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N. M. Town, Ky.
Sept 28, th 1870.

Wednesday.

I am sitting in ~~my~~ ^{the} school room trying to write my diary. I can hardly think of any thing to write. Well, I have been perfect in all of my lesson but spelling. Lizzie Dobyns asked Mr. Patterson to let her sit with Lizzie Beam to study Arithmetic. I think I know it. I and Lizzie Beam swept the school room at dinner time. ^{learned so much} ~~I learnt~~ in my Bible yesterday. Mr. Patterson took Eddie Beam's knife away from him and made him stand up twice. He said if he called him again he would pull his ears good. Lou Gabbott stayed all night with Lea Dobyns last night. I asked her to stay with me but she would not stay. Miss Patterson was over in the school room this evening. Miss Anna was over here this morning begging for an apple. I will certainly bring her one if she is so ^{anxious} ~~dead~~ for one. Well school is almost out and I will have to quit writing my diary. Mr. Patterson is just shearing the Grammar class now. I will now close as I have told you all the news.

N. M. Young Ky.

Sept 30 1888.

Thursday.

There has been a very muddy day. Emma Scott and Lizzie Bean are writing their diary. Miss ~~Har~~ was over to the school room. The girls are going to make a playhouse up stairs. The boys all were up there but Hannah Bowler and Emma Scott went and told Mr. Patterson and he said that every boy had to come down. Mrs. Patterson was over in the school room. I brought Emma Scott's horse this evening. All the girls come over to Mr. Bean's ^{last night} and played there. Sallie Jones is writing her diary. Mr. Patterson told Hannah Bowler that if she would lead her Arithmetic that she would have to work ~~xxxx~~ hard. I expect she will do it. Lizzie Doby

went home with Emma Scott last night.

Sallie Jones has had the tooth ache all day. Ida May Rice stayed all night with Lizzie Bean last night. Mrs. Patterson is having the last class. Will school is almost out and I will now close as I have told you all the news.

N. M. Town, Kentucky.
Sept 30 1870.

Friday.

Well this has been such a delightful day. I got 38 in my diary. I was so very for I tried to get forty-five. I am going to stay all night with Cordie Ferguson and Cordie Hadden to night. We are going to have a spelling match this evening. Lou Tabbott and Lizzie Lohman is going to choose. Hannah Bowler and Ada Lohman choose last Friday. Lizzie Bean is going to stay all night too with Cordie Hadden. Cliff Hadden wouldnt spell for this evening. We have got the prettiest play-house up stairs. Hannah Bowler is the mother of one family and Cordie Ferguson is the mother of the other family. I am an orphan child. Mr. Patterson did not hear our spelling and Grammar to-day. Miss Anna taught while Mr. Patterson went to Winchester. Aunt Lou was ~~was~~ in the school room this morning. Miss Anna said if Gommie didnt behave himself she would whip him. So I will close as I have told you all the news.

N. M. Town, Tex.

October 1st 1878.

Saturday Night

Well this in the first of October. I stayed all night with Mr. Patterson's borders last night. Aunt Bettie is going down to the store this morning. Hannah Bowler was over here this morning. Alice Berrie and Florence went home yesterday. He had a spelling match yesterday. Florence Talbot was her yesterday. Aunt Lou Patterson and Miss Anna Dugan went out to Mr. Will Talbot. Lou and Cornie went down to see Elba Fithian this evening. Well I went up to see Lizzie Bean this evening. Mr. Dean sent Aunt Lou a large water miter this evening. Well I went over to Mr. Patterson's this evening and Lou Dugan and Lillie Jordan was over this. Well I can't think of any thing to write so I will have to close. Mrs. Dugan was here today and so was Ida May Rice so I will close as I have told you all the news.

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N. M. Lowry Ky.

Oct 2nd 1870

Sunday Evening:-

Well This has been a very cold day. I went to Sunday School this morning. Hannah Bowler was in this evening. I think it will rain this evening. I went down to Cousin Sir Abchurch this evening and I went over to Mr. P. this evening. Aunt Betie went to singing school this evening but I did not go. Aunt Betie went down to Mr. Brown this evening. It rained this evening. Miss Corbie Ferguson and Lizzie Beem were here this morning. I went up to Lizzie Beem this evening. Mr. O. and Mr. Bob Mr. Mellow came this evening. The girls sent over here after some apples this evening but I don't know whether she will get any or not. Sader did not go to swimming this evening. Wallace Montague was up to see Sader this evening. Miss Lora Riddle and Miss Emma D. Stured came this evening. Well I must close for this evening. You I am so sleepy.

N. M. Town Kentucky
Oct. 3rd 1870.

Monday.

This has been a very pretty day. I went
to school to-day. Mrs Patterson was out in the
school room to-day. Mr Patterson told the boys
that they should not go up stairs. I were
perfect in all of my lessons to-day. Emma
Scott said her ma said that she would
make some ice-cream and take it
to school to-day if Mrs Patterson would
let us have a party. I expect
we will have one to-morrow. We had
a new scholar to-day her name
was Lena Trimble. Sam Fabbatt did not
come to school to-day. Willie Bean
squatted out the door, I rode Emma Scott
home. Well I will now close for I
have told you all the news. Annie Scott
forward Love night

N. M. Town Ky.

Oct 4th 1870.

Tuesday.

Well this has been such a cool day. Mr. Patterson whipped John Garner and Sammie to-day for missing their Geometer. I did not miss any of my Arithmetic. Miss Emma and Aunt Sam were in the school room to-day. We had a new scholar yesterday. Her name was Lena Trindle. We had washing to-day. Pa said that she was going to get married after to-day. Lizzie Bean Bean was here this evening. I went to bed this evening. I will Sallie Jones here this evening. I expect Lizzie Bean will stay all night with me to night if her ma will let her. Sallie has been very low some this evening. Lou brought Bettie Scott home with her to-day at dinner. Aunt Bettie has just finished her new dress. Willem dress she is going to marry Mr. Clifton Powell day tomorrow. Aunt Bettie and Sallie is invited. I will close as I have told you all the news.

N. Me. Town Ky.

Oct 3. 1880.

Wednesday.

Well this has been a very pretty
all day I run all of my lessons this morning
but Bible and I was very sorry for missing
that but I can't get any answer to the questions
Lizzie Bean stayed all night with me last
night. I rode Emma Scott's horse round to the
lot this morning. I went down town at dinner
time to the store with Lizzie Bean. I am going
to bring Sallie Jones home this evening. Lillie
Jones is writing her diary. We had a new scholar
Monday. Cousin Bettie Carrington was at our home
a while. I and Lizzie Bean ride her horse. Mr.
Patterson said that he would help some body
to be fore school is out. Mr. Patterson and Miss
Emma was over in the school room this
evening. All school is all out and
I will now close this I have told you
all the news that I could think of.

N. M. Town Ky.

Oct 6th 1870.

Thursday

Well I did not go to school this morning. I was sick. Aunt Betta and Sada went to the auction this morning. I and Lillie Jones did not go in our grammar this evening. Lillie Jones is writing her diary now. I am going to ride Emma Scott's horse up this evening. Aunt Betta is going to the auction. Lizzie Beem is writing her diary now. Cordie Hadden and Sallie Jones went up stairs to write their diary. I got a new dress this evening at the auction. Mr. Lattin said that he was sick. I and Lizzie Beem and Lillie Jones rode Emma Scott's horse. I am living with Cordie Ferguson. Alick Berry is going to wash the black board of this evening after school this evening. Well I must close as I have told you all the news.

N. Me. Town Ky.
Oct. 8. 1875.

Friday Eve.

Well there has been a very beautiful day.
I did not go to school to-day. I was sick. Lizzie
Dobyns and Annie Brown was here to-day. Mary
Bean came down here this evening and brought
the baby. I seen Mr. Patterson pass by going to
Winchester this evening. Aunt Bettie and Sadie has
gone to the auction this evening. I went up to
Mrs. Bean's this evening. I believe Grandma will come
to-day. Cousin Lettie Conington was here yesterday. Bet-
ty Bean is going to have a supper to-morrow
night. Lizzie Bean was here to-day. Corrie and
Lou are going to ~~write~~ say a speech this evening.
Lou went home with Bettie Scott Wednesday
night. Well I must close as I have
told you all the news as I have no news
to tell. so good bye.

N. M. Town Ky.
Oct 8. 1870.

Saturday

Well this has been a very cold day. I went to the auction this evening. Grandma came home to-day. I was so glad to see her. I got Mr. Daniel was here to-day he brought Grandma home. Aunt Bettie is gone down town this morning. I went up to Mrs. Beams this evening and so did Aunt Bettie and Sucka go. I and Piggie and went to the grocery this evening. Mr. Cavert gave Ben Jones a nice round comb this evening. I wished he had given it to me. I would take it and thank him kindly. Cordie Hadden did not go home to-day. Alice Roy and Glance went home yesterday. Lizzie Bean was down here this evening. Mrs. Beams baby right sick it has got the colic. Corinn Dix Mitchell is very sick. She did not come to the auction to-day so I will bid you good bye.

N. M. Lewis, Ky.

Oct. 9th, 1870.

Sunday Eve.

Another Sunday has gone and can never be recalled. I did not go to church to-day. Because I was sick in bed. but I understood there was not a ^{great} many there. I seen Mrs Patterson and Miss Hanna pass but they looked like they was lost with out the scholars. He did not have ^{any} company to-day. Lizzie Bean and Wallace Montague and Annie Brown. Aunt Belle and Lennie went to church this morning. Grandma ~~did~~ not go to church to-day. Sinda and Aunt Bess and Lennie are gone down town. I guess they have gone to Conin Sis Mitchell this evening. Well to-morrow is Monday and I ought to be getting my lesson if I don't I will get a whipping. I am very lone some this evening. There is no one here the place but Grandma and Pa and myself. Well I can not think of any news so I will tell you Belle was here this evening so I will bid you good bye.

N. M. Town Ky.

Oct. 12th, 1870

Wednesday.

Well I will now try to write my diary. I am sitting in my little room trying to write it. Mr. Patterson whipped ten boys and girls but I was not one of them. Lizzie is writing her diary now. I rode ~~up~~ on our Scotch horse up this evening. Well, I will try to tell you about my studies. I know my Bible lesson this morning. I do not know my grammar ~~lesson~~ today. I was very sorry I missed but I did not have any book. Cousin Mat - Mr. Keel and Cousin Fannie Stoper was at our house today and spent the day. Sucka and Miss Seta Stured went out to Mr. Moly's home night before last and stayed all night. Lou went down to the auction room yesterday. Miss Addie Stured ^{are going to} stay all night with Sucka tonight. Lena Trimble not going to stay all night with Lizzie Bean tonight. Lillie Jones is writing her diary now. So I will close as I have told you all the news that I can think of.

N. M. Town, Ky.

Oct 13 1890.

Thursday.

Well who would think it was Thursday and I am up stairs trying to write my diary. Well this has been a very cool day. Mr. Patterson has had a fire. Lillie Jones is writing her diary now. she is with me up stairs. I missed one in my bible and in my Grammar too. I was very sorry but I did not have any books. I am going to find a round comb but she would not find the one. Annie Scott is going home with Lillie Jones to night. Miss Adda Stured stayed all night with Sada last night. Mr. Patterson did not hear our distinctive w-day. Mr. Patterson whipped ten yesterday. The names was Lillie Jones and Eddie Bean Willie Bean and John Redman John Barney Chastield Rice and Martin Brown and John Jones and Tommie Patterson. so I will close as I have told you all the news. so I will have to go after milk.

A. M. Town Ky.
Oct 18th 1870

Tuesday Night:

Well this day has gone and I am seated with pen and ink to write my diary. We had a very interesting Bible lesson to-day. The girls played base at dinner time. all of the boys played too. I was perfect in all of my lessons to-day. Lizzie ^{Bear} brought the babies over yesterday at dinner time. Emma Scott is going home with Kate Redman to visit Mr. Patterson like to whiff the little Geography to-day because they moved. Cordie Ferguson came home yesterday evening. I went to the post office this evening but ~~my~~ did not receive any mail. I rode Lura Beall horse up this evening. I rode Sallie Jones horse ~~also~~ too. Well I will close as I have told you all the news diary. I will bid you fare well.

N. H. Town Ky.
Oct 19th 1870.

Wednesday.

Well this has been a very disagreeable day. It was looked so dark and cloudy and raining. I did not go to the post-office this evening. It was raining. Sallie Jones did not come to school to-day. We had a very interesting Bible lesson to-day. I knew all of my lesson to-day but Grammar and I was very sorry but I did not have any books. Emma Scott and Ida Rice is now going to stay all night with Lizzie Bean to-night and I expect Annie Scott will stay with Ida Dobson. Miss Horne Ragon went home with Katie Redman last night. Well I guess Miss Patterson will get after me if I don't write longer diaries than I have been writing. Well I will have to close this bad as diary and try to write the next one better.

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W. W. Town Key.

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Saturday. Night

Well this lonely day has gone.
I did not go any where to-day but Mr.
Beane Lottie Taylor and George Fiskman was
up to see Lou and Corine this evening.
Lizzie Beane was at our house this evening.
Lemir Ed Kerpas was here to-day. Fannie
Fiskman and Mr. Alden was here all so.
Mr. Patterson went to Winchester yesterday.
and Mr. Doby was with him.
Mr. Patterson whipped Wallis Beane yesterday
for talking in the spelling. Corine went
down to see Lottie Taylor this evening and
she brought her home with her, so
I will close as I have told you
all the news.

H. M. Fower Key.
Oct 23rd 1870.

Sunday.

Well this has been a very pretty day. I went to church today and Sunday school. Too. I went down to see Carrie Moony this evening and she came home with me. Hannah Boulder came home this evening and Lizzie Bean went over to see her and Hannah went home with her. There is a meeting at the Methodist church. I expect I and Sada will go. Emma Bean stayed all night with Lizzie last night and I expect she will stay with Ruth Evans all night so I will close my short diary. Mr. Patterson came home this evening from Winchester this evening.

N. W. Low Kentucky.
Oct 24. 1870.

Monday.

Well, this bright and beautiful day has drawn to a close, and I have been studying so hard all day. I missed one in my Grammar to-day. I rode Laura Beall's horse up to-day. All the girls played base to-day and now Mr. Patterson told all of the Grammar class today to get the lesson over for to-morrow, and if we did not know it, he was going to get after us. I expect I will get a new Grammar to-morrow. Aunt Beth and Sada went down to Mrs. McMillens' this evening. I have been perfect in all of my studies today. but - Grammar. Alice Schuler was at our house to-day at dinner time. She came home with Lou from school. Mr. Patterson made Lizzie Beam and Lellie Jones stand up for talking. I close as I have told you all the news that I can think of.

H. W. Town Ky
Oct. 25. 1890.

Thursday.

Well this has been a very pretty day. I knew all of my lesson but Antone. Wednesday I was very sorry I missed. I got me a new Grammar to-day. All the girls played day. I have to-day at dinner time I played with a very them. Ned had a very interesting Bible lesson to-day but it was rather short: over theirs was not one in the class that stood missed. Mrs. Bean was at our house this Bible evening. Mr. Patterson told Lizzie Dobyns & and to-day Martin Brown to take the Grammar class and to go out doors and learn them how to write the lesson, and if they did not know it. Tomorrow he was going to whip them. Lillie Jones is over- going to move a very next week. Mrs. McMillen's sale is to-morrow. I rode Marie Redman's horse up this evening. I will bid you good by. The

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North Middle Town Ky.

Oct. 26 ~~7~~ 1890.

Wednesday.

Well, this has been quite a disagreeable day. It has been raining nearly all day. We had a very interesting Bible lesson to-day. I did not miss any but I did not read the lesson over three times. Mrs. Patterson made Lizzie Bean stand up on the bench this morning in the Bible class. Mrs. Skillman was at our home to-day. Mrs. Patterson whispered John Redman and Tommie Patterson and Maggie Corney and Mary to-day. I was perfect in all of my lesson but spelling. Mrs. McMillen's sale was to-day. Mrs. Lizzie Over and Miss Laura Prager came over to Mrs. Patterson's yesterday after school was out. ~~and~~ Mrs. Patterson was over in the school room to-day. All the boys threw Billie down to-day at dinner time and Billie got up and put all of them out in the rain.

W. M. Town Ky
Oct 27th 1870.

Thursday.

Well this bright and beautiful day
past: I was correct in all of my studies but
spelling. All the girls played back to-day at
dinner time. I played with them. I seen
the Patograph car pass through to-day. I expect
it will stop before Mr. Montague's house. I
expect I will go home with Emma Scott
and Annie Scott to night: We had a
very interesting Bible lesson to day. I did not
miss any. Mr. Patterson told the little Geography
class if they did not answer one like I was
going to whip them. Aunt Lou was over
in the school room to-day. Mr. Patterson
whipped Maggie Barry and Mary and Tom
Patterson and John Redman yesterday.
So I will close as I have told you see
the news.

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W. W. Perry, Ky
Oct. 22 1871

Friday.

This has been a very disagreeable day it has been raining nearly all day. The girls played bare. w-day at dinner time. I did not go home to my dinner time. I went home with Emma Scott last night and Willie Jones went home with Willie Thomas last night. Mr. Patterson went to Winchester this evening. Mrs. Dolgan came home from Cincinnati yesterday evening. We had a very interesting Bible lesson w-day all the class had a question to ask. Mr. Patterson this morning. my question was what was the meaning of child the meaning was scolding. Cordie Fergerson was not at school today. I expect she went home. Willie Jones was not at school today because she was sick. Mr. Patterson's mother is dead and buried. I went to the post office this evening. Lena Trimble and Laura Beall did not come to school w-day. Billie Patterson taught school this evening. and we had a reading battle this evening. Hannah Bowles and Cordie Fadden

W. M. Towns, Ky.

Oct 29th 1870.

Saturday night -

This has been a very good day. I went up to Lizzie Beun today. Aunt Betty ^{is} all most finished. ~~Don~~ Fannie Ferman and Sister and Mrs Low Riddle went down to the Photograph car to have Mrs Riddle's picture taken. I went down to Mrs Evans this evening and Lizzie Beun went with me. I and Lizzie ~~xx~~ rode Mrs Riddle's horse this evening. Cordie Ferguson has been sick in bed for several days. Mr Evert and Miss Laura Bager came from ~~the~~ Cincinnati this evening they came over to Mrs Parsons. Lizzie Beun and I went to the Livery this evening. Mr Lord preaches at Cairn ~~at~~ tomorrow and we will not have any meeting at our church. Mrs Beun was here this evening I went down to Mrs McKells this morning and played with the baby it is the sweetest baby that ever was. I will close.

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H. M. Low Key
Oct. 30. 1870.

Sunday.

Well this has been a very
cold day. I did not go to church nor
Sunday school either. Low and Bernice ^{went} to
Sunday school this morning. Lizzie Bean was
at our home this morning. Well tomorrow is
Monday and I am so glad. Willie Thomas
spent the day at our home to-day. She came
in yesterday evening and she stayed all night
with Lillie Jones last night. Mr. Jones is going
to leave Thursday. I went down to Mr. Jones
this evening with Willie Thomas and when we
went got there Maliza Jones was there
and we played blind fold. There is nothing
at the Methodist this evening and I
will close as I have
told you all the news.

W. W. Town Ky
Oct - 31 1870.

Monday.

Well this bright and beautiful day has gone. I was perfect in all of my lessons to-day. Nannie Willson was over in the school room to-day. All the girls played here to-day and I played with them. Bessie Scott is going to stay all night with Leon & night. Mr. Patterson told the little arithmetic if they missed to-morrow he would get after them. The girls played andy over at dinner time I went down town this morning. Laura Beall and Sallie Jones did not come to school to-day. Nannie Scott and Cordie Hadden are working their diary now. so I will close my short conversation as I have to go now to say so good by.

St. M. Town Ky
November 1st 1876.

Thursday.

Well this is the first of November and all of the day the girls played base at dinner time. Bette Scott stayed all night with Lora last night. I was perfect in all of my lessons to-day. Mr. Patterson whipped John Redman and Maggie Barney and Katie. I expect Linda will have her picture taken to-day or to-morrow. Mr. Patterson is sad a little to-day. I rode Willie Thomas horse down this morning. I am going to bring Laura Beall horse up this evening. Lizzie Bean is writing her diary now. Mr. Patterson will soon let school out for he is leaving his last class. Mr. Patterson whipped Tommie Patterson this evening. So I will close as I have told you all the news.

W. W. Low Key.

Nov 2, nd 1870.

Wednesday

This bright and beautiful day
has all most gone. I have been perfect
in all of my classes to-day. We had
a very interesting Bible lesson to-day.
Cousin Mary Hanley and Lizzie Horton were
at our house this morning. Cousin Mary was
going to Virginia and Lizzie was going
to Paris. Mrs. Restman spent the day at
Mrs. Patterson's to-day. All the girls played base
to-day at dinner time. Billie Patterson and
Cliff Hadden played too. Mr. Patterson told
our Grammar class if they missed
in it this evening he was going to whip
them. So I had better be getting it as
I will get one so I will close as I have
no more news to tell you.

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N. M. Town Ky.

Nov 3rd 1870.

Thursday.

I will who would think it was
Thursday and I am in the school
room try-ing to write my diary. We had
a very interesting Bible lesson today. I
did not miss any. My Grammar and
Arithmetic lesson was so hard I did
not miss any in my Arithmetic but I missed
two in my Grammar. Mrs Patterson has had
company all day Mrs Dan Talbot was there. All
the girls played base I played with them.
Cliff Haddon played with us and he fell
down and hurt his hand badly.
Miss Anna Pagan was at our home this
evening. Miss Anna Green was at our
house yesterday evening. I did not go
to the post office this evening. I went
with Mr. Burns. This evening and I

went down to Louisie's ~~middle~~ too. I was
perfect in my spelling and reading. Mr. Patterson
told the girls and boys if they moved
their lips he would ^{make} them stand up on
the floor. He made Lizzie Bean and Laura
Beall and Lou Tabbutt and Mary Anna
Conney and Jennie Redman ^{stand up}. Mr. Patterson
excused our grammar and the large
grammar and History this evening. and
he said that we could have a reading
battle for to-morrow. Susan got her a
new dress this evening. Mr. Billie went to
Purpus to-day some of the girls said
that - he Mr. Patterson was a going. Mr.
Bean over here yesterday evening. Maine Scott
went home with Lizzie Bean last night.
Miss Anna and Aunt Lou were over in
the school room to-day. Mr. Scott was in
the school room last night. I rode Laura
Beall's horse up this evening and Lizzie
Bean rode horse ~~Anna~~ Scott's horse.
Anna Scott did not come to school
today nor yesterday either. I went to the
store and got me a pretty picture.

M. W. Linn, Ky.
Nov 4th 1870.

Friday

In my "chamber of love" this evening for the purpose of "scribble" in my diary. We had a very interesting Bible lesson to-day it was about the Tabernacle. I was perfect in all my classes to-day. Mr. Patterson is going to Winchester this evening. Miss Anna said yesterday she was going to Mount Sterling this evening. Mr. Patterson made Annie Bell^{to} Houser and Mattie Talbot stand up for taking Lizzie Bean is writing her diary now. I expect she will go home with Alice Berry. This evening and stay until Monday. I got 88 in my diary this morning and Lizzie Bean got 40. I expect Billie Porter will teach this evening. We are going to have a reading battle this evening. Our side beat: became Cordie Hadden's side did not beat - she cried. I will close as I have told you all the news & am thank of

St. M. Town Vry.
Nov. 5th 1870.

Saturday

This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining nearly all day. Lizzie Bean went home with Florence Berry yesterday. I went down to Cousin Sis Mitchells this evening. I went up to Mrs Beans this morning. I expect I will stay all night with Hannah Bowler & night. Miss Sis and Mrs Patterson has not come home yet. Well tomorrow is Sunday and I ^{am} will expect I will go for I have nothing to wear. So I will close my short monstence as I have not time to say.

N. M. Town Ky.

Nov. 6 1890.

Sunday

Well, the bright and beautiful
day has gone and I did not
go to church nor Sunday school
either. I went down to Cornia Sis Mitchell's
this evening, and I went to see Ruth
Evans. I stayed all night with Hannah
Bowles last night. Sister and Aunt Fannie
went down to Mrs. Watson this evening.
I expect we will have some new
scholar Monday. Lizzie Bean came home
this evening. I went up to Mrs. Bean
this evening. I saw Cordie Hadden and
Cordie Ferguson going to Sunday school.
I wanted to go myself but
I had nothing to wear. Will tomorrow
is school day and I had quit writing
my diary and be getting my letters for
tomorrow.

W. M. Town Ky
Nov. 4th 1870.

Monday. Evening.

Again I am seated with
pen in hand trying to think of
something to pen in my diary. This
has been a very pretty day I hope
this weather will continue for it is
so pretty. We had a very interesting
Bible lesson this morning. Our grammar
was quite interesting this evening. I believe
no one missed but two or three.
I did not go to the post office
this evening. Sallie Jones came to school to-day
and I went down to the store for
her I got her a ink stand at Mr.
Dobyns. All the girls and boys played
base to-day at dinner time. We broke
up the other side. We had two new
scholars to-day their names were Samie
Beall and Willie. I rode Sallie Jones horse
up this evening. I was perfect in all
of my classes but Grammar I
missed one in it so I will close.

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N. M. Towns Key
Nov. 8 1876

Tuesday.

I have just returned from school and will try to tell you all the news that I can find. This has been a very pretty day but rather cool. We had a very interesting Bible lesson this morning. I missed two. All the girls played "base" today at dinner time. Mr. Patterson made Mattie Rabow and Annie Bell - Howerton and Annie Brown stand up this morning for talking. Lizzie Bean was at our house today at dinner time. I was perfect in my reading this morning. I have got a fellow coming and I am so sorrow because Miss Anne Pugh and Aunt Lou was over in the school room this morning. Ida May Rice stayed all night with Willie Thomas last night. Lizzie Bean is writing her diary now. I went down to Cousin sis Estelle's this morning. Mrs. Lora Riddle came out to school this morning. Ruth Evans was at our house

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N. M. Town, Ky.
Nov. 4th 1870.

Wednesday.

Well, this has been a very cool day. We had a very interesting Bible lesson to-day. Bessie Kelley was at our house to-day and spent the day. Aunt Petrie is cutting her a sack. I expect Lizzie Bean will stay all night with Nannie Scott. A night because Mrs Bean is going to Clark this evening. All the girls played base to-day at dinner time. and the boys played Bandy. Mr. Patton made Marie Talbot stand up on the bench. Lizzie Bean and Nannie Scott are writing their diary. I did not miss any in my spelling this morning. but I missed one in my reading. Mr. told us to get it read for tomorrow. Willie ~~stated~~ Thomas asked me to go home with her. so night. Miss Anna Smalley and Miss Nannie Mark was at our house. yesterday evening after school was out:

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Nov 10 th 1870.

Thursday.

Well this bright and beautiful day has drawn to a close. We had a very interesting Bible lesson to-day. All the girls and boys played Pass Bible. Patience and Cliff Shadden played too. We had company to-day it was Cousin Fannie Sifer and Cousin Eliza Mc Daniel was there. I was perfect in my spelling and reading this morning. Lizzie Beem stayed all night ~~last~~ with Annie Scott and I expect she will go home with her on going to night. I asked her to stay with me but she would not. Well to-morrow is Friday and my Morris is so bad I hate to put it in my record. Lizzie Beem has just finished her diary. I wish I had mine done. Miss Ed Cross and Miss Low was at our house last night. Miss Low just came home

yesterday evening.

N. M. Town, Ky.

Nov. 11th 1870.

Friday.

Well who would think it was
Friday. I got 38 in my diary. We had
a very interesting Bible lesson to-day.
Aunt Lou was over to our home
last night and Aunt Bettie and
myself went home with her.
Miss Anna and Mrs. Dora Talbot and
Reddie Talbot is going to Paris this
morning. Sada sent by Miss Anna
to get her a black over skirt. Billie
and Cliff was not at school today.
I expect Cliff went to Paris with
Miss Anna. Billie and Aunt Lou went
to Mrs. Patterson is not going to Winchester
this evening. I turned Martin Brown
down this morning. I missed two in my
reading this morning. Ada Thomas turned
off and Lena Farnham too but she looked
on the book and Mrs. Patterson would
not let her go up. All the girls
played base today and the boys played

N. M. Town Ky.
Nov. 14th 1870.

Monday.

In my chamber of love this
was cool evening for the purpose of scribbling
had in my diary. He had a very interest-
ing Bible lesson to-day. Mr. Patterson
gave us a review in it. All the girls
played last to-day at dinner time
and Cliff Hadden played with us. Lizzie
Bean is writing her diary now.
Mr. Patterson put Lenna Trimble and I
in the fifth reader to-day. I am
going to get one a week one this
evening if I don't forget it. Mr. Patterson
told me to get the next lesson in
Grammar. He had to get the same
one ~~there~~ over for he said I've had
got it over so much that he was
a shame. I got head in it. Lizzie
Dobyus said she was not going
to let me stay there. she will have
to study hard if she wants to get me
down. So I will close as I have told you
fare the well

N. M. Town Kentucky.
Nov 15th 1880.

Tuesday.

I have just returned from school and will try to tell you all the news I can find. We had a very interesting Bible lesson today it was more interesting than it ever has been. This has been quite a cool day. I did not know my spelling this morning I missed one. Mr. Brown turned me down. Lizzie Bean is writing her diary now. All the girls played hideing eyes and "Lase". Mr. Patterson put me in 4th reader. Mr. Bean was at our home yesterday. Aunt Bettie went down to Mr. Brown's yesterday. Mrs. Patterson was over to our house yesterday evening. I went up to Lizzie Bean's last night and Aunt Bettie went too. Mr. Patterson said that we had to write compositions Friday. I think I know my Grammar now for this evening. I heard that Alice Schuler had the

Dysphagia

N. M. Town, Tex.

Nov. 16th 1876

Wednesday.

Again I am seated this cool evening trying to pen some-thing in my diary. We have a very interesting Bible Lesson today. It was not so interesting as it was yesterday. I missed too in my spelling this morning. I was perfect in my reading. Mr. Patterson told the little Arithmetic class if they missed five tomorrow he would whip them. I think I know my Grammar and Arithmetic for this evening. Cousin Sis Mitchell was at our house this evening. Mrs. Briddle is in town. She is at Mr. Beun's. I went down to Cousin Sis Mitchell's at dinner time. I am going to write Willie Thomas up this evening. Lizzie Beun is writing her diary. The girls played base and Proverbs. Mr. Patterson sent Martin Beun

one to get a switch to whip
them that talked.

St. M. Town, Ky.
Nov. 17th 1878.

Thursday.

Well who would think it
was Thursday. And I am seated
in the school room for the
purpose of trying to write ^{something} in
my diary. We had a very
interesting Bible lesson I missed one
and so did Lizzie & Dean. Albert
Tabbott - his - Fannie with the
Bandy sticks at dinner and Mr.
Patterson told him he did not eat
any of the larger boys to hurt the little one
and if they did he ^{would} whip them.
He did not whip Albert & I missed
my spelling lesson this morning.
I think I know my ^{Arithmetic}
for this evening. Mr. Patterson whipped
Fannie this evening.

N. M. Town Ky.

Nov. 18 1881.

Friday.

This has been quite a cool day. I think I saw it snowing a little to-day at dinner. We had a very interesting Bible lesson today. I did not miss any. Mr. Patterson whipped Mattie Talbot and Eddie Bean this morning because they were in their Bibles early. Mr. Patterson did not hear for fifth reader nor spelling this morning but I expect he will hear it this evening. Mr. Patterson was at home this morning. I got twenty three in my diary. I went down to cousin Sis Mitchell at dinner time. Lizzie Bean is writing her diary now. All the girls is playing hide and seek at dinner time. Mr. Patterson whipped Tommie yesterday evening. Lizzie Bean & I in her diary this morning so I will close as I have told you all the news.

A. M. Towner
Nov. 21 1870.

Monday.

Well I am seated in the
school room this evening trying to
think of something to write in
my diary. I did not go
to school this morning but I
went this evening. Miss Emma Lord
was over in the school room at
dinner time, and Betty and Linda went
to the country yesterday evening. Mr.
Lord preached yesterday. Larra Beall
said that Mr. Robinson heard our
Artistic this morning. Thursday
is thanks giving day. All the girls
and boys stayed home today at
dinner time. I think I know my
Gram now for this evening. Lizzie Bean
did not come to school today.
Miss Bradin was at our house
this morning. I went to church
last night. so I don't know how
you all the news. I can't think of.

W. M. Town Ky.
Nov. 22nd 1870.

Tuesday.

This has been a very disagreeable day. it has been raining all day. We had a very interesting Bible lesson today it was not as interesting as it was yesterday. All the girls and boys played proverbs at dinner time. Edwin Ferguson sat with me this morning and wrote his diary. Lizzie Bean did not come to school today nor yesterday. Willie and Eddie did not come either. Mrs. Patterson stayed Katie Barry this morning because she would not go and hunt the second reader. Laura Beall did not come to school today. Mrs. Patterson was over at our house last night. Len and Corina did not go to school today. I knew nothing this morning I turned Alice Barry down. This Thursday is Thanksgiving day I don't expect Mrs. Patterson will have any school. I hope he won't.

N. M. Town Ky.
Nov. 23 1878.

Wednesday.

This has been snowing
all day. We had a very interesting
Bible lesson to-day. I did not go
to the post office this evening. Laura
Beall came to school to-day she
did not come yesterday. I did
not miss any in my spelling
this morning. Lizzie Bean came
to school this evening but
she did not come this morning.
Lena - Bettie has not come home yet
but I think she will be home
Friday and I will be so glad.
Miss Anna was over in the
school room this evening. Miss
Lizzie Bean is writing her diary.
Mrs. Patterson was over in the school
room this morning. I and Eda Doby
and Lizzie and Lena Trimble has
up stairs writing this dinner at-
dinner

N. N. Town Ky.

Nov. 24 1870

Thursday.

Well who would think it
was Thanksgiving day. He ~~did~~ did not
have any school ~~to~~ day. Mr. Putman
said in yesterday that that he would
miss school for Monday because
he wanted to go to the country. But
Betty has not come home yet. But
I took for her to morning. Cordie
Ferguson went home with Sallie Jones
yesterday and Harriet Bowler went
home with Emma Scott and Cordie
Whadden went ^{one} home. Lizzie Bean ^{is going to} stay
all night with me to night. Mrs
Putman had a big Thanksgiving dinner
to day. I went up to Lizzie Bean's
this morning and she was down here.
I did not go to church to
night. I went down to Gannin
his Hall this evening. This evening.
Well to morrow is Friday but we are
not going to have any school.

N. M. Town Ky.
Nov. 25 1870.

Friday Night

This has been quite a cool day. There was no school. As Mr. Patterson did not return from Montgomery. Aunt Bessie has not come yet - but I look for her home to-morrow. Lizzie Beam stayed all night - with me tonight. I went down to Mr. Brown's this evening with Cordie Ferguson. and we went up to Mr. Amos school this evening too. Miss Beam was not here to-day. Cordie Ferguson spent the day with me to-day. Lizzie Beam was here this morning. I went down to Cousin Sis Malletts this evening. so I will close my short narrative for to night. so good & bye.

N. M. Town Ky.
November 30 th 1876.

Wednesday - Evening.

Again I am seated
with pen in hand trying to think
of something to write in my diary.
We had a very interesting Bible
lesson today. I knew my spelling this
morning. I turned Marie Bet & Harriet
and Tomie Patterson down. Sma came
home yesterday from Mr. Sterling with
Carr Mary Kemper. Mr. Patterson told
John Barney to go and get him
a switch to whip the little Aith
music class. Lora Talbot has got a
new finger and she could not
write her diary and she got
Lora Dobyns to write it for her.
Willie Deall got sick in school and
Mr. Patterson let him go home. Mr.
Gene Lee was at our house
yesterday evening after supper and

he stayed all night.

N. M. Lewis Ky.
December 1st - 1876.

Thursday Night.

Well who would think
it - was the first day of December.
It has been such a pretty day.
We did not have a very interesting
Bible lesson today. All the girls and
boys played hideing eyes to-day at
recess. Lige Burr did not come to
school today because she went to the
wedding. I have been perfect in
all of my lessons. I think I know
my Grammar and Arithmetic. I have
worked them all over. Mrs. Patterson
and Billie went to the wedding this
morning. Mrs. Allen was at our house
yesterday. Dr. Mitchell was in the
school room this morning. I guess
he wanted to see Mr. Patterson.
Ann - Billie was over to Aunt -
Lous this morning. so I will close.

Ky.
1876.

N. M. Foss Ky.
Dec. 2nd 1876.

Friday.

This has been a very pretty day. Our Bible lesson was not in wearing this morning. Lizzie Bean did not come to school yesterday. Mr. Patterson excused our father to our home yesterday. I don't know it for this evening. Eda Dabno and Lizzie did not come to school today they were up to Mr. Eda yesterday evening after school. I were down to Sam's Sis Mitchell yesterday and Mrs. Hutchcraft was there. The girls and boys played a hideing eyes. I think I know Mr. Arthenetic for this evening. Aunt Berni went up to Mrs. Beans yesterday evening. Well as I have no more to say for today. I had better stop so I will close.

N. M. Town Ky.
Dec. 3 1870.

Saturday.

Well this has been such a
pretty day. I and Hannah Bowles spent
the day out to Mrs. Kuntz's today.
Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Anna went
to Mr. Sterling this morning. I went
to the store this morning for Aunt
Betty. Lizzie has not been here
today. Mrs. Patterson went up to Mrs.
Beams today. I will close as I have
told you all the news.

N. M. Town Ky.
Dec 4 1870.

Sunday

Again I am seated with
pen in hand trying to scribble
a little in my diary. I went
to church this morning. But I did
not get to Sunday School. I missed
Hannah Craft and Lizzie Beams was
at our home this evening. I expect
Willie Beams will go to school Monday.

N. M. Town Ky.
Dec 5th 1876.

Monday.

The sun has long since
bidden our fair earth adieu and I
have come to write a few of
my thoughts down before they escape
my memory entirely. We had a very
interesting Bible lesson this morning. I
missed one definition in my reading.
Mrs Patterson and Miss Anna
was over in the school room. Lizzie
Beem is writing her diary now. Hannah
Bowles and my self went out to
Mr. Hutzalbs Sunday. Ann - Bettie
and Linda has been taking up the
carpet today. I am going to bring
up Willie Thomas home this evening.
I think I know my grammar
and Arithmetic. Mr. Patterson told Ada
Thomas and Mary Forey and Willie Scott
to go in the third Arithmetic.
I will close for today.

St. Alb. Town Ky.
Dec 6th 1850.

Tuesday.

Darkness has once more shaded
our beautiful earth but the moon
is shining bright and the stars are
twinkling beautifully. We had a very
interesting Bible lesson. Mr. Patterson told
us we have turning room in it.
I missed one and so did the other
girls. Mrs. Patterson was over in the
school room today. All the girls played
hiding eyes. Lizzy is writing her diary
now. I know my fifth reader this
morning. Mr. Patterson put all the
little Arithmetic class in the larger
room. Mr. Patterson told Dan and Talbot
to go and get him a sweater
that he was going to where there
the little girls if they did not - he had
I think I know my Arithmetic
for this evening. I will close as
I have told you all the news.

Key.
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N. M. Town Key.
Dec 7 1870.

Wednesday.

Again I have come to
write my old journal. Mrs. Patterson
did not hear our Bible this morning.
Aunt Lou caught this evening. I
know my Ar. Indian this morning but
my next lesson is in Division and
I am so glad. This has been such
a rainy day it has been raining
nearly all day. The girls and boys
played hide and seek up stairs. Fannie
Berry turned Cordie Hadden down in
her room this morning and Cordie
cried. I think I know my read-
ing and spelling for this evening.
Cliff Hadden went home this evening
before school was out. Ida Dobyns
is writing her dear Mrs. Patterson
was over to our house yester-
night but she did not stay
long. Well I will close as I have

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N. M. Loring Esq.
Dec 8th 1870.

Thursday

It is Monday at
is was Thursday and I have
come to write my diary. We had
a very ~~fine~~ interesting Bible lesson
this morning. I knew my spelling
and reading this morning. Laura recalled
and Sallie Jones and Katie Reedman
and Sammie Scott did not come
to school yesterday. I finished my
Grammar yesterday. I turned Lizzie
down. Cliff Hadden got lead
in Bible this morning. The girls and
boys played "hideing eyes" to-day at dinner
time. Aunt Bettie went down to Mr.
Brown's yesterday evening. Ida Dobyns
is sitting with me and writing
her diary. I went to church last night
with Aunt Bettie and Inda.
Mr. Patterson went to Mc-Isaac
yesterday evening and came back.

last night. Mrs. Patterson taught school
yesterday evening. I think I know my
learn more for this evening. Miss Anna
Ragon was over at our house this
morning. Aunt - Bethe is making her
a new dress. Lenna Tumble did not
come to school yesterday.

H. M. Town Key
Dec. 9th 1870.

I have once more come to
visit my family. We had a very inter-
esting Bible lesson this morning. I miss
ed one. I know my Arithmetic for
this evening. I must turn to my
him now & at noon. I expect I
will go out to Mrs. Whittall
this evening with Hannah Bowles
if they come after us. Miss
Anna and Aunt Lou was
over in the school room this
morning. Willie Bear turned the
bell of her recess. I
knew my Arithmetic's fifth reader.

this evening. Mr. Patterson (Mr. Han and
Bowles a copy in her diary. Alice
- Ben stayed all night with
Edellie Jones last night. Lizzie Bean
has gone to practice to Mrs.
Cousin Fannie Steyer is at our
house yet she stayed all
night last night. She is
going home this evening so
I will close as I have
no more news to tell you.

N. W. Town Kentucky
Saturday. Dec 10 1876

I will tell you has been over
a pretty day. I went out to
Mr. Hirsall yesterday evening with
Han and Bowles and I came
back this evening. I got 37
yesterday. Lizzie Bean got 40.
Cousin Fannie Steyer was at
our house yesterday. Aunt Bettie
went over to Mr. Patterson
to night to supper.

W. W. Town Ky.
Dec. 11th 1870

Sunday. Night

Well this morn-
I thought - I would write a
little in my diary. I did not
go to church to-day. Aunt - Bettie
went up to Mr. Bean's this
morning. Lizzie Bean was at our house
this evening. and Carrie and my
self went home with her. Aunt -
Bettie and Sada went down
to Mrs. Parrish's this evening. I
saw Mr. Patterson and Aunt - Lou-
gong to church. I went out
to Mrs. Hartsall Friday with Hanner
Bontles and came back yesterday
evening.

Monday.

at M. Town Ky
Dec 12th 1870
The sun has long since

P. bid den one fair death adieu
and I have come to write
a few of my thoughts in down
before they escape my memory
abstract. We did not have a very
instructive Bible lesson this morning.
nearly all the class missed. I know
our spelling and reading this
morning. I did not go home to
my dinner to-day. Lizzie Bean is
writing her diary & now! Cordie Ferguson
went home with Willie Thomas
Friday and she came back this
morning. Mr. Patterson heard our Arith-
metic this morning. All the class
knew it very well. The girls and
I boys played hickory eyes. to-day at
dinner. Martin Brown did not come
to school last week but he came
to-day. Mrs. Patterson heard our spelling
this morning. I went to the post
office this morning. Well as I have
no more to say I will close.
as I have told you all news.

W. W. Town, Ky.
Dec 13 1870.

Tuesday

Well it well it is again
Tuesday and you would think
it. We had a very interesting
Bible it was more interesting that
it - every has been. All the boys
and girls played hiding eyes to day
at dinner time. I knew my reading
and spelling this morning. I think
I know my Arithmetic. for this
evening. Mr. Patterson told the girls
and boys they must not go
in his house to play hiding
eyes. I and Laura Beall went over
to Ann. Lou and got her to
go over the paring with us. It
rained a little this morning. Mrs
Patterson and Mrs. Bean was at
our house yesterday after school.
Mrs. Parrish was at our house
yesterday. Well as I have no
more news to tell you I will close.

W. M. Town Ky.
Dec 14 1878.

Wednesday.

The sun has lost a part of its power. The mornings and evenings cool and pleasant. This is fine weather for the students to study, and if we do not learn with our little school we will be greatly to blame. We had a very interesting Bible lesson today. I was correct in my spelling and reading this morning. Mrs. Riddle is at Mrs. Beers. The girls and boys played, hiding eyes to day at dinner time. Lizzie Beers is writing her diary now. I think I know my Antarctic. Mrs. Beers and Mrs. Riddle was over to Mrs. Patterson this morning. Laura Beers says she does not know her Grandmother for this evening I do not either.

St. Alb. Town, Ky.
Dec. 15 - 1870.

Thursday.

Darkness has once more shaded
our beautiful earth but - the moon
is shining bright - and the stars are
twinkling beautifully. We had quite an inter-
esting Bible lesson this morning. Mrs
Jones has come from Missouri. She
came yesterday evening on the stage.
Well as ~~to-morrow~~ is Friday I
had better write Thursday's diary.
Mrs Patterson was over in the
school room this morning. Mrs Biddle
was at our house yesterday. I went
up to Mr Beards this morning.
I was perfect in my Bible and
spelling this morning. I did not go
to church last night but - Aunt
Betty and Sada went. I hope I
will get forty five tomorrow. Lizzie
Beam is writing her diary now.

N. M. Town. Ky.
Dec 12 1870

Friday

Well this has been a very
pretty day. Mrs Patterson taught school
today because Mr Patterson went to
Mans. Sterling yesterday. Ann - Lou did
not correct the diaries this morning.
but she made us write compari-
sons and that is worse than
all. Emma Scott is sitting with
Lizzie Bean and I. We girls and
boys played Indian eyes. I will close.

N. M. Town Ky.

Dec 13 1870

Saturday

So far has been such a pretty
day. I went up to Lizzie Beans
this morning. As my pain and ribs
is bad I can not write a very
good diary. I went over to the
church this evening to help clean
up. Miss Emma Thomas was over to
Mr Patterson day before yesterday.

Key.
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M. M. Towns
Dec 18th 1870.

Sunday Evening.

The duties of another day have at length arrived and I am seated in my ~~room~~ little room by a bright fire trying to pen a few scattered thoughts in my journal. I went to church this morning and Sunday school too. I and Aunt Bessie and Sarda went down to cousin Sis Archelles this evening. I saw Mrs Benton and Mrs Crowell and Mrs Jones going down town this evening. Lizzie Bean was at our house this morning. She came by for me to go to Sunday school. I got a letter from Lizzie Boston this evening. She was for-got it was yesterday evening. I went down to Mrs Montague this evening so I will close for this evening.

W. M. Town Ky.
Dec. 19 1871.

Monday.

This disagreeable day has
drawn rapidly to a close, and I am
seated all alone for the purpose
of having a short conversation
with my dear friend diary.

We had a very interesting Bible lesson
today. It was about the passover.
Mr Patterson said he awarded every
boy and girl to put in their
diary about the passover. It means
a feast of the Jews commem-
orating the escape of the
Hebrews. Miss Emma Thomas was
over to the Pattersons Tuesday.

Lizzie Bean is writing her diary
now. Mrs Patterson whipped Eddie Bean
today. It has been a very ^{bad and rainy} day.
It has been raining nearly all day.
Mrs Patterson caught Friday and we
read compositions and had a
reading battle. Danie Falholt and

Martin Brown choose.

M. W. town Kentucky. Dec. 28th 1870

Thursday Evening.

I have return
ed from school and will even
try to tell you you all about
the news that I can find.
We had a very interesting Bible lesson
this morn. I missed one. Martin Bend
and Marie has not been to
school this week. Lizzie Bean has
just come from practicing. I
spoke to Lizzie Bean before I
thought. Mr. Patterson whipped Eddie
Bean and Mattie Tabbot yesterday
evening because they missed one in
their Geography. I and Lena Thulle
was playing and I like my
Coke. I was very sorry. I went
down to Mrs. Dobyns yesterday
evening after school. Laura Beall
does not speak to me. Well Christmas
is all past here and I am so
glad. I will come for the evening.

W. W. Town. Ky.
Dec 21 1870.

Wednesday.

I am again seated in
my own little room for the
purpose of having a short - curious
look with my old friend
diary. We had a very interesting Bible
lesson this morning. I missed Mr.
Patterson has been putting in some
winded pages this morning. I made one error
take in reading this morning. Mr. Will Talbot
was not Mr. Patterson this morning.
Mrs Patterson has been in the school
room twice this morning. Lizzie Beall
has gone to practice. she took her Gram
mar along with her. I expect she will
get Mrs Anna to learn her lesson
to her. Emma Scott is writing her diary
now. Lanna Beall spoke to me this
morning. I took my cloak yesterday
at dinner time. Marine Ber- Howerton
and Joe did not come to school
today. I must close for this morning.

St. M. Town Ky
Dec 22nd 1870.

Thursday.

It again becomes my duty
to write a diary. But so little has
transpired I hardly know how to be-
gin. This has been a very pretty day
but rather cool. We had a very
interesting Bible lesson to day. Mr. Foster
son came over to the house this
morning and told Corrie Hadden to-
teach. I have been correct all
this week. Some person there was
going to be eclipse this evening but
I don't know whether it is so or
not. I missed one in my spelling
this morning. Albert Talbot. Take I
times to day. Lizzie Bean is writing
her diary now. I went down town
this morning after my cloak. I went
up to Mr. Beans yesterday evening.
I will close for to day.

N. M. Town Ky.

Dec. 23rd 1896.

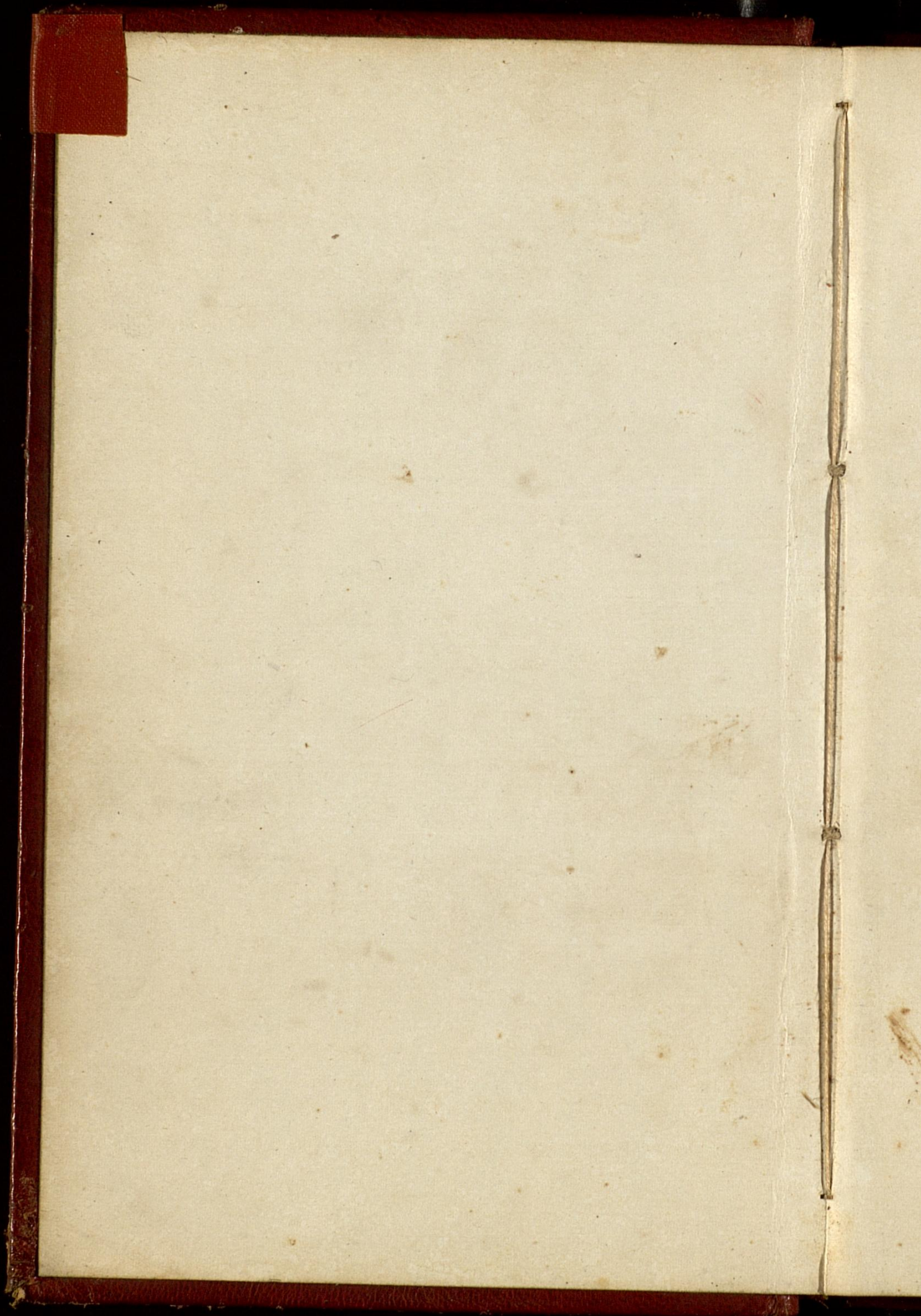
Friday

The sun rose bright and beautiful this morning. And has now passed under the western stars and all around us is darkness. I am all work - I will lay this old diary away. Before I get I get a blot and be scratching it. Sada went to Paris yesterday with Mr. Sue Lee. Mr. Patterson did not correct diaries this morning. Cordie Ferguson is going home this evening and Cordie Hadden is going home with her. Aunt Lou heard our spelling this morning. Aunt Bettie is making her a new dress today. Well, well, who would think it was Friday and tomorrow night we will hang up our stockings. I was up to Mr. Bear's this morning. I and Aunt Bettie went over to Mr. Patterson's son last night. Lizzie Bear is writing her diary now, as I saw her writing her diary I thought

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Sept. 20th, 1869.

Monday.

The soft, evening twilight of to-day is beginning to hover around our dear home. The sun, that bright luminary, that lights up the earth, has gone to rest behind the hills, and the little birds have ceased their warblings and gone to rest in ^{the} tops of the old oaks; and while all without this home is so happy and beautiful, I will try to jot down a few thoughts in my dear diary. We are again upon the margin of another bright and joyous school-year. It will be mingled with sorrow too! It looks very sad to go up in the dear old chapel and find the many, many happy faces that were once there, gone.

Gone! perhaps never to return. If all the dear old girls were back again, it would look like it once did. Nearly all of the girls are strangers. Dear

school is quite small this year, to what it was last. We have about forty five scholars. They are nearly all small.

Miss. Sue has charge of the juvenile class. Mr. Bristol is again in our midst. We expected to teach in Cwingsville, but got disappointed in his class.

We expect to teach for Mr. Patterson.

I am so glad, for he, nearly keeps the town alive. I must tell you some

thing in reference to my studies. I have only two new studies yet - Moral Science and Mental Philosophy. They are both very interesting. We are not getting along in Moral Science as well as we ought. We have to recite it by topic, and not being used to it, it takes us a long time to learn it.

We expected to recite it to-day, but did not. I believe Mr. Patterson is expecting two or three girls from Cynthiana. I wish they would come to-day. I wish Conna Lair would

Monday. Mond 3

come back, but tis^t no use to wish
for her, to come. She has gone to Shelby
-ville. Miss Corrie made us a short
visit last week. She was on her way
to Lexington. We had two new scholars
to-day - Fannie and Joe Horverson. I
sincerely hope we will have a large school.
I heard to-day that Lizzie Anderson
was coming back. I do hope she will
for ^{she} is so funny. Mrs. Beane was
here this evening. She has just started
down to see Mrs. Dobyns. I went to
the P. O. this evening, but did not get
any mail, because Mr. Stivers was
eating his supper, and would not quit
long enough to give us the mail.

I think this has been the warmest
day I ever felt. Cousin Emma
Stofer spent the day with us to-day.

Mrs. Brown came up a little while
this evening. She brought us
some delightful pears. It is
growing late, and I must go to studying.

N. H. Town.

Tuesday.

Sept. 22nd, 1869.

Night is fast approaching, and everything is sinking into quietude, and before the first twinkling star "peeps out", I will try to write a short chapter in my journal. I went to school this morning early, and found Emma awaiting my arrival. We went up on the third porch and learned Mental Philosophy and Moral Science. Mr. Patterson did not hear it (Moral Science) after all our hard studying. We ^{did not} recite Mental Philosophy this morning either. I think we are learning very rapidly in Arithmetic.

I heard today that Lillie Schuster was very sick with Typhoid Fever. I hope she will soon recover and come to school. Emma Thomas speaks of going out to see her, tomorrow evening. I wish I could go too. ^{my} Francis went to the P. O. this

evening, and got the Magazine. I
 never saw such fashions in my life.
 They look so curious. There is some
 nice reading in it, but I never think
 of reading it, for I always have enough
 to do to get my lessons and write
 my diary. Aunt Bethe is very
 busy to-day. She is making Cousin
 Fannie's & for a fine dress. I went
 down in town this evening. I saw
 Lou Evans. She was telling me about
 Miss Fannie Rice's wedding. She
 is to be married the twenty ninth,
 to Mr. Henry Smith. Lou was
 wishing she would invite her to the
 wedding. Miss Bethe Parrish seems
 to be very home-sick to-day. She has
 been crying all evening. She is too
 large to take on so now. I think
 she ought to be contented by this
 time, for she knows she has to
 stay there. She is ^{so} far behind all the
 girls in school she ought to be thinking
 about studying.

N. M. Town.

Wednesday Eve.

Sept. 23rd, 1869.

Another bright, beautiful, and warm day is numbered with those that were. Mr. Patterson heard our lesson in Mental Philosophy this morning. He all knew it. It was not very interesting. He did not hear our Moral Science this evening. We have had company all day to-day - Cousin Fannie Stoffer, Cassie Roberts and Fannie. I sent to the P.O. this evening, but did not get any mail. Mr. P. heard our Arithmetic this evening. We are all getting along so well in it. I told Cassie about hearing that she and Mr. Mat Scott were to be married the twelfth. She just laughed and said it was not true. Corvina Thomas brought me two very nice peaches today. I received a note from Belle Jones this evening. She said she took the poison on her guilt

at the Lyceum fair, but a man
 in Paris kept it and would not give
 it to her. I think it was real mean
 in him. She expects to take painting
 lessons, if Mr. Fergus teaches. I don't
 expect he will teach at the Institute
 again, for our school is so small, that
 he could not get many scholars.
 I went down in town this evening,
 and the first fellow I met was Mr.
 David Parrott. I verily believe that
 every time I start down town he
 follows me; for I never go but what
 I meet him on the corner. Miss
 Sue came over late this evening. She
 had just received a letter from
 Miss Corrie. I was so glad to hear
 she was so well pleased. She said
 Mrs Davis called on her, the day
 she arrived there. Dr. and Mrs.
 Hart arrived here late last night.
 They are living in Georgetown
 now. I must close and go to sleep.

Thursday.

N. M. Town.

Sept. 24th, 1869.

I have just stolen off from my merry companions, just long enough to have a little private chat with my old friend. Bright and beautiful indeed, has been the day. Mr. Patterson did not hear our Mental Philosophy this morning. He called for it, but none of us knew the lesson and he excused it until tomorrow. I real glad any way for Emma Thomas was taking a Music lesson and I did not want her to be out of the class. Our Arithmetic was having quite well today. The subject of our lesson was Posterst. Aunt Lettie has been very busy to-day - canning and preserving peaches. Mr. Patterson heard our Moral Science this evening, and dont you think he called on me, to recite the lesson. I talked nearly all of

the lesson, I wanted to talk all of
 it, but the last page was so hard
 I forgot it. If I only could talk
 it like Mr. Patterson I would not
 mind learning it. I did feel so sorry
 for Mary Thomas this evening.
 She has a run-round on her finger
 and little Mary Manly cramped
 on it this eve and burst it wide
 open. It looked like it would near-
 ly kill her. Aunt Livi has had
 company all day. Dr. & Mrs. West were
 there. I had so many nice peaches
 this evening. Emma and I went
 over to Miss Sue's school-room and
 the little children filled our pockets
 with peaches. We would go every
 day, if they would treat us to nice
 peaches. I did not go to the P. C.
 this evening. I almost know
 there is a letter there for me. It
 is growing very late and I am
 hungry so I will close for to-day

N. M. Town.

Friday.

Sept. 25th, 1869.

This bright, beautiful and warm day, has drawn rapidly to a close, and while I have a few spare moments I will try to pen a few lines in my "Book of Life". We recited Mental Philosophy this morning. We all knew it. Mr. Patterson excused our Moral Science this evening. Our Arithmetic was known very well. Emma Thomas and myself had quite a romp to-day. I heard to-day that Dr. Fithian said that in an hour if there was not a change for the better in Mrs. Scholer she would not live. I earnestly hope she may recover, for it would just break that family up to lose her. There are four down with Fever there. I went to the P. O. this evening, but did not get any mail. Miss Sid Evans was here this evening.

Home.

Saturday.

Sept. 26th, 1869.

This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining all day. I have been hard at work this evening peeling peaches to can. Cousin Mary Hamby arrived here late this evening. She will spend several days with us. I went over to the Institute this eve. while there Mrs. Grimes and Lizzie Bowles came. I was so glad to see Lizzie. It does not seem natural for her to be out of school. They went out to Mrs. Bayler to spend the night. There is church to-day. I do not expect to attend. Miss Anna Reagan came home this morning. She came over a little while this eve. She is going home with Mrs. Grimes tomorrow eve, and attend the Lexington fair. Dr. McE. is again our midst. He has come to the conclusion that Middle town is the best place after all. He makes us a visit nearly

every week. I received a note from Belle this morning; begging me to come out to see her tomorrow eve. I have not studied any of my lessons to-day. I will put it off until tomorrow evening. It is still pouring down rain. "I believe we are going to have another flood."

N. M. Howe, Wyo.

Sept. 27th, 1864.

Sunday.

I went to church this morning and listened to a splendid discourse delivered by Bro. Rickets. There was a great many there. I saw a great many of the old girls there. Martha Kemper and Sallie Johnson were there. There will be church again this evening at four o'clock. I don't expect to attend. I have been nearly frozen all day. I think it is cold enough to freeze anything. The sun shines out very bright and looks like it might be warm but good gracious! it is so cold I can hardly write. I have just returned from the Institute

and I will now try to finish my diary.
 Miss Anna was just starting as I got there.
 I hope she will have a nice ^{time} for she
 said she did not care about going.
 Miss Sue went to church this evening
 and took the "boarders". I wanted to go
 too but did not get ready in time. I
 went up to Mrs. Beames this evening, and
 she had a big fire. I felt very comfortable.
 Cousin Mary is complaining very much
 with her arm this eve. I have been
 studying my Mental Philosophy lesson
 this evening. I think I nearly know
 it. I would love to see what Emma is
 doing this eve. I can guess. I know she
 is not studying. She was at church this
 morning, looking extra nice. Her secret heart
 Mr. Keale was there also. Fannie and Lizzie
 have just returned from Mr. Beames.
 They said a negro boy that lived out
 at Mrs. Schuster told them that
 Mrs. Schuster was a great deal worse
 and Dr. said she could not live this
 morning.

Monday.

St. M. Louis.

Sept. 28th, 1869.

The busy cares of the day are ended, and as I have a few leisure moments I will try to pen a few more lines in my "Book of Life." This has been a beautiful day, though very cold. Mr. Patterson heard our Mental Philosophy lesson this morning. We all knew it, with the exception of Hollis Horton. Our Aristotelic was heard very well. We had a new scholar to-day - Miss Flora Lloyd. I believe we now have fifty six. Miss Bettie Parrish is sick to-day. I believe she will "cry her-self to death," if she doesn't get a letter from home. She said to-day that her ma had heart disease, and she knew she never would live to see her again. I feel sorry for her, but I think if she would not cry so much she would get along better. We did not recite our ^{usual} Moral Science

This evening. We expected to recite it,
 but Mr. Patterson did not come up
 from town, so time to hear it. I must
 quit writing until I have learned my
 lessons. We have ^{all} just come in from
 the yard, we have been looking at what
 is called the Aurora-borealis or northern
 lights. It is so singular looking. I think
 it said to be the reflection of the sun
 on "Greenland's icy mountains". I
 do not think I could describe to you,
 how it looked. It would nearly die
 away sometimes and then it would
 brighten up, I could see streaks of light
 that looked like the sun when it shines
 on ice or any polished surface. I am
 going to ask Mr. Patterson to tell
 us all about it, when we begin to
 study Astronomy. I wish we ~~was~~ were
 studying it now. I know it will
 be a very interesting study. Miss
 Sue came over and sat two hours
 with us to-night. She said Mr.

Patterson promised to stop by for her, but it was getting late, and she did not want to wait for him, so Aunt Bet & myself walked over to the gate with her. It is growing very late, and as I am very sleepy I will bid you good-bye for today.

N. M. Brown.

Thursday.

Sept. 29th, 1869.

While meditating deeply into the past, and thinking of its many, many sorrows, the thought of my dear diary and its many numerous pages ran into my mind. So now, I will endeavor to fill one among the many pages with my story. This has been a very pretty day, though very cool. The sun is spreading its brilliant rays over all our earth, and diffusing its warmth through out. The little birds seem to be rejoicing over its brightness, and the school-girls are joyful too. We recited our Mental Philosophy lesson this morning.

It was very interesting. Mr. Patterson gave
 us an instance of a deaf and dumb man,
 that could tell what any body said, by
 watching the motion of their lips. I think
 it is so strange. He also had an account of
 a young lady who had lost her hearing
 and she could carry on a conversation
 in the dark, by laying her hand over
 the mouth. We thus see to what a high
 degree of ^{the sense} touch was cultivated. Mr. Patterson's
 lecture to the Bible class this
 morning, ^{was so interesting}, we could scarcely learn ^{our} the lesson.
 We did not recite our lesson in Moral
 Science to-day. Mr. Patterson called on
 Emma Thomas to talk the lesson, and
 she did not know it, and he excused the
 class until tomorrow. Our Aristotelic
 was known very well. Mr. Patterson
 has been plaguing Emma Thomas about
 two young gentlemen calling on her, and
 she was a sheep and would not let them
 in. He plagued her good. She looked
 like she could "creep in an anger hole."

She said she would not have had Mr. Patterson to have found it out for anything. They had gone to Mr. John Thomas, and the boys told some one that for mischief, and Mr. P. got hold of it.

N. M. Towns, Ky.
Wednesday. ~~Another~~ Sept. 29th, 1869.

Another day as numbered with those that were, and in order that I may never lose sight of it, I must write an account of it here.

We recited our Mental Philosophy lesson this morning. It was known perfectly.

We did not recite ^{our lesson} Moral Science to-day.

Mr. P. spent down stairs and did not come ^{back} up into the chapel until school was out. Corwin Mary and Aunt

Bettie have gone down to Mrs. Dobyns.

I went to the P. O. this evening, but did not get any mail. I heard to-day Mrs. Schuler was better, and Dr. Keller was there sick with Fever. I do feel

so sorry for Mr. Schuster, so many there
 sick and no one but himself ~~there~~,
 to wait on them. I would be afraid
 to go, for fear I would take the fever.
 Mrs. Sid Evans, and Mrs. Wernall went
 out and staid a little while Tuesday.
 I do feel so sorry for Dr. Keller, just to think
 he is out there sick, and no one to
 wait on him. I heard Mrs. Barrow say
 that Dr. Mitchell said he was very
 bad, and ^{he} did not think he could
 possibly live. Mrs. Bean came down
 this evening, and brought her baby.
 It was dressed so nicely. She brought Cousin
 Mary a nice bouquet, I think she will
 soon have to take her flowers up. Jack
 Frost will bite them. She has some
 beautiful dalias and fuchias. Aunt
 Bettie is making Miss Corrie a
 beautiful dress. Cousin Mary has
 been helping her on it this
 evening. The children are fussing
 over their lesson so I cannot
 write any more.

St. M. Power.

Sept. 30th, 1869.

Thursday.

The sun is sinking is sinking behind the western horizon, tinging the sky with streaks of crimson & gold, and before it grows so very late I will attempt to write another chapter in my journal. This has been a beautiful day, though very cold. We did not recite our Mental Philosophy lesson this morning. Mr. Patterson corrected our diaries this morning, and to my great surprise I received forty-five. Emma received forty-four. We recited our lesson in Moral Science this eve. Emma talked it very well. She has to talk it again tomorrow. Mr. Steele came up to the Institute this evening, and told Aunt and Eliza to go out to Mr. Schoolers quick that Dr. Keller could not possibly live until sun down. I do feel so sorry for the little boys, they are out

here and their Mother is in Virginia.
 I do sincerely hope he may recover yet
 although the Drs have given up
 all hopes. He has been sick only two
 days. He took the cramp colic at first
 and has been getting worse ever since.
 Cousin Mary Hanly went home
 this evening. I was so sorry she went
 this eve: for ever since she has been
 here she has been sick. He intended
 to invite some young ladies and gents
 around to see her, but she has never
 been well enough to receive company.
 Mrs. Patterson came over, and staid
 nearly all eve. She has now gone down
 to Mr. Joe Stivers. His little child is about
 to die; they say it can not live till night.
 It has the Scarlet Fever. There is so
 much sickness in the country. It is
 nearly every day we hear of a death.
 I do not know what causes so
 much, unless it is the change of
 weather. I must go eat my
 supper.

St. Louis, Ky.

Oct. 1st, 1869.

Friday Night.

The twinkling stars are looking down to-night, as if they were laughing at my thoughts, but the gentle breeze floats through the trees and seems to whisper alone, yes all alone. I hear no voice save that of the "Katy did". Every one has retired but myself, and I am still up trying to perform my last duty. I did not go to school this evening. Mr. Patterson did not hear our Mental Philosophy lesson this morning, because Emma Thomas and Ella Offert were not there. They were both there yesterday, and this morning Emma's eye was closed. She has a very large sty on it. Mr. P. did not hear any of our lesson today. I have sad, sad news to relate my friend. Dr. Keller died last night at one o'clock. Poor little Alex came up to school this morning, after his books, he told us he was going to Paris to live.

They are expecting L's wife tomorrow.
 I believe they are going to bury him
 in Paris. Aunt Bettie sent Miss Cornie's
 dress to her this eve, by Dr. Davis. Aunt
 Bettie and myself went over to the Parstitute
 late this evening. Miss Lee had just received
 a letter from Miss Cornie. She said
 she was very well pleased with her new
 home, and that she saw Bro. Hopkins
 at church, ^{she wrote} and so much I more and
 I haven't time to tell you. It is
 now very late, and I am so sleepy
 I will have to quit writing.

S. M. Brown, Ky
 Saturday. Oct. 2nd, 1869

The time ^{he} tells me, it is time
 to visit "shut-eye town", but before I
 go I must pen a few short lines on
 my journal. Nothing new or marvelous
 has transpired to-day. I have been
 quite busy to-day. I went over to the
 Parstitute a little while this evening.

All of the girls have gone home except
 Miss Betty Parish. She seems to be very
 homesick. Mrs. Hutchings was over there.
 Aunt Betty has been busy all day con- day
 -ering fears. I have not looked at one hid
 of my lesson for to-morrow. It looked per
 very much like rain this evening. But not
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 is. I took a walk this eve., but did ma
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 invite me to the wedding. I heard she le
 was not going to invite any body but the kind folks.
 if that is so I must get 20. 20.

Home.

Sunday.

Oct. 3rd, 1869

Another bright and beautiful day is almost gone, and ere "Old Sol" hides his face from us, I will try to pen a few more lines in diary. I did not go to church this morning. Francis and Lillie went. They said there was not many there. Mr. Anderson brought us a nice basket of peaches this morning. I went up to Mrs. Beane's this evening. She was making a wreath for Mr. Stivers little baby. I attended the funeral this eve. They seemed to take it very hard. There was not a great many went down to the home. Mrs. Patterson dressed her baby up, this evening and sent it down in town. It looked so sweet. I think it much prettier than Mrs. Beane's. I have not looked at one of my lessons for tomorrow. I must hurry and finish this diary, and leave them. I wish I had some

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 going to marry at four o'clock, and go
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 invite me to the wedding. I heard she
 was not going to invite any body but the kind folks.
 If that is so, I must get to go.

Home.

Oct. 3rd, 1869.

Sunday.

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need to tell you, but I haven't.

Everything is as dull as ever. Lizzie Bowles came up to Mr. Patterson's this eve. I do not know long she is going to stay; but I expect she will go back home this eve. Miss Anna Ragon came home yesterday evening. I am so glad she has returned, for she is such a good company, I always lack to have her around. Miss Bettie Parrish came over, and staid nearly all evening with me yesterday. She did not attend church this morning, and I went over to the Institute and staid a little while with her. She wanted me to stay all morning but I could not. Mrs. Patterson was here this evening. She said she could not stay long for she was expecting company. I wish Lillie Schuster would make haste and get well, and come to school, for I want to see her so badly. I have not heard from her today. I do not know whether she is any better or not, but I hope she is.

W. M. Brown, Wey.

Oct. 4th, 1869.

Monday.

While seated all alone this gloomy evening, thinking of the past and weaving bright visions of the future, I at last thought of my dear journal and its many blank pages, so I immediately arose ^{and} got it to jot down another chapter of my life. Nothing ever more marvelous has transpired to-day, that I should be so ready to write, but diaries must ^{be} written whether we have anything new to write or not. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining nearly all day off and on. We recited our Mental Philosophy lesson this morning. It was known very well. Ella Offutt did not come to school to-day. Nancy Scott told me, she was very sick, she sent for the Dr. this morning. We did not recite our lesson in Moral Science this evening. Mr. Patterson heard our lesson in Arithmetic this eve. We

actually stalled the class. Who would have
 thought it? The example he gave us was
 a very simple one, we could have work-
 ed it, if we had just thought a little,
 but as Mr. Patterson says—"his greatest
 trouble is to get girls to think." I wish
 we had just thought a little, and work-
 ed it. We have not worked one in the
 rule, he gave the example in, for so
 long we had forgotten how. Cordie
 Ferguson came back ^{to school} this morning. She
 told us of several weddings that were
 going to take place this month.
 I was surprised to hear of Lallie Johnson
 going to marry so soon. She and
 Muggie are both going to be married
 the twentieth fifth. Aunt Betty
 sent Anna Green a new dress this eve.
 She told her (Aunt Betty) she must
 have it by the twentieth fifth
 so I suppose that is what it is for.
 I did not go to the P. O. this eve,
 I will wait until tomorrow eve
 and perhaps I will get a letter.

N. M. Town, Ky.
Oct. 5th, 1864.

Tuesday.

Before darkness once more shades our mother earth, I will try and record the events of another day. We recited our Mental Philosophy lesson this morning. It was not known extra well. It was not very interesting. Mr. Patterson heard our Arithmetic lesson this eve. He knew it extra well, and he let us go on to Partial Payments. I was really glad, for we have been in interest ever since school took up. I did not go to the P. O. this evening. I hope I will get a letter when I do go. Mr. Patterson heard our lesson in Moral Science this evening. He actually called on me to talk it again. I was somewhat surprised, but I talked it the best I could. Mary Thomas never has talked it, I think he ought to call on her sometime. Sardinia Hutchings Ma & Pa came to

see her to-day. They went over to Mr. Bean's and took dinner, and Mrs. Patterson let Sadie go too. Aunt Bettie went down to Mr. McMullen's this evening, and brought me a beautiful bouquet. She said Mrs. McMullen was having her flowers taken up, and put in a pit. Mrs. Bean hasn't taken any of hers up yet, but I believe she is going to send hers to Lexington

N. H. Town.

Wednesday.

Oct. 6th, 1869.

This beautiful evening finds me seated all alone in my own little room by a bright fire, trying to pen a few lines in my diary. This has been a very pretty day. It is some warmer to-day, than it was yesterday. We recited our lesson in Moral Philosophy this morning. It was known very well. Our Arithmetic was known very well

also. Mrs. Brown was here this evening.
 Aunt Bettie cut her little daughter a
 brown silk dress. We ^{did} recited our lesson in
 Moral Science this evening. We expected
 to recite it, but Mr. Patterson went down
 in time and did not come back in time
 to hear it. I did not go to the P. O.
 this evening. I have not been this week.
 I think I will go tomorrow evening.
 Aunt Bettie speaks of going out to Mr.
 Moberly's tomorrow to spend the day.
 I wish I could go too. Mrs. Deane
 came down, and brought her baby
 this evening. It was dressed so nicely.
 I do not think it pretty, but she dresses
 it so nicely it makes it look pretty.
 Mrs. Patterson went ^{up} to Montgomery
 this evening. Miss Anna Bagan
 came over and staid nearly all evening.
 She said she was so lonesome without
 Mrs. Patterson. It is growing late
 and I have my lessons to learn
 so I will have to quit writing.

Thursday Eve.

L. H. Town, Ky.
Oct. 7th.

Night is fast approaching and every thing is sinking into quietude and before it grows so very late I must record the events of another day. This has been a very pretty day, though very cold. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this morning. It was however very well. Mr. Patterson corrected the lessons this morning, and to sad disappointment I received forty two. After trying so hard all the week to get forty five, I missed it. Yes of no use to grieve over spilt milk, so I will try to do better in the future. We did not recite our lesson in Moral Science this evening. Miss Sue came over and staid all evening with us. Johanne Mc. was here also. He teased me so badly, I felt like I could kill him. Fannie went to the P. O. this evening. She got the Mr. Sterling paper. There wasn't much news in it. We all

(us school-girls) had so much fun this eve.
 Katie Talbot fell down on the rostrum,
 while at the black board working an example.
 She did so funny, when she fell, that she
 kept us laughing all evening. Mr. Patterson
 did not hear our lesson in Moral Science
 this evening. He divided the lesson into four
 parts, and told us to get him a good lesson
 for tomorrow evening.

Home.

Oct. 8th, 1869.

Friday.
 "What can not be cured, must
 be endured", so I will have to write another
 diary although I have the head-ache
 very badly this eve. Nothing new or
 marvelous has transpired to-day. We
 recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this
 morning. It was not known very well.
 Mollie Weston did not come to school to-day,
 so Emma & myself had to recite the lesson
 alone. Mr. Patterson excused our lesson
 in Moral Science this eve. Our Arithmetic
 was known very well. I did not go

to the P. O. this evening, but I sent Fannie. This
 She got the Sentinel. There was not much to go
 news in it. Aunt Bettie and myself
 went down to Mrs. Brown's this evening.
 She is making a silk dress for Fannie
 to wear to Mr. Sayer's wedding. I
 would like to attend if it was here.
 I have no news to relate, except Miss
 Sue took the "Boarders" to see the deaf
 and dumb woman. I went with them.

Saturday Eve.

Oct. 9th, 1869.

Another week of school life
 has flown down the myetic river of Time
 and how many of us can feel that we
 have ^{ever} benefited. We learn little by little,
 day by day. Education is made up of little
 bits. This has been a very gloomy
 day. It rained a little this evening.
 Consequently we have not had any
 visitors to-day. I have been very busy
 to-day. I have been sewing all day.
 I intended to go over to the Institute

This evening, but it rained so hard, I had
 to postpone my visit until tomorrow
 evening. I have been studying my Lesson
 in Mental Philosophy a little, this evening.
 It is quite easy. I hope all of the class will
 be there Monday. Harriet Scott told me
 yesterday that Ella Offutt was some better.
 She said she had been sitting up. Fannie
 went to the P.O. this evening, but did not
 get any mail. Pa is sick to-day. He
 has a very bad cold, and is so very hoarse
 he can't speak above a whisper. I heard
 to-day that Sallie Johnson went to Cin. to
 get her wedding clothes. Mr. Dohy was
 up here yesterday evening. She got Aunt
 Betty to cut Ida & Lizzie's dresses to go to
 the wedding. I hope Sallie will invite me.
 I would like to attend her wedding so
 much. Emma Thomas told me yesterday
 evening, that Mattie Salskill was out to
 Mr. Schroter. I would like to see her
 so much. I hope she will come to
 town, before she goes home.

Sunday.

Oct. 10th, 1869.

The last rays of the departing sun are falling on once a fine morning, but now gone to decay, seeming to say farewell to earth and earthly things, and while all within our dear home is so happy and quiet, I will attempt to jot down the events of another day. This has been a very pretty day, though very cool. "Old Sol" came out early this morning, giving us some of his best smiles. I did not go to Sunday School or church either this morning. I wanted to go, but could not. Aunt Bethe went to church, and went over to Mr. Patterson's to dinner. I have not been anywhere to-day. I have been studying my lessons in Mental Philosophy and Moral Sciences this evening. I think I nearly know them. Lizzie M^c. was up here a little while this evening. There is to be church to-night at the Methodist chapel. I do not

expect to attend, but perhaps I will change
 my action before the time comes to go.
 Messrs. Sue & Anna were here this evening.
 I have just finished a letter to Belle G.
 It is the first letter I have written for
 a week. Aunt Bettie has just returned
 from Mrs. Massie's and is begging me
 to go to church with her, but I don't
 think I will go. The children are
 keeping so much noise, I can not write
 to save my life. I can not gather any
 scattered thoughts together enough to
 write, so I will lay my diary aside
 until I can be to myself. I will
 now try to finish this diary. Aunt
 Bettie, Fannie and Lulie have gone to
 church, and I am here by myself. I
 saw the "boarders" go by, so I guess H.
 P. went too. The new preacher is to
 be there to night. He resides in the
 house that was to belong to Sigh Tene
 (an old negro that used to live in it)
 They have had it fixed up. It looks
 like a new house.



K. H. Form.

Oct. 11th, 1868.

Monday.

Foil, wit from morning till night. It seems as if school-girls troubles are never ended. I have often heard it said, that — "Woman's work is never done," and I believe it, for I have been studying ever since early this morning, and my book is not yet completed. But we should remember that each dark cloud has a silver lining. As fast as we get rid of one trouble another presents its self. This has been a very gloomy day. It has looked like it was going to rain all day. We did not recite our lesson in Moral Science this morning. Emma Thomas did not come to school to-day. She went to the store. Our Arithmetic was not known very well to-day. Mr. Patterson sent me to the board, to make an exam-ple for the class. I do not know how long it will be, before we get out of "Partial Payments." I did not go to the

the P. Q. this evening. He did not
 recite our lesson in Mental Philosophy
 this morning. Mrs. Brown and Aunt
 Bettie called on Mrs. Herryman this
 evening. The Methodist preacher came up
 to the Institute this evening. I believe
 he is going to send his little boy to
 school. Our school increases day by day.
 I hope by Christmas it will be as large
 as it was last year. Miss Bettie Parrish
 has got over her home-sickness. She seemed
 to be in 'good spirits' to-day. I am glad
 she has become contented to stay. When
 she first came, she said she intended
 to go back home. I heard to-day that
 Ella Offutt was coming to school to-
 morrow. I sincerely hope she will. She
 has been sick for two weeks. I had
 a present of a big sweet Eater. It was
 the largest one I have seen this
 year. I do not believe I will tell you
 who was kind enough to send it.
 It is growing late, so I will close.

Tuesday.

N. H. Town.

Oct. 12th, 1869.

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 flown down the mystic river of Time,
 and ere "Old Sol" hides himself from
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 in very delicate health. He took the leg
 of the frog and brought it in contact
 with a rod of zinc and copper; as long
 as he kept them apart, there was no movement
 but the instant they were brought together
 a violent convulsive motion took place.
 He therefore called it Galvanic Electricity.
 Mr. P. told a great deal more about it, and
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St. M. Louis.

Wednesday.

Oct. 13th, 1869.

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for me. Aunt Bette and Grandmother are
going out to Aunt Sam. Northcutt's to-mor-
row. I know I shall be lonely without
them. I wish they could go, and come
in one day. But 'tis impossible; they
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Thursday.

Oct. 14th, 1869.

Again I have gathered together
my writing materials for the purpose of trying
to pen a few short lines in my "Book
of Life". It looked like it was going to
rain this morning, but by ten o'clock the
clouds had all disappeared and "Old Sol"
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I received forty five in large figures.

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each other. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this morning. It was known very well with the exception of Hollis Horton. Mary Thomas entertained me highly this evening with a history of Lemfest and Sunshine. I never did read as many novels as Mary. We did not recite our lesson in Moral Science this evening. Mr. Patterson told us to get it for tomorrow. The brass & string band serenaded the girls at the Institute last night. Aunt Bethe and Grand Ma went to Aunt Kans this morning. I feel back every friend I had on earth was dead. They will perhaps return tomorrow.

Friday Evening.

Oct. 15th, 1869.

Before "Old Sol" bids us adieu, I will try to record the events of another day. I did not attend school today. I have been so lame I did not know what to do. Fannie told me Lulu Jones taught school today in Mr. P's place. The girls have

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 him very mean, but I would love to see
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 was through Mary Ly. She said Hollis
 White told her he was peddling off
Algebra & Arithmetic for a living.
 Pa gathered his apples this evening. I don't
 think we will have many. Some one stole
 nearly all of them last night. Mr. Patterson
 expects to start to Louisville to-morrow, to
 be gone a week.

Saturday.

Oct. 16th, 1869.

Seated all alone this beautiful
 evening thinking of the past and dreaming
 bright visions for the future. I at last
 arose and got my dear journal to jot
 down another chapter of my life. This
 has been a beautiful day. "Old Sol" came
 out early this morning, giving us some
 of his best smiles and was counteracted
 clouds all day. Grand Ma and Aunt

Bettie came home about 10 o'clock this morning. They bought one some "goodies". I was so glad to welcome them back. I have been studying my lesson on Mental Philosophy a little this evening. Aunt Bettie went down to the store and bought me a new pair of garters. She said Mr. Lacy brought some beautiful plaid goods. I will get me a dress, if he doesn't ask too much for it. Misses Anna and Sue were here this evening. They said they had been helping to make and put down the carpet at the church. I went to the P. O. this evening, but as usual received no mail. I have some news to tell you. Mr. Bob Mc. has bought out Mr. Shivers grocery. He says he will sell cheap for cash. Mrs. Patterson was here this morning. She said Mr. P. didn't go to Louisville. I would love to know what Emm is doing this evening. I must quit and get some hickory nuts. I am afraid they will eat them all up from me.

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day. I went to church this morning. There
was not a great many there. The bride
(Mrs. Fannie Scott) was there. She looked so
nice. I went and wore my blue saree
and my tulle hat, and nearly every body
else was dressed in winter clothes. Bro.
Russell is expected to preach here next
Wednesday night. I expect to attend if nothing
happens. I have had company all
evening. Dea Rice came first, then the
"boarders", and many others. Dea told me
all about Kameie's wedding. She said she
intended to send me some of the wedding
cake. Misses Anna & Sue were here this
evening. I haven't time to tell you
any more news so I will have to
stop writing and go to my supper.
I will write more to-morrow.

Monday.

N. H. Town.

Oct. 18th, 1869.

I have just returned from school, and as I have a few leisure moments, I will try to record the events of another day. This has been a very gloomy, as well as a very sad day. I have sad, sad, news to relate to you to-day. Our dear dear teacher Mr. Patterson, started to Louisville early this morning, in company with Mr. Doyers, and he (Mr. D.) was driving rather a wild horse in the buggy, and they were passing a corn field where a negro was cutting corn, and the horse got scared and threw them both out. Spraining Mr. D's ankle very badly, and nearly killing Mr. P. His jaw was torn open from his forehead, around his eye, down to his lower jaw. They think him doubtful of recovery. Poor man! I hope he may soon get well, and not suffer much. This has been a day of trouble to all. About ten o'clock this morning Mr. Simons our

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 think his two little boys set it a fire.
 He did not recite any lessons to-day. There
 was too much excitement over Mr. Patterson
 to learn anything. Miss Sue expected to
 teach in our school-room, if we had recited
 any lessons. Aunt Bettie has gone down
 to Mr. Dobyns's. He has just returned
 from Paris. I hope she (Aunt Bettie) will
 soon return, for I am so anxious to hear from
 Mr. Patterson. It is growing late, and I
 must study my lesson in Mental Philosophy
 for tomorrow, so I will bid you adieu.

Yours,

Tuesday.

Oct. 19th, 1869.

We are beginning to feel, to-day,
 as though the "Winter King" had made
 his full appearance and we were to be
 driven by his stern hand. The dry snow flies
 when I go out, as if it was made at me.
 Jack Hunt came back night and played
 his pranks on my nose. This is our first

snow, and "we all are taking on over it terribly"
 I wore my pink dress to-day, and it looked
 it looked so curious, with snow on the ground.
 Mrs. Patterson went to Paris this morning,
 and brought Mr. Patterson home. Poor man!
 He is bruised and cut up badly. I haven't
 seen him, but I heard Miss Sue say his
 face was swollen up as large as his face
 ought to be. They say he is complaining
 very much of his side. He is afraid he
 has hurt himself. Mr. Bristow taught
 school in our room to-day. He is a splendid
 teacher. He explains everything so nicely, and
 makes us understand anything so clearly.
 He recited our lesson in Mental Philoso-
 -phy this morning. It was known very
 well. Leta Jones came up to the Institute
 this morning. She did not stay long. Fannie
 went to the P. O. yesterday evening, and
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The time piece tells me it is time for me to visit "shut-eye-town", but before I go I will try to record the events of another day. Aunt Bethe and Lulu went to church to-night. Bro Remond preached. Mrs. Beane had a "big" supper to-night. The Land was invited, and a few young ladies. This has been a very cold day. The snow melted off a little. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy to Mr. Bristol this evening. It was known extra well. Our lesson in Arithmetic was known very well. We did not recite our lesson in Moral Science this evening, as it was very late and two of its members had to go home. We will recite it early in the morning. Mr. Patterson isn't any better to-day. His face is still very much swollen. Miss Anna Ragan came down ^{town} late this evening, and begged Aunt Bethe to go up to Mrs. Beane's to the supper, but she

would not go. The band has been giving them some splendid music. I heard she had fixed up things, as though she was fixing for a wedding. Miss Hannah Beech and Mr. Henry Smith are to be married tomorrow morning. They marry and start off on a trip to the Hamamouth Lake. I think they will have a cold trip of it. I would like to visit it so much, but I would be afraid. I think I could stand it, if it wasn't for going up that perpendicular ladder. I know I would fall and break my neck.

Thursday.

Oct. 21st, 1869.

Again I have gathered together my writing materials for fear of having another chat with my old friend. This has been a very cold day. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy to-day. It was known very well. Our lesson in Moral Science also and it was only known externally. Lottie Jones came up to the Institute this morning.

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Friday.

Oct. 22nd. 1869.

Another week of school life has flown down the mystic river of Time, and ere the evening shades appear I will try to pen a few lines in my "Book of Life". This has been a beautiful day. "Old Sol" has been giving us some of his best smiles to-day. Mr. Parrish heard our lesson in Mental Philosophy

This evening. It was known very well. He recited our lesson in Moral Science also. It wasn't known extra well. Later I have just returned from the Institute. Miss Anna sent for Aunt Betty and myself to come over, and stay a while with her. We sat about two hours with her. Our dear teachers face is cut up awfully terribly. I never laid eyes on such a face. I hope he will soon be able to teach. Charley Clifford was quite play some to-night. I think he is so sweet. I am so sleepy, I have to quit writing.
Saturday. Oct. 23rd, 1869.

This gloomy evening finds me seated all alone in my own little room by a bright fire for the purpose of having a short chat with my old friends. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining all day, at least all morning. I have been quite busy today. I have been making me a new calico dress. It is perfectly beautiful. It looks like the "emerald shower". Now you know its quality. We haven't had any company today.

The Methodists are holding a protracted meeting
 I would love to go to-night to hear Mr. Bosley
 preach, but it is too cold. I have such a cold
 I can hardly breathe. Bro. Wickett has arrived.
 Tomorrow he will preach. I have not a thing
 on earth to wear. Miss Lou Evans went to Cynthiana
 yesterday. I am so sorry. Lou is such good
 company. "Sister Wagon" took Misses Gale and
 Fargerson down to see our large city this eve-
 ning. I hope they didn't get lost, but they
 had a guide and of course couldn't. Mrs.
 O'Neill and myself are going out to M.
 Ben. Jones Monday night. I am anticipating
 a fine time, for I always have a nice
 time when I go out there. Belle and Luta
 will be at church tomorrow I hope. They say
 they have to walk and Better always will come
 with them. It is reported that they are going
 to marry, but as to the truth of it, I cannot
 tell. "I'll leave you guess". I saw Luta's hair
 yesterday. He was looking very nice, in his
 new suit. I have related all the news and
 more too, so I will bid you good day.

S. M. Town, N.Y.

Sunday.

Oct. 24th, 1869.

Another Lords day has flown the
myster river of Time, and ere the day king
bids us adieu, I will try to jot down the events
of another day. This has been a very pretty day.
I went to church this morning. Bro. Nichols
preached. There wasnt very many there. The
bride (Mrs Scott.) was there. She was dressed
in silk. It was a shade darker than "moon
light on the lake". She looked very nice. We had
company to-day. The house has been full from
early this morning until now. Cousins Dan and
Cousin Dick Stöfer took dinner with us
to-day. I went down to Mr. Browns this
evening to see Carrie, and when I arrived
there, I found the parlor full of people. Cousins
Fannie Stöfer and her husband, and Mr & Mrs
Scott, and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. O'Neill and
many others. Miss Anna Ragan was over here
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now time to go. I have just returned from church. There was only about fifty or eighty there. I tell you the "Brethren and sisters" were few to-night. I went and wore my black hat with a great long blue veil on the sides. I tell you "I looked powerful spruce." I had so much fun to-night. I had a nice young gent. so gallant, to and from church. I saw a certain little fellow there to-night. I tell you he looked extra nice. Mrs. Anderson came home with us to-night. I have a great many things to tell you but 'tis late, and I am so sleepy I don't know what to do, but before I enter the "dream land" I must finish my diary. Mrs. Anderson seems very talkative to-night. She has been telling us about Mr. Lucius Green & Miss Sallie Johnsons going to marry. They marry Thursday evening at five o'clock and come to Mr. Dobyns that night is the reception. I knew it last week for Mrs. D. told us. They are going to invite the town youngsters in to receive them. I must quit writing for it is very late and all have entered slumber-land.
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Monday Night.

Mr. Ben. Jones.

Oct 25th, 1869.

Well, I am away out here in the country, I arrived here about dark, in company with Mrs. O'neill. I found them all well, but Mr. & Mrs. Jones had gone to the mountains. We are all children together. Sallie has been romping and carrying on terribly. I must tell you something in reference to how I spent the day at school. Mr. Bristow heard our Arithmetic lesson this evening. It was known very well. He also heard our lesson in Mental Philosophy. It was known tolerably well. Johnnie has just brought in a big water full of hickory-nuts and Sallie and Belle have gone to eating with the determination not to leave me a hull. I am going to stop writing and pitch in. Later, I helped eat up the nuts and they all jabbered so I could not write, so I just listened with both ears wide open. It is now twelve o'clock, all have retired but Belle and myself and we have been sitting up on the hearth talking. I know

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 That is a new^m to me. I never heard of him
 since I have been in the "land of the living."
 I stopped at the P. O. this evening for our mail
 but as usual I didn't get a letter. I wonder
 if all my correspondents are dead? I am so
 sleepy I will have to stop writing, and
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Tuesday.

Worce. Oct. 26th 1869

Another day of school life has flown
 down the river of Time, but not one word of news
 have I to relate to you, but never the less I will
 write something. I arose "early" this morning,
 eat my breakfast, and started off for A. H. T.
 We arrived here about ten o'clock and found
 everybody well. I then went to school. Mr.
 Bristow was giving music lessons and we studied
 or at least tried to, until noon. After dinner
 I went back and found all the girls in
 rather a bad humor. They all seemed to be
 mad.

especially those in Mr. B's room. I stayed a while and found no teacher, then Ida Dobyns came and said Mr. Bristow was down town and intended to ice cake for Mrs. L all evening. So I came home and have been here ever since. Brought on to-day troubles. Anna & Grace came up this evening, and invited Sa Aunt Bethe and myself down to meet Lucian & his bride. I haven't anything to wear but nearly all she invited said they were on the same fix. Anna said she wanted it when to come in their winter clothes. I haven't ^{finished} my new dress yet. I will ^{not} have time to finish it, unless I stop school & in I wouldn't do that. I sent to the P.P. and but did not get a letter. Mrs. Patterson came over and staid a long time this morning. So I had a present to-day. It is something up fine, but I will not tell you what it was. Now I have been reading Godeys Magazine of a little this evening. I do not like it as well as Demorest. I must say, I think it is the best Magazine there is. I would rather read it than any other.

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Oct. 27th.

Thursday Evening.

Another day of sorrow, as well as joy, has past and gone, and while I have a few leisure moments I will try to record the events of the day. This has been a beautiful day, though very cold. Miss Bettie Purris left school to-day. Her Pa came after her. Miss Anna begged her to stay, but she would not. She would not stay contented and they had to take her home. Her Pa told her it grieved him to think she would not stay. She was getting so large, and had it been to school any. I felt so sorry for him. We did not recite any lessons to-day. Mr. Bristol came up to school quite late and he had so many classes to hear he could not get through with them all, so he was obliged to leave our lessons over till morning. I went to the P. S. this evening, but did not get any mail

Thursday Sept.

Oct. 28th, 1869.

A glance at the time
piece, tells me it is time for all such chaps
to visit "But-eye-town" but I must record
the events of this glorious day before re-
-living. Well, I did not go to school this
evening. I went this morning and Mr. Bristol
did not hear any of our lessons, so I had to
-remain at home this evening, and try to
fix something to wear to the party. I have
-croyed nearly all day. I had nothing over this
earth to wear down yonder, so I finally con-
-cluded to wear my blue crape-maret. I
wore a corset and blue satin bow, and
white-crape flowers on my hair. They all
said I looked beautiful. But it is impos-
-sible for me, to look that way. People that
-sightly, will look right any way you
fix them. We had a splendid supper
and everything nearly, all we lacked was
-oysters. I chatted quite a number of gentle-
-men. Every body was there. The ladies
had on a white tarlatan skirt and white

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 salin waist. She looked very nice. Her waist
 looked beautiful. All of the folks from Mont.
 came rigged in white. I tell you they look
 us all by surprise. We received our invi-
 tations so late, we did not have any time
 to fix anything. Miss Birdie Johnson
 was there from Mt. Sterling. She was dress-
 ed so nicely. I believe everybody decided
 that Dr. G. was the best looking gentleman
 in the house. Some one told him that
 a certain ^(Miss Bryan) young lady said so, and to her
 great surprise she received a very large
 apple for the compliment. Mr. & Mrs. Greene
 received some very nice, bridal presents. Mrs.
 Kern gave them a handsome silver ice
 pitcher, Dr. Mitchell a casket, Miss Jameson
 a toilet set, Anna Greene a silver butter stand
 and they had a set of silver forks, spoons
 and knives, but I did not know who pre-
 sented them. I have many things to
 tell you, but I am so sleepy, I can
 not tell you to night. Some other time
 will do just as well. Good night.

Friday Evening.

Oct. 29th, 1869

This has been such a
 lonesome day to me, and perhaps
 many others. I did not go to school to-
 day. I cannot give you the reason now for
 I am in a hurry and haven't much
 time to devote to my journal. I went
 down to see Fannie Beebe to-day. I
 found her in tears. I tried to find
 out why she wept at the party last night.
 But she couldn't give any special reason.
 Aunt Bethe and Miss Anna Ragan went
 out to Mr. John Jones this morning. They
 said they had a delightful dinner. I wish
 I could have gone too. I went to see Miss
 Dimp this evening, while there I saw Lucie
 and his bride start for Mr. Joe Barry's. Anna
 went with them. I have not done a
 bit of work to-day. I have had company
 all evening. I sent to the P. O. this
 evening, but did not get any mail. Aunt
 Bethe went down to Mr. Doby's to-night
 to see about her fan. She lost it last

right at the party. I do not much expect
she will ever get it. Mr. Bristol let school
out very late this evening. I saw the children
going home very late. It was nearly dark.

Saturday night.

Oct. 30th, 1869.

I have just returned from Mrs.
Keiser's and while all within this home
is so quiet I will try to pen a few more lines
in my diary. This has been a very cold
day. I have worked harder to-day than
I ever did in my life. I helped to take up
the carpet in Pa's room, and put it down
again and clean & sweep, till I was just
so tired I could hardly live, when eight-
come, and then Aunt Bettie begged me
to go down to Mr. Keiser with her, and I
went. We sat about an hour. Dr. Garrant
gallanted us home. He was very talkative
to-night. Anna Green, Mrs. Odum and Mrs.
Falkner were here this evening. Aunt
Bettie is quite busy to-night. She is trying
to finish Mrs. Anderson's dress. She is

going to attend the big meeting at Mr. Sterling. Bro. Vanduckert is going to preach. I never heard such a name. He has name enough to kill him. I would like to go up to Cousin Mary Hamby's and stay, and attend the meeting so much. I have entered the Dream-land long since but myself. So I must close for I am nearly nodding now. Good night.

Sunday.

Oct. 31st 1869.

I arose early this morning, and after cleaning up the house I dressed. I went to Sunday School. I arrived there and found Mr. Patterson leading the choir.

They were singing "We are on the ocean sailing."

I was somewhat surprised to hear singing.

I hope he will be able to teach school to-morrow. I attended church today also.

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 had on a high crown hat. You can not
 imagine how funny he looked. Miss Jennie,
 Fugua and Lamerie Kesse came up to the gate
 and talked a little while this evening. Mrs.
 Reid came to see Mrs. Patterson this evening.
 I do not know how long she intends to remain.
 Dr. Guernant told us of quite a number
 of weddings this evening. He told us of Miss
 Ida Talbot and Mr. Bedford. I always loved
 Miss Ida, and I hope she may do well.
 He also told us of many others, but I was
 not acquainted with any of them. All the
 weddings have been in Montgomery, but
 they are coming down the pike, and soon
 they will all be in Bourbon. I hope
 some of the girls will marry in N. H. Y.
 soon for it has been a long time since
 any of them changed their mind.

N. M. Town, Ky.

Nov. 1st, 1869.

Monday.

Again I have been permitted by the All-wise Being to spend another day with my dear school-mates and teachers.

I went to school early this morning, and found Misses Thomas & Westchings enjoying the warmth of Uncle Moses' fire exceedingly.

I joined them, and very soon after my arrival the nurse came to my ears, that we were going to have a new scholar, and soon enough when the second bell rang, introduced Mr. Clifton Hadden. He is quite a nice looking young gent, and I earnestly hope he may prove an interesting student.

He sits in our room too. It seems so very strange. But enough of this. We recited our lesson in Moral Sciences this evening. It was not known extra well. Mr. Bristol excused our lesson in Mental Philosophy because one of the girls did not know it. Our Arithmetic was known very, well indeed by every member of the class.

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My friend Anna —, is very cool towards me here lately. I can not imagine what on the earth is the matter. I always loved her and we were "very thick", until now. Mr. Patterson is not quite well enough to teach yet. I sincerely hope he will be able to teach in a few days. He has had an awful time with his face. Mr. Bristol is a good teacher, but ^{Id rather} Mr. Patterson would teach. Aunt Beltes and Fannie have gone down to Mr. Brown's to see Cousin Fannie Slofer. She is on her way to Indiana.

Tuesday.

November, 2nd, 1869.

Again I am seated in my own little room by a bright fire, for the purpose of having another chat with my friend diary. This has been a beautiful day. It is so warm & pretty. "Old Sol" has been smiling on us today. Mr. Bristol heard our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was given very well by all of the class. I went down to Mrs. Brown's this evening. She broiled

me to some excellent sweet cider. Our
 lesson in Arithmetic was not learned
 extra well to-day. Mr. Bristol did not
 hear our lesson in Moral Science to-day.
 We will recite it every other day. I went
 down to the store this evening. I saw "Somebody".
 He was looking so nice, in his new suit of
 cloth. Mr. L. Byers brought some very nice
 goods, but I think they are entirely too high.
 I thought of getting me a new dress there
 but I think that I will send to Paris
 and get it. I have had so much fun to-
 day. Dr. Mc. is again in our midst. He
 went over in Mrs. Brown's field to-day &
 shot at the old dead chickens that died
 with the cholera. I never heard anything
 like it. I am sorry he couldn't find
 any game. I had such a nice present
 to-day, but as my diary is public, I will
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Wednesday.

Nov. 8th, 1869.

I have just returned from school, and as I have a few leisure moments I will jot down the events of another day. This has been a beautiful day. "Old Sol" has been giving us some of his best series to-day. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was known very well. The subject of our lesson was the Primary Laws—Resemblance, Contrast, Contiguity, Cause and Effect. Mr. Bristow explained the difference between them to us. He explains everything as we go. He is a splendid teacher. I did not go to the P. O. this evening. Our Arithmetic lesson was known very well to-day. Mr. Bristow heard our ^{lesson} Moral Science this evening. He called on Mary Thomas to talk the lesson, and she did not know ^{it} the lesson well enough to talk it, and he made her read it. She did not seem to like it much. She never has talked it, since we have been studying it. I saw Mr.

Parrish this evening. He had a great many things to tell me. He said he received a letter from Bethe Parrish last Wednesday. She was then in Lexington. There is to be Prayer meeting to-night. I expect to attend if nothing happens.

Thursday.

Nov. 4th, 1869.

I have just returned from Mrs. Deans. We had charades up there to-night. I never had as much fun in my life. I will just give you a little sketch of what took place. All the girls in town were there. I will just tell you who were. Messrs Green, Berroughs, Evans, Ingua, Lusk, Benckeb. Messrs Hutchcraft, Dalton, Richardson, O'Neill, Foxman, Mc-Brister and Parrish. I will not undertake to describe the scenes for it would take me "forever". The words are had were Indiana and Jivimie. I just tell you I never had as much fun in all my life put together. In the first

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 Elsie and I were her children. We went
 to the hotel and took the cars, and then
 in the next scene, we had a regular ball.
 We made Anna the belle of the evening,
 and rigged her out with gloves in her hair
 I danced with "Somebody." I tell you he and
 I had lots of fun to-night. The last scene
 was "Beautiful Anna." Mr. O'Neill sang
 it so sweetly. Mr. Brislow controlled the second
 part. In the first scene, Miss Dick Evans
 came running in with her sleeves rolled up,
 and said "Here tis Monday morning and
 a great big washing to do." She went over bath-
 ing a little while, and she then ran to the
 door and called her old man to come
 make her a fire. Directly Mr. B. Langua
 walked in looking as big as old Nicks Fogg, with
 a great big pipe in his mouth and an old
 hat on. I tell you he was a sight to see.
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 They acted very well. She has long to tell

you all about it. They closed up with "Lillo
 Brother". I tell you they acted it, nicely. Jennie
 came running in, and said Lillo Brother's coming.
 and directly Lillo Brother came. They had
 Billie P. sitting on Mr. T's head. He just
 crunched the ceiling. Mr. Bristol just squatted
 on his knees and walked by his side. He looked
 so funny. They had elephant also. It was made
 exactly like one. It is now so very late
 I haven't time to write any more.

Friday Eve.

Nov. 4th, 1869.

I have just returned from
 school, and while I have a few leisure
 moments, I will try to jot down the
 events of another day. This has been a
 very pretty day, though very windy. We did
 not recite our lesson in Mental Philosophy
 to-day. Nor Moral Science either. Our
 Arithmetic was reviewed awfully. Mr. Bristol
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Nov. 5th, 1869.

Saturday.

Gloomy indeed has been the day. I haven't been any where to-day. I have worked harder than I ever did in my life. I have fixed my "brown, sun & eleven stars" dress to-day. This has been such a cold day. Consequently we haven't had any visitors. We are going to have Bro. Price preach for us to-morrow. He is perfectly blind. I expect everybody will be there to-morrow. I want to go, but

haven't any new dress to wear, so I guess I'll stay at home. I sent to the store this evening for some buttons for my dress, and in addition to the buttons, I received the nicest little present from you ever saw. I do not believe I will tell you this evening, but some other time will do just as well.

Fannie has just returned from Mrs. Bean's and says - Mr. Cunningham has just arrived with his leg cut very badly. He was shaving shingles and the drawing knife slipped and cut his leg. He sewed it up, with black thread, himself. I never heard any-thing to equal that. I should not it would ever get well, sewed up with black, thread.

I feel very sorry for him, and hope he may soon recover. I heard this evening that

Mr. O'Neill was going to leave the city of N. H. T. He expects to go to Georgetown. I

^{do not} know ~~not~~ how the town can survive with out him. He is funny. I am afraid we will have to break up the churches but I hope Prof. Bristol will carry them on.

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N. H. Town.

Sunday Evening.

Nov. 6th, 1869.

Another day is numbered with those that were, and in order that I may never lose sight of it, I must write an account of it here. This has been a very cold day. I have been nearly frozen all day. I went to church and Sunday school this morning. There was a great crowd there. Bro. Price is a very good looking man, though rather fleshy. He does not pretend to preach. I thought he would have a Bible with raised letters, but he only quoted from memory. He is selling tracts that contain the sermons of our biggest preachers. I would love to buy a package, if I had the money, but have not, so I will have to do without. Mrs. Patterson said she would lend Aunt Bethe hers, when she read them so I will get to read them. There is to be church again to-night. I think I will attend if nothing happens. Our lesson at Sunday school this morning was the seventeenth chapter of Matthew. Good evening.

A. M. Town.

Monday.

Nov. 8th, 1869.

Night is fast approaching and every thing is sinking into quietude, and before the first star begins to twinkle in the heavens. I will try to record the events of another day. Mr. Bristow heard our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was known very well. The subject of our lesson was the Secondary laws. It was getting so late this evening, Mr. Bristow did not have time to expound the lesson. This has been a very gloomy day. It has looked like it was going to snow all day. We did not recite our lesson in Moral Science to-day. Mr. Bristow told me I had to talk it Friday. I expected he would hear it this eve, but he told us to get it for to-morrow. I think I know it, so he can hear any time he wants to. Our Arithmetic was known very well indeed. We are progressing in it fine. Mr. Patterson came over in the school-room this evening. He only staid a few moments. He is not quite well enough to

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 he is in the school-room. Mrs. Patterson
 was here this evening. She said the negroes
 were going to have church in the Reform
 Church to-night. The negro preacher came
 on the stage this evening. He is begging
 money to educate the negroes for ministers.
 I just think it is perfectly awful. I was
 reading in a paper the other day where they
 had established a school in Lexington to
 educate the negroes for preachers, and that
 Bro. Lard one among many others of our best
 preachers was going to lecture there. I would
 not have thought it of him. It will not
 be long before they will be made our equals.
 But enough on the negro question. I
 did not send to the P. C. this evening.
 I do not much expect there was a letter for me.
 Miss Sue came back this morning. I did
 not have long to stay at home. I must
 quit writing and go to my supper.

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Tuesday.

Nov. 9th, 1869.

The busy cares of the day are ended, and ere "Bed Sob" bids us adieu, I will try to jot down the events of another day. We recited our Lesson in Herodotus Philosophy this evening. It was known very well. Our Arithmetic Lesson was known very well also. Miss Sue Steward and Mrs. Beane were here this evening. Sue is going to stay until after Thursday night. She wants to attend the chorales. They are going to act up in the chapel at the Institute. I hope we will have as nice a time as we did up at Mrs. Beane's last week. We did not recite our Lesson in Moral Science this evening. Mr. Brister said he would hear it early in the morning. He wants to hear it before school takes up, if the girls get there in time. Mr. Patterson came over in the school room this evening. His face seemed to be swollen very much. This has been a very disagreeable day. It

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She has Pneumonia.

St. M. Town.

Wednesday night.

Nov. 18th, 1869.

I have just returned
from the church, and I will now try
to tell you some news. This was Bro.
Moore's night to conduct the meeting. He
read a chapter and called on Mr. Ben. Jones
to pray. He never prayed in public before.
He made an excellent prayer. He seemed
to be very much excited. Bro. D. H. Mitchell
made a very good prayer also. Bro. Hutch-
craft was called on to pray, but refused.
I think Mr. Moore did very wrong in
calling on Mr. H., for he is quite young
and that is enough for the other young

men go down. They will never show
their faces inside the church again. I
would have given any thing if he had
just called on Mr. David Garrison. He
said he was afraid to look up, for fear they
would call on him. There was not many
sisters and brothers out to-night. I believe
there were only twenty. Luba Jones, Anna
Green, Harriet Keene and myself had
so much fun to-night. But I must tell
you something in reference to my studies.

We did not recite our lesson in Metaphysics
Philosophy to-day. Our Arithmetic lesson
was known extra well. I sent to the F. O.
this evening, and to my great surprise I
received a letter. Mr. Burdett heard our
lesson in Moral Science this evening.

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the best I could, but it was not known
well, by all means. There is to be a wedding
out in the country to-night. Miss Bell,
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Nov. 11th, 1869.

This cold day has drawn rapidly to a close, and before it grows so very late I must get down the events of another day. We did not recite our Lesson in Mental Philosophy or Moral Science either this evening. Mr. Bristow took up so much time in the other classes. He did not have time to hear our lessons. Mr. Bristow became a little offended at our girls this evening because we were laughing at Eliza Yelton. He just declared we were talking to Eliza H. and he told us this evening, that he intended to put Eliza's name in a hat and make it draw for him. He told him we would not, and he said he would show us about it. He had quite a fuss & the bell rung for school to be out, so we were all glad enough to get away from "Derareler". Enough on this.

Mrs. Patterson was here this evening.

Aunt Beth is going to cut her a dress to-night. I must quit writing and go

get my supper.

Friday.

Nov. 12th, 1869.

The great day for drawing has at last drawn to a close, and a sad day it has been too. Early this morning Prof. Bristol came over in the school room and commenced teasing us girls over Cliff. He made us mad, and we just let out. He then made him mad and he ran over and told Mr. Patterson. Mr. Patterson came over to our school room, and talked a while and then told Cliff not to come to school any more only at the regular hour for him to recite his Latin & Greek lessons. Cliff went home at once, and declared he never intended to come back again. I do not blame him. But enough of this. He did not recite our lessons in Moral and Mental Philosophy this evening. I taught school all morning for Miss Sue. I tell you I had a glorious time teaching. Miss Sue corrected the diaries. She gave me forty five. I have told you all the news so I will close for this giving.

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Nov. 13th, 1869.

This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been snowing all day. We had quite a big snow last night. This is our second snow we've had this year. I have not been any where to-day. I haven't been sewing any to-day, because I have a very sore finger. I have a turn-a-round on it. It is so very painful, it just nearly kills me. It is as large as two fingers ought to be. Mrs. Doyers spent the evening with us, this evening. I have been studying a little this evening. This has been a very cold day. I have been nearly frozen all day. I hope the weather will moderate before to-morrow. I do not expect to attend Church for my finger is too painful. Fannie has gone down to Mr. Merymans to the "belling" as Kate calls it. She meant snow. I did not send to the P. O. this evening. Aunt Bethe received her Magazine last evening. It has some splendid reading in it. The fashions are about the same.

Sunday Evening.

Nov. 14th, 1869.

Another Lords day has flown down the myetic river of Time, and ere the day-long bids us adieu, I will try to pen a few scattered thoughts in my "Books of Life." I did not go to church to-day. I will have to tell you the reason. Well, it was just because I had nothing to wear. This has been a very gloomy and lonesome day. Mrs. Barrow and Miss Annie Sydnor were here this evening. I went over to the Parlor this evening with Aunt Bethe. When we arrived there we Miss Anna Bagan and Mrs. Everett. They are going to go in the morning. Aunt Bethe is going to send by them for her new lustré dress. I wish I could go with them. But never mind just wait until - I get done going to school and "when I get a million of dollars," then I will travel. But it is of no use to build "air castles" for the future, for we do not know what is to take place

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 to attend. It is entirely too cold to go to
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 low down all day. I don't know
 what has come over my spirit. Bro.
 Bosley is going to have meeting in our
 church Thursday. I will attend may be.
 I intend to go to prayer meeting Wednes-
 day night certain. I do not think I
 will ever forget last Wednesday
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Monday.

N. M. Towns.

Nov. 15th, 1869.

Before "Old Sol" bids us adieu, I will try to pen a few short lines in my diary. Nothing very new or marvelous has taken place to-day. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this morning. It was not known extra well. Mr. Patterson has again commenced teaching. I was so glad to see him come into the school room this morning. I am afraid it ^(teaching) will make his eye worse, for it does not look like it was well enough for him to teach. It looks very much inflamed, and looks as though he could hardly open and shut it. I hope he will ^{soon} be well. We did not recite our lesson in Moral Science this evening. I did not know it, and was glad Mr. P. did not hear it. Mrs. Bean was here this evening. She was talking to about Mr. Bristow talking to her about all of our girls being in love with Cliff. I never heard anything like it in my life.

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 know what he is saying half of his time.
 We tried to tell him all about it, and how
 it happened, but he couldn't be made to
 believe it, so we just let him alone. I sent
 to the P. O. this evening, but did not get any
 mail. Mr. Stivers was eating his supper
 and would leave the office. I went down
 to the store this evening. I saw Dr. McE. I did
 not know he had returned from the wedding.
 Miss Anna and Mrs. Everett went to Cin.
 this morning. They will return Wednesday.
 I know they will bring a great many
 nice things back with them. Mrs. Berry
 was here this evening. She is going to get
 Aunt Bethe to make her a nice silk peplum
 dress. It is perfectly beautiful. I would give
 anything if it was mine. It is growing
 so very late, so I must quit writing.

N. M. Linn.

Tuesday.

Nov 16th, 1869.

I have just returned from school and as an opportunity presents itself, I will try to write ^{a few} lines in my diary. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining all day. I hope it will not be so rainy to-morrow. We did not recite our lesson in Mental Philosophy to-day. I can not give any reason for not reciting it, unless it was forgotten. We have commenced having two meals again. I don't mind it much for school is out about half past two o'clock. I don't get very hungry. The Methodists are having quite a revival this week. They had an addition last night. Mr. John Seibels. I hope he will try to do better now and ^{not} get drunk any more. We did not recite our lesson in Moral Science to-day. Mr. Patterson wanted to hear it, but Mary Thomas did not know it. I went to Mrs. Beane's

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 do. I haven't one word of news to tell
 you, for I haven't been anywhere to hear
 any news. I will try to write more to-morrow.

Wednesday.

Winn. Nov. 17th, 1869

The time piece tells me it is
 time for ~~me~~ to visit "Shut-eye-town", but
 before reliving I must try to record the trans-
 actions of another day. I went to school
 this morning as usual, and studied very
 hard all morning. We then recited our
 lesson in Mental Philosophy. It was very
 interesting, but not very well known.
 I went to church to-night. Bro.
 Trimble officiated. The brothers and sisters
 were few to-night. Belle Jones came
 all the way from home this evening.

night to church. We stopped in at Mr.
 Dobyns a little while to night. David
 and Betty were sitting back as "big
 as life". Aunt Betty cut a dress for
 Miss Moore this evening. She is to
 be married next week. Well, tomorrow
 is Thanksgiving-day. There won't be any
 school. Mrs. Patterson had one this evening,
 that she was going to have a big dinner.
 I did not send to the P. O. this evening,
 because it was too windy and cold. I do
 earnestly hope the weather will moderate
 before many days, for I verily believe
 if it keep so everybody here will all be blown
 off. We recited our Lesson in Moral Science
 this evening. Mary talked it for the
 first time. She did tolerably well. Mr.
 Patterson's eye is looking some better. I hope
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Thursday.

Nov. 18th, 1869.

Well, the day for giving thanks is over, and I am glad of it. I must say I spent the day very, pleasantly. I took dinner with dear Mr. Patterson and Aunt Lou. ^{She} had a splendid dinner. I just tell you if Thanks-giving-day comes any other year of us would be able to crawl. I must tell you some of good things Aunt Lou had for dinner - Well, she had a great big turkey, ham, all kinds of pickles, oysters, (soup & fried.) stews, berry pudding, custard and many other nice things too numerous to mention. Messrs John Jones & Geo. Pederson Miss Anna & Sue. Mrs. Jones and ^{our} Everett took dinner with them, besides the school girls and Mr. Brister & myself. I had a very pressing invitation to dine with Mrs. Bean, but declined her invitation because there was too many men there to suit me. There was meeting at the Christian

church to-day. Bro. Bosley (the Methodist
 preacher) preached. I did not attend. Miss
 Sue went. She said there wasn't many
 there. We have had company all
 day. Betsey Green came first to have
 a black luster dress cut, then Mrs. Perry
 came to get a brown poplin made
 and many others. I kept Mrs. Beane's
 baby for her this morning, while she
 fixed her table and things, for dinner.
 Well, to-morrow is Friday and we
 have to recite Moral Science, and I
 haven't looked at it, so I must try to
 get it to-night. This has been a very
 pretty day, though very cold. I hope the
 weather will moderate before many days.
 But they say old Mrs. Peters says it will
 never turn warmer. She pretends to be a
 prophetess. She has ^{had} dispa^{ch}. I hope her
 words will not be true, for we will
 all freeze to death. I am very, very
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Nov. 19th, 1869.

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L. M. Town.

Saturday.

Nov. 20th, 1869.

Seated all alone this gloomy evening, thinking of the past and weaving bright visions for the future, I at last thought of my dear journal and its many numerous pages, so I immediately arose and got it to fill one among its many pages with my scribble. I have nothing very new or marvellous to relate to you. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining nearly all day. Moreover Betha and Anna Green were here this morning. Aunt Betha is making Miss Betha a black's tulle dress. I have been quite busy all day. I have been ironing all day and I feel so tired I can hardly write. Mrs. Bean and ^{Mr.} Willie Cunningham were here this evening. I have something very sad to tell you. Mrs. Tabbott's girl — Miss Goodpasture has been all over town to-day trying to tempt her a home. She said Mrs. Tabbott created

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Sunday.

Nov. 21st, 1869.

Another Lords day has flown down the majestic river of Time, and ere it grows so very late I will try to pen a few scribbles in my "Book of Life". This has been a very cold day. It snowed nearly all morning. I went to church this morning. There wasn't many there. Dear little Mattie was there. She is visiting Luita Jones. She expects to go home some time next week. Maes Sue came over and played a little while this evening. Aunt Bet. Miss Sue and myself went down to see Mrs. Massie. We found Anna Greene,

Miss Jennie Fugate, & Mr. S. Richardson chiro.
 They seemed to be enjoying themselves
 finely. He did not stay long, but went
 over to see Mrs. Brown. She is quite sick.
 Had a congestive chill night before last.
 Mrs. O'Neill has returned again from
 Paris. They had so much company, we did
 not remain long, as Mrs. Brown seemed to be
 in such agony. Mr. Bristol and "Evad"
 are going out to see Mathe to-night. She
 says she hates Mr. B. in her sight, but she
 may be just pre-empting, for ^{all} I know. I
 think she ought to let him alone, for she
 knows singular he is. Jennie F. and Sid
 Evans went up to Mrs. Deans this eve-
 -ning to skate on her pavement. They
 said they had a delightful time. I
 heard there was to be preaching to-night
 at the Methodist church. I do not
 expect to attend. I haven't learned my
 lessons for to-morrow, so I must quit
 writing and learn them. I hoped
 by to-morrow I will have some news
 to tell you.

N. H. Town.

Monday.

Nov. 22nd.

Another gloomy day is remembered with those that were, and in order that I may never lose sight of it, I must write an account of it here. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining all evening. I earnestly hope the weather will moderate before many days. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was known very well. We did not recite our lesson in Moral Science this evening. I went to the store this evening, and bought some velvet. Mr. Dobyns has just brought on a new supply of goods. He has some very pretty calicoes. I did not see very many kinds of delaines & other goods, but I suppose they were not new as he had just received them this morning. Our Arithmetic lesson was known very well this evening. We are getting along very fast in it. I went up to Mrs. Beans a little

while this evening. I came very near
 being blown off, while going up there;
 It is very windy this evening, I think
 it will rain before night. Mrs. Beane
 told me this evening, that Miss Anna
 Began was to be married soon, to
 Mr. Bush. I never heard anything of
 it before. I don't believe it, for I know
 I would have heard something of it, at
 school. I can't imagine how she heard
 of it. She said she promised not to tell
 who told her. I did not send to the
 P. O. this evening, because it was so
 windy. I couldn't get Hannie to go.
 I heard from Mrs. Brown this eve-
 -ning. She was some better, but not able
 to sit up yet. If she has two more
 chills, she will die, for the third one
 always kills them. I hope she will be
 well before many days. I made a
 very pretty "catch-all" this evening. I
 made it out of gilt paper. I must
 close for it is almost dark.

M. M. Linn.

Nov. 23rd, 1869

Thursday.

I have just returned from school, and as I have a few leisure moments I will try to record the events of another day. This has been another disagreeable day. It has been raining nearly all day long. We did not recite our lesson in Mental Philosophy, or Moral Science either to-day. I can not give you any reason for not reciting it, unless it was forgotten. Nellie Webster did not come to school to-day. I do not know why, but I suppose it was too rainy for her. Mrs. Bean and Mrs. O'Neill were here this evening. Mrs. O'Neill spent the evening. She made me help her on quilt nearly all the time she was here. Later.

Mrs. Patterson and Miss ^{Ann} Lee have just left. Aunt Lou is fixing for Miss Eda Talbot's wedding. She couldn't get her dress fixed to suit her, and she came over to get Aunt Bethe to fix it.

for her. She just nearly cried over it. Mr. Patterson's lecture to the Chemistry class was very interesting. But I don't believe he lectures them, as much as he used to our class. I had rather listen to Mr. Patterson talk than anybody.

A. M. Town.

Wednesday.

Nov. 24th, 1869.

This beautiful evening finds me seated all alone, in my own little room, by a bright blazing fire for the purpose of jotting down the transactions of another day. This has been a beautiful day. "Old Sol" came out early this morning, and has continued to smile on us all day. I am really glad we are going to have some pretty weather again, but I had better not begin to brag too soon, for fear it will turn cold again. We recited our lessons in Mental Philosophy this evening. It wasn't known extra well. I even

over to the Institute late this evening.
 Mr. & Mrs. Patterson were ready to start
 out to Mr. Pabbot's. I tell you they looked
 powerful & spruce. Aunt Lou looked better
 than I ever saw her. Mrs. Jones has been
 fixing her, ever since noon. I went down
 to Mrs. Brown's a little while this evening.
 Miss Jane Sydnor is teaching school, in
 Mrs. Brown's room. She has five schol-
 lars. She has quite a large school. Anna
 Greene was here a little while this evening.
 She said Mr. B. spoke of having a parade
 at the Institute this evening, but I believe
 it is postponed until tomorrow night, on
 account of there being prayer meeting to-night.
 I ought to attend, but Mr. Patterson nor
 any of the scholars will be there. They
 had appointed him to conduct the meet-
 ing, but as he will not be there, I guess
 Bro. Moore will try to preach again. If
 Aunt Bethe hadn't been so busy, I guess
 I should have gone anyhow. We
 did not recite our lessons in Moral Science
 again to-day.

Thursday Night.

W. M. Town.

Nov. 25th.

Friday

I have just returned from Mr. Patterson's. We had charades up there to-night. I never had as nice a time in my life. The first scene was going to Theological lecture, and we all got scared at the ghost. It was so funny. The word was scarcely. We had a tea party, and then all of us had the toothache. The next word was Husbands. I tell you that was good. I haven't time to tell you about how we acted. Mattie Gaitskill and Lute Jones came from home to-night. Mattie is going home to-morrow. Kate Talbot was up there to-night. She acted so curious. I remarked that she never saw a young lady do as she did. I had so much fun with him to-night. It is now very late and as I am sleeping, I will have to bid you good night.

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I have just returned from school, and as an opportunity presents itself I will try to record the events of another day. Mr. Patterson corrected the diaries this morning. He gave me forty-five. I did not send to the P. O. this evening, I expect there is a letter there, for we had a spelling battle to-day. Took the evening for it. We did not recite any lessons. I am really ashamed to tell you that the little ones out spelled us. Our aids Beat Ida Dobyns & Ida Ormings were elected. W. D. Cunningham & Miss Sue B. were here this evening. I made a beautiful mat for Mrs. O'Neill this evening. Mrs. O'Neill will take it to her, to-morrow. Mrs. Beane was here a little while. Mrs. Bennett Beane came and she back to go home. Miss Moore came after her dress to-day. I saw her bridal bonnet. It is not anything Extra.

Home.

Saturday.

Nov. 27th.

Night is fast approaching and everything is sinking into quietude and before "Old Sol" bids us adieu, I will try to pen a few lines in my diary. This has been a very pretty day, though very cool. I haven't been anywhere today. I made such a pretty picture this evening. Aunt Bethe has just finished Miss Bethe Greene's dress. She has just been rushed to death this week with work. I don't expect to go to church tomorrow, because Aunt Bethe has been so busy this week she hasn't had time to make any new dress. It is so pretty, I would give anything if it was made. I wish to Cousin May Horton in Mt. Sterling to send me a hat, but she has not sent it, because it was too late for her to bring it. She sent Aunt Bethe's. It is perfectly beau-

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I have just returned from church and I will now try to pen a few more lines in my "Book of Life". Bro. Pickets delivered a splendid discourse. There wasn't a great many there, but it is such a dark night many couldn't be expected. I did not attend this morning. I went up to Mrs. Beanes a little while this evening. She had gone to visit Mrs. Merryman. She is very sick. Suddie Watchings was over there. She did not remain long. Because Mrs. Beane wasn't at home. She had a basket full of nice apples. I haven't seen any where else to-day. Had company nearly all evening. I haven't studied any

of my lessons for to-morrow, and it is
 too now to get them, but I do not ex-
 -pect to go to school to-morrow, for
 Aunt Bethe is so busy I will have to
 stay at home and help her to sew. I do
 not like to stay away, but I will have
 to. I have no news to tell you except,
 - Mr. Cheres is going to open a big
 school here the first of January. I
 hope Mr. Patterern's school will not
 go down, for I wouldn't give him for
 all the Cheres. It is reported that Mr.
 Patterern isn't going to teach after Christ-
 -mas. I sincerely hope he will, for if his
 school goes down the town won't be
 anything. We are going to have a new
 county, so they say, and a Lawto. It would
 be a great pity for the schools to break
 up. We would have to stay at home
 for I'd hate to think I'd go to any
 body else but Mr. P. after going to him
 all my life. I am so very sleepy, I
 will have to bid you good night.

N. M. Town.

Nov. 29th, 1869.

Monday.

This gloomy evening finds me seated in my own little room, by a bright fire, for the purpose of jotting down the events of another day. Nothing very new or marvelous has taken place to-day. I did not go to school to-day. I wanted to go, but Aunt Bethe was so busy, she made me stay at home to help her sew. We went to the store this morning. I bought one or two new dresses. It rained very hard while we were down there. I thought we would never get back home. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Beane were here this evening. The (Mrs. Beane) brought her baby down for Grand-ma to see. I never saw any thing grow like it does. It is not very pretty, but it is growing better looking. I wish I knew where the lessons were for to-morrow. I will not know a word of Mental Philosophy. I do not much expect they recited it. I put to

the P. O. this evening, and to my great surprise I received a letter. I will not get to make my visit, Christmas, to — I am going to have company, and can not leave home. I am anticipating a grand time. I must close for this very late.

Tuesday.

N. M. Town.

Nov. 30th, 1869.

I have just returned from school, and as an opportunity presents itself I will try to tell you a little news. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining all day. I dislike rainy weather, I do hope it will be pretty to-morrow. I went to school very late this morning, but it was so rainy I couldn't get there any sooner. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this morning. It wasn't known very well. I had such little time to learn it in, I couldn't be expected to know it perfectly. We did not

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Wednesday.

N. M. Town.

Dec. 1st.

I have just returned from church, and before I retire I will try to jot down a few transactions of the day. I went to prayer meeting to-night. There wasn't very many there. Belle and Leta Jones & Mattie Gaitskill were there. They promised Mrs. Patterson to come up there and help her sew to-morrow. I do hope they will come. This has been a very pretty day, though very cool and muddy. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy to-day. It was known very well. I went down to the store this evening, and bought some velvet. I saw so many pretty things, but they were very high. Miss Anna Bagaim is again in our midst. She arrived late this evening. She and Miss Sue came over a little while to-night. We recited our lesson in Arithmetical this evening. It was known splendidly. I sent to the P. O. this evening, but did

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 stay at the Institute. I hate to give Mr. Patterson up
 to go bad. He is such a good teacher, I know
 we will never get one like him again.

Mr. M. Town.

Dec. 2nd, 1869

Thursday.

Silence reigns thorough-out the
 usually noisy household. All have retired
 but myself, and here I sit alone ever trying
 to perform my task. But I must try
 to tell you something of the day. We did
 not recite our lesson in Mental Philosophy
 this evening. We did not know it, and
 Mr. Patterson excused it until tomorrow
 morning. The band have been out seven
 days to-night. I never heard such music
 in my life. I do not know what

kind of instruments they were playing on, but it sounded like tin pans, rattles, old boards, horns and many other curious instruments. They slipped up, and commenced playing before we knew it. There was prayer meeting to-night at the Methodist church. I did not go. Mattie, Leta and Belle came up and spent the day with Mrs. Patterson. They spoke of staying all night, but I do not know whether they did or not. I sent to the P.O. this evening, but didn't get a letter. We are going to have a "spelling battle" to-morrow. Mr. Patterson said this evening he wanted Emma, Thomas and myself to choose, but I hope he will let somebody else choose, for I don't care about it. We spelled last Friday and were so badly beaten, that we ought to have been studying all week. I hope we will have it to-morrow for the last time, and get to "rest beyond-bye." I have related all the news so I will bid you good night as it is very late. Good bye.

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Dec. 30th, 1869.

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This bright, beautiful and warm day has drawn rapidly to a close, and before it grows so very late I will

try to pen a few lines in my diary.

I had nothing very new to tell you except that we had two "spoelling battles" to-day.

Bessie and I had to choose after all our fussing. Her side beat first, and then mine beat their side, there never was as much excitement over anything. We took

the day for it. Mr. Bristol came in to hear us spell. Miss Annals saw over out to Mr. Geo. Redenons this evening.

They will remain until Sunday. I went to Mrs. Beane's this evening. Sennie Hutchings and Mollie Collins were up there. They

boarded out to Mrs. Belle Grinnoble, but met her going away, and had to come back to town. Mrs. Beane did not like

it, because they went and took Lizzie. It is late so I will bid you good bye.

Saturday Night.

St. Alb. Town.

Dec. 4th, 1869.

It is midnight. The clock in room strikes twelve, and I just have returned from Mrs. Luce's, but before I retire I will try to tell you of what was taken place to-night. Our characters were splendid to-night. I believe all have retired in town, for it is very late. I believe all our characters were present to-night, with the exceptions of Messrs. Fugua, Burroughs and Ba-gan, but I believe the last two are not going to act any more. Our first word was infinity. The first scene was acted splendidly. He went to an inn, and had a bath. I wore Harrison's buff lawn dress, and had to dance with C. In the next, we had had the Prologue or something the matter with our eyes and went to the great Dr. Mitchell of "Gennosau". (Prologue or Dr. M.) One word was Galaxy. That was acted very well. Our next word was a cri-

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 as servant in the hotel. She looked
 so funny. Messrs. Arnold, Mc. & Davis
 were there. I had an awful time
 hunting her sister. Mr. Fagard had
 it stuffed in a bag. It is ruined.
 Kanner told him to hunt it, and
 he just walked up and gave her
 the bag. Kate blacked his face (which
 they were really becoming. He told me
 something so funny to-night. Good night

Sunday.

St. M. Linn.

Dec. 5th.

This gloomy day was drawn rapidly to a close, and before "Old Sol" bids us adieu I will once more try to get down the events of another day. I did not go to church to-day, on account of the rain, therefore I have felt very concerned all day. I do not expect there was many there, for it has rained very hard all day long. Aunt Bethe and myself went down to Mr. Dobyns this evening, but Anna was not at home. There was a "house full" of men there. Everything looks so dirty and muddy down town, especially in front of Mr. Brown's grocery. The mud looks like it was about four feet deep 'long there. I understood Annie to be in bed to-day. On account of her sickness being continued up last night. I sincerely hope she may recover. I hope the characters will find another place to go to. Mr. Brisson spoke of going up to the Lute

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into tomorrow night, but I fear they will
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 week. I know we will ^{not} break up our
 charades before Christmas. Aunt Betta
 told me, she intended to give me a
 nice little party there, I do not intend
 to invite any girls in the country, if I
 do, it will only be Belle & Luba Jones.
 But enough on the subject of parties.
 Messrs Gunningham & — were here
 this evening. They were very talkative
 indeed. Mr. Gunningham expects to go
 to the country tomorrow. Mrs. Beane's
 baby is very sick to-day. They think
 it very doubtful whether it will recover
 or not. Mrs. Beane has been crying
 over it for two days. I hope it may
 recover. It has been sick for two days.
 They had two D's. to see it yesterday.
 Aunt Betta was up to see it this morning.

Monday.

N. H. Town.

Dec. 6th, 1869.

Again I have been permitted by the All-wise Being to spend another day with my dear teacher and school-mates. This has been a very cold day. "Old Sol" came out early this morning, but soon disappeared. I heard some one say that the sun had shone all day long, for a month. I haven't noticed, and cannot tell you whether it so or not. We recited our lesson in Arithmetic this evening. It was known very well. The dinner bell rang and we couldn't recite our lesson in Mental Philosophy. We know it, but we did not recite it, so we will have more time to learn our lesson in Moral Science. Miss Anna and Sam were here this evening. We expected to go up to the Institute to-night, to have charades, but I believe we firmly gave it up, as it was so muddy. I expect we will go to-morrow night. Miss Anna seemed very anxious for us to come

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 received a long letter from Miss Cornelia
 what Oldham. She gave her a minute descrip-
 tion of Hocker College. I should like to visit
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 yesterday. I think he would be such
 a nice young man, if he would just
 let whiskey alone. When he commen-
 ced to keep that bar room it was the
 worst thing he ever done in his life.
 I hope he may do better in the future.

Friday.

N. M. Town.

Dec. 7th, 1869.

Night is fast approaching and everything is sinking into quietude, and before "Old Sol" bids us adieu, I will try to record the transactions of another day. This has been a very cold day.

I do earnestly hope the weather will moderate, for we are tired of so much rain and snow. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was known very well. Mr. Patterson delivered quite a lecture on intemperance this evening. He said that any man who would deal out the rotten stuff to his fellow man was just as near hell as he would ever be. He said that once there was a young man who went out west and set up a bar-room, and one day when he was dealing out his whiskey to his fellow men ~~next~~ the woman went in on him with spades, axes, hoes, rakes and everything and tore his house

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 that there wouldn't be many that would
 get drunk. I have told you just a
 little bit of what Mr. Patterson said, I
 would tell you more, but I haven't time
 and thus I can not exactly remember the
 wording of his lecture. I have been sew-
 ing on my dress this evening, but I do
 not think I can finish it in time
 for Sunday. I'll have a new hat to
 wear, if I don't get my dress finished.
 Aunt Betsey went up to Mrs. Beane's
 this evening. She said that the baby
 wasn't much better. I hope it will live
 for it would kill Mrs. Beane to lose
 it. Father Merryman is spending the night
 with us to-night. I must bid you
 good bye for it is very late.

Wednesday Night.

W. H. Form.

Dec. 8th-

I have just returned from church and I will now try to tell you a little more. There wasn't a great many there. Mr. Patterson officiated. Bro. Bosley talked some. He did very well. Anna Greene, Lillie Schuster and Mathe Gaitskill were there. We had so much fun after church. Billie and Clayton accompanied Lillie and Mathe home. They had a good, long, cold walk. Lillie told me something so funny to-night. Anna Greene and myself are going out to Mr. Schusters Friday night if we do not conclude to have charades. Mr. Kutschäpft said they wanted to come here Saturday night, so I do not know what they are going to do. Mathe expects to go home Saturday. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was known very well. I went down to see Annie. Heard this

evening. She was talking about last Saturday night. She said she came very near crying over her silk dress. Mrs. Tugue put it in a bag, and she thought it was ruined, but when she found it, it was hanging in the wardrobe, so all the talk over the silk isn't true. Mr. Jim Brown is very sick. Anna Greene told me that Hannie came up after Mr. Dobyns and said he was dying.

Mr. & Mrs. Loomis, Ky.
Dec. 9th.

Thursday.

I have just returned from school, and as an opportunity presents itself I will try to record the events of the day. There is to be preaching to-night at the Methodist church, I do not expect to attend. Mr. Patterson told us this evening that he wanted us to have another "shelling battle," tomorrow. I thought Miss Sue intended to have speeches and compositions, but I believe

she has put it off until next Friday. I sent to the P. O. this evening, but did not get any mail. I have been sewing on my new dress this evening. I want to finish it by Monday night. Mrs.

Thomas is going to give Emma & Mary a little supper to-morrow night. I heard they intended to invite every young man in town, but I have learned since that they only invited Billie Patterson. Mollie Horton & Lillie & Katho are all the girls they invited. I hope they may have a nice time although we are not friendly. We did not recite our lesson in Mental Philosophy to-day. Emma and Mollie did not know it, and Mr. Patterson excused it. I hope we will get through it before Christmas, but it is impossible. I do not know what we will do if Mr. Patterson leaves. Mr. Hopkins is expected Sunday, to look at the Institute. It is not expected that he is able to buy him out.

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Friday Evening.

St. M. Town.

Dec. 18th.

The great day for spelling is over, and many tears have been shed over this "spelling battle." Sadie Hutchings and Kate Talbot chose. Kate's side beat. We thought ours had beat, but Miss Sue called us all back and made us spell over and Kate's side beat. Mr. Patterson corrected the diaries this morning. I received forty five. I went down to Mrs. Evans this evening. L^m has just returned from Cythania. She has got her so many nice clothes. She showed me a beautiful black velvet saque, and a serge, plaid dress, and a plaid water-proof circular. I think she is "coming out." Miss Sid said L^m couldn't wait until she could get off the carpet. Misses Sue & Anna were here this evening. They spoke of leaving chairs to night, but four of the young gents of the town, were invited out to Mr. George Briggs to a nice supper.

L. M. Town.

Dec. 11th.

Saturday.

The busy cares of the day are over, "Old Sol" has many, many hours ago gone to rest in his western chamber. Everything is as quiet as "Leander, and as dark as Erebus," and while all is so quiet I will once more try to record a few scattered thoughts, in my journal. This has been a very cold day, though very pretty. I have been very busy all day. Have been sewing on my new calico dress. I have nearly finished it, I suppose I could have finished it, but I had to stop sewing on mine, and help to finish Cornelia's. Aunt Bethe cut Allie Berry a beautiful plaid suit to-day. It took her all day to fix it and cut one for Mrs. Merryman's little girls (Pathe & Katie). Uncle John Barrington spent the day with us to-day. Aunt Bethe went up to Mrs. Bean's this evening. She said her baby was

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some letter. I am glad to hear it, and I earnestly hope it will soon be entirely well. Well, to-morrow is preaching day, I believe Bro. Hopkins is expected to preach. But I fear ^{we} will be disappointed. I expect there will be a great crowd there to-morrow. I am so sleepy I will leave it close as it ^(10 1/2) eleven o'clock nearly.

N. M. Town, Tex.

Dec. 12th, 1867.

Sunday Night.

Another Lords day has flown down the angelic river of Time and even "Old Sol" bids us adieu I will try to get down the events of another day. I went down church this morning, there was a great crowd there to-day. They all seemed to be very much disappointed to think Bro. Hopkins didn't come. Mr. Patterson told us that he received a letter from him, and that he was affected with bronchitis. But he is expected the fourth Sunday in this

this month. I believe he is expected
 to buy the Institute. I do hope he
 will stay at home if that is his mis-
 sion. If Mr. Patterson was leave town
 I do not know what we would do.
 for he is such a good teacher, and
 he leads the choir too. I hope he
 will remain here forever. I had
 have company all evening. All the
 "Boarders" were here. There is to be
 preaching to-night at the Methodist
 church, I think I shall attend if
 nothing happens. Mr. Bosley is to
 be the preacher. I must quit writing
 until after I return from church.
 Well, I have just returned from
 church and I will now try to finish
 my diary. There was not a great
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 declined the invitation. We (as charac-
 ters) are invited to Dr. Lithman's tomorrow
 night. I guess all of us will go, except
 Mr. Richardson, who has gone to Cin.
 I hope we will have a nice time,
 but I know that without wishing it
 for we always do. I would not have
 our charade party to break up for any
 thing, if I live to see Christmas I
 intend to give all of them a supper.
 Perhaps I will have it next Thursday
 night if Mr. Bristol intends to leave
 Friday. I am very sorry he is going
 home. I believe we are going to
 have charades out at Mrs. Moberly's one
 night before long. They say Mrs. Moberly
 is very anxious for us to come. Maria
 Sue & Anna looked so nice to-day.
 Aunt Bethe went over to Mr. Patterson
 this evening, and staid until church
 time.

Monday Evening.

N. M. Town, Tex.

Dec. 13th, 1869

Night is fast approaching and every-thing is sinking into quietude and before it grows so very late, I will try to pen a few short lines in my "Books of Life". I will first, try to tell you how I spent the day at school.

We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was known very well.

Our lesson in Arithmetic was known very, well also. I haven't time to write any more now, for I ^{must} get ready to go to Dr. Fitchians to the charade. We were

all invited there last Saturday. Well, I have just returned from Dr. F's, so I will now try to finish this diary before I retire, although 'tis twelve o'clock. I am very, very, sleepy, so I can not do my best in this diary. I must

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 were there, excepting some folks, and the
 other side of our characters. The first
 word that was acted was intimate, for
 the first scene, Mr. Bristol delivered a
 lecture, and all of his "beloved hearers" went
 to sleep. They were all dressed very comical.
 Mr. Bristol took his text on - "All animals
 do better from being well fed." He went
 on to say that he was a specimen of
 starving humanity, and said that if his
 "beloved hearers" could sit and listen to any
 man who had not had a chaw for two
 days ^{they} ought not to be allowed to come to church.
 After church was over, old "Sister Spruay"
 walked up and asked him to go
 home with her to dinner, that she had
 a big turkey. He went with her, so
 ended the first scene. But I must tell

you old "Bister Spisney" was, before I proceed
 any further. "She was Johnnie Mc. dressed
 in an old black dress, & bonnet; He came
 in on crutches, and cried all the time.
 The next scene was - li - Miss Anna
 and Johnnie Mc. were married, and
 Mr. Bristol was the preacher. Miss Anna
 and J. Mc. were dressed in white. It is too
 long to tell you all about it, so I will
 just give you a sketch of the different
 scenes. The "Grand-mother and old preacher
 came in and were married." (Mr. Bristol
 and Miss Julia Kennedy) They were dressed
 so funny, and they acted like they were
 crazy. All this was acted on Mr. B's
 side. Then came our time. Our first
 word was antediluvian. They (boys) played
 a game of cards, and called it antep.
 In the next scene we were all promising
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for beard, and all humped over, and
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arts, and that he was an old class
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dare to look for fear of being thrown
over into the water." I have given you
a very minute description of our character.
I have many things I'd like to tell
you but I am so sleepy I can hardly
see the lines. I know it must be
about two o'clock. I will try to.

Tell you more about our character
next time, if I don't get too sleep-
y. Good night and "pleasant dreams"

Tuesday.

N. M. Gould. Jr.

Dec. 14th.

I have just returned from school, and as an opportunity presents itself, I will record the transactions of another day of school life. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining nearly all day. I hope to-morrow will be a pretty day, for I want to go to church to-morrow night, and if it is rainy and windy I can not go. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy to-day. It was not known extra well. Our Aristoteli-
-tic wasn't known very well either.

I sent to the P. O. this evening, but did not get any mail. I received a nice present this evening. It was a beautiful frame and a nice picture. I will not tell you just now, who presented it. Aunt Bethie is very busy now, she is making Pattie Merryman a beautiful plain dress. Just the goods

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of a black one, I think I'll get one
like it. Mr. Johannes Bratton was here
this evening. He didn't stay long, as
it commenced raining and he was a
fraid that his saddle would get wet.
Anna & Annie were here this evening.

St. M. Town.

Wednesday.

Dec. 15th.

Well, after all my fixing
for church, I was disappointed. Just
as I was ready to start it commenced
raining very hard, and I had to
stay at home. I was very sorry to
have to stay at home, but I could
not help it, and Mr. Patterson is going
to deliver a lecture to, to-night. This
has been a very disagreeable day. It
has been raining awfully all day
long. I met with quite a misfortune

this morning, going to school. Just as I
 got up to the school house door, I slipped
 up and fell flat. I never did hate
 anything so badly. I had to come
 home, and dress over again. It was very
 late when I got back to school. We
 did not recite our lesson in Mental
 Philosophy to-day. Our Arithmetic
 lesson was not known very well to-day.
 I sent to the P. O. this evening, did
 not receive any letters, I received this
 Mr. Sterling paper, the Gent. I have
 not read it much, but I do not think
 there is very much news in it. I
 got word this evening, that all of
 our Charade party were invited out
 to Mr. John Moberly's tomorrow night.
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I have just returned from Mrs. Moberly's, and while all are very quiet, I will try to get down the train the actions of the night. We all knew we were going, but didn't know how to get there, but finally we all got away.

Mr. Forman came around in his double seat buggy, and took me out. I had a delightful ride. I have just got home. It is about half past one o'clock. We had a very nice supper. I had the pleasure of being gallanted out to the table by Mr. Buddie Larr. I tell you he is the nicest little fellow out. We went to school together at Clay Spring, Ky. But last night was the first time I had met him since we went to school together. I was really glad to see him. He did have a very fine time to night. I was really sorry we went. Mr. Bristol got mixed and cut up so, he just

He just made us feel perfectly mis-
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 acted very foolishly, and I am
 inclined to believe like some others
 that he was "feeling snakes in his
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 would get up and go out, and
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 Society, and all went in and were
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 until we liked to die. I didn't
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 his in two seconds, but I could
 swallow fast enough. He acted back-
 -biting & of all the funny looking
 "negroes" Bibbie & Clayton were the fun.
 He must I ever saw. I never in my life
 saw anybody do as he did; when
 the cars came. All the boys acted
 the word Balto-more. In the first
 they had a ball, and next had Mr
 Brents hands, & took them to
 play now. I am so sleepy I
 can't write any more to-night.

Clayton.

N. M. Linn.

Dec. 17th.

Friday.

I have just returned from school, and as an opportunity presents itself I will try to pour a few thoughts in my journal. This has been a very pretty day, though very cold & muddy.

Mr. Patterson corrected the diaries this morning, but mine wasn't up, therefore it wasn't corrected. Mollie Horton told me that the country girls & boys were to be at their house to night. I believe she ^{was rather willing} invited Messrs. Lorman and Patterson out, from town. None of the girls were invited. I wish them a happy time.

Mr. Patterson didn't hear any lessons to-day, excepting Arithmetic. He had a very hard lesson in it, and he gave us the day to get it in. We knew it tolerably well, after "stewing" over it as we did. I went down to Anna Burns this evening. Mrs. Dobyns was preparing to go to Mrs. E. K. Talbot's party.

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coral balls off the honey-suckle, but would
tell any of the girls, what she wanted
with them, so now, we know what they
were for — to make an ornament
for the center of the table. I expect it
will be a grand affair.

N. M. Howard, Ky.

Dec 18th, 1869.

Saturday.

I have been quite busy all
day to-day. Haven't been anywhere to-day.
This has been a very cold day. I do hope
the weather will moderate before many
days. I do hope we will have pretty
weather Christmas, for if it is muddy &
rainy, we will not enjoy our selves one "bit".
Mr. Richardson has just returned from
Cincinnati with a full supply of toys
and pretties for "old Santa Claus". He

brought Willie and Lizzie Beans some beautiful toys. Aunt Betsey sent Fannie to the grocery this morning after a lamp chimney, and she came back begging to buy Mr. Beans' grocery. She said she never saw such pretty candles, elephants, dogs & all kinds of toys. I do not expect but one Christmas gift, that I know of. "Somebody" promised me a nice gold ring, but I don't expect to get it. Dr. Mc. is again in our midst. He came this evening. He don't expect to remain but a few days. We all expect to go to Mass. I don't to have charades Monday night. She is nearly crazy to see us act. Luteo Jones invited us out there Wednesday night week. I guess they'll go, at least all that want to. Dinkins Mc. & I declined going on account of something else. We are going to bake cakes & set tables. A hint to the wise is sufficient. Well, see a jolly time if we don't so. Some of the characters hardly are going.

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A. M. Linn.
Dec. 19th.

Sunday Evening.

The soft evening twilight of to-day is beginning to hover around our dear home, and while all are so quiet I will try to tell you something of this day. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining nearly all day. I went to church this morning there wasn't many there on account of the inclemency of the weather. Bro. Hopkins was expected, but did not come. Bro. Jones officiated. Amos D. Talbot was chosen. She was running around inviting people out, Wednesday night. I believe the country boys & girls are to be there (I know not what they call themselves). She invited Messrs. Hutchcraft and Parrish. She did not invite any girls. If reports are true I think they met with quite a carousal time, at the last place they went. They seem so anxious to have a parade that two of the boys took them they

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motion to give it up entirely to them.
They say Mrs. Patterson is going to give
a supper next Thursday night, but I
do not know whether it is so or not.

Mrs. Odell & Dobyns were here this evening.
They stayed all evening. I have some
news to tell you. It is to take place next
Thursday night. Miss "Linn" Snyder
is to be married to Mr. Tom. Dominigan.
Who would have thought it? She is
so sure always about anything. I do
declare I can hardly believe it. I
have heard all the news I have
related this evening. I guess I will
hear something else before night.
Anna Greene and were
here this evening. They stayed
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N. M. Town. Ky.
Dec. 20th.

Monday Evening.

Again I have been permitted by the All-wise Being to spend another day with my dear teacher and school-mates. This has been a very pretty day; though very cold. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It wasn't known very well. Our Arithmetic was known very well also. I went down to Anna Greene's this evening, to see if the characters were coming here to-night. Mr. Parrish came up and told me they were coming, but Mrs. Odier seemed so very anxious for us to come there, that we all concluded to go there to-night. I haven't time to write any more for it is time to get ready to go. Well, I have just returned from Mrs. Odier, so I will try to finish my diary. We all met quite early to-night. All were present excepting the honorable Bristol.

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 - Instruction. It was real funny. Miss
 Anna Ragan was a milliner, and
 Mr. Evans, Fannies Kene, & Dinkie Mc
 all came to buy a new bonnet. In the
 next scene they all came to a lecture
 and Ashton was blacked & had on
 the grey cap and of all the curious
 looking negroes, he was the funniest. It
 ended in a regular row because Ashton
 wanted to sit by them. In the next
 they all shunned Mr. Chever. Then
 came our dinner. Our word was break
 -fast. In the first we had a school
 and Mr. Mc. was teacher. Then we
 had visitors to come in, and (Mr. Bunt
 - had fixed the chair out of pieces
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real funny to see how Mr. Parrish acted.
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 did word to act, but it was too late. He
 did not stay late, but I am glad now
 we did not stay any longer. He had
 a regular scare to-night. In one scene
 Billie Moberly slipped out and halloo-
 ed "fire! fire!! fire!!! just as loud
 as he could, and every body jumped
 up and ran out to see where it was. You
 never saw as much excitement over any
 thing in your life. Ida Dobyns came
 very near having a fit. She scared Mrs.
 Dobyns nearly to death. Johnnie M.
 brought the ugliest face face to-night
 you ever saw. He calls it "Posie the 2nd".
 He had it on when he acted the first
 young man. He only had three characters.
 The last word was "Hurful". That
 was acted so well. They did not
 do any-thing but laugh. I am quite
 sleepy and as it is about eleven o'clock
 I must bid you good night.

D. R.

N. M. Town.

Dec. 22nd

Tuesday Night.

The busy cares of the day are ended, and as I have a few leisure moments, I will try to record the transactions of another day. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been snowing, raining, hailing and every thing else to-day. I never saw such weather in my life! I earnestly hope it will moderate before to-morrow night, for I would like to go to prayer meeting to-morrow night. I did not go last Wednesday night, because it was so rainy. All the country youngsters are going to Mr. Dan Tabbot's. I fear they will have a bad night for it. We did not recite any lessons to-day because, none of the country girls came to-day. I came home at noon and did not go back any more. Susan Hutchings told me that Mrs. Patterson was going

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are invited. I sent to the P. O. this
evening, but did not get any mail.

M. M. Town.

Dec. 23rd.

Wednesday.

I have just returned from
Prayer meeting and as an opportunity
presents itself, I will try to jot
down the events of another day. There
was not but eight girls there. All
the young men have gone out to
Mr. Dan Talbot's to the party. Anna
Greene came up after me to go to
church with her. I did not go to
school to-day. The creek was so very
high, that none of the girls could
cross it, so I didn't go. I guess
they'll be very much disappointed.

Because the Misses Thomas did not get to go to the party. Aunt Betta has commenced making her new dress, but I do not expect she'll get it done. Mrs. Beane is making great preparations for Christmas. She always does fix for it, but she was fixing for a wedding. We have not fixed anything at all.

St. Alb. Town. Ky.
Thursday. Dec. 24th.

I went to school to-day, but did not stay long. We've had a horse-ful of company to-day. Sissie Hoffman and Betta Hanly were here this morning. They did not stay long. They were on their way to Paris. Sis is going to Cin. to spend her Christmas. Betta will be back here New Years night. We intended to have a supper next Thursday night, but I will put it

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 brought me a christmas gift. It
 consisted of breast, pin, earrings, and
 necklace (white) They are perfectly
 beautiful. I went to meeting tonight
 at the Methodist church. There
 was not a great many there.
 Miss Cornie could not go. Bob.
 Mr. called and she had to stay
 at home. "Lavinia" she came over
 this evening.

Friday.

Weno. Dec 23rd

Well, school let out this
 evening, for a week we will be free
 I will be so glad, for Mr. Patterson
 talked about only giving us one
 day. I went to the store this morning.
 Mrs. Massie & Miss Cornie took
 dinner with us to-day. This has
 been a beautiful day. "Old Sol" has
 been smiling on us to-day. I believe

this is the first pretty sunny day we have had for two months. Miss Corrie left for Uncle Elly McDaniel this evening. She will be back Sunday. I went down to Mrs. Massey's room with her. I saw Annie, & Alice Tabbott. The girls were all hallowing out — "Christmas Eve gift to passers by. Just to think the long looked for, has come at last. The children are all in a great glee over 'Sawdow'. I do not think I will hang up my stocking, for I know I need not get anything in it. I saw a beautiful cushion this evening that Miss Jennie Fugua had made for Mrs. Beane as a Christmas gift. I do not expect to get one thing. Mrs. Massey spent the day with us to-day. Aunt Bethe has been quite busy all day sewing on Miss Corrie's new green muslin cloths. It is very pretty.

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N. H. Town.

Dec. 25th.

Christmas day.

Saturday Evening.

I was awakened quite early this morning, by the children's rejoicing over what "Old Santa" brought them. They all had so many good things they could not eat any breakfast. I did not hang up my stocking, but I got my share of good things. I got a nice Christmas gift of a brooch-pin, earrings and necklace. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining nearly all day. I went up to Mrs. Beane's this evening. She treated me to - cake, wine, peach liqueur and egg-nogg. Miss Jennie Fugua presented her with a beautiful cushion. It was made of scarlet muslin, beaded with white beads. I have not had much Christmas to-day, for Aunt Bethu and myself have been baking cakes all day long.

and after all our trouble, the large
 -est cake fell and was not fit for
 anything. Aunt Betha has been quier
 ing over it all evening. We are ex-
 -pecting a house-full of company
 to-morrow. Cousin Mat. McKies sent
 us word she'd be here. There is to be
 a big party out to Mr. Hortons to-
 -night. They did not invite any town
 youngsters. I went down to Hannah's
 yesterday evening or rather Mrs.
 Massie's. While there Mr. Ormab
 came. We all were so glad to see him.
 He has not been here for a long
 time. He went to Georgetown to
 build a house and from there to
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 like Christmas to me. Our charade
 party are invited out to Mr. Ben
 Jones next Wednesday night. The
 girls all seem to be in a great
 glee over it. Hannah's Maec does
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but when the time comes I know
 she'll change her mind. Fannie
 has got out the notion to go any
 where. I think she ought to go, some
 times even if — does not like for her to.
 Alice Tabbott came for Fannie
 to go to Mt. Vernon with her, but
 she would not go there. This
 gloomy weather gives me the "blues".
 I hope it will not continue to last.
 I have no news to tell you for
 I and the large ones, they all tell
 me, to be going in over "Old Santa".
 I wish I was small again, as
 they call it. I'd declare I'd have
 the gayest time imaginable. The
 children all got so many nice
 things. Mr. Eberis gave Fannie
 a great many little things for
 a Christmas present. I haven't
 got any more time to write
 now for it is very late. "Good bye."
 "Good night and happy dreams!"

Sunday Evening.

December. 24th.

The cares of the day are ended, and I have at last found a spare moment in which to get down the transactions of another day. I went to church this morning. Bro. Rickels preached his farewell sermon. I am as sorry he has to leave. Bro. Lord of Lexington will preach for us next year. There was a great many at church to-day. Cousin Fannie and Will Stöfer, Cousin Mat & Jim McTree and Miss Corrie came home with me to dinner. Mr. Henderson came too. There is to be preaching to-night at the Methodist Church. I expect to attend if nothing prevents. Sue Steward was here this evening. I will quit writing until after I return from church. I have just returned from church, and I will now try to tell you a little more. There was not a great many there. Bro. Bosley preached very long and loud.

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 Bro. Mc. came home with Miss Cornie
 from church. She expects to start
 back to school to-morrow. She does
 not want to go so soon, but has to. She
 Mr. Hooker did not intend to give
 but one day, but his little grand
 child died, and he then told her
 she could make her visit to Montgomery
 if she wanted to. He intended to
 have preaching at our church to-night
 but Bro. Richards did not feel able to
 preach. He had a very severe attack
 of Bronchitis Saturday Evening, and
 has not got over it yet. Mrs. Anderson
 took dinner with us to-day. She
 went over to Mrs. Patterson's to spend
 the night. She will be here again to-morrow.
 This has been a very disagreeable day.
 It was very muddy going to church
 to-day. I hope it will be pretty weather
 all next week. I have told you
 all the news so I will close.

Monday night.

N. M. Town.

Dec. 28th, 1861

I have just returned from Mrs. Evans, and thought it is very late (12 o'clock). I will try to get down the events of another day. I never had as much fun in my life as I did to-night. There was only about twenty there. We had a splendid supper. Every thing went off very nicely. We all played a little to-night. The plays were — "pencil finger in danger, cross questions and silly answers" and all such. Mrs. Evans got mad at — because he teased her. I felt so sorry for her. Miss Anna Reagan was dressed nicer than any of the crowd. She had on a green silk, and black silk basque. She looked so nice. We thought we were going to have charades and there four did not dress up any. Fannie Abbott was there. She had her hair fixed up, for the first time. She did

not look well at all. Ashbro looks her
 home before we, left. "He said she got
 drunk on cider, and he, thought it
 best, for all drunkards to be at home.
 Quite a joke on Helen. Drinker and
 myself had so much fun tonight with
 "Someday". I am so sleepy I can not
 write any more now. Good night.

W. M. Town

Tuesday.

Dec. 29th.

This has been a beautiful day.
 "Old Sol" has been smiling on us all day.
 Our charade party was invited out to
 Mr. Jones to-night, but to my great dis-
 -appointment I did not go. They all
 begged me so hard to go, but I just
 took a notion I did not want to. Fannie
 and Susan did not go either. She was too
 bored. Mrs. Patterson sent over for
 Aunt Bethe and myself to come over
 and sit a while with her to-night.
 What Mrs. Patterson was going out to

Mr. Jones. When we went, Mr. P. could
 not go, for all the horses got out and
 he had no way to go. Aunt Liv
 treated us to turkey, biscuit, chicken
 salad, peaches, cream and two kinds
 of rice cake. I had as much as if I
 had gone to the party. I went to see Mrs
 Evans this evening. She was fixing to
 go the supper. I believe all of our
 party went, excepting Dinkie and
 myself. I hope they will all have
 a nice time. Tomorrow night we are
 all invited out to Mr. Geo. Darrigs. I
 do not know whether I will go or not.
 but do not think now, I will. Miss
 E. Carrington was here to-day. She
 did not stay very long. I sent to the
 P. O. this evening, but did not get
 any mail. I have told you all news
 of any importance, for nothing very
 new has taken place to-day, excep
 -ting there was a "turkey shooting"
 out in Mr. Scotts woods to-day.

N. M. Town, Tex.

Wednesday.

Dec. 29th.

I have just returned from church. There was not a great many there. Mr. Dobyns conducted meeting to-night for the first time. He seemed very much embarrassed. Bro. Bosley talked some. Belle and Leta Jones was there. They were scolding me terribly for not coming out last night. Belle pretended like she was mad at me, but I think she will soon get over it. This has been a very pretty day, though very cool. I went down to see Divlin this evening at Mrs. Massie's but she had gone home. Anna Gram told me all about the party last night. She said they had a very nice supper and everything nice. She said all of them had got out of the notion of having any more charades, but Mrs. Jones told them they had to, that was what

they were invited there for. She invited a good many married folks in to see them act. She said all of them kept asking the reason why I did not come. I am almost every some times I did not go, then again I'm glad.

Thursday.

Horns. Dec. 30th.

I have just returned from prayer meeting at the Methodist Church. There was not a great many there. Anna came up for me soon this evening. I went down to Lou Evans this evening. She sent for me to come and curl her hair for her. She was going out to Mt. Mc Bray to a party to-night. She was the only one that was invited from town. We intend to give the charade party Saturday night. Aunt Betha has been fixing some little for it to-day. We are all invited

out to Mr. Quin's tomorrow night, but I do not expect to go. I just wrote a note this morning, that I would not go. I hope they will have nice time. I sent to the P. O. this evening, but did not get any mail.

Friday.

Mr. Mc. Town. Ky.
Dec. 31st 1849.

Well, this is the last night of '49. It seems very strange so say-
ing so soon, It seems but a short

time since sixty-nine came in, and many bright prospects with it.

But I must try to tell you some-
thing of the day. This has been a
very pretty day, though quite cool.

I went down to Anna Grimes this
morning. She was fixing her a
lace dress to wear to-night.

I went to Mrs. Massie's room this
evening. There seemed to be great
excitement in town over the ster-

going mad. This morning there was a drove of cattle came through town and there was a steer that broke the camp, and could not go any farther. This evening it went mad and they were had to run in off of the street to save their lives. Mr. Owen took it out of town. I sent to the P.O. this evening, but did not get any mail. I went over to the Institute this evening, and helped Miss Anna Reagan dress. She looked so pretty. Mr. Hackett came for her before she was ready. They wanted them to come out at half past six. School takes up Monday. I felt glad, for I know the longer I stay out of school. I will get so out of the "gear" that I'd have to start in fresh. Sada Hutchings came to-day. She is the only one of the boarders that have come. I hope they will all come back.

N. M. Town.

Jan. 1st. 1870.

Saturday.

This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining all day long. It is the first day of the new year, and raining too. I have heard it said that "a good beginning makes a good ending," so I suppose we will have a good ending. Cousin Bethe Hawley arrived here late this evening. She expects to spend several days with us. Aunt Bethe intended to give us a supper to-night, but she got sick and could not finish fixing for it. so it was all knocked in the head." I was very sorry, but I could not help it. I heard this morning that Mrs. Patterson was going to give us a supper Thursday night, but I do not know whether it is so or not. We haven't had charades for a long time. I believe it has been a week.

Sunday.

N. H. Town.

Jan. 2nd.

Another disagreeable day is numbered with that zero; and in order that I may never lose sight of it, I must write an account of it here. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been snowing all day. We had a very deep snow last night. You can not imagine my great astonishment this morning to find the snow was so deep. I did not go to church to-day. Beth and I have spent a good old time some day of it. We have eat ice cream all day long. I have no news to tell you, for I have not been any where and nobody has been here. I must stop writing for Beth is fussing at me now. I'll promise to tell you some news when I hear some. I hope it won't show any more for a week.

L. M. Town.

Jan 3rd.

Monday.

This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been snowing nearly all day long. Betha went home on the stage on this evening. I felt so sorry to see her go, for it has been such bad weather ever since she came that we could not go any where, we did not even get to go to church. She had been from home nearly two weeks, and her school was going on, and she could not stay any longer. I did not go to school to-day, but I do not suppose there was much school; for it is too disagreeable. I went to Mrs. Barrows this evening. She was very much distressed over something. I did not learn the cause of her sorrow. I must stop writing as it is very late. Good night.

N. M. Towne

Jan. 4th, 1860

Tuesday.

I went to school this morning and found the girls all together once more. They all seemed to be very happy. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was not known extra well. Emma did not know where the lesson was, and we did not try to get the lesson until now. I came home before school was out and found Mrs. Beane here. The snow has melted some little to day. "Old Sol's" "arrows" have not been very piercing to-day. I hope the weather will moderate before Thursday night. Our carriage party are invited out to Mr. Duttons. I know we will have a grand time. Aunt Lou is fixing up a nice supper for us. The country party is invited too. I hope they will be certain to come.

Mr. M. Town.

Jan. 5th.

Wednesday Night.

I went to Paragard meeting to-night. There was not a great many there. Old Bosley preached. This has not been a very cold day, but the snow has not melted any. I went to school to-day. We did not recite our lesson in Mental Philosophy to-day. Our Arithmetic was known very well. Miss Anna and Sue were here this evening. They did not remain long. Aunt Bethe went down to see Mrs. Massie this evening. She expects to start to Cin. next week. Aunt Bethe is going to send by her, and get a set of furs. She says she is going to get me a set of frockets. I have no news to tell you, for nothing new has taken place to-day. I will try to tell you some news to-morrow night. I know we will all have a glorious time.

Thursday Night.

St. M. Town
Jan. 6th.

I have just returned from the party, and although it is very late, I will try to tell you a little news. Well, the two charade parties met very early to-night, but the "little party" or as they are called the "round beds" were rather selfish to-night. They occupied the sitting room all night. Aunt L^{ms} had a splendid supper, and everything nice to eat. We acted two charades, the other party acted one. Our words were - Fanciful and Plaisir. The others acted hunt-bug. They said they just acted to get the chairs, just as soon as they got the chairs, they went in the library and locked the door. Our party played "finger in danger - pencil and all such plays. Fannie & L^{ms} did not go. Our first scene was it - This

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 not write any more to-night.

H. M. Town.

Friday.

Jan. 7th.

I went to school early this
 morning. He did not recite any lessons
 to-day, because Mr. Patterson was up
 so late last night, he did not feel
 well to-day, and did not stay in
 the schoolroom very much. He tried
 to recite Arithmetic, but it was not
 known very well, therefore we had
 to get the lesson over. I went to the
 D. O. this evening, but did not get
 any mail. We expected Cousin Mary
 Hanly on the stage this evening, but
 she did not come. I do not know

why she did not come, but I suppose
the weather is too cold. I am so
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H. M. Lownd.

Sunday Night.

Jan. 9th.

I went to church this morning. The weather is so cold, there was not was not many there. I went to Sunday School also. Mr. Patterson founded a new class this morning, and put Messrs. Hutchcraft, Bristow & Patterson and Misses Sue & Anna and myself all in one class. They learned a great many new songs to-day. I went up to Mrs. Beanes this evening. Sada Hutching was there. We had quite a row over some whiskey. She broke my beads and earrings over it. She spilt it

and then tried to comb it in my hair, but could not quite come it. Mr.

Beane gave us some very nice apples. I went to church (Methodist church) to-night.

Mr. Bosley got very angry to-night, at some of us. Mr. O'Neill, Anna Greene, Miss Sue and sis Aunt Bethe and myself all were sitting together. We did laugh several times, and talked a little too.

But we came very near freezing to death; they had no fire and we could not sit still, and not say a word. I hope he never will come to our church again. I never was reproofed before in my life. I am not in the habit of misbehaving in church, but last night I could not help from laughing to end my life. Miss Anna kept beating her feet, and saying so many funny things I just had to laugh. I have gone there every last. I do not think I will ever go a-gain.

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N. H. Town.

Jan. 10th, 1870.

Another day of school life is numbered with those that were, and in order that I may never "lose sight" of it, I must write an account of it here. Nothing very new or marvellous has taken place to-day, under my observation, nevertheless, I will try to write something. This has been a beautiful day, though very cold. "Old Sol" has been smiling, as we to-day. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was not known very well. Mollie Horton came to school to-day. She took two weeks for her Christmas. Our Arithmetic was known splendidly to-day, for a variety. Aunt Betsey went up to Mrs. Beanes this evening. Mrs. Riddle was there. She expects to spend the week in town. I sent 21 to P. O. this evening, but did

not get any mail. We had charades
up at school to-day. The "crit party"
as they are called, acted two. They
did very well for beginners. We, under
look to act one for them, but Mr
Patterson rang the bell before we had
finished our second scene.

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St. M. Linn, Ky.
Jan. 11th.

I have just returned from
school, and as I have a few leisure
moments I will try to pen a few
more lines in my journal. This has
been a very gloomy day. It has been
raining this evening. We recited
our Lesson in Archeology this
evening, it was known so badly we
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 baby was quite sick. Mrs. Beane
 seemed very much distressed over it.
 Miss Sue Jones marries tomorrow
 night to Mr. Eckert of Winchester.
 I do not think they invited many
 of the town folks. I heard they in-
 tended to give a very large wedding,
 but I do not know whether it is true
 or not. I heard she was to be married
 in a lavender suit, trimmed in white
 lace. I know she'll look nice. Annie
 and Nannie spoke of going to her wed-
 ding, but I believe they have got
 out of the notion. The little girls
 acted two or three charades to-day.
 He promised to act one for them
 but "Cousin Sam" rung the bell so
 soon we did not have him.

Wednesday Night.

N. M. Town.

Jan. 12th.

While I am so nicely seated in Mrs. Massie's room by a good fire, I will try to jot down the transactions of another day. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining nearly all day. I did not get to go to church to-night. I fully intended to go, but Mrs. Massie sent for me to come and stay all night with her, and after I went down there, we had company and I could not go. We did not recite our lessons in Mental Philosophy to-day. Our Arithmetic was not known by all the class, so we had to get it over again. I believe this makes the third trial over it. I hope we will not have to get it over again. I sent to the P. O. this evening, and got the

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Mr. Sterling paper. There was not much news in it. It is now very late, and as Mrs. Massie is faring at me for writing so long, I suppose I will have to quit, and retire.

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N. M. Town. Fry.

Thursday Evening.

Jan. 13th.

The busy cares of the day being ended, I will try now more to tell you a little news, as I have a few spare moments.

We did not recite our Lesson in Mental Philosophy to-day. Our Arithmetic was learned tolerably well. I sent to the P. O. this evening, but did not get any mail. Anna Green came in and spent the evening with me this evening. She told me about Miss Sue's next wedding. She said Mrs. Eckton looked very pretty. She was married in a salmon colored

silk. Miss Fannie J. Talbot ^{her}
~~attendant~~ ^{waiter} was dressed in white tulle.
 Anna, said Mrs. Jones came
 round to her, and insisted
 upon her going out and acting
 a charad, that is, if the others
 were willing. So at last they all
 concluded to act the word. ^{Blindfold}
 They commenced acting, but before
 they had acted one scene out,
 some of the young men got mad.
 I have heard it said to-day
 that it was a burlesque on our
 charad. I hope Anna & Mrs.
 Stockton did not do as bad as
 they said they did. Mrs. Patterson
 and Mrs. Richth were here this
 evening. They did not stay very long.
 Aunt Betsey went up to see Mrs.
 Beane's baby this evening. She
 said she did not think it could
 possibly live long. It is some
 better this evening, but it
 is not out of danger.

N. B. Town.

Jan. 14th.

Friday Evening.

P. Mr. Patterson corrected

the diaries this morning, and to my great surprise I received forty lines. I could not help from thinking he gave me Lewis than H. diaries. Some of the girls forgot their diaries, and Mr. Patterson led all of us to get our slates and go to work and write yesterday's diary, but at last he concluded to make us write compositions. There never was such things ever read. He gave me a subject - Passing a-way. I had just three lines. The subject was too deep for me. I am going to stay with Mrs. Massie to-night. B. Mc. was down here. A. Parish is. The whole household party, excepting Driskie and myself, went out to Mr. Bot. Carriage to-night.

Mr. M. Form

Jan. 12th

Saturday

I have not been any where to-day, excepting down to Mrs. Mason's this evening. Fannie was up this. She told me all about our charade's last night. Miss Sue Stewart was here this morning. She said Mr. Brewster told her, that they invited Mrs. Lee & Fannie & Dr. Gurrant. Fannie got mad this evening, because I told her I heard she & Dr. were married. Misses Bethe and Anna Greene were here this evening. They did not stay long. Sada Hutchings came over for me to roll up her hair this evening. I made Mrs. Mason a little mat out of cord this eve. This has been such a disagreeable day. I hope it will not be so disagreeable to-morrow.

Mr. Town, Ky.

Jan. 16th.

Sunday.

I went to church quite early this morning, and listened to a splendid discourse, delivered by Bro. Lard. I just tell you he is my preacher after all. I think I never listened to better sermon. There was a great crowd there to-day.

This has been a very disagreeable day. It was raining very hard when church was over, and I just thought I wasn't going to get home, but Miss Penne Ingham came around and asked me to come with her, so I came, Mrs. Anderson took dinner with us to-day. Sudda Hutchings, Cordis Ferguson, Sally Scatter & Cousin Sam were here this evening. Mrs. Winston came up late this evening. D. H. stand over here to go to church. As it is nearly church

time, I will say my visiting
 side until I return from
 church. I have just returned
 from church, and I will now
 try to finish this diary. Bro. Lard
 delivered a splendid sermon. Had
 no additions I never listened
 to such preaching. There was a great
 crowd there to-night. It seems very
 cloudy to-night. I think it is
 going to rain. I saw "Some-body"
 to-night. He was looking so nice.
 Belle Jones was there to-night.
 Miss Anna Bogan looked so nice
 to-day. She had on her new
 green Irish poplin. It was made
 very long tail. She had quite a
 time holding it up, coming
 home through the rain. She
 stopped here and stayed a long
 time after church. Mr. Brent
 Hutchcraft came with her
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M. M. Town.

Jan. 17th.

Monday.

This gloomy evening finds me seated in my own little room by a bright fire, trying to pen a few short lines in my "Book of Life."

This has been a very, very disagreeable day. It rained all the morning. "I do believe we are going to have another flood". Nearly every body went down to see the creek this evening. They say it is very high. I heard the children say it was over the rock fence. I would give anything now to go to see it. I went to school this morning, and found a few of the scholars assembled in the school room. Some of the country students could get there. He recited our lesson in Arithmetic this evening. It was done very well, considering there was only three in the class. Bro.

David left for Lexington early this morning. I hated to see him go so badly! I felt like I wanted him to preach again to-day, if it was bad weather. I sent to the P. O. this evening, but did not get any mails. I do hope it will not rain any more to-day. I went over to see the well in Mr. P.'s yard and to my great surprise it was full, nearly up to the top.

W. W. Town, Ky.
 Tuesday Evening. Jan. 18th.

I have just returned from school, and an opportunity presents itself. I will try to tell a little news. This has been a very pretty day, though very muddy. We only had two or three students from the country, to come to school to-day. The creek is still so high it

can not be crossed. We did not recite
 our lesson in Mental Philosophy
 to-day. Our Arithmetic was reviewed
 tolerably well. I went down to
 see Mrs Evans this evening. Miss
 Sieb, had gone to Cynthiana. I went
 up to Mrs. Pean's this evening, and
 helped her to fix diggins for the
 party. All the children are nearly
 crazy over it. It is given to Mr.
 Talbot's little son. Mrs. Massie has
 sent for me to come and spend
 the night with her, so I will
 have to lay my writing aside,
 for the present. Well, all the
 company have just left, so I
 will try to finish my diary now.
 J. M. has been teasing me to
 "death" for the last half hour. I
 am so glad to get to write a
 letter for when he does not tease me.
 Mr. O'Neill was here a little
 while to-night. Mr. Martin
 is fixing to return so I will have

Wednesday Evening.

to M. Town, Ky.
Jan. 19th.

Night is fast approaching, and everything is sinking into quietude and before it grows so very late, I will try to jot down the events of another day. - This has been a beautiful day. "Red Sun" has been smiling on us to-day. I went to school quite early this morning. He did not recite any lesson this evening, excepting Arithmetic. It was known very well. I went to the P. O. this evening but did not get any mail. There is to be a prayer meeting to-night. I expect to attend if nothing happens. Mrs. Mason & Mrs. Dobson were here this evening. They did not stay very long. The bell has rung for church so I will quit writing until I return. I have just returned from church, and I

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 were there. It is the first time
 I have seen them, since they returned
 from Sharpsburg. Belle Jones & Leta
 were there also. Leta just got to-day
 from her visit to Clark. She said
 she wanted to stay longer, but Mrs.
 Gaitshied wanted to come home and
 she had to come too. Mr. Patterson
 delivered a lecture to-night, to our
 Bible Class. I haven't time to
 tell you what he said.

A. M. Town
 Jan. 20th.

Thursday.

The busy cares of the
 day being ended, I have at last
 found a spare moment to write
 my diary. This has been a very
 pretty day, though very cold. We
 recited our lesson in Mental Prayers.

phy to-day. It was not known exha
 well. Well, to-morrow is the day we
 have to write compositions & such like.
 Mr. Patterson told us last Friday
 that every one of us had to have a
 sheet of paper, pen and ink there,
 and then he would tell us what
 he wanted us to do. I know it
 is easy and nothing else, but
 when to-morrow comes we will see
 what this grand and glorious
 work is to be. I sent to the P. O.
 this evening, but did not get any
 mail, excepting the Mr. Sterling
 paper. I have been looking over it,
 there is not much news in it.
 I had rather see the Magazine
 than anything. Aunt Betsey was
 not sent for it this year. I
 went up to Mrs. Beane's this evening
 while Mrs. Massie and Dinkie
 & C. Miller came. Dinkie was "kicked
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 Gay told her that she intended to
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 day night. I do not expect they will
 all go, for two or three of the young
 gentlemen have become so tired of
 charade, that two or three times
 they have refused to act. The night
 they went out to Mr. Bob. Carings
 they acted Mrs. Reed & Harriet.

H. M. Town, Ky.
 Jan. 21st.

Friday.

The long looked for, has
 at last come and gone, and the
 great dread is over. I went to
 school quite early this morning.
 After prayer was over, Mr. P.
 went to the board wrote to H. M.
 Town. Jan. 21st, 1841. Dear Friend.
 The church knew had to write

letters. We therefore went to writing
 about nine o'clock and got them
 written and read by baby past
 five. There was not a good letter
 in school. I never heard such
 in my life. I went down to
 Mrs. Brown this evening. She
 told me Miss Lavin Smith was
 in town. I saw "little Davie,"
 He was looking nice as "a
 new pin". The Band are around
 serenading to-night. They serenaded
 us.

On
 Saturday.

N. M. Town, Ky

Jan. 22nd

Another day is remembered
 with those that were and no wonder
 that I may never see "sight of it"
 I will write on account of it here.
 I have been quite busy all day long
 I ironed this morning, mended
 my clothing, and done many
 little jobs. I ^{am} such a Hutchings

returned from Mrs. Trimbles this evening. She came over this evening to see me. She said Jeff Houston and Johnnie Neal were over to see her last night. Miss Lennie Smith came this evening. She is spending the night with us. I did not send to the P. O. this evening, as there was a great many men on the street. The "Cris party" went down to Mrs. Werryman's to have charades this evening. Later. We were all sitting down talking when suddenly we heard some body hallow fire! fire!! fire!!! We were all scared nearly to death. Pa went down in town to see what it was, He soon came back telling us that — Mrs. Olsen had come over to Mr. Peters to sit under her lamp and had left her lamp burning, but there was no oil in the

room, and the lamp exploded, burning up several things. The house would have been in a blaze had it not been for some boys, who were on the other side of the street and saw it. They broke the door down and went in. Mrs. Olsen was scared so she could not say a word. Lon. Evans, Mattie Collins & Mr. Venable were here this evening.

Sunday Night.

N. H. Town.

Jan. 23rd

Silenced reigns through out the usually quiet homestead. All have retired but majestically and here I sit alone trying to write a few short lines in my "Book of Life". This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining all day long very hard.

He did not get to go to church
 on account of the inclemency
 of the weather. He read all
 day. Mrs. Olsen^{no} spending the
 night with us. I expected
 Gude. Hutchings would come
 over this evening, but it rained
 so hard, she could not get here.
 Fannie is spending the night
 with Ida Lodyns. I received
 such a nice note from -----
 this evening. I just tell I
 think so much of him. He
 is the nicest little fellow I ever saw.
 He came round to see me
 yesterday evening. Miss Linn
 is still here. She expects to go
 to Mt. Sterling tomorrow evening.
 I believe she is to be married
 soon. I don't say I know it
 for certain but some times
 "actions speak louder than
 words". She has her ring.

Monday.

St. Albans Town.

Jan. 24th.

Again I have been permitted by the All-Wise Being to spend another day with my teacher and school-mates. This has been a very, very disagreeable day. It has been raining all day long. Mr. Patterson went away this morning. To be gone a week. Mr. Brewster took his place as teacher this morning. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was not known very well. Our Arithmetic was not known very well also. I did not send to the P. O. this evening. But did not send on account of the inclemency of the weather. Mrs. Beane was here this evening. Miss Leslie left on the stage this evening. She expects to go out to Mr. John Smith's from Mt. Sterling. She is coming back in two weeks. I heard this

evening that our charade party
 was to be invited out to Mr. Geo. Davis
 to-morrow night; and Friday night
 out to Mr. Matt. Gay. I do not know
 whether it is so or not, but I got it
 from Mr. Davis and Mattie Collins
 I hope it is so.

N. M. Town, Tex.

Jan. 25th, 1870

Tuesday.

The time piece tells me
 it is time for me to visit "Shut-
 -town", but before I return I
 will try to pen a few lines in
 my journal. This was been a
 very pretty day, though very cold.
 I do hope the weather will mod-
 erate before to-morrow night, for
 it will be so cold to go to
~~church~~ ^{church}. Mr. Bristol heard our
 lesson in Mental Philosophy
 this evening. It was not
 known extra well. I went

down in town this evening. I went
company with Miss Ragan,
Barron, Tugan and Evans.
We went to the store. I
got there just in time, for Mr.
Chris school had just let out.
You can not imagine who I saw.
He was looking so nice and
I am not going to tell you who
it was. I saw Mr. Sam Peit
this evening. He was looking
so well. I went down to Mr. Brown
this evening. Got acquainted with
Mr. Slagen.

N. M. Town, Ky.
Jan. 26th.

Wednesday. I have just returned
from prayer meeting, and as I
have nothing else to do I will try
to tell you some news. There
was not a great many at
church to night. But more
than usually come. Mr. Trimble

conducted the meeting. Mary &
 Betta Mack, Anna Smaller, &
 Harriet Talbot were there from
 the country. I went to school
 early this morning, and found
 Mr. Poirson trying very hard
 to explain an example to the
 second class in Arithmetic. We
 recited our lesson in Mental
 Philosophy this evening. It was
 not known extra well. Mr.
 Pease was here this evening.
 I commenced piecing my
 quilt this evening. I think
 it is going to be very pretty.
 Miss Lennier brought nearly
 all of her pieces for her quilt.
 I sent to the P. O. this evening
 but did not receive any word.
 Aunt Betta sent down to see
 if Mr. Mason had come home
 from Mrs. Seamon's, but she
 had not. The creek was so
 high she was afraid to cross.

Thursday.

N. M. Town.

Jan. 27th

I did not go to school this evening. Mr. Bristol excused our lesson in Mental Philosophy for this evening, and as I had nothing to write, I came home and made my mind for next. We recited our lesson in Arithmetic this morning. It was known very well. Mr. Patterson returned home this evening. I do not know how many scholars he got. Mr. Bristol told us this morning that Mr. Patterson was talking about teaching a mixed school. He (Mr. B.) intends to start to Mississippi Monday, with Mr. B. & Owens under. I don't think he intends to stay longer than a month. He does not intend to teach music, but is going to teach the young gentlemen.

as he says. As to the truth of it
I can not tell you. I sent to
school the P. O. this evening, but did not
receive any mail.

L. M. Town, Tex.
Friday Evening. Jan. 28th

The cares of the
day being over, I will now
try to tell you a little news.
This has been a bright, beautiful
and warm day. We recited our lesson
in Arithmetic this evening. It
was known splendidly. He finished
this evening. The first time of
ever was through it in my life.
I do not know whether we
will have to go through it
again, but I expect we will.
Mrs. Besure, and Miss Anna
were here this evening. They
did not stay long. They were
all plagues. Miss Anna about

Mr. Bristow. She looked like she
did not know how to take it.

Saturday.

J. M. Ford, Esq.
Jan. 29th.

This bright and beautiful
day is remembered with how that
was; and in order that I may
never lose sight of it, I will try to
write an account of it here. Mrs.
Massie came up this evening, to get
Aunt Bethe to cut her a dress. She
expects to go to Cin. the 1st of March.
Aunt Bethe had intended to send
by her, for my corsets, but I
think I will get tired of wait-
-ing, for I will not get them
'till April. I have been quite
busy to-day. I have made three aprons.
Misses Sue & Anna have just
gone down in town. Grand-
ma says they go beaver hunting.
They delir if they could see said

Sunday Evening.

H. M. Town

Jan. 30th, 1870

I have just found out one of the greatest secrets known. I can scarcely write on account of it. It made my heart sink. I never knew any thing to equal it.

It was so unexpected that I am excited very much. I wish I could tell you what it was, but I promised no I did it promise, but I went never breathe it to any mortal. I feel like I did not know what on earth to do. But I have written you enough about my secret. This has been a beautiful day; though very cold. I went to church this morning. There was not a great many there. Lillian ^{Mr} Schooler was there. It is the first time I have seen her for a long time. She expects to go to school

to-morrow. I am real glad for I think Lillian a nice, good girl. I hope we may have a good many new scholars to-morrow. As it is the beginning of a new session. Lillian Yeats left for home yesterday evening. She expects to go to school in Mt Sterling. Mr. Patterson is going to teach a mixed school so Mr. Brister says. I do not want him to. For it would be so funny to be going to Patterson Institute with young gentlemen. I hope Mr. Patterson will give me a new study, for I haven't had but one study all session. I went to the Institute this evening.

Gordie Truesdell, Wallie Montague and "Corrin Sue" were here this evening. Aunt Betta and "Corrin Sue" went down to Mrs. Dobson this evening. Aunt Betta came back and went up to Mrs. Beane's

to the oyster supper. From any time
 to have a supper tonight. There
 is to be preaching tonight at the
 Methodist church. Ped Bas. preaches
 I did not go, because it was very
 cold, and then Aunt Bet. refused
 to go, and then I had stay at home.
 I did not care much about going
 any way, but Mattie & Cordie begged
 me to go, as they intended to go.

O. That secret! I can not help
 you thinking about it. I can
 scarcely believe it. I just never
 had any thing to bother me as
 it does. Would that I could
 tell you, but I can not. I got
 or rather "found" a letter that
 explained the mystery. I have
 told you all the news worth
 relating, excepting. I wrote to
 Miss Corwin this evening. I hope
 I will get something
 more by to-morrow if Lib comes

Monday Evening.

to Mr. Town.

Jan. 31st.

Again I have been permitted by the All-wise Being to spend another day with my dear teacher and schoolmates. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining and snowing together all day. We had several new scholars to-day. Lillian Schooler for one. Mr. Patterson speaks of teaching a mixed school. He said this morning, that if he could get a school of a bout forty young gentlemen, he thought perhaps he would get Prof. Clyde to teach them. He recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was given very well. Mr. Patterson told us some very strange news this morning. I never heard any thing to equal it. He told

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Emma Thomas and myself that
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 that we did not know what to make
 of it. We haven't had but one study
 all session, and never thought of
 such a thing as having to go
 through this year. But we will
 have to go to work in earnest now.
 We are going to get through
 Mental Philosophy in a hurry.
 If he is going to make us go
 through, I am going to try with
 all my might. We will have a
 hard time of it. Emma & I made
 friends to-day. Prof. Bristow
 left for Mississippi this morning.
 As male driver. All of us girls
 went down in town to see him
 start. The band furnished him
 with a nice Bible. They played
 several tunes for him. I did
 not see him start. But heard

he went off leading an old grey horse. I heard he expected to return in a month. Alice Horton came up to the Institute this morning. She expected to teach music to-day but I don't think she did. I sent to the P. O. this evening, but did not receive any mail.

St. M. Town.

Tuesday.

Feb. 1st, 1870

The time piece tells me it time to retire, but before I retire I will try to jot down the transactions of another day. I have nothing very new or marvelous to tell you, nevertheless I will write something. This has been a bright, beautiful and warm day. "Old Sol" has been giving us some of his best smiles to-day. I do earnestly hope the weather will continue to be pretty. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy

this evening. It was learned
 extra well. I sent to the P.O.
 this evening, and to my great surpris-
 ing. I received a letter. Mrs. Bean was
 here this morning. She did not stay
 very long. Mr. Patterson told us
 this evening, that we could get a
 lesson in Moral Science for to-morrow.
 Mrs. Patterson, Miss Anna & Cousin
 Sue came over and sat till bed time
 to-night. Miss Anna just returned
 from Montgomery this evening.
 Aunt Bethe started Corrie to school
 this morning. She is rather young
 but Aunt Bethe thought if she
 kept her at home any longer
 that she would just get so
 she would not learn. I sent
 to the P.O. this evening, but did
 not get any mails. I have
 not been studying any to-morrow
 I know I'll finish in
 my lesson tomorrow.

Monday.

St. M. Town.

Jan. 31st.

Again I have been permitted by the All-Wise Being to spend another day with my dear teacher and school-mater. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been snowing and raining both to-day. We had several new scholars this morning.

Mr. Patterson speaks of teaching a mixed school. He said this morning, that if he could get about forty young gentlemen, he thought perhaps he would get Prof. Clyde to teach them. He recited our lesson on Mental Philosophy this evening. It was known extra well. Mr. Patterson related some very strange news to Emma & myself this morning. Don't you think he actually told us, that we had to go through this year. Don't that beat anything you ever heard of!

We haven't had but one study
 all session, and talk about us,
 going through. We could not get
 through to save our lives. But
 we will try. Mr. Brewster left
 for Mississippi this morning, a
 mail driver. All of us girls went
 down in town to see him start.
 The Land played several pieces
 for him. They then presented him
 with a nice Bible. Mr. Chevis
 delivered a speech. But as we were
 not far enough up street to hear
 him. I can not tell you what
 he said. I did not stay down
 there until he started, but heard
 he went off leading an old grey
 horse. Alice Wolton came up
 to the Institute this morning. I
 thought she was going to give
 music lessons, but I believe
 she did not. Miss Anna
 went to Mont. this evening.

Tuesday.

J. M. Town.
Feb. 18th

The time piece tells me it is time to visit "Shut-eye-town", but before I retire I will try to jot down the transactions of another day. I have nothing very new or marvelous to tell you, nevertheless I will write something. This has been a bright, beautiful and warm day. "Old Sol" has been "smiling" on us to-day. I do earnestly hope this pretty weather will continue. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this morning. It was known extra well. I sent to the P. O. this evening. But did not receive any mail. Mrs. Beane was here this evening. She did not stay very long. Mr. Patterson, Ed. Emma & myself to get a lesson in our Moral Science for to-morrow. Aunt Bethe

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started Fannie to school this morning. She is rather young, but she let her go to please her. Mrs. Patterson, Miss Anna and "Grimm Sue" came over and sat until bed time with us to night. Miss Anna just returned from Montgomery this evening.

N. M. Town.

Wednesday.

Feb. 2nd.

Before "Old Sol" bids us adieu, I will try to get down the transactions of another day. This has been a beautiful day. We recited our Lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was known real, well. I sent to the P. O. this evening, but as usual I did not receive any mail. Later. Today was Fannie's birth-day, Aunt Betty fixed her up a little supper and invited the little charade party, or as they are

commonly called the crit party. I do not think I ever saw children seem to enjoy themselves better. Fannie & Lizzie chose up, and after they had taken "their chosen people" off in the parlor they came and told us they were going to act charades. Of all the charades I ever saw in my life, I think they were the worst. They acted four. I haven't had much time to study to-night, for they have been coming so, I couldn't study. I will have to quit writing & study a while. Later. I have finished studying for the night, so I concluded to finish this diary. There was prayer meeting to-night but I did not attend. Aunt Bethe went. There was to be a lecture given at the Masonic Lodge to-night, and on the account of that, they did ^{not} continue the meeting very long. I am not going tomorrow night to the Methodist church.

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L. M. Town.

Feb. 3rd, 1876.

Thursday Night.

Silence reigns through

out the usually noisy home-land. All have retired but myself, and here I sit ever trying to perform my task. But I must write you something of how I spent the day at school. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It wasn't known "extra" well. We are getting along very fast in it. I think we can get through it in another week by hard study. Mr. Patterson told us this evening, he wanted to start a class in Mythology Monday. I hope he will. I sent to the P. O. this evening, and to my great surprise I received a letter. Mrs. Beane & Mrs. Brown were here this evening. Aunt Betsey went out to Mr. Moberly's this evening. I did not know she intended to go this evening, but thought she was going tomorrow evening.

St. W. Town.

Feb. 4th, 1870

Friday.

As I have just returned from school, and have nothing else to do I will try to write a few short lines in my diary. This has been a beautiful day. We had a "spelling battle" this evening. Mr. Patterson made Emma & myself choose. Her side beat. Wallace seems to think it was not fair. I sent to the P. O. this evening, but did not get any mail. We did not recite any lessons to-day. I saw in a certain girl's diary to-day something about me. I can not understand it. Unless it was for spite I do not know what else it could be done for. Mary T. told me something this evening. We also learned something new. Mr. Patterson corrected diaries this morning & got 45.

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Feb. 4th.

Saturday Night.

The day is gone, never more to be recalled. The night is here. I haven't been anywhere to-day. We've had company all day. Cousin Mary & Bethe Sarrington. Mrs. Patterson was here this evening. Aunt Bethe went to the store this evening, and bought me some little things. I did not send to the P.O. this evening; but I do not think there is any mail there for me. I have been quite busy to-day. This has been a beautiful day. "Old Sol" has got in the notion to smile again on us. I do earnestly hope the pretty weather will continue. But the "prophetess" says it is going to snow. I earnestly hope it won't. I have no more news to tell you, so I will bid you good night.

N. M. Town.

Sunday.

Feb. 5th 1881

Another Lords day has flown
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 day being is gone. I will try once
 more to efface a few short lines
 in my daily journal. This has been
 a very pretty day, though very cold. I
 did not feel very well this morning,
 - therefore I did not attend church. I
 dislike to be absent from Sunday
 School. Prof. Patterson is our teacher,
 and as he doesn't teach the New
 Testament in school, I try to
 learn all I can about it. Eudae
 Hutchings & Wallis Montague
 came here and spent the evening
 with us. We had a very nice
 dinner, chatting each other. I went
 over to the Institute a little while
 this evening. Aunt Betsey went
 down to Mrs. Massie's this evening.
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It rains, it hails, it snows and its cold stormy weather, but still there is no rest for the poor weary school-girl. Still lessons must be learned and problems solved. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was known very well.

We are progressing rapidly in it.

Mr. Patterson spoke something about starting our class in Psychology

this week. I hope he will, for I only have two studies, and I could easily manage another one. I guess the girls will finish Greenleaf this week, and then Emma could take it too. I did not send to the P. O. this evening, on account of the inclemency of the weather. We recited our lesson in Moral Science this evening. Mr. Patterson heard it quite different this evening, ^{from} what he

had been in the habit of hearing it. He was in the habit of talking the lesson, but Mr. Patterson questioned us. I prefer that way, for I know we learn a great deal more. I learned something to-day, I never knew before.

It was the meaning of the word Testament, and the difference between the Old & New Testament. The first thing I learned was —

Why the Bible was so called? It is so called because it is considered in reference to its contents it is the book of books. It is derived from the Greek word Biblos. Testament means the will.

I now have learned the difference between the Old & New Testament.

Mr. Patterson's lecture to our class, was so very interesting I was so sorry when he was through with the lesson.

I hope he will continue to lecture on every day for I know we are

greatly benefitted by them. The wording of his lecture was beautiful.

St. M. Town.

Tuesday.

Feb. 7th, 1840.

"Old Sol" has finished his triumphant march across the blue canopy of heaven, and is now gilding the horizon with dyes of crimson and gold. Soon he will bid us adieu, until the light of another day shall dawn on us. But as he is gone, I will try to write a few short lines in my daily journal. I intended my way to school this morning, but arrived there quite late. But I must tell you of our great scare this morning. The chimney took fire, both above & down stairs, and of all the sights it was the most terrible. It burned the paper off the wall about a yard below stairs. I thought it was going to burn the house down. I don't think I'll get over my scare this week. All the women came up from town and helped to put it out. We recited our lesson in Mental

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Philosophy this evening. It was not known very well. Mr. Patterson did not hear our lesson in Moral Science this evening. We are going to recite it in the morning. The snow is quite deep, to-day. It hasn't melted but very little. The girls snow-balled Mr. Billie Patterson good this evening. I believe he could have outlasted them all, if it hadn't been for Wallie Montague. She just beat him off, every time he attempted to come near her. I felt sorry for her, when he threw ^{a ball} ~~her~~ ^{at} her ear. I did not send to the P. O. this evening. Mrs. Merryman was here this evening. She came to get Aunt Bet to cut her a dress. I believe they are going to move to Mr. Sterling next week. I don't think they have had many visitors since they have been here. Mrs. Bean and Sue Steward were here this evening. They did not stay very long. Miss Sue expects to go home to-morrow.

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Wednesday.

With velocity incalculable, has the ^{moving} ~~increasing~~ wheels of time borne us along to the close of still another day. Scarcely can we see the duties of one day begin until ^{they} have fled, and ^{others} ~~another~~ have rushed upon us. Never was I so forcibly reminded of the velocity with which our bright golden moments are being snatched from us, and hurled into the mazy labyrinths of the past, from which a life spent in tears and prayer can never recall them. If we have rightly improved them, then all is well, and each will add to the "lustre" of that bright crown of immortality that awaits all the good and faithful of earth. But alas! if ^{we} ~~they~~ have sacrificed to sinful and worldly pleasures, we shall see many ~~which~~ ^{time lost} ~~as also~~ inscribed upon that great "Book of Life," which so faithfully records every act of ours, whether

they be good or evil. Why is it that we allow ourselves to become attached to this earth and its vanities, when we know that ^{these} are to ^{be} enjoyed for so short a time, and when we know how little real enjoyment there is to be found in them at any time. But I must try to write you something of the day. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was known real, well. Mrs. Bean and Mrs. Merryman were here this evening. Aunt Bethe received her new gus to-day. They are very pretty and nice. There is to be a fine supper given at the Masonic Lodge to-night. I guess all the sister masons will be in attendance. We recited our lesson in Moral Science this evening. It was known very well. Mr. Patterson finished his lecture on the Bible. It was very interesting. He requires us to write it out, but I don't think I remember enough of it. I will try to put it together

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 to its contents, it is the book of all
 other books. We learned the difference
 between the meaning of the Old and New
 Testament. I never knew what Testament
 meant before. It means the will. So I now
 now know the difference between the Old &
 New Will. God conversed with man orally
 in the earliest period of his existence, but
 not face to face for no man can look on
 the face of God and live. At the creation
 of the world man was yet in his infancy
 in regard to learning, but God watched over
 and instructed him concerning his will.
 But in the course of time the Antediluvians
 became so wicked that God sent Noah
 to preach to them. To warn them of the approach-
 ing flood. But they continued in their

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 sinfulness to God, ~~and~~ After preaching
 to them one hundred and twenty years
 not one single convert did he make. He
^{did not} ~~never~~ ^{give} failed, up, and just said the people
 were sinners and all such, but still
 continued to preach to them until the
 last day. "Beh God arose with all his
 grandeur and splendor, ^{as he had ever done before} but soon the
 sky began to darken, the thunder roared
 and the lightning dart through
 the sky, then, I think they began to
 feel sorry that they had not obeyed
 Noah's teachings. But still the great
 windows of heaven were opened and
 it rained forty days & nights, and
 they were all drowned excepting
 Noah & his family. Again the earth
 was peopled by man. God in his
 infinite mercy still continued to instruct
 man concerning His will. As he grew
 older he grew wiser. God promised
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it. But they became regardless of His will
in time to come, and He warned
them of the penalty He would surely
inflict upon them, if they continued
in disobedience, but they turned a deaf
ear to His warnings. They therefore
suffered the penalty of being driven
from their country, and they were
made to serve their conquerors. This
Land was occupied by strangers, and
they were taken into captivity. Thus
God taught man, by rewards, He bestowed
on him when obedient, and punishment
when he disobeyed, that He is God just,
and true, and to believe that God
does not lie. And also to have faith
in the promises of his Creator.
God sent his only son into the world
that we might live. He came to

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a man acquainted with all the evils, and ~~ills~~, with which poor frail man is subject to. He suffered pain, sorrow and death. He was taken to Calvary and there nailed to the cross. His precious feet and hands pierced with ~~a~~ spikes. When his soul was suffering exceedingly great agony. He cried out "O, my Father if it be possible let this cup pass from ^{me} ~~us~~, but not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Such is the forcible manner in which he has taught us to practise obedience to the will of God. Every act of his life is virtuous, and will serve as a model to poor frail humanity in the centuries ages yet to come. He made the will of God the rule of his actions. But if an angel had come from the bright courts above, we would have reasonably said that it was not ~~being~~ strange for a pure spirit to do right. Christ proved to us that a pure spirit

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 more, then will our Saviour leave the
 bright courts above and come to earth
 again. But not in the same way as
 before. This time He will come sur-
 rounded by a bright company of angels
 to judge the people of earth. Then
 all that have obeyed His will, will
 enter into the joys of that blessed abode.
 All the wicked will be cast into everlasting
 punishment. Then will the earth
 be refired and fittted up for the
 abode of man. Then there will be
 no marks of sin on the broad earth.
 Flowers will bloom in perennial beauty,
 and every thing will be perfect.
 Not a sign of a grave will be seen.
 But I would be like Bro. Lard. I
 would want a trace of my grave.

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Thursday Evening.

N. M. Town.

Feb. 9th, 1880.

Sight is fast approaching and every thing is sinking into quietude and as "Old Sol" bids us adieu, I will try to get down the transactions of another day. This has been a beautiful day, though quite cool. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this morning. It was not known very well. Mrs. Allen spent the day with us. Mrs. Beane and Mrs. Merryman were here this evening. I sent to the P. O. but did not receive any mail. We recited our lesson in Moral Science this morning. We knew it very well.

Mr. Patterson gave us quite an interesting talk on - Love to God. Of all the duties that man owes either to his fellow man or to his Creator, the first and greatest is - Love to God. It is He that has placed us in this beautiful world and surrounded us by every means of enjoyment that we possess.

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Town. This would indeed be a beautiful world,
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 another we see the many beautiful things by
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 us ears that we may hear the music
 ing. That is wafted to us by every breeze. Above
 spent the many blessings he has conferred on
 us. He has given us a soul, that can
 sent appreciate the beauty of His creation.
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 ell. ought to love Him that has surrounded
 inter us with so many blessings. It is perfectly
 all natural for us to love them that
 to his love us. God first loved us, so it
 first comes natural for us to love Him.
 He God so loved us that He gave His only
 beautiful begotten son, that whosoever believed
 in Him should not perish, but
 5222. have life everlasting. The leading

Characteristics of the human mind is —
 Love & Fear. Each has great force in
 causing obedience to authority. If
 we love God through fear, then if we
 do not fear Him. Mr. Patterson gives us
 an example of his school. He told
 me of a young lady, I think it must
 be Mary Kelly. He said she was
 said to be one of the wildest girls
 known. but she never dared to violate
 the rule of school. Just for the love
 she had for him. He said she told
 him that he was the only man she
 was afraid of. I haven't time to
 write this lecture out, but I will
 tell you some other time.

Friday Evening.

H. M. Town. Ky.

Feb. 10th 1870

School is just out,
 and as an opportunity presents itself
 I will write an account of it.
 We did not recite any lessons today.
 We had a "spelling battle" this

evening. Mallie Montague & Kate Talbot
 in. Kate's side best. We recited
 our lesson in Moral Science this
 morning. The leading subjects of our
 lesson were the following. viz- firstly
 Love to God. Secondly the duties God
 requires of us towards our fellow men.
 He requires us to be interested in the
 welfare of our fellow creatures. So if we
 love God we will not only perform our
 duty to Him, but also to His creatures.
 "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor;
 therefore love is the fulfilling of the
 law. It is with feelings of pleasure
 that we do the will of those whom we
 love. We try to learn the will of
 them, that we may please them,
 that we may contribute to their
 happiness. We feel happy to know they
 are pleased, especially if their pleasure
 arises from the acts we perform.
 To love God, comprises our present
 and future happiness. Under our

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Love God, we can not expect to be happy
 in eternity. If we do not love Him,
 we can derive no pleasure from perform-
 -ing the many duties we owe to Him.
 Hence the command, - "Thou shalt love
 the Lord thy God with all thy heart
 and with all thy soul, with all thy
 strength, with all thy mind, and thy
 neighbor as thyself," was given to the
 Israelites the nations of the earth were
 ignorant of the true God, they worshipped
 idols, and various things, humbling
 and degrading themselves in the sight
 of God. He forbids idolatry. He
 requires that His creatures shall wor-
 -ship Him only. The children of
 Israel had seen so much idolatry
 while in Egypt, they still believed
 it to be right. Even when Moses
 went on mount Sinai, to be gone
 only forty days and nights, they made
 a golden calf and worshipped
 it. Thus showing how ready

happy they were to worship idols again.
 There are three kinds of power that
 God exhibits to man. There are the
 mental, moral & physical power. God
 exhibits his physical power in the crea-
 tion of the immense masses of the
 universe, in the launching of vast
 worlds into their appointed places
 in space. He exhibits mental power
 in all the beautiful and useful works
 of His creation. He exhibits moral ^{power}
 in his goodness, and parental affection
 for all His creatures. There is but
 one of these different kinds of
 powers that can excite in us the
 feelings of love. 'Tis the moral power.
 We may be forced to do the will
 of men. But they could not by any
 efforts of physical power compel
 us to love him. We might excite
 in our mind feelings of fear, but
 never that of love. Our fear would
 cause us to obey him, but our service
 would be unwillingly rendered

Monday Evening.

St. M. Town, Tex.

Feb. 14th 1870

I have just returned from school, and ~~while~~^{as} I have a few leisure moments, I will try to write a few short lines in my daily journal. This has been a very disagreeable day. It has been raining nearly all day. We recited our lesson in Mental Philosophy this evening. It was not known very well. Well, this is Valentines day. I wonder if any of our little girls will get any. I heard some girls say they sent some to-day, but I did not send any. I think some of the girls are expecting valentines. It was raining quite hard when we came from school this evening, and because of it I did not send to the P. O. Mr. Patterson started two new classes this morning - Astronomy & Hygiene. I hope they be interesting.

He put Lillie and Mary in them,
 besides Emma and myself. He recited
 our lesson in Moral Science this
 morning. The subject of our lesson was
 Gratitude. Mr. Patterson did not lecture
 much on it. "Gratitude is a feeling
 of the heart, or an emotion of the mind
 which can be cultivated by exercising
 it on every occasion which is presented."
 It arises from the appreciation of favors
 which others confer on us. We prove our
 gratitude to others by being ready
 and willing to do favors for them
 who have befriended us, whenever an
 opportunity offers. But this is not
 being that is continually conferring
 favors on us, that we can never
 confer a favor. An occasion is never offer-
 ed during our existence in which
 we can confer the least favor on him.
 We can express our thankfulness in
 prayer, and feel grateful, and express
 our feelings in words, but we never

can by any act of ours do a favor
 for our Creator. In our dealings with
 our fellow creatures it often happens
 that all the return they expect for
 favors that they have conferred on
 us, is that we shall be grateful,
 that shall have a kind feeling for
 them which their acts would excite
 in a grateful heart. We always
 try to return favors, which have
 been bestowed on us. If they relieve
 us when in distress, how anxiously
 we should watch every opportunity
 to assist them. And when we know
 that every kind act we perform
 is an opportunity of discharging
 a part of the gratitude we owe to God
 I have tried to give you what
 Mr. P. said the best I could.

Of course I have not given every
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N. M. Town, Tex.
Feb. 15th, 1870.
Saturday.

Again I have been permitted to spend another day with my dear teacher and schoolmates. This has been quite a gloomy day. "Old SSB" did not make his appearance to-day. We did not recite any lessons to-day. The creek was so high Mary & Emma Thomas could not cross, so we did not recite any lessons on their account. I think I know all my lessons for tomorrow. Lilla and Katie received some comic valentines to-day. I believe Kate got a little vexed over Mrs. Sinda Hutchings receiving one about "the old blind horse". She knows who sent her. Mrs. Maryman came today with Mrs. Beane & her children. She expects to leave for Mt. Sterling to-morrow. I sent to the P. O. this evening, but did not receive any mail. Mrs. Beane expects to give a nice little supper Thursday night. I expected it would be given to our charade party as she promised to give us a supper, but I believe she is going to have the married folks. I know they will have a splendid supper. Annie Heath was here a little while this evening. The deer not stay long, as Miss Smalley was compelled to go back home this evening.

July 16th 1896.

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