down to Polyscope Co. on 8:49; then to U. of C. where we ate lunch. Fred went on to Harvey. I came down town & saw moving picture at the Studebaker – Coronation Views, etc. Had expected to see a series entitled “From caterpillar to butterfly” – but this is to come later.

Aunt Eva & Margaret came today.

R.R. 1⁰⁴ + 70; lunch .70; theatre .25; ice cream .20;

Sunday, July 23

Gray at first. Drizzle about 10:30 and rain at 11:30. Drizzle nearly all day.

Went walking with Aunt & Margaret. A.M. and got caught in the rain: Fred came from Harvey & took dinner with us all. He and I had a walk later in the day. He left for Harvey at 7:25 P.M.

Trolley .10;

Monday, July 24

A few dashes of rain, then clear sky and strong winds – and cool! Quite so.

School business nearly all day.

Late P.M. a walk with Aunt Eva and Margaret.

Bicycle 50; barber .15; (Mother 6⁵⁰);

Tuesday, July 25

Sunny then gray; then showers with blustery winds in the afternoon. Cool. Remarkably so for July.

A.M. School work – then 10:32 for Chicago. Visited three plumbing houses, & came home on the 2:57 with Aunt Eva & Margaret. P.M. Conference with Mr Greenslade & Morton over drinking fountains. Then up to Mr Louderback's for same purpose

R.R. 52 + 30; lunch 35; papers .12; (Should charge most of this to Dist. 107).

Wednesday, July 26

Bright. Cool.

A.M. At school house. To Glencoe to see drinking cups.

P.M. 12:56 to city. Went to Board of Education rooms – Mr Shoup gave me a note to Mr. Patterson, the architect, who showed me several kinds of bubbling cups. Then went over south of Art Institute and took telephoto views of the tower of the Montgomery Ward building. This evening developed negatives – had Messrs Levy & Allen – barbers as visitors in my dark room.

R.R. 52 + 10 + 20 (Board of Edn) Barber 25;

Thursday, July 27

Pleasant, Warmer. Overcast sky at evening.

Worked at school until noon. 2:24 for city. At Wolf's about bubblers. Other errands.

Then on Michigan Ave to try my camera again, but gave it up because of the thick atmosphere

Fred Needham back for supper. Left on 8:25 for home.

Boy Scouts 2⁰⁰;

R.R. 52 + 20; Guide books at Rand McN's yesterday 1⁰⁰; papers .07; pressing clothes 1⁰⁰;

Friday, July 28

Gray. Warmer but not close.

A.M. Mowed lawn, worked around home; then at school

P.M. At home – work at desk etc.

Aunt Eva and Margaret returned this A.M.

Mother 10⁵⁰; Barber .15;

Saturday, July 29

A little warmer.

A.M. Various school duties. 10:33 to city. Errands. Home on 1:55. Did some photographing. Visited milkweed patch on beach – now nearly through blooming. Developed some negatives.

Lost my pocket book in the city. No money but 6 or 7 R.R. rides, etc.

Aunt E & Margaret went to the Vernons in the city.

R.R. .52 + 20; lunch .32; barber .75; camera plates .94; photog. literature .35;

Sunday, July 30

A warm day with a pleasant breeze.

Mother was 69 today. Did not go to church. Photographed milkweed pollen, etc. and developed some negatives.

Read James' The Will to Believe, etc.

Aunt & Margaret returned late this P.M. in time for supper.

Ice cream .40.

Monday, July 31

Rather warm. Showers with local thunderstorm toward evening. Cooler.

Met Engineer Davies by appointment at school bld'g. Then 10:32 to city. Saw Aunt E & Margaret off on 12:30 boat. Lunch at Clover P.M. to Art Institute. Photographed Song of Lark & from north of loggia the University Club. Attempted to photog. Montgomery Ward tower from Grant Park but stopped by "cop" because I had no permit. Went to moving picture show at Studebaker – saw "From Caterpillar to Butterfly". Spent evening with Miss Baber.

R.R. 52 + 30; lunch 31; supper 45; barber .35; pocketbook 1⁵⁰; telephone to DeKalb .70;

Tuesday, August 1

Showery. Heavy rainfall between 2:00 & 3:00 A.M. Brisk shower about 6:00 P.M.

Record .91 inches.

A.M. Wrote Prof. Thwaites & Burton; Weld; errand at school.

P.M. 12:56 for city. Met Miss Baber at 3:00. Back at 6:30 P.M. Conference with Mrs Kelley; with Mr. Greenslade

R.R. 52 + 20; (ticket 6⁵⁰); Mrs Clow 25⁰⁰; Gieser 8⁰¹;

Wednesday, August 2

Cool. Cloudy and threatening.

A.M. 8:09 to city & down to U. of C. by 9:40. Conference with Miss Baber and came away with bundle of folios & topographic maps. Visit with Dr. Caldwell and chat with Frank Hester who is taking work at the U. of C.

Lunch at Clover Club. Went to several R.R. offices for circulars. Home by 4:00.

Photographed with 2" lens. Developed 6 plates this P.M.

R.R. 52 + 40; lunch .31; barber 15; Ice Co 3⁵⁰;

Thursday, August 3

A beautiful day. "Highland Park Day" – picnic. Parade – band – Boy Scouts.

A.M. Errands & watching parade. Photog. some larva, etc.

P.M. To N. Chicago. Took 6 views of tower of Naval Tr. Station to test my telephoto.

Developed 10 negatives. Studied R.R. folders, etc.

Trolley .40; ice cream and bananas .30; Woodmen 3³⁰; Field 40.90; Mandel 8.45; Chic. Tel. 2.35; McClurg 3³⁰; Bock 17.34

Friday, August 4

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Saturday, August 5

Left for eastern trip which is recorded in notes-book.

Aug. 5 – Aug. 30.

Sunday, August 6, – Wednesday, August 30

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Thursday, August 31

Bright. Pleasant. At school off and on all day. Wrote some letters by way of cleaning up the accumulations of the mail box for nearly four weeks.

Conferences with janitress, engineer, plumber, electricians, etc. – With Mr. Greenslade over the reluctance of Miss Woodley to return. Wired her this night. Also to Miss White.

Dist. 107. Du to me for telegrams .85 + .50.

Stamps .12.

Friday, September 1

Fine weather.

A.M. First at school house. Then on 9:53 to City; down to the U. of C to return some maps, etc. of Miss Baber's. Chat with Dr. Caldwell. Then went to Pullman to try to find Miss Caryl. This took most of the afternoon. No one at home. Found out name of her married sister & phoned her in the evening. Back to city. Interview with Searles. To Pub. Library to look up Lincoln material. Then to Evanston where I met Mrs A. Starr Best for a half hour's conference on program topics. Then home.

R.R. 52 + 20 + 15; cars .25; lunch .25; supper .35; drinks .15; phones .25; barber .15; shine, etc. 20; papers .08

Saturday, September 2

Warm but a cool breeze in the afternoon. A shower of big drops but very short duration before noon.

At the school house doing various things. Miss Eva Stevens came and I found her a temporary boarding place.

Developed ten of the negatives I made at Hodgenville. Quite successful.

Sunday, September 3

Bright. Cool.

Danforth and Edith came while we were getting ready for church. Went driving – Kittie and I, Edith & Clarence – this afternoon --- Lake Forest, Armour, Meeker, etc.

Ice cream .35;

Monday, September 4

Fine day. A little gray towards sunset with a rise in temperature.

Work at the school house all day – and until 11:30 P.M. Odds and ends; a teachers' meeting in the afternoon. This evening a conference with Miss Floyd over the rental of the Annex; then went to the school house to work in my office and to help brush up about the building.

Trolley fare .60;

Tuesday, September 5

Rained in the night. Threatening and muggy this A.M. Cleared in the afternoon but had a short downpour at 7:30 P.M.

First day of school! Great crowd of new ones. By order of President, I had beginners come over to Elm Place, register, & be dismissed for the day. Haven't yet leased Annex for another year!

Teachers' meeting this P.M.

Clarence Smith came in on us unexpectedly just before supper. Edith & Danforth after supper!

Ice cream .20; root beer .05; stamps .28;

Wednesday, September 6

Gray and threatening at times. Somewhat cool.

Busy day. Routine work. Woolf's man came and put in bypass on our bubblers – Wrote news items for paper – Mr. Cate's first day as music teacher – Negotiations with Mrs Van Riper and Mrs Aldridge for rental of a house for school purposes – Examination of Baker house by Mrs Schumacher, Miss White & me. At the school house until late P.M. Stormed about 10:00 P.M.

Barber .15; bananas .25;

Thursday, September 7

Gray – but cleared during the day.

Clarence Smith went home this A.M.

Continued investigations of new home for our primary school. With Mr. Sullivan, I visited the Baker and Van Riper houses. Saw Mr. Purdy about the furnace at the one house.

Much routine work at school. Caucus with Mr. Greenslade this evening.

Cake .10; stamps .97;

Friday, September 8

Gray – Clear only at times. Threatening.

Clarence D and Edith went home this A.M.

Very busy day at school. Got off orders for various supplies. Negotiations for new school facilities rested. Agents: Mr Roberts; Rep. of West Disinfect. Co.

Mr. & Mrs. Rehrn and Mr. Cowden drove up in auto after school & took me for a ride.

Mr. C. back from Calif on visit.

Saturday, September 9

A beautiful day.

To city on 8:49. Long interview with Prof. Cox about Geog. Soc. work. Saw Mr. Moseley about school lease. Shopped. Lunch at Clover Club. Home on the 1:30 – 2:19. Took camera to Skokie to Photograph. Much of my territory cut over. Took 4 pictures. Gathered big bundle of asters, helenium, et. al. Rode partways home in Mr. Carqueville's machine. Evening worked at school house until 11:00 P.M.

Pd. monthly bills, Mrs Clow 25⁰⁰; Zahnle 8⁸⁴; Tel. Co. 2⁹⁵; Mandels 1.57; Stevens 1.50; M. Field 1²⁵; Dr. Bergen 17⁰⁰; Bock 18³⁴; Blomdahl 1²⁵; Gieser 5⁶⁴; Water tax 3⁹²; (Commut ticket 6⁵⁰) R.R. 52 + 10; lunch .30; ties 1⁰⁰; ice cream .10; magazine .35; barber .15;

Sunday, September 10

Gray. Heavy shower at 2:00 P.M. Fog settled down at evening.
Church – Rev. Mr. Dobson. Nap. Mr. & Mrs Everett Millard called and I helped them to identify some flowers. Call from Miss Stevens & Miss VanLaw.
Walked down Green Bay Road to Ravinia & rode back on trolley.
Church .25; trolley .05.

Monday, September 11

Cloud & sunshine. Sultry afternoon & evening. Downpour at 8:00 P.M. with some electric disturbance.
Busy! Transferred 27 pupils from Miss B's & Miss W's room (opened Annex School) to Elm Place and made shifts in four lower rooms. - - - Mansfield inspected filter; conferences over transfers; over rental of upper rooms at new "annex"; Board meeting this evening – all present except Mr. Geer (Europe). Bills voted.
Ice cream .10;

Tuesday, September 12

Cleared in the night. Partly cloudy though. Cool.
Mrs Schumacher and I went over matter of enrolment in lower grade rooms. I went down to Lincoln Ave. School to see if there was room for outsiders such as those from Ft. Sheridan. Took Mr. Berube and Mrs Green over to Baker property to confer over removing partitions between upper rooms. Interview with Mr. Sullivan. After school scouted around a bit about houses to rent. At evening conference with Mrs S. Later with Mr. Greenslade.

Wednesday, September 13

Beautiful. Cool breezes A.M. Helped put new seats in Miss Parks' room. Class in civics. Noon observations.
P.M. Field trip to bluff on lake front – 4 B's. One with 4 A's to Sheahen's pond.
After supper Mr H. M. Hyde & Rob't called and we had fine chat about Virginia. Mr. Walther called about sending his little girl to our school; Mr. Stuenckel & Rev. Mr. Suehr called about securing early dismissal for Lutheran children one day a week. Conference with Mr. Greenslade. Wrote letters, etc.
Express for Dist 107 – 6¹⁹

Thursday, September 14

Gray – threatening. Had stormed in the early morning hours – 3:00 to 4:30. Cleared up some. Later very sultry. Storm clouds filled sky at 6:30 P.M. & storm broke at 7:30. Very heavy rain, for a time.
A.M. Conference with Mr. Moseley; then at new "Annex" to see carpenter begin work. At school extended conferences with Mrs Shannon & Mrs Oliver. Took class over to Annex to pass upon wallpaper.
P.M. Two agents at my office. Desk work.
Stamps .06; paper man 1¹⁵;

Friday, September 15

1.67 inches of rain fell last night. Clear today though sultry still.

After 9:00 A.M. went to Evanston to call on Mr. Nichols at Central B'ld'g. With him visited Washington School – Miss White, et. al. Saw Miss Badger (cadet) at work. Went to office of N.W.U. & had talk with athletic director C.E. Hammett over phone - - about use of gymn – Nov. 3. Visited Cafeteria – ate at Jones' Cafe with Mrs Cummings – Back to school – various duties. 6:50 to city – to hold conferences with Mrs Best, - J.H. Smith – R.E. Blount.
Phone charges to N.I.T.A. - 5 + 35 + 30
R.R. 52. Supper .80; Barber .25;

Saturday, September 16

Beautiful day. A little warm.

Various school duties this A.M. Then 11:41 to Chicago. Visited Cardy on business. Shopped various places. A half hour at Art Institute. An hour and a half at the public library. Spent evening at Great Northern in conference with Mr. Hanna and Dr. McMurry over Nov. meeting of E.S. of N.I.T.A. Took 11:15 home.

Dist. 107 – Du Water tax 1⁰⁸; ½ gal measure .55; stencils 1.05; oil of cloves and sassafras .75; moulding hooks .35.
Tooth powder .30; lunch .40; supper .30; drinks .10; R.R. 52; street cars .10; papers .10;

Sunday, September 17

Sultry. Cloudy at intervals.

Rested all morning. P.M. Call from Miss Van. L. & Miss Stevens about the latter renting rooms at the Annex.

Trolley to Ft. Sheridan & walked north a mile or mo. Photog. N.E. asters & monarch butterflies thereon. After supper went to Bergman's to advise with them about Charlotte's schooling!
Trolley .20;

Monday, September 18

Sultry. Cloudy at intervals.

Great deal of clerical work A.M.

After dinner field trip to Exmoor Ridge with Miss Hostetter's 4 B's. Took 3:34 to C and 4:35 to DeKalb. Spent evening with Mr Balthis & Prof. Parson. Talked school garden & plant house with the former; affairs of N.I. Teachers' Assn with latter. Night at Glidden House
R.R. 26 + 1.08; supper .80; barber.15;

Tuesday, September 19

Clear. Pleasantly cool. Left DeKalb on 6:48; arrived at Chicago at 8:30. Spent hour or more at rooms of Chic. Hist. Soc. conferring with Miss McIlvane. Then conference with Prof. Cox; Mr. Gibson (Chic. Ass. of Comm) & Dr Whalen. Home by 12:19. P.M. Routine. Looked up absentees. Teachers' meeting. Read from Bennett's How to Live on Twenty Four Hours a Day & Benson's Upton Letters. Conference with Mrs Underwood. Evening conference with Mr. Greenslade. Then spent an hour with Mrs Jones about Archie and the Glenwood School.

Hotel 1⁰⁰; R.R. 1⁰⁸ + 26 + 15;

Wednesday, September 20

Sunny this A.M. Cloudy in the afternoon. Cool wind arising late this evening.

Routine A.M. Mr. Mathery representing Thos Charles called.

P.M. Planning for aster festival. Also bulb planting.
Irene Gerken died last night – heart disease. Grad. in Feb. Class – 1910. Went to the house this P.M.
Shave .15;

Thursday, September 21

Rained in the night. Threatening at intervals.
A very busy day – at desk and about town. Conferred over phone with Miss Ewing about Archie Jones and Glenwood.
Planning river excursion for Geog. Soc.
Sent 8 long distance phone messages this P.M.
Prairie Club 3⁰⁰; household 9⁰⁰;

Friday, September 22

Beautiful day. Frost reported but doubt it.
Last night worked at my desk until 1:00 A.M. Up at a little after six. More letters for Geog. Soc. Very busy at school. Circular signed, etc. & sent to 140 patrons with help of lower grade teachers. Had Kathrine G. write 20 letters (Geog S.) for me. Sent chrysanthemum bouquet for teachers & myself to the Gerken home. Miss Guiney and I went to 1:00 P.M. service at house. Held aster-goldenrod festival in auditorium. Fifth grade decorations. Worked at moving school furniture from Cent. Ave to Park Ave Annex until 7:20 P.M.
Papers .10;

Saturday, September 23

A beautiful day. Telltale flushes for some days in the sumachs, and now and then in the maples.
A day of heavy drudgery until 7:00 P.M. at the new Annex – pack-horse, errand boy, etc. Barber .75; ice cream 25 + .30; candy 35 + 15;

Sunday, September 24

Cloudy. Threatening. Some rain and drizzle.
Rested all morning. Read James' Reflex Action and Theism".
Left on 1:15 trolley with Everett Millard for Waukegan. Tramped from there over beach plain to Beach. Some gentians, fruit of opuntia, roots of puccoon, etc. Took 5:12 Back from Beach. Wet somewhat.

Monday, September 25

Foggy. Drizzly. Cooler.
Pupils of Miss White and Miss Barlow moved into new quarters. Miss Badger, the cadet, came up but visited as her room was not ready. I worked at the Annex nearly all day. Agent of Humane Society & Chief Genest called to discuss Archie Jones with me. Also Gertrude Gordon
Fire in grate at home last evening and this.
Katherine Grant 2⁰⁰ (typewrit) for Geog Soc; postage .40; E.J. Holden 3⁰⁰; barber .15; ice cream, etc. .20; trousers. 25; (box rent .60);

Tuesday, September 26

Cool. Furnace fire – a little – seemed good. Fairly bright.

1911

Transferred Miss Badger's pupils to their new quarters & made corresponding transfers to 2nd & 3rd grade rooms. Much work today at Annex School.

Heard Latin class in two sections this P.M. Worked at school house this evening. Statistics for school board. Letter to Glenwood in behalf of Archie Jones. Article for paper on calendar of Elm Place Division.

J.H. Wilson 4⁵⁶ (Royal League for Sept – Oct); ice cream .20;

Wednesday, September 27

Muggy – oppressive & positively hot until cool wind began to blow after 3:00 P.M.

Went to Oak Park this A.M. Visited Longfellow & Irving schools to study plan of buildings. Lunch at Oak Park then went to River Forest. Mr. Nida took me through his new b'ld'g lighted by skylights. Back to city. Attended a 4:30 meeting of Excursion Committee which I had called. Fine meeting. Some of us stayed until 1:30. Miss Gowdy; Kathryn Caryl; Mr. Hannon; Mr. Rhodes; Mrs Winslow. Vacuum cleaners; motors to drive fans. Ate down town. Back on the 8:00-8:37.

R.R. 52 + 14 + 15 + 5; lunch .35; ice cream 10; supper .45; papers .03.

Thursday, September 28

Cooler. But drizzled late afternoon and then rained. I came home at 6:00 P.M. in a "driving rain".

Extremely busy day. Sent copy for excursion notice by messenger to Prof. Cox.

Worked until very late P.M. on Mss. of Excursion Outline (River) for Geog. Soc.

Friday, September 29

Cool. Threatening. Sunny at times.

Sent Mss. to Mr. Mortensen. Phoned him & Prof. Cox also.

Many school duties. Advanced Miss McCord's salary – 72⁵⁰; also Miss Badger's, 13⁷⁵; also Mrs Rose's laundry charg – 4⁹⁸; Pd. lame man 1³⁰ for working on yard at Annex.

Bicycle .75; Presb. Church on b'ld'g fund 35⁰⁰; paper, etc. 10; barber .25; ink .40; letter file .30 Mangel for flowers 5⁰⁰;

Saturday, September 30

Cool. Clear, then threatening. Towards evening some rain drops – then slow rain after 8:00 P.M. Fifteen wet days this month! A.M. At school b'ld'g to set Berube to work. 8:09 to Chicago – Anderson's, A.B. Co., H.M. & Co., Cox's office, Fields, etc. Luncheon with Dr. Goode, Caldwell & Mr. Mortensen. Saw manager of LaSalle Hotel. Up to Chicago Historical Soc., then Art Institute. Home at 5:20. Took Annex keys to Miss Floyd. Long distance messages to Oak Park, DeKalb, Hull House, Evanston Planning excursion bulletins. Met Donneckers today. Harry Wilson & Miss Murphy at A B Co. R.R. 52 + 35; lunch 33 + 5; phones .30;

Sunday, October 1

Gray. Cool. Raining intermittently after 8:00 P.M.

Rested all morning. Read from James on Reflex Action & Theism, & Great Men and Their Environment. Tennyson's De Profundis, Columbus, etc.

Took 1:58 to city and had a conference at the La Salle Hotel with Mr. Mortensen about the excursion bulletin. Returned on 4:30. Developed 9 negatives this P.M. Phoned Dr. Shelford & Dr. Cook. Wrote some letters.

R.R. 52. Charge to Geog. Soc.

Monday, October 2

Gray. Cool. Windy. Rainfall yesterday .65

A.M. Adjusting seats; taught one class in history. Planned lecture course with Mrs Underwood. P.M. Various duties. Took 4:58 to Chicago. Dinner with Mr. Hannah at Coffee House at Hull House. We had conference later on with Mrs L.D. Pelham about coming N.I.T. Ass'n & its evening at Hull House. Met Miss Hannig – also Miss Gyles, Miss Hall, Miss Lathrop.

Planned details of coming meeting. Home by 10:50.

Barber .25; U.C. of Evanston 2⁵⁰; R.R. 52 + 10; supper .35; two point switch .10;

Tuesday, October 3

Threatening. Very sultry after noon. Thunder storm & considerable rainfall this evening.

A.M. To Evanston. Called on Prof. James, Miss Bird Arnold (Phys director for women), Miss Smedley at Noyes St. School, Miss Steele at Hinman Ave. Home by 2:19. Busy at desk until 6:00 – At home desk until midnight. Heard bad news from Leonard today. Letter from Mother.

Program for N.I.T.A. nearly in hand.

Phones .20; N.S. Gas 5⁸⁰; Mrs Clow \$25⁰⁰

R.R. 52 + 05; Lunch .35; ice - cream & bananas .30; Zahnle 4⁵²; Field 26.60; Gieser 8⁴⁷;

Wednesday, October 4

Blew cooler in night. Windy today. Clear. .43 inches of rain fell last night.

A.M. Various duties. P.M. Ditto.

Letter from Tot tells of death of Clarence Best. Had no trace of him for two years.

Phone from Prof. Grant about map of Three Oaks area.

Preparing directory of Parents.

Barber .15; sundries .05; Telephone 4¹⁰; Mrs Clow 25⁰⁰

Thursday, October 5

Cool. Gray most of the time. A few slight flurries of rain.

A.M. Wrote letter asking withdrawal of Ft. Sheridan pupils (overcrowding) and gave copy to Katherine Grant to copy - - - Many other duties. Met Mr. F.K. Balthis at 12:19 train & took him to H.P. hotel for lunch. Then gave him an hour ride about town. At 2:30 P & T. Asson. – Mr. B. the speaker. Mr Bahr also spoke. Fine meeting. “Plant House” – the topic. Took Mr B. over to Mr Egans [William Egan, noted horticulturist – ed.] – delightful visit. Supper at Monahan's. Kittie unwell. Mrs K. cleaning house.

M's 1⁷⁵; DeKalb telegram .50; to Clarence .50

Friday, October 6

Still raining at intervals.

Made map of school grounds this A.M. Various other things. Got telegram from Clarence saying he would bring Leonard up today. Left on 3:35. Attended meeting of B'd of Directors of Geog. Soc. Tel. to Decatur to find that Clarence had left earlier than I expected. C., Mother & Leonard reached H.P. while I was away. I ate supper downtown & got out home at 8:37. Leonard walks after a fashion. Almost helpless with hands.

R.R. .52. Teleph 1.45; supper .35; barber .15;

Saturday, October 7

Strong cool winds blew all night. Gray and sunny alternately this A.M. – Clear P.M.

Clarence, Leonard and I went in on 7:32; took taxi first to slip where “Mary. M” was moored & left suitcase with coffee, sugar and milk for excursion. Then to Dr. H.T. Patrick’s office where L. was given critical examination, Then Clarence & L. took cab for Polk St station; I hurried over to Lake St. bridge with coffee can, etc. – but Mary M. had gone through. Then by cab to Polk St – saw Clarence & L. off. Then Archer Ave. car to 22nd St - & was taken on by Mary M. Helped make coffee. Got of boat at Madison St. Errands & home on 4:37

R.R. 1⁰⁴; cab 1²⁵; lunch .35; sundries .10 + .15 + .15; Geog Soc – cars 3⁷⁵; spoons .50

Sunday, October 8

Clear. Cool. Sunny. Brilliant sunset.

Rested nearly all day. Read from Innocents Abroad. Also finished two of James’ Essays – “The Sentiment of Rationality”, etc

In afternoon took trolley to Ft. Sheridan and followed Sixth Ravine to Lake. Carried camera but took no pictures. A few small belated gentian blooms. While waiting for trolley at Ft. S. – Arthur Purdy & Jas. V.R. – picked me up in auto & brought me home.

Trolley .10.

Monday, October 9

Mild. Sunny most of the time.

Talked of fire – Chicago fire, etc, at morning exercises. Then had a fire drill. Later Mr. Roberts and an insurance inspector called and drill was repeated. Then inspector talked to 7th and 8th graders in the auditorium.

Prepared reports for Board. Field trip – P.M – to ravine with 4th grade. This evening Board meeting. Col Waltz & Capt. Bates from Fort to plead for retention of small children in school. Mrs Mason to ask for Aud. for Wednesday evening classes. Gen’l discussion about new b’l’dg.

Peanuts .10; Mich. geol. 1⁰⁵;

Tuesday, October 10

Mild. Sunny much of the time.

Variouly occupied. A field trip with 3rd graders to Rudolph’s gardens.

Fifth graders and I gathered maple and linden seeds.

Phoned Mr. Nida for his school plans.

Rev. Mr. Bartlett lectured this Evening – The Canadian Wonderland. Mrs Bartlett was with him. Did not count audience. Cash \$26.00+

Barber .15;

Wednesday, October 11

A delightful day. Got up at 4:00 A.M. Worked on circular for N.I. A’ssn. Copy finished and to printer by 9:30. Various duties. Took both groups of 6th graders out to collect seeds of forest trees. “Strolling” photographers “took” the different rooms. Went to city on 3:35 to see James ODonnald Bennet. Too busy – made appointment for next evening. At Public Library for material about Synge. Home by 8:37. Went to printing office to see my circular come off press. Met Miss Ingersoll;

R.R. 52 + 10; phones .55; supper 45; (ink .30)

Thursday, October 12

Beautiful. Dream gold & brown. Haze and leaves fluttering down. Rose early again. Swamped with engagements. A candidate for a job; a special teacher of writing; etc Fourth graders gave scenes from Hiawathan in the ravine. All others looked on from banks above. Number of patrons. Took two pictures – Presses running off my circulars for N.I.T. Ass'n. Sent Hennig to city for heavier envelopes – Went in on 3:35 Interviewed J. O'D Bennet. Got much help.
52 + 15 + 10; 52 + 10;

Friday, October 13

Still another dreamy, beautiful day. Leaves showering down fast.
A.M. Spent nearly two hours scouting for truants etc. Picked up Joe Arterbury & took him home to Highwood for interview with his mother – Michael Rogan – caddy master, etc. P.M. Etc. Finished records to be copied by Katherine Grant. Fritz Foltz, architect, and Johnson, a heating man, came to examine our b'ld'g and I spent two hours with them.
Lennie came this P.M. I was to have attended first Geog. Soc. Meeting of year at Fullerton Hall, this P.M. (Dr. Goode lecturer) but train was too late. Went to bed.
Barber .25;

Saturday, October 14

Rained some in the night. Threatening all day but only a few scattering drops.
Interviews with Meierhoff, Bahr, Davis, etc. Then 9:53 to C. Met Mr. Hanna & we went to Gunthrop-Warren printing plant & arranged about our printing. Separated. I went to various places, including Hull House, Art Institute (where I got material for our bulletin) etc. Then 5:17 for Evanston. Supper. An hour at pub. library – hunting up material about Synge, Lady Gregory, etc. Home on trolley.

Rain .12

R.R. 52 + 20 + 10 + 15; lunch .35; supper .45; phones 30; Print of Art Inst. .50;

Sunday, October 15

Threatening but cleared away beautifully.
Rested A.M. P.M. took Mother, Kittie & Lennie for a drive through the painted landscape. Sumach display still noticeable. Oaks, maples, witch hazel, etc. Aspens soon to yellow.
Worked some on syllabus of N.I.T.A. Phoned Mr. Hammett, Nichols, Mrs. Best.

Monday, October 16

Pleasant day until noon. P.M. very heavy rainfall & lively wind – 3:00 P.M.
A. M. 4:00 o'clock went at the copy for the bulletin - - Lennie went home this A. M. - - Miss Knapp off on furlough - - sickness. Cadet from Evanston. Opened new position - - assistant to Miss Parks. Using Esther K. at present. Sent Priscilla N. to Chicago to Manz Engrav. Co., & to Gunthorp –printers.
Copy from Mr. Blount for Rock. R. excursion.
Shave 15;

Tuesday, October 17

Gray at first but cleared beautifully. Cool.

Up at 5:00 A.M. Finished copy for N.I.T.A. bulletin. Left on 9:53 for city. Visited N.W.U. offices, Manz Engrav. Co., & Gunthorp. Traded at M. Field. Home at 2:36. Conference with teachers until 5:00. Took 5:50 to city. Mr Hannan & I read proof at Gunthorp-Warren until 10:45.

R.R. 1⁰⁴; + .15; lunch .35; supper .20;

Wednesday, October 18

Clear. Delightful.

Sent Miss Miller & pupils (Mrs Watson helping) to Erskine farm, A.M. P.M. Went with Miss Toland's pupils to Meeker Dairy Farm, west of Lake Forest.

Various other duties. Phoned Mr. Fairman about printing bulletins; Prof. Cox about excursions.

Thursday, October 19

Cool. Gray. Showers toward evening.

Miss Woodcock, writing supervisor, visited us today. Teachers' meeting with her at 2:30. Norton called. Had him talk writing to teachers. He and I went down on 5:50 to city. Supper at McGregor's. Read page proofs at Gunthrop's. Home at 10:20.

R.R. 52 + 05; supper .60; shave .15; rake .50;

Friday, October 20

Gray. Threatening. A few rain drops now and then.

Busy. Copied part of ground plan of River Forest school – overhead lighting.

Various duties – too numerous to mention.

Letters to Caldwell, Blount, Douglas, Atwood. Rec'd letter from Mrs Geo. Cook of Elgin, fixing my date before Y.W.C.A. there at Jan. 18.

Went to Ft. Sheridan by trolley before 8:00 A.M. to engage wagons for Skokie trip. Barber .15;

Saturday, October 21

Threatening A.M.

Set Cummings to work at Annex (cork flooring) & Berube at Elm Place. Then to city & various errands – Lunch at N.W. station & change of clothes (suitcase). Members of Geog Soc. arrived for 1:30 train, I to be leader. Mr. Schantz acted as my treasurer. When we got to Ft. Sher. began to rain gently. We walked down Sweeney's Woods – out to Skokie bridge west of Highwood – raining harder. The three wagons I had engaged took us to Highwood & Ft. Sheridan stations – where the people left for Chicago. Then Recktenwald & I drove to loop of 6th Rav. & got Hennig, Palten & Sheahan who had a fire awaiting us. Home at 5:30 – soaked through

R.R. 26 + 10; dinner .50; check .10; washroom .10; phone .05;

Sunday, October 22

Cleared off towards morning. Clear mostly, today. Cool.

Church A. M.

Nap. P.M. Clarence Root, U.S.W. Bureau, director, called at 3:00 & talked rain gauge with me. Took 4:05 trolley to Ft Sheridan – then over in Sweeney's woods where I took 5 photographs – all but one – mullein.

Developed 19 negatives this P.M.

Witch hazel still in full bloom. Most of leaves on trees blown off.
church .10; trolley .10.

Monday, October 23

Cool. Windy. Cloudy. Clearing a little towards night.
Busy with heating plant at Annex much of day. B'ld'g at Elm Place cool also.
Barber .15; gas bill 5⁰⁰;

Tuesday, October 24

Very bright at first. Cloudy later on. Heavy frost in the night – our first!
Bahr at nursery about bulbs; watched heating of Annex;
This afternoon our engine got full of water & its crosshead snapped across. Phoned Mr. Greenslade & Buffalo Forge Co. for new one. McPherson's men fixed it temporarily. Shut down school. Had lecture at H.S. instead. Dr. Goode on his journey through the Phillippines. Good audience. Fine lecture.
Stamps .40;

Wednesday, October 25

Milder. Cloudy and threatening at times.
Planted bulbs with 2nd & 3rd & 4th grades. – 600 crocuses; 250 snowdrops; 100 scillas
To city on 6:50 and worked at Gunthorp-Warren's getting packages of bulletins ready to mail. Sent off 491. Postage \$6.21. Twine .20; paste .05
Barber .15; supper .25; street car .05;

Thursday, October 26

Gray much of the time. Threatening. Shower at evening (in Chicago)
Various duties. Long distance calls. – to Gunthorpe-W. Co to hurry up bulletins, etc.
Took 4:50 P.M. to city. Lunch at McGregor's. Worked – tying up p'k'gs of bulletins & delivering at P.O. & Amer. Ex. Co until 11:20. 11:40 home.
R.R. 52 + 10; supper .40; stamps 3.69 (N.I.T.A.).

Friday, October 27

Thermometer 29° at 6:00 A.M. Clear. Cool wind, moderating by evening.
Took 8:09 for city. Visited Amer. Ex., Adams, U.S. & Co Supt., Gunthorp, then Adams – last time carrying pkg weighing 43 lbs - - - 350 bulletins for DeKalb. Home by 11:15.
Book agent; Mr. Foltz came out to talk building plans with me. Visitor from Rockford.
Also Mrs Canavan.
Began sending out reservations for luncheon & Hull House.
R.R. 52 + 10;

Saturday, October 28

Cool. Beautiful.
Went to Evanston, first. & interviewed Miss Steele & Miss Hallstrom. Then to Chicago – Searles, M. Field, Cameron Amberg; lunch at Clover Club; Mr. Mahoney, Mrs Best & Miss Houston at Grand Opera House; Mr. Hutchins & Mr. Palmer at La Salle Hotel; Mel & Mr. J.R. Collins; stenographer who made 50 copies of letter for me, etc.
Worked off a lot of mail this evening.

Phones .30;

R.R. 15 + 22 + 26; 20; lunch .33; typewriter ribbon .50; books (blank) .17 + .35; shave .15.

Sunday, October 29

Cool. Beautiful. Rested. Wrote a few letters. Stayed in nearly all day.
 Developed 25 or more negatives of the summer's work.
 Read Seneca "Of Travel." Also from James

Monday, October 30

Threatening. Sprinkled a little before 8:00 A.M. After threatening for hours, set in for slow rain towards evening.
 Various duties A.M. P.M. to Pa[t?]ten Gym. Caucus with Kingsley, Miss Smedley, Miss Steele, Mr. Hammett, Miss Arnold (over phone). Then ate supper there & on to Chicago. Went to Gunthorp's & got great pkg of bulletins. Home on the 8:00 – 8:37.
 R.R. 52 + 24; + 15; supper .35. M.W.A. 2⁶⁵; U. of C. Press 1⁹²;

Tuesday, October 31

Rain ceased in night. .42 inches. Cooler. Threatening. Cleared later in day.
 Went down to Evanston at 10:00. Interview with Miss Arnold, Dean Holgate, Mr. Hammett, Mr. Heck, Prof. Grant, et. al. Rented piano for gym. Home by 3:00. Office work.
 Very much disappointed at lack of reservations.
 Trolley .30; lunch .50; barber .25; phone. 35;

Wednesday, November 1

Cool. Gray much of time. Very much colder at evening.
 A day much concerned about "reservations" from members of N.I.T. Ass'n. Nerve racking. Harassing.
 This P.M. impromptu exercises in auditorium. Autumn leaves – what were left – recitations – songs – etc.

Thursday, November 2

Beautiful day.
 A day of nerve racking strain in preparation for meeting of N.I.T.A at Evanston.
 Went to Evanston at 1:00 and perfected arrangements. Sent Ethel Goddard to city with theatre reservations.
 M & Kittie & I worked on "reservations" until 12:00 P.M. Got in bed by 1:00 A.M.

Friday, November 3,

Sunny & cloudy alternately.
 Left on 7:25 for Evanston. A day of tremendous exert[ion] [A copy of the meeting agenda is pasted over the remaining lines of Mr. Smith's diary entry for this date. The text of the meeting agenda follows. – ed.]

Friday, November 3, 9:30 a.m.

HISTORY

1. "The Teacher of the Social Sciences"
 Professor James A. James of Northwestern University
2. "The Significance of Local History"

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- Professor Reuben G. Thwaites, University of Wisconsin
3. "Present Day Problems in the Making of History Courses"
Dr. Charles A. McMurry, DeKalb, Ill.
General Discussion
Appointment of Committees.
Luncheon

Friday, 1:30 p.m.

"After-Dinner Program" on the "Indoor Field"

1. Informal Address
Professor A.C. McLaughlin of the University of Chicago
2. "The School of Tomorrow"
Dr. A.W. Harris, President of Northwestern University
3. Luther Hatch – In Memoriam
Professor Newell D. Gilbert, DeKalb

PROGRAM OF GYMNASTIC GAMES AND DANCES

Supervision of Miss Bird Arnold, Director of Physical Training for Women at the Northwestern University and Miss Mabel Smith, Director of Physical Culture, Evanston Public Schools.

Friday Evening, November 3, 1911

THE DRAMA

PROGRAM

6:30 p.m.—Special table d'hote dinner. Hull House cafe. Miss Jane Addams guest of the evening.

Informal address by Miss Addams.

7:30 p.m.—Tour of the various departments of Hull House, under the guidance of members of the House.

8:15 p.m.—Hull House theatre

Saturday, November 4, 1911

[Text of the meeting agenda is pasted into the diary on this date. The text follows. — ed.]

Saturday, November 4, 9:00 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION

THE DRAMA

Business Session – Reports of Committees.

"The Place of the Theatre in Modern Education."

Dr. Richard Burton of the University of Minnesota

"The Remarkable History of the Drama League of America."

Mrs. A. Starr Best of Evanston

"The Art of Playgoing."

Miss Alice Houston.

Friendly Comment

Langdon Mitchell, Playwright.

[Mr. Smith added the following entry for this date below the pasted copy of the meeting agenda. — ed.]

Spent night at LaSalle. Elected President of the Ass'n this A.M. Lunch with Dr McMurry and Dr Luken's at Henrici's Home by 3:15 with heavy baggage. Then down to Evanston to arrange for shipment of tarpaulins & bundle of bulletins. Home by 6:00 P.M. Read great bundle of mail. LaSalle 2⁰⁰; breakfast .50; lunch .65; R.R. 26 + .30 + 10; barber .25

Sunday, November 5

Indian Summer this A.M. Overcast about 2:00 P.M.
 Slept this A.M. Went to Evanston & gave flower talk at the Washington School for Mr. Nichols. — 4:00 P.M. Audience of children as well as adults.
 Had supper with Mr. & Mrs Nichols and their daughter, Louise
 Home by 9:30.
 R.R. (trolley) .30 + .10

Monday, November 6

Rainy now and then this A.M. Again towards evening.
 Various duties. Arithmetic test with Miss Stevenson's pupils.
 Interviews, P.M. with Miss McI[tri?]evy sent out by Fiske's Bureau and Miss Harris by C.J. Albert --- wanted primary position. Getting ready to plant tulips.
 Advanced to John Udell \$57⁵⁰ on acc't.
 Barber 15; papers 1¹⁵; rent \$25⁰⁰

Tuesday, November 7

Clear, more or less, but very windy. Had been violent winds in the night.
 Nearly wore myself working with fifth grade pupils planting tulips.

Wednesday, November 8

Sunshiny now and then. Warmer.
 Very, very tired at first this A.M. — One sixth grade group made a tulip bed bordering the east wall of building. Another group planted Von Sion narcissus in front of school.
 Houghton Mifflin agent.
 Barber .25;

Thursday, November 9

Threatening. Rain at intervals as evening came on.
 Planting of bulbs for forcing continued. Finished planting tree seeds.
 Called this P.M. on Mrs Moses and Mrs Schreffler about bazaar for benefit of plant house.

Friday, November 10

Mild. Sunny and threatening at times — alternately. Up early. Wrote notice of exc. to Barrington & mailed to printer before seven.
 Bulb planting in pots with grades 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7, today. Phoned Maggie Wilson at noon to engage two wagons for excursion to Chesterton tomorrow.
 Went to Fullerton Hall this P.M. — Miss Baber's lecture on Spitzbergen. Met Mr. Clute after the lecture & walked to R.R. station with him.
 R.R. 52 + 05; lunch .15; magazine .25; barber .25

Saturday, November 11

1911

Sultry. High winds. Great thunderstorm about 5:45 P.M. Tremendous downpour.
Took 7:04 for city & saw the excursionists for Chesterton off. Then went over town to work for myself today.

At Miss Ingersoll's, Newberry Library, Hammond Library; Field's, Vaughn's, Fair, Anderson's, McClurg's, etc.

A little while at Presbyterian bazaar this evening. (Visited B[unm?] at Art Institute.) Pd. Life insurance policy, \$83⁶⁴ at offices of N.Y. Life.

Phone to Chesterton, .25; R.R. 52 + .20; lunch .45; candy .20; polish .15; toilet paper 1¹⁰; bazaar 1⁰⁰

Sunday, November 12

In the night rained turned to sleet. High winds. Great drop in temperature. Winter indeed! Frozen ground. Crust of snow here & there.

Church, this A.M. Then to school building to see how things were

Slept nearly all afternoon. Read much about Williamsburg, Jamestown, etc. — booklets I brought home from my summer trips. Began "Pragmatism."

Developed 20 negatives today.

Church .10.

Monday, November 13

A cold day. Icy winds.

Hard to heat school building.

Spent morning inspecting thermostats, etc. Afternoon going over last year's bills. Sent pictures of mural paintings to W.G. Bruce of Milwaukee with view of publication.

Stamps .15;

Tuesday, November 14

Moderated. Light snow fall began at 4:00 P.M.

Visited rooms, A.M. Got down boxes for enclosing pots planted with bulbs.

P.M. Helped crowd of small boys bank leaves about potted bulbs out of doors.

Teachers' meeting.

Cleared away some of my correspondence this evening.

Disquieting letter from Clarence about Leonard today. Talk of Christian Science.

Barber .15;

Wednesday, November 15

Cool earlier. Boys could slide on streets until noon. Sun shone at intervals.

Took group of 6A' boys to dig up 6 crab-apple seedlings this A.M. & group of 10 5A & B boys & girls on same errand in afternoon. These are to be laid aside for grafting in February.

Moved muslin curtain & stereopticon, etc to Presbyt. Church where this eve Geo.

McFadden & I operated for Dr Safford — on Polyglot Chicago. I was invited to dine at the Manse with Dr. Safford. Pd Geo. 1⁰⁰ for his help.

Household 5⁰⁰;

Thursday, November 16

Mild. A beautiful sunrise. Cooler towards evening. Strong S.E. wind arose. Sleety then rain at 9:00 P.M.

Jobs about building. Turtles in aquarium jars. Took biggest down to Skokie late (6:00 P.M.) and dropped him through thin ice. Two two groups of lads out to get barrow loads of leaf mold. Mixed dirt in big box in basement. - - Visit from ag't of L. Greens & Co., also of H.M. & Co (Subscription); after supper carried tarpaulins used at Evanston out in school yard & wore myself out sweeping them off.

Barber 15;

Friday, November 17

Rain ceased in night. Threatening this day. Mild. Some snow flakes towards evening.

Specials today: Drilled lower grade pupils in thanksgiving hymns; trounced Fred S; began collection of apple seeds – 5th grade pupils; moved shell cases to west landing;

Went to Mr. Waltersdorf's at Oak Park – S.E. Corner Scoville Ave & Randolph, to reunion of "44". Caught 12:15 A.M. home. Acted as "barker" for "moving pictures." Called of Ecursion to Valp. Moraine

Telephone – Geog Soc. .40;

R.R. 52 + 20; barber .25; meal .20; paper .01; peanuts .05.

Saturday, November 18

Cold wind. Threatening. Clear sky at intervals. To City on 9:53. Bottles at C.S. Co. - \$3²⁴ for Dist 107; M. Fields (hats to be pressed); 1 doz L. O's; Wiperman's, - supplies .60; Fair, "sea weed" .16 for Dist. 107; Cameron, A[n?]berg, - .80 (Dist. 107) for 2 note book covers & fillers; ordered "unit" of drawers of Y[aw?]man Erbe for negatives;

Home on 2:57 – 3:33.

This eve. Scouted around for assistant for engineer. Developed 9 negatives – last of summer's work.

Lunch .33; R.R. 52 + 20; negative envelopes .25;

Sunday, November 19

Cool but moderated greatly during day. Sunny until 3:30 P.M. Snowing after 6:00 P.M.

Church this A.M. Heard Rev. Mr. Hill on church extension work in Chicago. Subscribed 2⁰⁰ for home (city) missions.

Rested all afternoon. Read two essays (lectures) from "Pragmatism". Looked over my negatives. Wrote to Helen Moffett at Ft. Huachuca, Mexico.

Monday, November 20

Heavy snow flurry after daylight – ceased before eight. Day grew mild. Clear sky at sunset.

Three science lessons. Worked to secure anchorage of stage curtain. Bills of Board.

Meeting tonight of B. of Education. No quorum. Wrote nine letters.

Boys brought lot of crab apples for seeds.

Presented bill to Board of \$161⁵¹.

Tuesday, November 21

Mild. Thawed quite a little.

Visited rooms. Taught one class – science.

Helped fasten up curtain in auditorium. Mothers' meeting in the little room. Conference with Mrs Oliver.

Rev Mr. Bartlett lectured on Hills of Old N.E. Good audience, considering. Running behind in expenses.

Wednesday, November 22

Mild. Snow rapidly disappearing. Sunlight most of the day.

To Evanston this afternoon to attend Council of Cook Co. – Met in Mi'l Training rooms at Haven School. – Discussion of work of elementary technical education. Went to Central School before I came back to inspect a sample chair seat. Visited with Miss Grace Benthuisen. Barber .25; Car fare .66. Candy .05;

Thursday, November 23

A little colder. Gray.

My birthday! In honor thereof Kittie bought me a cyclamen & Mr Bahr threw in a great “mum.”

Held down Miss Grunewald's room most of morning. During the day had a relay of 8th grade boys dig pit in the woods and put bulb pots therein – cover with leaves, etc.

Mrs Rioux, Mrs Berube, her daughters & Mrs Blomdahl gave children & teachers fine exhibition of spinning wool, etc. Sent order for “plant house.”

Friday, November 24

Sunny. Cool.

Mother left for Benton Harbor this A.M.

Two drawer unit for filing my negatives came today.

Children collecting crab apple seeds for planting next Spring.

Saw Grammar School Boys play H.S. in basket ball game this P.M. at the H.S. Mr. Parratt and I went together. Then visited at his house an hour or so.

Barber .25;

Saturday, November 25

Sunny part of the day. Cool. Towards evening cloudy but a beautiful sunset

To City: Went to Lincoln Park and photographed statue of La Salle, St. Gaudens Lincoln (4 views) and Grant's monument. Then pattern for glass to Hookers. Fields. Public Library looking up files of *Collier's*. Miss Ingersoll's; various other duties. Met Humphrey of Lexington on street. Spent some time at Clow's this evening.

R.R. 52 + .30; lunch .35; Dennison's .40 – Dist 107; [?]reas. .10; candy .05;

Sunday, November 26

Mild. Sunny A.M. Hazy P.M. Beautiful sky at sunset.

Rested A.M. Met Mr Parratt at school at 2:30 & photog. Detail of longer panel in aud.

Walked to Mr. Rehm's west of Deerfield. Chatted with Mrs & walked back.

Kittie & I had tea at Clow's.

Reading from Pragmatism. Bought De Morgan's latest, “A Likely Story” yesterday. Read a little in it.

Monday, November 27

Mild. Sunny A.M. & intervals, P.M.

P.M. Miss Hostetter, Canavan and I took 28 – 4A's on “field trip to Waukegan. Fine trip. Fishing tug came in convoyed by gulls. Freighter unloading salt. Visit to fire station.

Board meeting called off. Got negatives of Thos Lincoln marriage bond & of Springfield Ky. cabin from Spr, Ky. photographer.

Tuesday, November 28

Began to rain in night. Ceased before morning. Grew cooler during day. Snowing in evening fitfully.

Clarence came unexpectedly at noon hour. Had consulted Dr Patrick. Not much encouragement. Went back on 7:16 this P.M. Taught two science lessons today. Had visits from Matheny, Me[v?]all, & representative of Laurel Pub. Co. Also Rev. Mr. Evans.

Decided to postpone entertainment for plant house fund until Dec. 14-15. Wired G.J. Smith of my proposed visit to Lexington.

Barber .15; telegram .25;

Wednesday, November 29

Threatening. Muddy!

Finished article on Murals & sent to Milwaukee. Got up at 5:20. But – had to take much of the morning to finish it.

Went down on 6:53 to Art Inst. Geog. Soc. lecture by W.J. McGee on Ground Water of Miss. Valley. Came away at 9:05 to get home & work on notes for tomorrow's talk. Had a talk with Asa. G. about tomorrow's Geog. trip to Maywood – Harlem.

Barber .25; R.R. 52 + 10; lunch .20; stamps .16 + .06 + .04.

Thursday, November 30

Thanksgiving dinner with the Smith Family at Lexington.

Friday, December 1

Went down to Springfield. Photographed Capitol, Governor's mansion, Lincoln Home, etc.

Took late trolley for Clarence's at Decatur.

Saturday, December 2

At Clarence's.

Sunday, December 3

Came home today.

Monday, December 4

Sunny cool. Melted a little. Some sleighing.

Spent some time this A.M. looking up suspicious health cases. Long interview with Mrs. Oliver about the bazaar.

P.M. Three science lessons. Sent out advertisements of Mr. Mills' lecture. Planning Christmas music.

Heard Miss McCormick read The Well of the Saints by Synge, this P.M.

Barber .15; peanuts .05;

Tuesday, December 5

Beautiful day. Snow melted a great deal. Brilliant moonlight.

Great day for troubles – snowballing, etc.

1911

One science lesson – 7B's – steam engine.
Conference with Mrs Moses about bazaar. She turned over check for \$23.80, some odds & ends, etc.
Lecture of Enos Mills – Wild Life on the Rockies – this evening. Fair audience.
Conference with Mrs Underwood & Miss McCormick after its close, & moonlight walk to lake shore (bluff).
Stamps .97;

Wednesday, December 6

Another beautiful day. Thawing continued.
Among other things – called together boys and began drilling for Christmas play. They are learning old English carols.
Sent checks for plant house fund to Mrs Ma[nn?]'s. Rec'd check for five dollars for that purpose from Miss Jessie Chandler.
Called on Mr. Parratt this evening. Got sol[io?] prints of murals to send to Milwaukee.
Got also sample postals.
Barber 15; ice cream, etc. .15;

Thursday, December 7

A little rain – not much. Clouds broke away at times this P.M.
Various discipline troubles. "Unfair squad," etc.
Science lesson – 7A and 8B.
Parents & Teachers' Assn. this P.M. Mr. Cate presented subject of school music. Good program.
Working on description of murals and on talk to be given at Woodstock.

Friday, December 8

Still threatening. Warmer.
Went to city on 6:53 to Geog. Soc. lecture by McGee – Small audience. Came away at 8:40 to get home to work on my discussion.

Saturday, December 9

Threatening. Warm.
Left on 7:35. Got 8:30 out to Woodstock. Talked before Co. Sup't Shelton & his Ass'n of Supt & Prin. on problems of course of study. Left on 12:17 for Chicago. Shelton, Light, Sykes, etc. Noyes, --- Sykes of Huntley rod to C. with me. Related experiences teaching at New Madrid.
Shopped – McClurg, Lyon & H., Miss Ingersoll, Anderson's, Wiperman's, Fair – Visited awhile with Prof. Cox. Home at 5:50.
Got 5⁰⁰ from Mr. Shelton for expenses, etc.
Photog. supplies 1⁸⁰; RR 52 + 20 + 2.04; lunch 15 + 35;

Sunday, December 10

Gusts of rain in the night. Warm. High winds, clearing, during day.
Lopped around all day. Slept. Read from Royce: What is Vital in Christianity.
Developed negatives taken in Lincoln Park, at Springfield, Decatur.
Mr. & Mrs Clow spent evening with us.

Monday, December 11

Cloudy. Moderately cool, only.

Various duties. Had lantern slide lessons with 3rd and 6th graders. Drilled boys on Christmas play at 4:30; also from 7:00 to 9:00. Hektographed until 12:40 A.M.
Barber .15; peanuts .05;

Tuesday, December 12

Threatening. Cleared.

Board meeting tonight. Bills. Mr. Drum & architect Foltz presented proposition for new building. Referred to more committees for early report. All present but Mr. Louderback.

Wednesday, December 13

Heavy frost last night. Sunny. Thaw.

Variouly busy. Took copy to printer – for bills, tickets, etc. Drilled boys in speaking their parts. Had assembly at 1:30 to advertise our “show.” Interview with Mr. Winter – an irate parent – justly so, for once. Miss V’s fault.

Mr. Lowry got up frame work of two booths in hall. Drilled boys on play from 7 to 8:30 this P.M.

Letter from Clarence reporting very good news from Leonard.

Barber .15;

Thursday, December 14

Heavy frost with a fog at dawn. Beautiful day.

Very busy. Rehearsing for our “shows.” Mr. De Yoe & six of his teachers from No. Chicago visited us. Booths set up & trimmed by ladies. First matinee – Chicken Little & Farm talke, the latter by 3rd graders. Children cleaned up candy booths in less than an hour. Receipts altogether over \$40⁰⁰. Mrs Curtis gave \$10⁰⁰ besides; Mrs Rudolph \$1⁰⁰; This P.M. a few boys and I fitted up the scenery.

At Joe’s .25; peanuts .05; Pins 25 (Dist. 107);

Friday, December 15

Heavy frost and frost fog which hung on until noon & reappeared after sundown. Mild.

Had matinee for plant house & big performance this evening. Very busy day.

Phone Prof Mansfield about field trip tomorrow.

Barber .15

Saturday, December 16

A heavy snowfall began at 5:30 and continued until 8:30. Beautiful. Wet & soon melting.

To city on 8:49. Chic. Hist. Bld’g to look up Lincoln material. Stayed more than an hour but did not get to talk with Miss McIlvane. Various shopping. Took 1:22 C.B & Q. for Berwyn with Prof Mansfield’s party. Walked to Riverside. Fine trip, - sloppy underfoot. Came back by LaGrange interurban & elevated. Home at 7:05.

R.R. 52 + 25 + 20 + ; barber .75; meals .60; (Pd 6⁵⁰ for comm tick Also \$3.10 for ticket for Geog. Soc. Dist 107 – Carbons .48; staples .08.

Sunday, December 17

At first clear. Then gray. Cool. Melted a little.

Church in S.S. rooms of new church. Walk late P.M. to Sheahen's woods in Skokie for cuttings of high bush cranberry.

Mr. Parratt called this evening. We looked over negatives until 11:00 P.M.
Church .10;

Monday, December 18

Cool. Clear. Melted a little.

Mr. St. Peter and I got out plans for plant house. Discussed them with Mr. Bahr.
Three science lessons. Miss Parks unable to come. Esther K taught room alone.

Took 5 boys out to Skokie to get cuttings of red osier dogwood and of high bush cranberry.
Barber .15; trolley .60

Tuesday, December 19

Much as yesterday. A little wind arose after evening set in.

Conferences this A.M. with Mr. Sullivan over heating plant for new plant house & with Mrs Oliver & Mrs Shreffler over receipts of "bazaar" – Some children and I planted crab apple seeds – also linden, h. maple, ash, & sweet chestnut. P.M. Mr. Foltz & sons came out & they and I staked off proposed site of 6 room school on Moseley lot.

Wednesday, December 20

Clear at first but with S.E. wind – like March. About 7:00 P.M. began to rain. Wind continued.

Miss Massey substituted yesterday & today for Miss Parks. Went to city on 11:41. Lunch at Henrici's. At Miss Ingersoll's where got slides for Christmas story. Some of my Mt. Vernon slides were there. Interviewed Searles about a teacher. To McClurg's & Fields. Then Committee meeting of Excursion Com at Prof. Cox' office. Supper at restaurant. Met Mr. Clute there. Miss Collins earlier. Studied Fields' Christmas display.

R.R. 52 + 25; meals .80;

Thursday, December 21

Gray at first. Snow much melted. Sun came out. Pleasant. Muddy.

6th grade pupils made cuttings of red, osier dogwood and high-bush cranberry. Mr. Simpson called for an hour or so. Science lesson in 7A room. Opened up small booth for sale of articles left from bazaar. Sale - \$4¹⁵. Talked over Will Morton's trail tree papers with him.

Mother and I attended J.B's plays at Presb. Church this evening.

Church .50;

Friday, December 22

Sunny, mild. Snow all gone.

Men began building plant house – Mr. A. J. St Peter, Sr, contractor.

Last day before vacation. Afternoon given up to Christmas exercises. I used lantern slides and told the story of the Christ child. Children sang their Christmas music.

This P.M. Mother & I went to a reception at Mr R.J. Beatty's. Mrs B. played on harp and recited well. Had a fine time.

Barber .25;

Saturday, December 23

Much cooler. Frozen ground. Sunny much of the time.

A.M. At school building. Watched work on plant house. Mr. Davis & I planted some tulips in boxes and sunk them out of doors. To the city on the 11:41.

At Miss Ingersoll's. Then lunch at Clover Club. Home on the 1:55 – 2:32. Had nap. Sundry duties.

Took 6:53 for city. Heard Thomas Orchestra. Bach's Pastorale ----- The Slav march. Mt Mr. Cate, the Collinses, the Misses Fletcher there. Fine solo work by Tramonti. Home on 11:15. R.R. 1.04 + 20; lunch .31 + .20; Concert 1.50; household 10⁰⁰ * Slide rental 1³⁰;

Sunday, December 24

Cool. Clear. Thawed some.

Mother, Kittie and I went to Evanston this A. M. to church to hear Christmas sermon by T. P. Frost – Lucile Stevenson, soprano; Marion Greene, bass, etc.

Rested all afternoon. Made some photographic prints this evening. Wrote to Tot Mahan.

"The night before Christmas". Read as usual at such times the Christmas references from "In Memoriam".

Trolley .75; church .10.

Monday, December 25

Almost ideally beautiful. Cool. A little thawing.

Went with Mr. And Mrs. Millard in automobile to McCormick grounds, then we walked over Harold McCormick's grounds and followed lake shore north nearly to Lake Bluff. Then climbed up, went out to Sheridan Road, & walked into L.B. where we took 11:45 trolley home. Flocks of birds feeding on McCormick grounds – not identified.

Waited vainly for Lennie & Edith's folks for 4:00 P.M. dinner. Ate by ourselves. Photog. At 3:00 trail tree at Yoe's & Carquevilles. Spent evening overhauling accumulation on my table. Trolley .45; sent check for \$10⁰⁰ to Aileen Massey for Dist. 107.

Tuesday, December 26

Snowing at dawn – from S.E. Later sleet, dry. Then after lull of several hours, a fine rain (night fall). Wind arose late in the evening.

At school house before 8:00 A.M., but carpenters thought it too disagreeable to work.

Various things at home. Kittie and I finished mounting set of bird pictures. I coped some notes on milkweed. Towards evening went down to beach & dug up some milkweed roots & took to school house to pot. Got some seeds also. Spent evening at my desk.

Barber .40; Larson 18⁸⁰;

Wednesday, December 27

Colder in the night. Wind increased as day wore on and got biting cold.

Worked around home nearly all day. At school house stored some pots with apple seeds in attic. Pots with milkweed tubers and seeds in basement window compartment. --- Overhauled magazine articles. Cut covers & bound articles therein all evening.

Carpenter worked on plant house. No helper.

Barber .15; Brand 1³⁵;

Thursday, December 28

Cold. Clear. Moderated somewhat. About 2° above at sunrise.

Errands at school much of the A.M. 12:56 to Chicago. Pkg of magazines to binder – 615 So Wab. [Spiecke?] & Taylor; M. Field; Miss Ingersoll; Rec-Herald; supper at Childs'; hunting up Lincoln material at Pub. Library. Grand Opera at Auditorium. Mary Garden, et. al. in Natoma. Fine. Too late – so came out on 12:15.

~~Lunch~~ Supper .30; lunch .15; R.R. 52 + 30; phone .20; libretto .35; opera -----.

Friday, December 29

Moderated. Thawed a little. Sunny at first. Gray skies after noon.

At school a while. A.M. after beating rugs at home. Berube on plant house. Ordered lumber for partition in coal bin. Went to McCormick estate scouting for birds. Found flock of 30 or 40 purple finches. Trolley to Convent & then got on at Ft. Sher. station.

Rest of day at desk & at school. Wrote number of letters this P.M. Called at Clows' late to bring Mother & K. home.

Barber .15; trolley .15;

Saturday, December 30

Began to snow about 7:00 A.M. There had been a suggestion of snow during the night. Heavy fall of snow during morning which melted rapidly and light rain succeeded at frequent intervals during the day. Shortly after midnight shower of rain.

To city – 9:53. Negatives to Chic. Transparency Co; then to Miss Ingersoll. A few more of my colored slides were ready. To Searles for consultation: Chat with his father. Lunch at Thompson's. Flanagan's; Fields. Pub. library. Supper on Adams St. Colonial Theater – The Spring Maid.

Lunch .30; supper .45; rubbers 1¹⁰; socks .35; diary .95; notebook .20 Theater. Carfare 52 + 30. Rubber [bands?] .50

Sunday, December 31

Wind arose about 6:00 A.M. Blew speedily cold – raged all day. Penetrating cold.

To church this A.M. Rested P.M. Worked some at my Lincoln clippings and magazine articles.

Reread "Ring out, wild bells" & other parts of "In Memoriam; all of the Rubaiyat; Rabbi Ben Ezra.

The flying clouds, the frosty light,
The year is dying in the night!

