

Thoughts and doings along with
items of interest to the writer, M. D. Geddes
during the year 1899.

Myrtle Ontario.

Jan 1st Sunday. Went to morning service
at Columbus with Miss Foster and Miss
Jessie Hodson. Mr. MacLennan gave us a
splendid new year sermon.

Jan 2nd Monday. Mr. J. Spencer from
London, Miss M. Spencer and Miss L.
Dunham from Toronto had dinner with us.
Worked as usual that day.

Jan 3rd Tuesday.

E. Richardson came back from
his holidays. I drove to Chawwa for a load
of bran with the wagon. Roads very good.

Jan 4th Wednesday.

The Hodson family left for the city.
It rained nearly all day.

Jan. 5th Thursday.

Worked all day with Mr. Worden at
Mr. Hodson's new horse stable.

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Jan 6th Friday.

Waked at stable.

Jan 7th Saturday.

Ordinary chores and preparing for Sunday.

Jan. 8th Sunday.

Got up at 7.20 took lunch immediately then chored until 11.30, had dinner then did some writing until 3.15 then talked with Miss Foster about Mr. Hodson's peculiar method of treating Ernest and also of how he was acting regarding Mr. Drummond until 3.45. Went out then and helped C. with the evening chores.

Jan 9th Monday.

Had quite a confidential chat with C. regarding a matter which lies near his heart.

Jan 10th Tuesday

Posted letter to Miss Alexander which I wrote on Sunday. In the evening drove to Brooklyn for Dr. Stoff for Mrs. W. Hodson.

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Jan 11th Wednesday.

Got up at 6.15 chored until 10.30 then had breakfast. Lunch at 4.15 and supper at 6.15.

Jan 16th Monday.

Were busy yesterday and had not time to go to Church. Got up at 6 a.m. Had breakfast at 10.15 and then chored again until 12.45 Had lunch at 1.15 and again started evening Chorus at 3.15 finished at 6.30. To-day Mr. Hudson came down and I had quite a chat with him about E. and also about getting me into agricultural newspaper work. Mr. H. made some very flattering remarks about that humble individual yet I hope that what we were talking about will come true.

I was exceedingly well pleased at receiving a splendid letter from Miss A. was sorry to see by it though that she

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Had been sick so for such a long time.
must answer it soon.

Jan. 25. Wednesday.

Received a letter from Sam on
the 19th telling me of Mother's accident
which happened on the 11th.

Wrote Miss E. M. A. on the 22
and posted it the next morning.

Was speaking with Mr. Hudson
a few days ago about trying to get
me a position in one of the
agricultural papers and he said he
hopes to manage it soon.

Went to Oshawa today for a load
of bran but came back empty as there was
not any for us.

Jan 27. Friday

Was extremely cold. Cut hay yesterday
and today.

Jan 28. Saturday.

Had a very sore thumb for about

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a week but I am glad to say it is better by this time.

We expected Miss Mary Foster today as her sister "Pellie" has not been well but we were disappointed. E. and her diffidenties drove to the S. L. K. but she did not arrive.

Mr. H. was here today and I gave him the letter I wrote about the lamb Mr. Honey sent us.

I was also very pleased to receive another (the second) letter from Miss E. M. A. it was very good and she wrote it the day after receiving mine.

Wrote a part of a letter to night to J. D. Wildfong and will finish it soon.

Have been wondering how Mother's ankle is progressing.

Jan 29 Sunday.

Got up late and did not get through in time to go to morning service.

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Went in the evening with Leonard to E. L.
at Brighton.

Finished Joe's letter and will post
it to-morrow.

This afternoon while E. L. K., Miss F.
and I were writing Miss F. suddenly stopped
and said I do not think I will write
any more then E. said he would finish it
if she would let him, she said "alright" and
he said "its a go" so the upshot was that
he finished the letter which was to her
sister Miss Annie. Then I suggested
that he also finish another which Miss F.
had started sometime previous but she
said that it was left expressly for me.
So of course I said I would be delighted
to write it and would do so soon.

Jan. 30 Monday.

Wrote the letter I promised Miss F.
It is to a Miss Kate Palmer of Grimsby.
Will post it to-morrow. Wonder if I

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shall receive an answer. Miss F. says she is a very nice and jolly girl. Had a look at her photo and like the appearance. Read the letter she wrote Miss F. and thought it good yet short.

Received a letter from Father to day and was glad to see by it that Mother is improving as well as could be expected.

Jan 31. Tuesday.

Was cutting hay all day. We expected Miss Mary Foster again to day but were disappointed.

I forgot to mention the other day that Miss H. P.'s birthday is on the 3rd.

Feb. 1st. Wednesday.

Cutting hay all day. Miss Laura Foster came walking in quite unexpected as it was her sister that we expected.

No one went to meet her and we saw her though she would be until the next day.

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Mr. L. Foster accompanied me to the "Ball" concert at Myrtle. The

The singing, grandphone and lime light views were all good.

I enjoyed the evening very much. Received a card from Father telling me that Dr. Campbell was again down attending Mother's ankle and that he removed the splints which gave her ease. (Forgot to mention that on the evening of the 31 I wrote father, Kate and Mrs. M. Park.)

Ernest did not help any to-day except morning chores.

Feb. 2nd. Thursday.

E. did not feel like getting up in the morning so I advised him to remain in bed which he did. He helped a very little in the morning and he also helped with the evening chores.

Tom Biggs went for load of raw-
dust from near Utica. He took the
wagon but broke the tongue on a
heavy drift-near Manchester.

Feb. 23. Thursday.

Went with Tom after load.

But Mr. Hedson and he told us of
Mr. Drummond's coming.

Feb. 24 Friday.

Mr. Drummond's herdsmen came
with 6 cows and balance of car filled
with household furniture. Mrs. Hedson
asked me if I would manage the farm
for a short time until Mr. D. came.

Mrs. H. & I have been dressing Mr.
D.'s stuff from Dryden station all
day.

Feb. 25 Saturday.

Mrs. H. & I finished dressing Mr.
D.'s furniture today.

Feb 5th Sunday.

Get up at 5 a. m. got chores done in good time. Then the two Miss F's & I went to Church at Columbus. Sermon was about Queen Ester.

Feb. 6th Monday.

Started Ice this afternoon.

Posted letter to Miss E. M. A. this morning. Received letter from Ben today, it was very good.

Feb. 12th ^{Sunday.} E. and both Miss Foster's went to Whittier today. Miss Foster and E. Got back about 12. Miss Laura stayed over night.

Feb 14th Tuesday.

Miss Laura came back from Whittier today.

Feb. 16th Thursday.

Miss Laura and I went to Whittier today to do some shopping and I to get a tooth

filled. I posted a letter to Miss E.
Mr. A. Did not get back from Whitley
until 10.10 p.m.

Feb 17th Finished the ice today.

On Wednesday the 15th Feb. the creek
near froze so thick that the end
of the water pipe was froze solid
and so far we have not had any water
since through it. We have to regularly
draw what we require.

Feb. 19th Sunday.

Both Miss Foster and I went to
Church at Columbus. Met Miss Purwin
at the door and spoke for a few
moments. Went alone to endeavor in
the evening was a few minutes late.

Spoke to Mrs. Mc Lane about joining
with them and to Mrs. Ratcliff about
Sunday School & endeavor. Overtook
Miss Sadler on my way home. She

apparently was willing to have company
so we went together.

Feb 20. Monday.

E. L. R. both Miss F. and my
self went out for an evening stroll.
The moon shone clear and the
evening was mild. E. wore a straw
hat. We came very near making a
~~call~~ call but thought it better not
to do so as we were dressed so
very picturesque.

Feb 21 Sunday.

Miss Foster drove her sister
Laura to the G. I. R. station at Brighton.
She left for home on the 8.20 a.m.
train. Just before dinner Mr. Cassidy,
the man who came from Leroux to
fix the wind-mill arrived. He did
not finish to night.

Feb 22. Wednesday.

Finished wind mill repairs today.

Feb 26th Sunday

Did not get chores through in time to go to church in the morning.

It rained in the fore noon.

Went to C. E. at night. Leonard went with me, subject was Palm tree Christian. Mrs. Cornison led the meeting.

After meeting Miss Purvis came over and shook hands and chatted for a few moments.

While driving home overtook the two Miss Sadders they came with us.

Gave Leonard an introduction to both Miss P. & Miss S.

Feb 27. Monday

Miss Foster & Harry both laid up with the grippe. E. worked in doors and helped with milking. Leonard & I did balance of chores and cut hay.

Feb. 28 Tuesday.

Harry some better was out

helping today. Miss Foster slightly better, was able to get up.

I went to Cairn's for a load of saw dust.

March 1st Wed.

Went for load of saw dust to Boyer's with wagon. F.W. was down but I did not see him. Went with Miss Foster and E. L. R. to Whyte Bros' Concert at Brooklyn. Enjoyed it very much.

March 2nd Thurs.

Another load of saw dust from Boyer's. Received Card from Katie telling me she was sick and would not be able to come.

March 3rd Friday

Drove little Chief (the Agassiz's calf) to the G. I. R. at Myrtle to catch the 7.30 a. m. train, then along with Co. took the 5 fig in the sleigh (mainly by ditch, snow being scarce) to catch the 1.5 p. m. at Myrtle. Came back had dinner and then took

a load of corn over to P. Bowrights.

It started to rain about 5 p.m.
Miss F. and E. have gone over
to spend the evening with Spencers.
It is raining steadily.

March 4th Saturday.

Went to 'Royers' for load of saw
dust. Left for Toronto by 5.50 train
Arrived at Aunties about 7.45

Spent evening there Miss Luttle and
Miss Lily Toy were with them. Miss
T. sang some fine songs. I saw her
home and promised to call sometime
when in the city. It was a stormy
night snow & sleet.

March 5th, Sunday.

Talked with Katie in the morning
At 3 p.m. went to Dr. Harrington and
had one half of a tab. bladder tooth
pulled. Went from there to Prof
Hebner's, stayed and chatted until

4.30 and went from there to
Mr. R. L. Steele for tea. Met Will
and Katie while on the street and
promised them to do so.

Met Jack Hannish there and
promised to call on him next time.
Went from there to my aunts and
spent the evening chatting.

March 6th Monday.

Left Toronto at 9. a. m. got
back to Myrtle and to Wredgery before
dinner.

March 7 Tuesday.

Mr. H. came from Toronto
and C. & R. left by the 1. p. m.
train at Brooklyn, leaving me in
charge until Mr. H. comes.

March 9. Thursday.

Miss F. Jane & I went out
with Frank intending to visit Mrs.
Wisconsin. Frank acted so ugly

that he scared the girls so I took
him back and pitched up him.

March 10 Friday.

Mr. H. came late to night
He and I went out to have a look
around. He said he never saw
things looking better and wished
I had been with him earlier than
he would never have required to
engage Mr. D., or rather let the place
on shares to Mr. D.

March 13. Monday

Mr. and Mrs. D. came this morning
I met them at the C.P.R. station
March 19. Miss F. Miss Delany and
myself went to Church (morning service)
Miss F. stayed and with Mrs. Wilson
I went to Endeavor at night and took
her home.

March 21. Miss F. left this morning
with Mr. Jackson

Mr. Hedson rode down from
Toronto yesterday with a grey mare
he bought for us. He told me I
could have the use of the bicycle
which belongs to him here for the
Summer.

Mar. 26 Sunday. Mr. D. and
I went to morning service. I
also went to the C. E. at night
I led the meeting. The turnout was
good. J. Ratchiffe drove me part
of the way home.

Mar. 27. Monday.

Leonard broke rig in snow
drift this morning so was late
this morning with the cream.

Mr. & Mrs. D. went to Whitty this
afternoon.