

Sarah Walton (1866–1938)

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{written sideways} S. L. Walton Mar. 31, 1883 Bronte

(St. Patricks Day 1883), (got them on St. Pat.) 1883. 17 Mar. We got our cabinets taken in Ham. went up in Bray's load.

Sand-peat moss 25c 40 50

March 31, 1883 Sat. Sweet Seventeen

Mar. 30 I had a party in evening to commemorate the day after. Guests as follows: – A A. GE. MC. E.E.W. E & A Bray. A & A Curtis. Emma and Gordon down had "Selfish" charade. Our school exam same day. Mr. Peacock there. Went to Bronte on my birthday. We were singing at night. I went to Davidson's school this winter. I must not retire and I pray God as I grow in years. I may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of my Savior Jesus Christ.

Sun. Apr. 1st. All went to S.S. Mr. Ferguson preached. Edie Eng. not home. We were alone in evening.

Ap 2nd. Went to school.

Ap. 3rd. Went to school. Came home at 3 o'clock. quilted. Ma went to Engledews & Williams. Net & Annie are writing this evening.

Ap. 4th. Ma went home with Emma and Gordon. I went to school. (Tues got following note:

"I thought you would not like to talk to such common people as us some Friday night. I heard that you had all the nobility at your place such as (A. E.). I see Sarah has got quite refined lately. Yours Truly. N.A.B."

Ap. 5th. Went to school. Wrote a letter to D.E.M.L.

Ap. 6th. Pa went to Oakville in morning. E. E. home from college & met him on sidewalk. He would not raise his eyes to speak, shall never forget his looks.

Ap. 7th. Snowstorm. Drove Wallace to station in big sleigh box. too early. so went over R. bridge coming back saw train Wallace had to run to catch it. We drove to Bronte with papers.

Ap. 8th. Went to S.S. Mr. Young preached. All went to Baptist church in evening. Mr. Harris sick could not finish sermon.

Ap. 9th. Went to school, cleaned yard. Got music lesson at night.

Ap. 10th. Mr. Little at school so came home in morning. He here for dinner went in afternoon, wrote com. and writing in his book. Annie and Nettie went to darky concert in evening. I wrote letter to Annie C. W.

Ap. 11th. At school. Ma came home at noon as did Eddie and Ella Mc and her ma. Ma got cabinets taken.

Ap. 12. At school. Edie & Will came to School in morning. M. E. C. drove through S. yard on horse back. Grant down to Bronte on horseback gave Annie ride home from school. Net {sister Minetta} & I had one too when he got home. Mrs. Foster here in evening.

Ap. 13. At school. Grant and E. E. W. came in evening. Willie Jones here too, stayed all night. Went to Palermo in morning.

Ap. 14. Sat. Went to Oakville in afternoon and S. E. & E. E. W. came to ride on hor.back when we were gone. Ida and Net went to woods. {Wa?} got ours and Ma's pictures framed. M. E. W. came hor.back in evening.

Ap. 15. Went to S.S. and church. Mr. Ferguson preached. I gave my name after church. {Willie} Jones came home with E. M., after tea E. E. and E. M. came down.

Ap. 16th. I went to Brays in afternoon came back and Annie and I went home with Edith from Bronte. they got tea paper so we wrote 35 letters and stayed all night, for the social. (Oakville burned)

Ap. 17th. Came home in morning. E. E. W. took Net in evening to Mrs Wilson social all went but ma, had post office. Went to tea with {line} came home with {line}

Ap. 18. Got letter from A. C. W. another social tonight at Mrs. Wilson's. A and I went to social got letter, came home with {line}.

Ap. 19th. home all day. Alf drove girls home from school, did not speak to him.

Ap. 20th. Girls went to Oak. got music lesson.

Ap. 21. Raked yard all day. Went To Brodericks for B. in evening.

Ap. 22. Went to S.S. Mr. Y. last sermon. Ma Annie and I went to Williams after church. Ida, Net and Alf came over for us after tea. E. E. came over with us. A went home horseback. Mr. Ingledew came home from church with girls.

Ap. 23. Gordon came down with Watson on noon train. I went to Bray's afternoon for B. Emma Belyea walked over with me. Fosters over in evening.

Ap. 24. Home, we wrote letter to Miss Oughtred.

Ap. 25. In afternoon drove horse & buggy down to boat, Ida & Gordon went before on {phil} Watson drove across creek, came home and then drove over to Joyces.

Ap. 26. Grant and Mack came in evening.

Ap. 27. Miss Speers came in afternoon. {Arch?} came in evening. A ship builder from Buffalo to dinner and tea and went on even. train with Watson.

Ap. 28. Edith Thom and Olive here in afternoon for tea we went to grave yard corner with them

Ap. 29. Went to S.S. had no church. E. E. W. came home with us from S. S. E. W. and Will Lucas came in evening.

Ap. 30. Home all day. Mrs. Hixon and Joshua called in evening. Ida went up to Douglasses.

May 1st. Cleaned upstairs. Girls went to Oakville Annie & I run over to Ing. Edith wasn't home. Mrs. Ing. came a ways with us all the way to Fertiles. Edith there we stayed a while then came home.

May 2nd. cleaned kitchen. Ida and I went to Bronte got biscuits. I upset them on street. Got music lesson.

May 3rd. Cleaned parlor. Mrs. Foster here. Pa sick in bed. Got letter from D.E.M.L. with photo. Had a dance at night of our own with Wallace.

May 4th. Cleaned hall. Mr. Rice here for tea. Watson took Gordon home at night.

May 5th. Annie went to Fosters and Bray's. Wallace drove home in morning. Ma and Maria went to {McCays?}.

May 6th. Went to S.S. Mr. Ferguson preached – circuit divided. We have " " {ditto – Mr. Ferguson} all alone lower end Mr. Leek – Delia Ms come home. Mr. Davidson came up from church. Went to Baptist at night. E. E. W. came and never came in house up around bee house & on ladder came back to verandah and a buggy came and E. E. W. "out" around the cor. of house and never seen after, that night. buggy contained E. W. C. and G. E. stayed awhile. Annie got picture of Mack's.

May 7th. I out planting straw_ plants in after noon. Ida over to Bray's Jane came back to Bronte with her and up to gate we met her and went to fence with her come back and went to bed.

May 8th – Out planting. Ida sick & pa. Jane and Ada Bray over in evening. Annie & I down to gate with her met E. M. at gate & he went home with her.

May 9th. Planting awhile in morning Dr. Wild called in afternoon. I in bed sleep. Miss Eng. came we went up to station with her (very cold) got a ride back with Arch. Spears. Mrs. Bray and Charlotte here. M. L. went to Fosters. M. E. C. called while we were out. Old {temp came?}

May 10 All nearly sick. I in bed all afternoon. E.E.W. came in evening brought picture of house.

May 11 – better. Emma & Gordon came on noon train. Mrs. Foster over for plants. I went with her and on to Brays for butter. Jessie Doug. called Mrs. Hixson called. Mr. Ferguson called. Ella McKay called. Annie & Nettie went Bronte.

May 12. I drove Emma, Watson & Gor. up to 2'clk train with colt. Dr. J. {Z} Wild called gave prescription. Annie & I went to Bronte in even. came home with Ada & Mrs. Bray.

May 13. Miss English came in morning for dinner. We went S.S. She came to church. A.A. at church drove away after meeting. all alone in evening. Got letter from A. C. W.

May 14. Got letter from Miss Oughtred. music lesson.

May 15. Went to Bronte in morning. wrote a letter to D.E.M.L. posted it at night and went to prayer meeting. rode with Ferguson.

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May 16. Mrs. Bray and Emma here in evening. Grant and Mack here in evening with buggy.

May 17. I went to Bray's in morning. Mrs. Hixson and Manda called. Mrs McKay called. trimming strawberries. Girls went to teachers meeting. Will Speers came in even for plants

May 18 All out planting straws. Girls and Ida went to Oakville. Edith Ing. E.E.W. and we three went fishing in evening caught bass apiece. it rained while fishing.

May 19. Out planting moved stones. Mabel came down on noon train went home at night with her pa. Two M's and Ma & I went down to see the boat at Bronte, went in Johnson's, came home Ida trimmed my new black hat

May 20 Went to S.S. and church & class meeting. We went down to go to Baptist church but changed our minds and came home. Mack, Mrs Curtis Murry were here. E.E.W. here too talking with Mack when we came up. E.E. and I stayed outside. Annie & Mack went in kitchen. I Got his cane, lent him umbrella to give to girls who were at church, he met them and came back with them, he got my handkerchief.

May 21. Rained all day. E.E. brought back umbrella. Watson and Wallace came on noon train. Ida painted croquet. I read in "bad boy's" at night.

May 22 – Rained. I went to Bray's for B. I got music lesson.

May 23 Old Mr. Richard's funeral. Ma Pa two Ms went, Mack called on horseback, Annie and Willie came up in evening. Manda and Joshua called. wore wrapper.

May 24 G. S. and family came in morning. Mabel came too. All drove down to see boat, came home had dinner. Emma & Gordon came on noon train. Mack came in afternoon took our Annie and Emma for a drive. Annie Y, and I went down to Bronte bot candies came home drove her pa and ma to station – Willie went home with Mack – folks went to fish – we shot firecrackers Watson set off German candles. Mack came back with Will, drove him to 9 ock train – we went to bed.

May 25 Annie Y. Mabel and I went to Hixson's flats to get violets ground covered got roots for Emma Y. I drove them to noon train with Mabel. Katie Douglas & Ada Johnson came up after dinner to tell us her ma could not come up to see us. Annie Lovekin walked down from station. Freda Morse showing her the way – came unexpected off 2 oclk, left her Grandma at Morses. Maria W. drove up for her. Two M's & Annie L. went to Bronte. Ida & Nettie drove up to station with Watson's family. Annie and I went to Bray's for Butter in our new print blue dresses – met Mrs. McK & Ella Jane away – Emma & Ada came piece we sat on fence. Jennie Wild & Manda called. Jennie stayed all night and all next day for it rained – ~~Watson~~ ~~went hon~~

May 26 – raining – Watson went home – we had sing at night. Joshua took Jennie home

May 27 – Went to S.S. and service – came home –

Katie, Doug. Ada John. were here for tea. Annie and I went down home with them to see Mrs. Douglas. it rained coming home. E.E.W. here give him cane & got my handk. Annie L. & E.M. dressed up.

May 28 – planting blackcaps. Will's wife came on noon train. Mrs. Bray called. Ma went with Sarah to Mrs Joyce – We had sing at night.

May 29th – Englishman came {written vertically down the valley alongside the entry for the 29th} had sleep in afternoon – Annie & I was going down to prayer meeting in evening. Will Speers overtook us with wagon & drove us to church nobody there so drove over after Edith Ing and brought her to meeting – Mrs Ferguson with baby there. Edith disappeared very quick after we could not see her any place. Annie L. and M.L. went to McK. Wall. & Sarah all night at Ings

May 30 – Wrote note to Edith by Willie. Annie L. with M.L. went to visit school. Wrote in her album at night.

May 31 – Sarah came back from Ing with Mrs. Ing in morning. I got note from Edith, Sarah went to Toronto in evening, girls with A.L. went to station they called in Douglasses then went Hixson's. E.E.W. came on horseback.

(Frid)

June 1st. A.L. and her Grandma went home on noon train M.L. went with them to Toronto. Ma went to station. We were cutting potatoes in afternoon wanted to go to Ing. M.W. wouldn't let me. Net & I carried sod. Mr. Giller and Emily called.

June 2nd – planting potatoes all day. Annie and I went to Bronte in evening for papers bot candies.

June 3rd – Went to S.S. and church & class. 1st bible class commenced. Edith Ing. came home with us. Ella McC – with girls for tea – E.W.C. and G. E. came with buggy. I went to Baptist with Edith went in choir. Davidson called here

June 4th – washed – helped ma in garden – practised in afternoon Ida went to Bray's – Annie and Edith Ing. went to Johnson's after school to see about singing for our sermon the next Sunday. Edith came to gate with Annie – Nettie painting – Annie went back to hill with her after tea W.S. came along with Edith in new buggy took Annie for drive. M.W. and I went down to McKays to get some {eggs?} – Arch S. there, Ella at pages came back before we left. Got letter from D.E.M.L.

(Tues) June 5th – put cows across road let colt out had to go {for} down up past Bunston's down to big tree, up past Belyeas, into Bray's bush got {flowers?} came home without it. E.M. had to go with buggy to get it. I and girls planted potatoes – practising with little scholars in church. rained hard did not go to prayer meeting

June 6th – cleaned upstairs all day. Miss Eng. here Katie D. & Ada J. came up to play – J.Mc Mack came down went home same night – Got music lesson.

June 7th – cleaned ma's bedroom – planted corn in afternoon. a Mr and Mrs Alton came for bee box. Little Arthur Pickard drowned while fishing fell off pier. ma went to Bronte

June 8th – planting corn in morning – all went down to festival sermon after dinner we sang an anthem – Annie and I went to Wilson's after that – stayed for tea and then went to practise for S.S. at Johnsons got in new boat went for a pretended excursion got out and went in Johnsons again. we concluded to go up to church to practice so all went up then 9 oclk. E.E.W. came home with Net.

June 9th – Mabel, Emma & Gordon came on noon train – M.L. came home on 2 oclk brought Mercy & baby with her. E.M. took Annie & I with 3 Brays and Miss Borelomb. We had icecream and biscuit at Miss {Bain?} Delia being there. I got pair boots also Annie & Nettie.

June 10th – Went to S.S. had our S.S. sermon and just our choir had anthem & collection singing – Mrs. J. Horning at church. Alf. at church – I stayed for class. he came home with girls and E.E.W. also – had tea. Then he drove me down below Oakville had covered buggy – went lakeshore – came back. E.E.W. home ~~June 11th~~ washed when we came home. Edith with Mrs. Horning's niece drove on with Will Speers new buggy while I was out also Manda & Josh drove in – our big girls with Mercy & Emma took a walk down to our lot.

June 11th – Mabel went home on 1st train. washed – after dinner Mrs. Williams with Mrs Horning drove in had tea Don Bray with Jane drove through he going to station.

June 12th – Mr & Mrs Ferguson with baby came in after noon. I minded it till after tea we had prayer then Annie & I walked down to prayer meeting after them in their buggy. M.L. came after us – Edith had her cousin there – Mr. {Cloinaworth} baptist preacher there M.L. & Emma went down to McKays that afternoon.

June 13 – Emma with Gordon went home on morning train Merry & M's and Ma went over to Hixsons in afternoon, Net & I was going to Churchhills when we met E.W. coming from Hixson's with buggy and he drove us around home again. went down had a sing.

June 14 – Net's birthday – She & I cleaned milk room. she got birthday card from E.E.W. {collar?} from Annie. She & I went to Bronte at night she got diary book. Mercy with baby went home morning train.

E.E.W. wrote N. letter too with card – he wanted to know for one thing if N & I would go up to A.A's on Sun. if he drove us. I said I would not go but have not seen him to tell him so.

June 15 – Ironing – I went to Bray's in afternoon for but. called in Mrs. Fosters with dried apples. Bray's putting down new carpet – when I came back Annie not home from school so after tea I went over to Ing – and found her there – we stayed till after 9. Mrs. Ing & Edith came to corner with us.

June 16 – N & I out picking S.B. blossoms M.W. went home with Watson on 2 oclk to get our dresses. Geo Night came up on same train did not expect him. Ada Bray called. we all dirty only Ida to talk to she did not stay

June 17 – Went to S.S. Geo did not go took up subscription at last for quarters salary Ferguson gave out about voting {for union? session} pa spoke up – "Women vote too" folks

all laughed. Stayed for class – E.E.W. came for N. to go for drive Annie went too. No one else came. M.L. & Geo. had long talk in parlor.

June 18 – Cleaning big cellar. Stormed evening M.W. walked down from station coming from Hamilton Mag. McCaul. & Miss Bouncell called for a while – went home – we singing Geo sitting beside N. said "The Spirit moves me. I'm going to kiss you" whereupon did so at the expense of a laugh from us all. talked a while – to bed.

June 19 – Manda called while we were washing – Geo. and E.M. went shooting at Bray's for dinner, they came back. Geo. & M.L. went to Manda's got caught in storm – came back M.L. drove Geo. up to station for him to go home – before going he kissed us all – saying to Nettie as he did so "No harm in kissing your brother" M.L. got drenched coming back. I got music lesson.

June 20 – churned for first. Found some ripe straw b. I went to Bronte at 4 got Annie and went to McKays with pickles, went then down to boat came back got tea & Annie & I went to Bray's for delineators. 2 M's went to Fosters

June 21 – Ironing – a very strange woman dressed all in black came, wanted to pick berries we said she could & then she went away. In afternoon Ella Mc. called for M.L. to go to Smiths, walked. M.W. & Ida went Jackson's in evening.

June 22 – tearing off plaster. In evening all 4 went to Williams' after tea, Edith & Lizzia there, had a supper at 10 oclk. good time, E.E.W. came far as bridge with us then we told him to go back in fun, but he turned & went, I think he was vexed. got home 12 clk.

June 23 – Sat's work, Jackson plastered Annie & I went to Bray's for butter, called Fosters

(Sun) June 24 – Went to S.S. quarterly meeting in Palermo. ma & pa went up to it at Sheridans for dinner. got home about 5. no church at Bronte. 2 M's went to Ing. after S.S. Arthur B. took Ida & Net out for a drive. E.E.W. & Mack drove down, E.E. had group of school boy's picture. Mr. Bray here for tea had straw berries.

June 25 – raining

June 26 – M.W. & E.M. & I went to Oakville in morning, pa also. I went to get my {mom's?} veiling dress fitted at Mrs. Best. coming back wheel came off waggon below Bray's gate, Maria & I got in with Mrs. Patterson who was driving along then, got out at Joyce corner, left some parcels at Joyces & walked home, papering when we had sent Ida & Net

to joyces for it. I took Flossie Best's music book home which her mother gave me to send her. Mrs. Foster came after tea. Annie & I, M.L. went to prayer meeting.

June 27 – First picking of berries – 4 crates in all. I run to Bronte for paint brushes in rain. got a broom. raining all night.

June 28 – not much of any thing in morning. In afternoon girls went to Hixson's party, a lot from Toronto, the event of Joe's birthday & departure for Brooklyn, had supper out doors. I drove up to 2 o'clk train to meet Watson. I saw the crowd coming to party. I picked berries for supper, saw Edith coming with Annie from school so I run to meet them, then we went back piece with her. In evening Mack drove down on horseback with {Wim}. Emma, Mabel, Gordon came down that night.

June 29 – cleaned big room – picked berries after dinner. Manda & Mrs {Hixson} called Davidson called.

June 30 – picking S.B. I. McMichael & Jennie came on noon train to see the boat launched, all went down at 4 saw it launched. Mabel broke the bottle which was tied on the bow end. When in the water we all got in it stayed a while then jumped off on to a scow & rode around around to other end of boat. All came home had tea, Adriene came on noon train, on 7 o'clk Annie & I went home with Jennie & Mc. Wall. wife came off and was here over Sunday.

July 1st – Sunday. on Sat night walking around town with Jennie buying things called at Kate's, had a good time. Sunday we went to mass with her in morning called at dairy Kate drank 3 glasses buttermilk. laid around in after noon had tea, went to John St. church.

July 2nd – went down town again got tintypes taken, 8 together. A. got some gems taken. called at Kate's she was out. Jennie came down to Station with us

had to run, lots time after all. for 5 oclk train to come home. walked from station. Eliza. Smith, Aunt Eliza & Henry here came in morning went home on 9.45. Alf. drove down with E.E.W. & his cousin Mr. Lucas stayed a long time.

July 3rd – picking all day. too tired to go to prayer meeting

July 4th – Emma & children went home first thing – picking all day – rained twice, C.C., E.M. went to Toronto in morning with C. came back at night.

July 5th – picking in morning. Dr. Wild called. rained. In afternoon ~~July 6th~~ I went over to Hixson's to see about baskets, Manda & Mrs. H away for berries. Lizzie Nichols there, came up rain, I had to stay till over, Mr Ferguson & Fred called stayed for tea. I helped to clean some berries I took over then came home.

July 6th – picking. Annie's school quit for holidays. I.Y. Wild called to bid "goodbye"

July 7th – picking – Davidson came up, out in the patch, rained in after noon. Sarah went home in morning Watson's boat went on 1st trip to Oakville & back & then to Hamilton for good.

July 8th – Sunday – went to S.S. & church & class. had talk with Mrs. W. {Mr. F.} & M's went to Mrs. W. for tea. Mrs. Speirs here for tea. We all got ready to go to Broderick's got to barn gate & met E.E.W. & his cousin. came in had dulcet & mouth organ had splendid music combined. got M. Lucas's photo. he got our 3 gems we got each a card.

July 9 – picking – whole lot called for berries – Old Mrs Gilliam died. Mrs. G. picking in our patch when heard it & run all way down. Annie & I went a piece with pickers down to McKay's orchard, came back packed berries in house.

July 10 – picking. A & I got ready to go to prayer meeting at night when Mack & Grant came on horseback she could not go but I went & called {Villa} she had gone for McC. & down to Gilliams came back went to meeting with them awful late Mrs. F & baby there. 4 girls came up to gate with me. boys here when I got back. I went to bed.

July 11 – Sarah Jarvis & her ma came down in morning. picking in forenoon. After dinner A & I went to funeral sermon sat in choir, had good talk with Edith I. looking at Jumbo on fence. came back. Jarvises went home about 5. Ida & Net went to station to meet Laura coming down did not come.

July 12 – picking all day.

July 13 – picking. J. Jarvis & family came for berries, 3 more strangers for berries. Mrs Ing. & Will came in afternoon did not stay. Mag Mc finishing our dresses. Annie went to Bronte with her. E.M.C. called for baskets stayed awhile. Mrs. Bray here waiting for Jane who was practising for church. come to bed.

July 14 – picking in forenoon. {Sp}.M. E.M. extracting honey. Mrs. Ing & Edith, Mrs. Bray & Ada came to pick for them selves. Mrs. Hixson & Jennie called Jennie wanted Ida & Net to go

home with her so went. finishing up dresses in evening. Ella McK. came home with M.L. who was down. to bed very late.

July 15 – Went S.S. Mr. Leek preached very good. At class. he went to Williams for tea. W.S drove him up at night. E.E.W. called for A & N to go to Appleby church they went passed A.A. on road afterchurch went to W. Lucas had good time. M Lucas there. Ida & I went to Brodericks got bouquets met Davidson when going. Mr & Mrs {Foster} here.

July 16 – picking. J. Ing. came home

July 17 – picking in morning had sleep picking goose berries after. A & I went to prayer meeting too early went to meet Edith together with Charlotte Bray, met them at logs. Mrs. Gibson at meeting.

July 18 – we picked a crate among us money for us as it is about last. Ma went to Hamilton on 2 o'clk. Mrs. Joyce here. M started muslin dresses Annie & I went to Bronte to tell pickers. Mr Hollim at their place & D. Lucas had lots of stories came back all girls came with us to gate.

July 19 – picking in A.M. P.M. Jane Bray came over to help with girls' dresses. Ada came over in evening A, she & I went down to P.O. without telling folks. Saw E.E.W. & E. Mc. came back. Man went home with them.

July 20 – cleaning upstairs in A.M. after tea Jane & Ada brought over the dresses Jane going to practise with M.L. Ada A & I went to Johnsons bot a lot of things. Ma{m?} went home with them again.

July 21 – working, ironing. Ma came home on noon train. picked S.B. for Watson in P.M. A. N. & I went to Hamilton on 7 o'clk with them. Wallace & Sarah met us near station we went home with them had a rest & all went up to Watson's All out but Jenie Isaac came home so we went down town bot things & run all way back again looking & lightning for rain just got in house fore started went to bed.

22nd In morning A & I went to John St church with W & Emma. Net too sick. came back had dinner then went down with Jenie Mack M Mabel to see boat on emigrant wharf very dangerous. came back stood on bridge looking & waiting for Jumbo car did not see it went home had tea. us 4 went to Centennary at night came back & then went to {Sarah's} all night. Miss {Willimem} there I slept with her got up at 6.

23rd afte B we went to see procession with our good dresses on started to rain went to turn back & met 4 Brays, Mama & Ida & Man Emma {could be Esmee?} & children all went back together saw procession saw Alf & brother on street lost track again we all went down to grounds went in a side show saw 11 different little things in there came out went up street had our dinner out of a grocer store splendid {then} went to circus. saw all animals dead elephant then got a seat beside Maria & rest awful hot & crowded saw jumping, lifting table with teeth, ladies riding all sorts of races, girls performing on swings and Jumbo with lot of children on back. A.A. and D.S. with Bumby girls sat together. We stayed for concert after for nothing splendid. Alf walked up with Net & I to Watson's. he bot candies on our way up there he went back & drove home with his brother. Annie & I went down to Wallace's for valise & stayed for tea. Sarah came up with us again Brays & rest went home again in waggon us 3 went down to station with {McW} and Jennie. Jane Bumby sat with us on train. A row broke out in next car with drunken men got home. E.E.W. at station walked down with Net & I. W.S. came with Annie all way home. we just got upstairs when wagon folks came. tired.

July 24 – picked black caps A.M. black currents in P.M. We went to prayer meeting. Mr. Fer. overtook us going gave us ride. had our hoops on could hardly sit in buggy flew up. Mr. Fer. drove us up again.

July 25 – picking black currants all day. Mrs. Ferguson drove Mr. to morning train & then came down here for currants stayed for dinner {W?} came down with E.W.

July 26 – picking – P.M. Mrs. Lucas & children came. Walter Sheridan drove Laura down. After tea at 8 o'clk A & I went over to Ing. to tell her to come to pick. Mrs. Buck up. Edie & her were out soon came back. John out to Oakville sick to see doctor. W.S. drove him down did not see him Mrs Ing. Mrs Buck & Edie came to garden {ad??} & went back & met John & Will going home got ride. When we came passed pinetrees we heard a noise like throwing a kiss so hurried on got home all right.

July 27– {washing?}, picked few black caps raining. pickers came after dinner till supertime & started to rain so went home all but Edith & Mrs. Buck who stayed for tea and we had a sing at night. A & I went to corner with them looking like rain so hurried.

July 28 – picking in morning. P.M. working. Ella McKay run up. E.M. went to Toronto that day got back at night. Laura & Ida drove to Bronte. Manda & mother called at night.

July 29 – Went to S.S. & service all through evening Mack & E.E. came in buggy. Mack took Annie for drive. E.E. & Net walked around. Ma & Maria went to Fosters. E.M. took M.L. & Ella Mc to Mount Pleasant church newman preached.

July 30 – picking Mrs. Buck & Edith here picking till near tea time then went home to get ready for temperance meeting. Laura & us 4 went down got to sidewalk going across commons met John Ing & B.J. Ida & Net & Laura went on to meeting but they turned around with us again & we walked over together but it was not in so walked around again came back & they were singing but no organist so we knew Edith was not there so did not go in but walked around long time & came home just before girls did.

July 31 – picking all day. Annie Sheridan & Walter came down for Laura stayed for tea and Laura went back with them. That morning Laura went to open con. gate for E.M. going to station but thought we would go to corner so went & I went to jump off & hurt myself & E.M. was bound to take Laura to station & she did not want to and he held her for a while & then let her her off and we did laugh so.

Aug 1st – churning Mrs. Ing. & Edith come to pick black currants so A & I went out too & picked with them till dinner & Mrs. Ing. went home & Edith stayed and we had a good time talking with all day. she stayed for tea we went to bridge with her. two Mrs. Joyces there talking on bridge Edith had company with Mrs Tom J. & we came back with old Mr. J. before we went Sarah Jarvis & brother Jim came just {as well} went away when we did two M's over to Fosters so did not see her. In afternoon Emily & her father called.

Aug 2nd – washed Mrs. Ing & Mrs Buck came again to pick black caps but we were not picking so they stayed a few min Mrs I. turned into washing for fun and they went home. After dinner I had a sleep and then picked black caps till dark, went to milk eat my supper dumped clothes & came to bed. Ella & mother walked up again. E.E.W. came for I don't know what Net & I did not see him at all Annie went to gate with him. When we came to {well} we saw a fire down near Oakville we don't know where got up on house to see it. Fire was Cordingly barn.

Aug 3rd – Two M's went to Toronto on boat from Oakville Annie drove them down. All girls of Curtis's went too, Our girls came up with them at night from Oakville. Net & I run down to Bronte with S bonnets on that night. Ironing all day

Aug 5th – Went to S.S. & church did not stay for fellowship. Alf at church. After tea Alf & E.E.W. drove up stayed awhile then Annie and I went for a drive with him down to Longs &

back before 9 o'clk & big girls went to Hixsons. Mrs. Foster called. E.E.W. said he was going in 3 weeks.

Aug 6th – Washing, not much of anything some picking. Mrs. Wild & Maud called. A & I had to go to Bronte saw E.C.W at McCraneys talked awhile. John Ing – and Dan Bray came along. Will Lucas too Ella & mother were talking to us also. Katie Dorland came had talk too. Edith in Wilsons John went in and told her we were there she came out walked down to Johnsons with us played with baby walked back again

deciding when to go to Copetown we think Wednesday morning this Mon. night. Ag. & Arthur walking up and down. Ida & Net down too E.E.W. came to gate with them we came after while soon as could came to bed.

Aug 7th – Ironing white skirts preparing to go to Copetown the rest picking. Afternoon Emily Griller & Miss Harvey came, extracting honey when came. Annie & I mending our things. M.L. and Emily & rest went down to prayer meeting & a meeting afterward about getting up something for church. Katie Dorland came stayed evening Annie & I went to Joyces with her came back met Brays going home E.M. behind with Jane. Jennie Wild here waiting till her folks came back they came stayed awhile talked. Coming back from Joyce's gate Annie told me about what E.M. & Maria had been talking & that I could not go to Copetown. I was vexed but give in & determined not to go. went to bed very sad.

Aug 8th – Got up at 5. Pa & ma drove to Hamilton in buggy. I helped to get Annie ready went to corner with her to get in J Mac's waggon met him & Edith was in looked cross when she saw I was not going. I turned around and cried & came home. picked berries rest of day. Ida & Nettie went to Hixson's at night came back with E.M. I walked down to gate for awhile till ma & pa came home. They got pictures taken in Ham.

Aug 9th– ~~Mrs W~~ picking. At night Maria & I went to Hixson's in buggy took Mrs. Wild's berries over Dr. Wild up. Jennie came home with us went to Bronte to Johnsons & around to McCauleys for {cake tins} came up back road. M.L. & E.M. invited down to Ella's for evening Davidson, Jane & Charlotte & {Mount} were there. In afternoon I got a card from Edith from Copetown & answered it the same day.

Aug 10th – cleaned stovepipe picking berries some afternoon. At night Net & I went to Ingledews for a while, went out to cow stable with Mrs. I came back & got to church hill saw all folks going to practise Manda & Jennie there too. Maria & Ida went down to McCauleys

eating tea forgot to light church so Ida went with Maggie to light it saw her we came on home & to bed.

Aug 11th – picked {sent} one half crate. basket. Pa went to Oakville to meet Lizzie Frofar & Edith off boat. I got cleaned up early & went to office & got a letter from Edith Ing. & Annie met Arvilla Wilson at McC. she walked up road away with me.

Aug 12th – Went to S.S. taught Edith's class J.B. took Annie's stayed for church omitted class on account of a subscription for something Davidson came up to tea with us Ida went home with Jennie stayed all night for we could not go for her as Mr & Mrs Johnson & baby came up after tea then E.E.W. Mack & Grant came I was nursing the baby give her to her mother went in room talked awhile I brought out the album showed Grant Zula's picture and Mack took his out & we could not get it again Net & E.E.W. walking out came in after awhile & I gave them all some honey E.E.W. got sick & could not vomit. I took him camphor & Radway all to no avail so the other boys had to take him home.

Aug 13 ~~picking some Mrs~~ Washing {wrapper} I cleaned up after & went drove up to station for Annie & Edith. Bray's drove up for Nettie I drove Edith across home Miss Pervis & intended there we turned around & came home for dinner Annie & I went to take McCauley's pans home & to mill with bags came back to bed

Aug 14 – picked black caps a strange man came around the end of the row & says "good morning" & he scared me so I said "Oh" and he says "don't be frightened" he wanted to see E.M. Mrs. Wild came just as were eating dinner & she had some tea. After that MW went over with her to help & EM & ML drove around for cakes Ida made a wreath for our 3 story cake. Ida & Nettie walked over & Annie & I rode with EM in buggy. ML & JB at gate we went right upstairs Mrs Johnson & Brays up there came down in the yard came across E.E.W we walked & talked a while he bot me a bouquet took me to tea and bot glass of lemonade & too cold to drink it all. After while sit dow & he left me & went off with Net then I walked with Jennie awhile came across E.B.Y. & Jennie left me & I walked with her till we met Mack and {Melville} so Edith went with Mack & MI with me I was with him all the rest of evening Mack made an excuse to get horses so {left} her. Jessie & Aleck Williams were up. Jarvises down. Will & Laura Jarvis there. Reciting Reading & singing. E.E.W. came off home with Net when I bid Mel good-bye and went to put my things so I walked home with Mack & Annie rest rode stayed awhile on stoop 12 oclk 1 when to sleep we went.

Aug 15 – picking got a basket Lizzie & E.M drove to Hamilton aft Edie. Afternoon I got cleaned up and wrote a letter to D.E.M.L. at last. girls at Fosters Ma & Brays. Annie & I run down at night to post our letters came back saw to fellows lying on side of road did not move, got home alright & to bed.

Aug 16th – washed – slept in P.M. Jennie came down from Curtises that evening with Mack in buggy he was taking her home from a visit up there & called here. I was not dressed only in my wrapper. they did not stay long.

Aug 17th – preparing to go to Oakville. We went in afternoon. A & I & Maria to the dentists I 1 1/2 teeth pulled, {Anillia & Ag} there fixing teeth. Annie could not get hers filled so she went the next morning herself.

Aug 18 – Annie drove to Oakville herself. I got {work} done up In P.M, went out to help ma to pick berries for tea. raining. Lizzie came back from Hamilton on 5 train. We had a sing.

Aug 19 – Went to S.S. Jennie Wild came over in morning went with us stayed for church Mr Coates preached. Annie went home with Edith after S.S. Jennie & Ida sat alone up in Manda's seat. they had no hymn book so Mrs Coates handed them one Ida got it tremblingly. did not stay for class meeting. Jennie here for tea. After tea Net & I went to milk had one c done and Mack and Grant drove up in buggy they looked towards barn & saw us N had M's wrapper on. after awhile Mack came to barn fore we got done. I got milk away, going upstairs to change my dress saw E.E.W. & his two cousins M & C. Lucas. I came down out on stoop stumbled, sat down by M.C. after while went in parlor Clarence a musician had a good play & sining "Waiting for me" "Precious Name" & Near the Cross". all singing but Net & Grant who were walking around. we sat down I showing Clarence photos. & cards. went out on stoop all went for stroll Melville & I for one up lane back up grapery down to straw berr. & in flower garden I picked a bouquet for him he said he would have when he came again as he would press it. we spent the rest of evening on verandah. Clar playing & Annie both in parlor. Mel & I sitting together, Grant in front of us. Mack, Jennie & Ida together, & E.E.W. with Net away at {water} side very close talking. About 10 or 11 they went Grant & Annie in buggy up lane all rest walking M & I, C alone, M.,J, & I, together going to gate. Mel said he was going home tomorrow & he did not want to much as he had had a splendid time up here especially at garden party he said I forgot to say they wrote their cards and left them I gave him mine. E.E.W. said he was going to London tomorrow & he would come to bid us "goodbye" in morning. We got to gate & Mack asked Clarence if he would open the gate for the buggy & he said "With the greatest of {animosity}" & just

stepped to one side for fun. so we bid them all good night & came to house went down cellar for cakes Jennie too & came to bed after a very long talk of the events of day.

Aug 20 – washed. Annie started to school. Baptist picnic in afternoon school 1/2 holiday {down in grove?} We all got ready and went down although we expected Brays & Hettie that afternoon but we thought we would go for a while and be back in time. Edith I & Lizzie & Mr. Ing. came down there in boat having had a row up river. we talked awhile with Edith saw some racing & Arvillia Wilson & {McLeod} then we came home and was somewhat taken down to find Ada Bray & Hettie here & for a long time too. We had a play then I helped get tea. After tea milked then Ida & Net went to Temperance meeting the girls did not want to go so we stayed home played cards & organ with violin Ada waltzing some. Marias & Lizzie went to Ing. in buggy. Edith at Tem. meeting when they came back girls just going home, so E.M drove them home.

Aug 21 – picking apples & sorting about all day. Marias & Lizzie went to Brays for afternoon, we did not go to prayer meeting. Mr. Ferguson away. Annie gave me a music lesson.

Aug 22 – E.M. took apples to Oak. M.W. & Lizzie went too got back 11. I started to read "Stepping Heavenward" again. Ironing. M.L's birthday. Making ma's muslin dress. Lizzie making Edie a muslin. A very hot day I upstairs writing this without ~~on~~ a dress on to get cool. Ida came running up to tell me Aggie & Villa Curtis were coming unexpectedly as we did not expect them till the next day. so I had to hurry & dress & sundown pretty soon Annie came home from school, we went in parlor had tea, I milked & Lizzie Carpenter came up on an errand so they all went home together A & I went to {McC's} corner with them it was lightning very fast so we came home. Ma was at Williams in afternoon. When we got home 2 McCauleys were here on errand. Ma came home soon after.

Aug 23 – Extracting honey – Net & I went to Williams Mrs & Mr away had talk & play with boys took them honey & told George to come over & see extracting We went on to Ing. had tea went out for row with Mr. & Edith J. away up to Curtis pier Net whistled then we turned around & home again singing both ways. Mag Mc sewing here that day so we met A & I with her on street turned around & home.

Aug 24 – Lizzie went to Toronto on boat M.L. went with her. Pa drove them to Oakville. Annie came home for dinner & brought Net a letter from E.E.W. & me one from {M.F.L.} we run to B.C. to read them Annie did too & we read them. Maria came before we got through so we run to hall door. She came around too & we had such a time but very much delighted

indeed. Maggie here that day. Jane Bray & Ada called for Maria to go to practise that night but did not go M.L. away.

Aug 25 – Got work done up, Net went to P.O, & got a card from Watson saying boat would be down that afternoon at 6. Annie & I got ready to go to Thompson's & went got there about 3. Mr & Mrs & young ones away had a very good time had a swing I wiped dishes & milked cow & Edith & Olive came down to {Chapman} with us then went back. We met Thompsons on 2nd bridge. I forgot to say we saw boat on coming down where we got our tea. So we went down there before coming home. Our folks had all been down but had gone home they had had a ride out on the lake which we missed and we were tired & everything looked as comfortable we felt like staying so stayed all night had not a very good sleep. Jennie stayed at our place all night.

Aug 26 – we had our breakfast and washed up & then came home brought Gordon about 9 o'clk studied our S.S. lessons & went to S.S. & Mr. Jeffery preached. I stayed but too long a sermon did not like it much no class meeting. all went down to boat after church a whole crowd in there we played & sang some & then they all went out Ida & I came home got tea & milked, Mack & Will Lucas came had honey while eating Jennie, Manda and Josh came all of us went down to boat left me alone I had pitcher milk Mack carried it all way his arm ached he said. We walked around deck I told Jennie what {M.F.L.?} said & gave her card. Net & Mack walked up to corner, Mack & Jennie had a little spat rather cool, he went back home, we got home, Jennie (Watson's girl) came up for night gown so Annie Net & I went back with her sat awhile in calm E.M. & {Dan?} there came home

Aug 27 – I went to Brays first thing for butter for boat came back we all went down to see them off but Net. Maria went down with them. pretty rough very sick. After dinner I wrote a letter to M.F.L. & Ida & Net went to Hixson's. Mrs Williams called with Herbert for apples, honey. I went down & talked till they went. I came back to finish when Maria Rilhy an old school mate of M. W came but did not stay. I got it finished wrote all our cards to send & Annie posted it next morning Jennie would not send hers.

Aug 28 – Net & I washing all ourselves got home 3 o'clock. I practised. Annie gave me part a lesson.

Aug 29 – churning – After dinner Edith Thompson called for me to go to Brays with her I was not a bit ready so hurried. We were there at 3 oclk played. Annie came after school played croquet A & A beat E & I. We had tea playing then came home. Ada & Emma came down to

Bronte with us. Edith's folks at McKays so she went there, we went to P.O. came up front way. girls got apples in lane. we came home no one home but pa. A gave me a lesson the rest of it. the rest folks came pretty soon. E.M. getting ready to go to Toronto in morning to go on boat.

Aug 30 – Net & I washing again. E.M. went to Toronto morning train to go on boat. M.L. came home on 7 oclk evening train & said they would not start till next morning. Maggie & Delia & Miss {Bounsel?} came up with Annie as she went to give Ada her lesson. They sayed {stayed} a good while we had a good time talking, playing cards and singing, we gave them honey. They went home about 1 a.

Aug 31 – I had to go to blacksmith shop so run to office in morning got card from E.M. & one from Wes F. I answered it. Joe had to take bbl apples to train that were left in warehouse from Dor. boat. after dinner Jennie Wild came for afternoon we played cards in parlor. Mrs. Caugan came in morning stayed for dinner & tea Ma & Maria went to Johnsons with her. Ida & I went to log with Jennie she told us Mack & sisters were there the night before, we did not like to part as Jennie was going home next day to start to school but we kissed and parted. I read some in "Stepping Heavenward" and came to bed.

Sept 1 – I was doing my cleaning & Mrs Speers & Mrs McNab a lady friend of hers who used to lived here called, stayed awhile. After dinner picked some apples got cleaned up, mended muslin dress got tea & Annie & I went to Bronte to Nelson's & P.O. I got a letter from D.E.M.L. he thinks he will be down before next spring, he is going on a short visit out west in Oct so wants me to write before he goes. We played at Wilson's for a while, they were not in when we first went but soon came. Arvilla came to cor. with us met Ida & Net in stockfeet. I blackened my boot read awhile & came to bed to write this, feeling kind of lonesome as it is raining quite hard.

Sept 2nd – Ma & pa went to Palermo to hear Bishop Carman preach as it was the re-opening after the repairing. Mrs. Foster came to tell me she could not go. We got ready for S.S. Annie & Nettie went first for I could not get my neck fixed & Ida was helping at last she was going and went down

steps and heel came off her boot so she could not go & it was so late & I got vexed I am sorry to say so I gave up of going {till?} church time. I got my dinner & then M.L. & I over to church S.S. being just out when we got there. Mr. Ferguson came late had no class meeting. A & I got home as far as gate & we looked back as far as cor. & we saw Laura & Ida coming

she had come down with ma & pa so we run back to see her, came home played & singing had tea, sat around & talked nobody came for a wonder on Sun night. we all slept upstairs together.

Sept 3rd – A. Wilson came up for her plums, I got her a bouquet & walked down to P.O. with her in my wrapper there was nothing after all. I came back & tramped {oats?} down in barn all till 6 o'clk at night. Laura, Ida, Net went to Brays {in morning?} came home about 4. They said Dan would take us {and them up to concert} so A & I & Laura got ready but they did not come till after 7 & they only had the buggy then with Charlotte & Ada some thought best to take one buggy with {Bess} & Char. would not ride with Dan for he had the colt so Ada & I rode with him & A, Char & Laura drove our buggy. It was 8.30 when we got there & we had to wait so long for Dan to put away both horses so we missed about half but the remaining part was grand. we saw such a lot of folks we knew we sat with Edith who had went up on Sunday & stayed till after Mon night. also Delia Mag & Mrs. C. there. Dr. Wild's speech was splendid on "Music". I just wished C. & M.L.'s had been there to hear it. The hall was jammed could hardly get a seat. After it was over we intended to bring Laura back with us, but there was a letter waiting her there from her ma saying she was to be home next day so we had to say "Good bye" in a hurry. in Sheridan's store she grabed handfuls candies for girls & we parted. we got home precisely at 12 o'clk. The girls came in while Dan put out our horse and we gave them all some honey. it was awful cold. I got a letter from M.F.L. that day too. It being the 2nd one. he sent 3 of his cards all different & 1 blank one for J.W. but she had gone to Toronto to school again so I could not see her. I had to grab this one when she got done writing it he said. good, bad, indiff. So we came to bed very cold.

Sept 4th – Mrs. McCraney's baby girl born 3 in morning. I was very sleepy & sore but we washed. After dinner we hurried & got dishes washed so as to go to 2 o'clk train to meet Laura going home on it. We took a bouquet, can of honey & her gloves she left. But she did no go that day for when we had got home a while Minnie & her drove down it raining they only stayed till A came home from school. we left the honey at station she was to call for it going home to Palermo & she was going to London in morning. It rained too hard for prayer meeting but Mr Ferguson was down.

Sept. 5 – Ironing. Ma went to Bronte. I fixed my old dress. Mrs. McKay & Ella came in afternoon. footing stockings. Ada Johnson Edna & {baby?} came up too here for tea. Miss English here for tea. Ella McC. came on errand. I practising after tea. Mr. Johnson here a long time talking till nearly 10.

Sept 6th – Washing fannels {flannels}. Girls picking plums. I went to help them Net broke down on 2 limbs & went to the ground did not get hurt. We had corn for dinner & I was eating away when all at once some got in my tooth & made it jump with toothache, it was terrible I went to bed to cure it, but it did not stop that day. Annie wanted me to go to lng. for all night that night but my tooth was too bad.

Sept 7th – Net washed lane gate. Annie came home at noon and said she saw Edith I. & Jennie & Viola Cunn. they wanted A & I to go over at night if it did not rain. So I got ready & went about 4 but it was raining a little then & we stood on Stuart commons thinking if we would go or not & then it stopped raining so we went right on. E.I. came to meet us. We had our tea & were sitting in front room in dark telling made up stories, all in a bunch by the sofa & we heard the gate hook so we looked out & we could see the form of a man but not that of Will. S. as we had expected but Bob J. he could not see anybody in front room so started to go around to kitchen door when Viola gave a little laugh out so he came bounding in & tried to distinguish us but could not very well he thought Jennie was I & he could not get me for quite a while & at last he got a hold of me & I fell on the floor & he tried to pick me up and k- me but I pulled & jerked like everything to get away from him for I can not bear him so at last freed myself without any signs of a mark on my face. We played question & answer cards Bob asked the questions & we all answered in turn it was splendid fun. We also played "Ship's arrived" and paid forfeits. Viola redeemed the forfeits as E.I. held them over her head & she would tell the owner of the forfeits what they were to do. Jennie & Bob had to walk the "Cedar swamp" together & to "pick cherries" together and O he kissed her lots of times & she did not care. We had "Jacob's ladder" too & shooting the cannon off in which we all went on the floor. We had popped corn & lozengers to throw, and we all sang then A & I some comic pieces. And it poured and rained & very dark so they said we would stay all night so we did rather than let B.J. come home with us for we know he would if we attempted to come. So he went home after a while. When we were playing Q & A cards B.J. asked Jennie the question "What was she going to do after she got married" & she said "Put my children to bed" & right after it she said "Counting chickens before they are hatched" & we all had such another laugh & shame as never was. After he had gone ~~W~~we got ready for bed took all our boots off & threw them all in the very middle of the floor & they were there all night. When we got our night dresses on we had a prance around the rooms from one to other bedroom at last I got in with Edith in the back bedroom & 3 in the front one. E & I talked a long time before going to sleep. I told her about M.F.L. {& c.??}

Sept 8th – We woke up at 6. & we run in to their bed room the first thing & pulled A & Viola out, then we got dressed. I played awhile & breakfast was ready. After breakf. we played awhile & then came on home about 9. E & V came to logs with us, it was very cold. We met Grant coming across the creek in buggy he was talking to {Page?}. Mrs. I. gave A a pair of chickens so we had them to carry we went to P.O. got nothing. I got my work all done before dinner, got cleaned up & done some little jobs. I went to milk & before got in E. V & J. came over here for the evening. We went in garden first & got flowers & plums came in played looking at photos & cards, played {I. Hayseeds}. A brought in honey & buns. & then we were dancing. The girls taught how to dance "I put my little foot in" and "Old Dan Tucker" it was just splendid, we danced the handkerchief dance for them we just as hot as could be. we sit down awhile & then they went it being 10.30 o'clock. A & I went to pine trees with them, came back & to bed. Rover followed them home. Pa & ma getting ready to go to Scarboro on Mon.

Sept 9th – Got my verses, reading, eating plums & roast corn. Went to S.S. all the children down to see Mrs Church baptised so it was very late when we started S.S. & so a very short one. Mr Fer gave the lesson Stayed for church a very large crowd out for Bronte church. Alf was there & a lot more of the Middle road boys there. Mr Fer. gave a splendid sermon had a sort of prayer meeting after all the congreg. stayed. he announced there would be protracted meeting this week. A & I were about the last coming up road. Alf & his buggy came behind us with another fellow in he yelled out would we have a ride & I said are you coming in & he said all right so they drove on ahead of us we stopped to talk to Arch S. on corner & Manda. he wanted us to walk home with him & he would drive us back again, he said it just because he knew we wouldn't for he saw the buggy turn in. The fellow turned out to be Joe Tracy, we had a sing in parlor. we had a fire on, sat & talked awhile & they went home before 9 o'clock. Alf said he did not write any letter to E.E.W. before he left Bronte but that it was some pilgrim of girls on M.R.

Sept 10 – Ma & pa got ready & started about 9.30 for Toronto. Mrs Wright came. Mrs. Bray came for corn. Ada McC came. Etta Hub. came. After dinner I came up stairs & sit down to write to D.E.M.L. got it nearly finished when Annie came home & wanted me to walk up to station with her to see the Cunn. girls off. so I had to stop & get ready we took 2 bouquets up for them, Edith, Lizzie, & Maggie there too. had to wait quite a while for train. Lizzie Bray got off train being just a bride. We was coming down the road again back home when a buggy passed us with one young man on it & I says "Oh what a dear little pony," & he turned around and saw all us girls & he threw a kiss at us & Edith threw one back which I thought

she would never do & they kept on throwing as far as he could see he came straight on down to Bronte. Delia overtook us when we got to Brigg's corner we hurried home got our supper, M.L. & I went down to meeting, lot of B church folks were there but not many of our own had a good meeting though. Ada Bray asked me if I would not go to Toronto with Emma on Wed. as she wanted me too but I said I was going on Sat with Annie & Miss Oughtred as Annie had heard from her that day & she wanted her to go, so I do not want to go with Emma. I came home finished my letter & to bed.

Sept. 11 – I went over to road to post my letter before Breakf. & was gone 1/2 hour but had my book to read. We washed in morning, I cleaned floor & came up to write in this now & it is after 3 o'clock. Net got a book

sent to her from E.E.W. today some of the scenes in London. Practising till Annie came home she then gave me a lesson. Got chores done & A & I went down to church quite a number was out had good meeting.

Sept 12 – Jennie Bray over in morning for squash. I ironed in morning. got cleaned up after dinner & sewing at my waist. Emily Triller came about 4. Here for tea, Jennie came in while we were at tea, they stayed awhile then Maria & A went down to practise in church there being no meeting that night. After they had gone Mack & Ida drove in to see where the girls were, there being no light in church. they had gone so Mack drove Ida down again & then came back, stayed in parlor till A & M came home They brought Jane with them to stay all night, Arch drove Ida & Emily home. We fooled around in yard awhile then Ida & I came to bed & Mack stayed a really long time.

Sept 13 – Ironed some, practised a little read a little helped get dinner. After dinner got cleaned up before 2 o'clk, down in Parlor with Jane awhile, came up stairs and wrote a letter to M.F.L. did not get it finished before milking time so stopped got tea then A & I went to church it raining & not many out Mrs. Ferguson out. We came & all in bed though not 9 o'clk. I finished my letter & it was after 10. It being the 2nd one.

Sept 14 – Maria walked up to station to see Miss Jarvis going on train to New York but she did not go. we got a card that day that she could not go. Jane & Maria went to Bronte, and Jane was going home. I cleaned upstairs before dinner. Washed the dishes then came up for a sleep, slept till 4 got up & wrote in this. A & I are going to exhibition in morning, all well, it is the children's day. Miss Oughtred is going so we want to go. ML. Net & Ida went down

to meeting, A & I home all alone getting washed & ready for morning. Jane B came back again with them to stay all night.

Sept 15 – Up at 5 min. to 5. back to bed again called at 1/4 to 6. got up. {Annie or A mild bread?} I blackened boots. pretty near ready when Mr Thompson & Edith drove in so we took a bite of breakf. & M.L. drove us up to station, there in lots of time. lot from Palermo had to wait awhile on train Mr {Rymal?} got on at Oak. came to our seat to talk saw Miss Rodgers. Came to Clark. we watched out for Miss L. S.O saw her & got her in our seat with us all day. We went right down to city before getting off. Went to Phot. but did not like them so we went to the other Dixson's I sat for 1/2 doz. cards (\$1.25). A would not. I saw A.J.C. cabinets there. Bot Net's corsets some gloves went to GA's office ate our lunch there with Adriene to talk to. G.A. came in did not appear to know us, very cool he was just {spok?} & all. Then we went down to Mowat's Wharf took Hastings steamer up to fair ground it was just lovely on boat very calm not a bit crowded. I forgot to say I counted horses all the time too in town, I got "100" when I got to fair ground. Edith Y would not count all she saw for fear of getting 100 that day. We went through Hort. hall just then E & I parted from rest & we went to Palace in there a long time, saw invalid's bed, lovely wax fancy things. We got to fancy work at last a long time at that, lots of things made of cord. We A & L.S.O. there & Edith I & And Carpenter at fancy work too. kept with them awhile till we saw the big balloon go up then we got parted. When we were in art gallery we saw A.J.C.s cabinet there, lovely oil paintings & water colors. We came downstairs to see balloon one man went up in it very near out of sight we did not see it come down. Then E & I got at horse ring fence. an awful crowd there, could not see without standing on tip toes & peering through shoulders, so we stood that way until our toes very near cracked they were so tired standing that way. after awhile some moved then we got a little better place for seeing but ~~not much better for~~ a great deal worse for smelling, for right in front of me there was a great big man who let his pop gun go off & it being filled with air of a very different perfume then than that of my handkerchief, my nose did not agree with it all & it was some time before I could get it to depart from me. Edith was a little way from me so did not have the displeasure of such a puff. But for all we saw lots of hurdling races, only one lady dare venture over & I guess for the 1st time so fell off by the jerk, the horse jumped over her, she did not get hurt much but was soon on again to try & did succeed. We then went to see the whirligig riders. Then we went to machinery hall at one end of which they were selling cider & peaches. I bot peaches & E bot cider then I came across a stand selling books. I bot 10c dialogue book. We went up to station gate & there saw A & L.S.O. E & I went through Apiary. Then we all went with L.S.O. down to boat out of ground then she changed her mind &

thought she would go on train so we started through gate again but the man said "No not through this gate" so we had to go up to {tack?illegible} we got through off by showing tickets but we were only on R.R. platform then & needed to show tickets again to get in grounds. We went to candy factory bot creams & mixed L.S.O. had to go on boat after all & went back. We then came to station talking to Mr. Rhymal again, & Mr Coates with May. Our train came at last so crowded we had to get in 2nd class car Mrs Garneaux not with us. We were talking to Petch {on train? illegible} go down but did not see him till we got off at Bronte. Dilla Wilson & Lib Henderson were there & Ida & Net we all came down together. talked awhile had some supper then to bed. E & I slept in Mas bed & A slept in pas. A went to sleep. E & I talked till 12 about old times with D.E.M.L. We were awfully tired our legs ached.

Sept 16 - Arose about 9. Edith helped me wash dishes. We went to S.S. but Edith did not go in she went right on home. I taught Edith I's class. Stayed for church, had prayer meeting after church. Getting our tea when Mack drove in. he had had his tea, he put his horse & buggy in when I was milking & stayed till I got done. It rained very hard so he could not go till it was 1/2 past 9. Shook hands with me going away which was the 1st one after counting 100 grey horses. Just M.L. & us here, went to bed.

Sept 17 - slept late - churned - getting crates & plums ready for G.A. I had a letter from Annie {illegible} on Sat. We missed the mail to send fruit so had to wait till next day. P.M. sewing. Miss English came stayed for tea then A.M.L. her & I went down to meeting. Mack there, walked home with A & I. Miss Eng. came with M.L. stayed all night. She teasing me about Alf & Mack. She said she would tell Alf a "little boy" came home with me from church. Put lemon on my face that night.

Sept 18 - Washed, just got done before dinner then we heard the Blandina whistle wasn't sure either, had our dinner. A did not come home for hers So in a short time E.M. came walking up with Gordon & Mabel, they had dinner here A took hers on the boat was late. I washed up dishes then I went down to boat stayed awhile talked with Jennie, Maria W came up with Emma. Jennie & I went to P.S. house about 1/4 to 4, stayed till out came home with A I climbed over wire fence at Adams to get green peas filled our pockets. came home read Emma's diary on the Journey on boat. A went back with Jennie, Net went after while. we had tea then Ida & I took milk to boat. Met Will Speers. Jennie & all us girls came up to church. had a good meeting. We all went back to boat W.S. there we had a sing. engineer sang, we talked then W.S. went home & we went to bed. I had a good sleep.

Sept 19 – Got up in good time, got breakf. washed dishes made up beds on boat. Then our folks came down with Emma & Wat & children, bid good-bye & they were off for Hamilton. I bot some note paper at McCa Sat down to sew after dinner & Mrs J. P Lovekin came up on 2 train walked from station got here 3. About 4 I went down to met A & McC. bot birdseed went in to see baby stayed awhile came home got tea, A & I went down to church, had a splendid meeting indeed, Mach & Grant were there with each of their buggies. E.M. went home with J.B. Grant drove Annie & Mack drove me home we went down to Bray's gate for

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