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Kate G. Nickels.

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Jan 1st - Was busy all morning preparing for
1920. The annual dinner party. all the
(Thursday) family came out. the baby (Bill.) Got
very stormy in the afternoon. Had
conundrums and favors for each of the
guests. Played games with the
children until 6 p.m. Got Mr. Beattie
to drive mother home about 5:30 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins (New H. S. Teacher)
called and Clarence Halliday came
over to say good bye. Spent the evening
clearing up and trying to fix a
costume for Dorothy for her masquerade
dance next night. Dorothy went down
to a dance at Biehn's Hall to dance
the old year out. Had a sore knee.
Wrote out my S. S. cards.

Jan. 2nd - Was busy all day preparing for D's
(Friday) dance. Was like a broom day.
Duncan came up to help decorate.
Lifts shaded with tissue paper (Green
& red) and streamers. Confetti boxes
fixed in electric light fixtures.
Duncan stayed for dinner and until
about 4 o'clock. Very stormy, bright

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and Alice came up to open the door
and show the guests up stairs.

Guests - Mr. & Mrs. Wellington King, Jean
Maxwell, Beulah, Margaret & Wilfred
Davies, Edna & Ida Halliday, Eva, Mar.
& Jack McDonald, Ethel and Roy Reid,
Lindsay Milne, Harry & Wal King, Pearl.

Conduct time: - Will McDonald, Mr.
& Mrs. Oliver, Mr. & Mrs. King, Charlie
and I played cards. Rest had a
fine dance. Ed - Gipsy - Mar, Gipsy.

Beulah - Pierette, Jimmy - N. F. O.

Candidates - Margaret - D. - Mary. Ida -
N. S. - Edna - Turkey - Pearl - Polly -
Jean - Domenic - Wilfred - Elmer Harry -
Gipsy - Roy - Jew - Walter - Baby -
Charlie called to take Margaret and
Alice home. Went to class.

January 3rd
(Saturday) Spent large part of day cleaning up.
In the afternoon took the S. S. Teachers
around to Mrs. Iner, Mrs. Ferguson,
Irene Halliday - Mrs. Gillies - Mrs. McLean -
Miss E. McLean - C. J. Halliday - M. A. H. -
Mrs. Irvine - . Came home and
shovelled the snow. Path - very hardly

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packed - took me an hour and a half. Snowed hard all day. More snow than we have had for some years. Must be 4 feet deep. Called at Mr. Kellerman's with Receipt for Mrs. King flowers. Alvin & Smith (Johnson) and Viola here very cool to me because Dorothy did not invite them to her dance. Small boy getting ideas. Put a tick in D's dress and washed & ironed her collar and washed her brasserie.

January 4
(Sunday)

Very cold day. Went to church in the morning and to S. S. Did not go to church in the evening as I had to help Dorothy pack her trunk. Edna, Mar. & Pearl were up to see D after church. 15° below zero at night. None of Charlie's family up. Mr. & Mrs. Zuer came up after church. Went to Clara and Nell. Slept inside - 1st night this winter.

January 5
(Monday)

Got up at 5.30 a.m. Charles did not get up. Went to the station with Dorothy who starts out for a new school adventure at Margaret Eaton School. Edna Halladay left

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for Hamilton - began life in Head Office
of the Bank of Hamilton. Jack McDonald,
Lindsay Milne & Roy Reid also went back
to Toronto School. Mrs. Evans (H. S. Teacher)
came off train. Walked around with her to
Mrs. Dobie's. Worked at type-writer for about
four or five hours for Charles. Went
down town for some Probate &
Administration forms. Went to station for
afternoon train to say good bye to Florence
Halliday. Finished my typing and took
it down to the office. After tea went over
to M. A.'s to say good-bye to Mrs. Robt.
Halliday who leaves on early train for
Hamilton to see Bert who is in the
Sanatorium. From there she goes back
to Ottawa. Margaret McNaughton there.
Charles went to High School Board
meeting and then called at M. A.'s for
me. Mr. Halliday came home on late
train. About noon Nell telephoned that
Dorothy was not on train and had not
arrived. Later telephoned to say that the
Palmerston Limited had not waited for
their train & she reached Toronto about
1.30. & was there (2.30 clock) at Nell's.

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Rather-disturbed turn and a half or more.
Sleep inside.

January 6
(Tuesday)

Cold moderated some. Lovely morn. Went down town for meat and Mrs. Rbt. Halliday (who didn't go away after all) came into office and I walked up to m.a.'s with her and went on around the block to enjoy the morn day. Tidied up Donny's room and put away masquerade clothes, etc. Went up to see Mr. Men and called to see Mrs. Clarke. Was on my way to Mrs. Ferguson's to ask them over for tea when met Mrs. Ferguson & Minnie at the Town Hall. Went down town with them and got home at 6 p.m. Charles went to the prayer meeting. (week of prayer)

January 7
(Wednesday)

Quite mild - snowing but almost rain. Went to Nell, Aug, Mrs. Luhn and Donny Luhn. Shovelled snow for an hour and a half. After dinner finished the path. Mrs. Ferguson and Minnie came over for tea. Went home about 9 o'clock as Minnie had her trunk to pack to go to the station to night. She leaves on the early train. Started my short hand contractions again.

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January 8.
(Thursday)

Nice mild day. Rode at ten minutes
to seven. Was typing, taking letters and
having dinner until 1.30 p.m. Mrs.
McGregor came up to see if all her
money were lost - (Got the idea from a
letter asking her to call at the office to
endorse a ³6 interest cheque so it could
be deposited) and I wrote to Mrs.
McNaughton and Mrs. Anderson for
her. This being Mother's birthday I
went down town, purchased a book
for her and went up to see her.
Shovelled some snow when I came
home. After tea Duncan came up. I
wrote to Dr. Why and Elaine and
Duncan took them ^(the letters) to the post office
for me. Charles went to the prayer
meeting in the Methodist Church.
(Week of prayer.)

January 9.
(Friday)

Wrote some letters for Charles, then took them
to the office and got some mail. Did some
school work. After dinner went to call on
Mrs. W. King. Found her sitting up in her
room. While I was there Mrs. Chris King, Mrs.
B. S. Halladay, Mrs. C. Ackerman and

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Joe. King called. From there I went down to Litch's to get some flowers. Then home to do some more school work. Charles went to last prayer meeting of week of Prayer & held in Anglican Church. Wrote to Miss Dr. Rachman.

January 10
(Saturday)

Snowing again and fairly cold. Washed my hair this morning. Did some work for Charles. Wrote to Clare, to Frank, (who is now in Santa Monica, Cal., and I trust it may mean that he will recover his health) and to Aunt Maggie who writes that Dora is ill - Nerves - very bad - which may mean anything. She has been in a couple of nursing homes and a hospital in Toronto in charge of Dr. Gaven but is now in Fenchon in charge of a nurse. Aunt Maggie thinks she is improving. Her husband is, I suppose, still in Cobalt. Sweet is home on furlough but will, I suppose, go back in Spring to China. Alice Halliday is in Guelph Sanatorium and Bert is in the Hamilton Sanatorium. Went down

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Went in the afternoon. Came home and after tea mended some of Dorothy's clothes that are to be sent to her.

January 11
Sunday

Went to church and to S.S. Very nice day. Mother was at church and came home with me - stayed until Sunday school lunch when she went over to Mrs. Halliday's. Storming when we went to church at night. Charlie, Alice, Duncan, Isabel and Mr. & Mrs. Jones were up after church. I typed a Resolution, re Thanksgiving Day, for Charles to send to St Mary's after Sunday school collection for Armenian Relief \$56.76

January 12
Monday

Typed school paper for Bud and his recitations for Blanche Gillies. Bud came up and shovelled off the walk to pay for my work. Went down to see Mrs. Clarke but she was asleep. Went to Mrs. Milne's to see about purple dress. Called to see Mrs. Grew. Then went to house to Year rehearsal of debating points by Miss Pollack and Mr. Millhouse. Did up parcels to send to Dorothy and took to her. After tea went to Methodist church to hear

1920 debate - Resolved That the Pulpit is a
greater Influence for Good than the Press.
affirmative - Presbyterian - Mrs Pollock
and Mr. Millhouse Negative - Evangelical -
Mr. Bailey and Mrs Daceen. Negative won
because they summarised their points
and nailed them - but affirmative had best
points. Judges - Mrs Evans, Mr. Davey,
Mr. Young - all Methodists - but Mr. Young
not an impartial Judge. Bound to get
back at some Presbyterians. Mrs Lockheed
sang a solo and Mrs. Carter recited.
Mr. Wilkins - chairman. Renewed
storm - raining from 5:30 p.m. Got home
to find our veranda and steps drifted
right up. Charles expects to go to
Harrison (Walkerton) on the early train.
Mr. Salt of Merchants Bank gone to Quebec Province.
Mr. Will Cross - appointed manager in his place.

January 13.
Tuesday.

Blizzard so bad when we came home
that Charles decided not to go to
Walkerton until Wednesday. Had a
good lot of snow to shovel - Shovelled all
the walks and the sidewalk down to
the Cement down to King's lot - and dug out
part of the walk there (field day) Shovelled

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very hard in afternoon. Made a try for
Armenian tag day for Cavell Girls Club.
Ripped silver trimming off Dorothy's
yellow evening dress to see if it would
do for my purple dress. Wrote an
address for the Ladies aid who are to
present Mrs. Ives with \$100 to night.
Charles, who is going to Walkerton to-morrow
morning, gave me some dictation after
tea. Then typed address to Mrs. Ives and
went to Maurice's to a meeting of Cavell
Girls to get ready for Tag Day on Saturday.
About 8.30 14 members of the Ladies aid
arrived, the Girls' Club went home.
The presentation was made and
address read and Mrs. Ives replied
in very short speech. Mrs. Ives replied
somewhat more lengthily when he
came home from Boys' meeting. Had
a regular Irish stew evening. Came
home about 11.30 - Snowing hard &
snow getting quite deep. Charles in bed.
Got to bed at 12.50 p.m. Slept outside.

January 14th

(Wednesday)

Got up at 5.30. Went to attic for
Balachava Cup. Charles went over to

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Station about ten minutes to seven.
Train went out about 8 o'clock. I lay
down for awhile. Then shivered walk.
It was the first I have had this winter.
Snow was up to edge of bank at one
side and out about half way. (deeper
than height of snow I had) Took me
a long time. My feet got very cold so
came in and shivered from corner
of house to back veranda after
dinner. Did some of my typing.
Went down to Mrs. Crow's for my 1st-
music lesson from her. Then went to
a tea up at Charlie's - Alice had
invited a great many ladies to meet
Mrs. Grant who is visiting her for a
short time. Came down with Mrs. Crow
and Mrs. Beattie. Mrs. Crow had to go
to prayer meeting. Mrs. Beattie and I
went down to Stanley's to see Mrs.
Stanley and Margaret McLaughlin.
Zena and Jessie are expected from the
West to-morrow or Friday for the funeral -
and Jack the next day. Then we went
to call on Mrs. Brennan and Miss
Kitchener. Came home and typed

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Six Probates. Just finished before Charles arrived from Walkerton on late train. Cold night.

January 15 - Very cold day. Went down town in the
(Thursday) morning for meat. Then down to Charlie's to see about trimming for dress and to get some facts from Charlie for an address for Mr. W. H. Brown who is to be presented with a gold cane to night at a banquet in the McDermald House, the occasion being his retirement for a time at least from Municipal life. Went to Leitch's to see about a sheaf of wheat to send down to Shirley's. Came home and wrote the address for Mr. Brown. Then went to the office and did some work. (Mrs. Pearce went home this morning to her sister's wedding.) Got very cold at night. Frostiest night yet. Snow is so deep in front of post office that you cannot see across the road. Must be about 7 or 8 feet deep where it is thrown up. Read paper etc., practiced for half an hour. Charles at the banquet.

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box for Blanche Gillis for Armenian Day Day.
20° below zero. Slept inside.

January 16. ^{Friday}
~~Thursday~~ Went to office in morning. after-dinner
made sandwiches (peanut-butter and
brown bread with walnuts) for the S. S.
sleep side. Went down to the church. Then
Mrs. M. A. Halliday, Mrs. S. Ewart and I
went to Mrs. Dickell's tea (for Mrs. Grant).
Went back to church with Mrs. Crow and
Mrs. Beattie calling at Mrs. Crow's on way up.
Impromptu programme - singing the
tiny children very funny. Marked
Mrs. Crow's "Boston Cooking - School
Cook Book" for her. Blanche Gillis
and Jessie Leslie called to get box.
Had been taping at the Hockey match
at the rink and had \$14.85. Slept inside.

January 17 ^(Saturday) Very stormy day. Was at the office all the
morning. At noon ripped the collar of Dorothy's
evening cloak and hemmed up neck.
Took work book to Mrs. Crow and D's cloak to
show to be sent away to be dyed. Went to office
where I worked until 6.15. Charles went to
Mr. Stanley's funeral - Jessie & Lena both collapsed.

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and had to be carried upstairs. When we came home at 6 o'clock (or shortly after) the snow was up over the tops of my boots. Mrs. Halliday telephoned late in the evening that girls had \$100 as result of tapping sleep trunks slept inside.

January 18
(Sunday)

Stormed all night and still storming. They have decided to abandon the snow plough on the sidewalks as one horse cannot pull it through. Used two teams on the road snow plough. Charles shovelled walk out to road and back veranda. He went to church which was held in the school-room. About 100 there. At half past ten in the morning Saturday's afternoon train reached Chesley. As the Bible classes were called off Charles stayed home from church school and had a needed rest. I went and after 2 came home spent an hour shovelling out the walk. for the second time it was done today. Charles went to church. I stayed home. 91 in church school. When Charles left for church he said the walk was as bad as ever. Some storm.

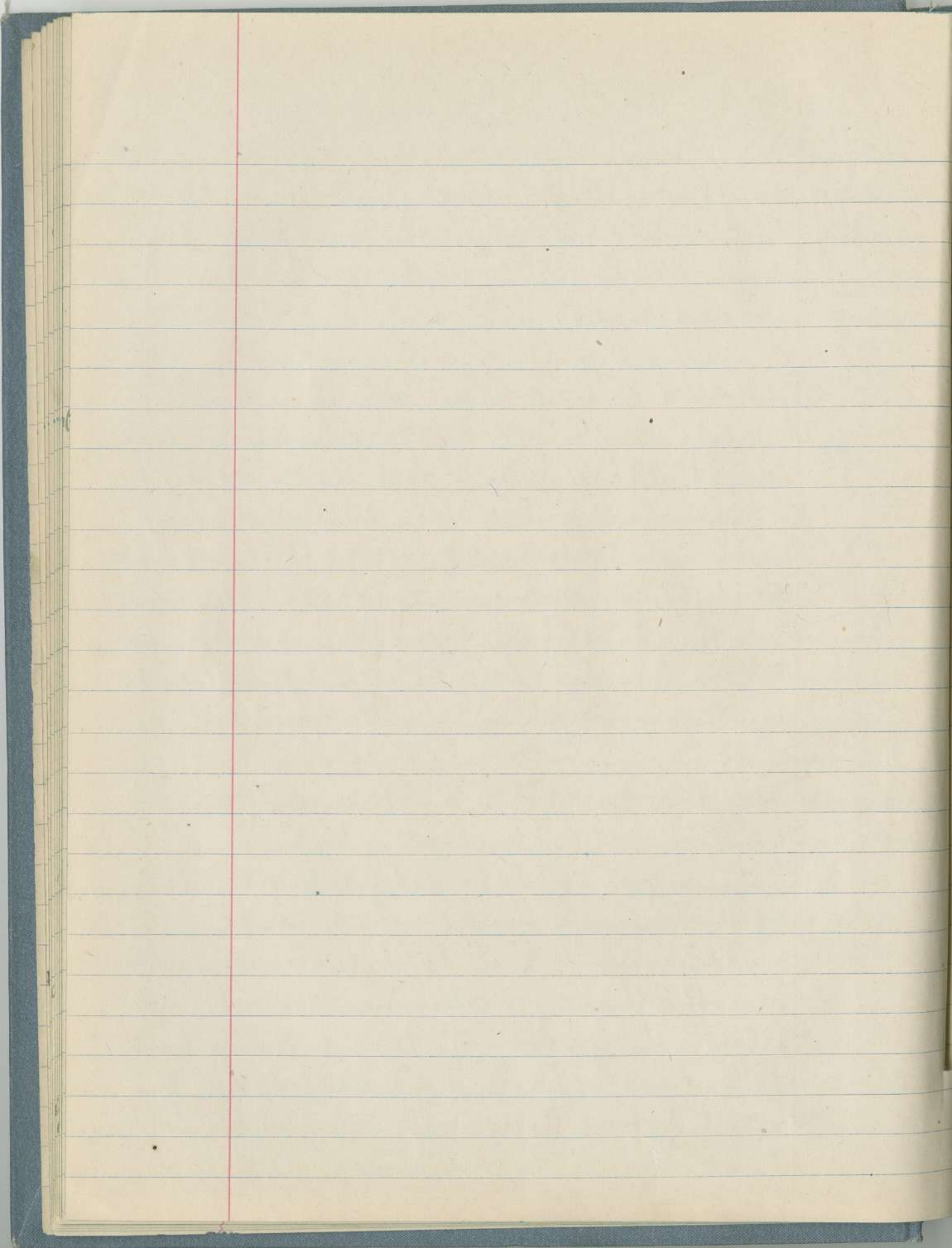
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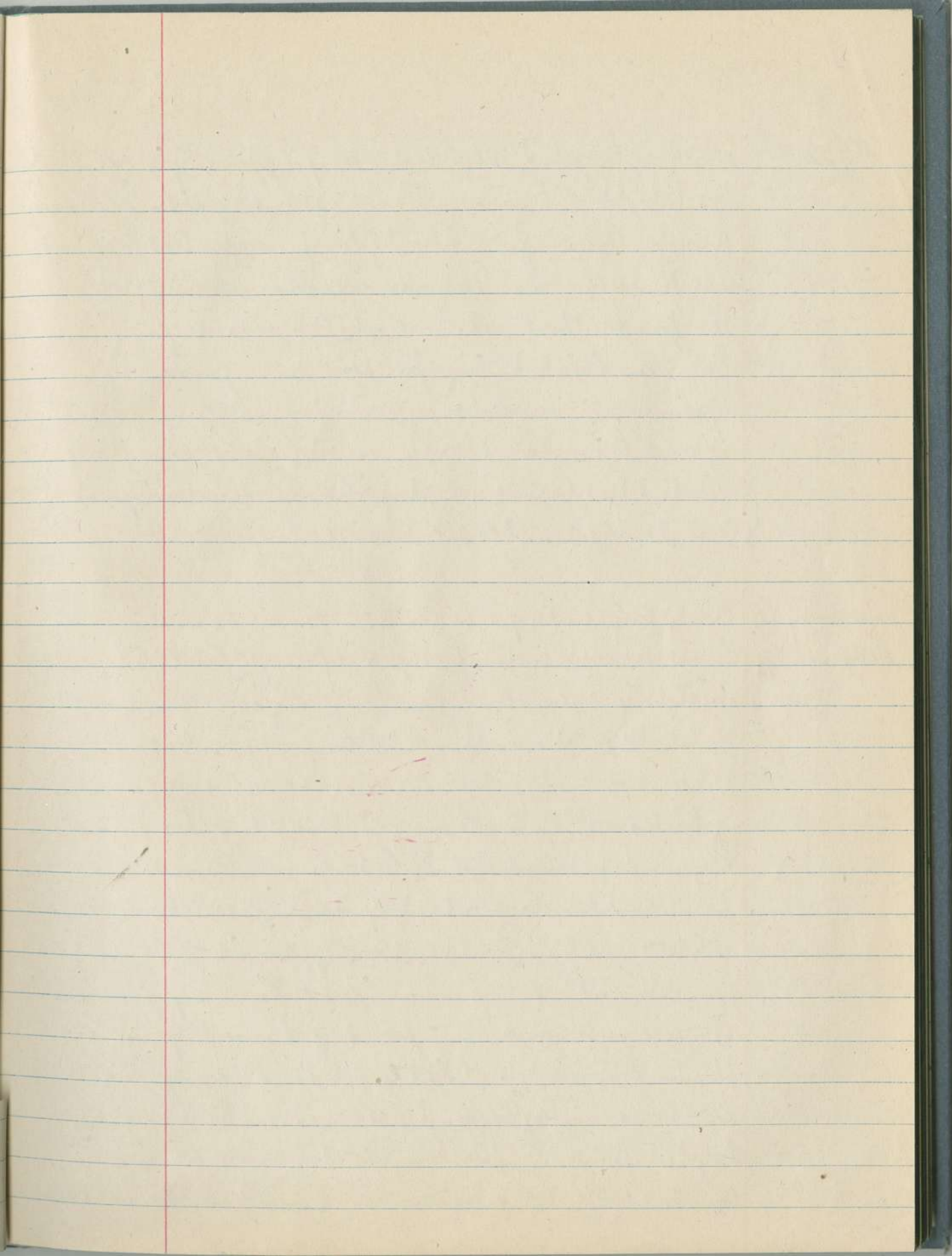
January 19.
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Mrs. Pearce still away so I went to the office in the morning. At noon I practised $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Went to Mrs. Milne's to fit my dress and then to the office where I worked until six o'clock. Mrs. Pearce came home in the afternoon train which got in about 5 p.m. (The late train Saturday night got to Chesley Sunday night at 10 p.m.) After tea I went to Nolan's to tell Mrs. Nolan we would not be able to go to her card party to-morrow night. Charles went up the hill for a walk and Duncan came back with Lemi. I practised an hour. Slept inside.

January 20
Tuesday.

Went to the office this morning and wasted a great deal of time (interruptions) before I got my work. After dinner went over to Will Halliday's to invite Mrs. Grant & Mrs. Halliday to dinner to-morrow night. Very stormy. Went down town for Claire, Lame and called and invited Mrs. Crow to dinner. A Mr. McKay there who is a fine singer. When I





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Came home I started my typing. Worked until tea time. Read part of The Globe and then finished my work (21 pages) at 11.30 p.m. Great excitement over the fact that the U.S.O. are trying to buy a building for the purpose of opening a store. Tried to buy the office block. Word arrived to-day that Walter Pender had died (gas) in Toronto. Slept inside.

January 21
(Wednesday)

Cold bright day - beautiful. Practised an hour and tidied up library. Charlie's birthday - Went down town to get Receipt for World's Work for birthday gift. Got it, put it in my pocket. Also got a couple of books and a box of chocolates for Mrs. Ryan to give Charles. Got home and found I had lost my receipt. Wrote a note. When Charles got it - he produced my receipt. Having found it on the road in front of Mrs. Rogers'. Wrote Charlie's little sketch of the collection of \$116 for Armenian fund by telephone. Took it down to him and took my music lesson. Mrs. Welch

1920. Mrs. Cum, Mrs. H. Halliday, Mrs. Grant-, Mrs. Stewart- and Alice came up for dinner at six o'clock. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. W. J. C. have bought Mrs. Lindsay's Block + Room + Warrington must have out by 1st of June. Most Selfish, Autocratic Association in the world to-day. It is said the Union is making trouble for King - Want an 8 hour day, a closed shop and \$4.50 a day Very cold night.

January 22
(Thursday) Bright-cold day. Went down to bank with S. S. Inney and to Miss Trilne's to get my dress. Made up my S. S. Reports - Treasurer and Secretary - Took them down to Mr. M. A. Halliday - Called to see Mrs. Clarke but she was too ill to be seen. Is suffering very much from nerves and seems to be growing weaker. Called at the house on the way home to get the Season Report from Mr. Inney. (He is staying in as he has sore arm from vaccination.) Wrote to Dorothy and Clare. Mrs. Inney brought up the report which was not finished when I was there. Practised half an hour. Rained

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No cold, & stay longer. Charles went to
Congregational meeting. Raised Mr. Linn's
Salary from \$15.00 to \$20.00. Cold night.

January 23
(Friday)

Miss Mussen called shortly after 9 o'clock
(just before Charles left for the office) and
it was about 11 when she left. Dis-
cussing a Mussen Recital. Practised
an hour. Then typed the 2nd copy of
Senior III paper for Barb. Worked
~~very~~^{well} and ~~late~~^{late}. Practised another
half hour. It began to snow about 3
o'clock and I decided not to go out-
calling as I had intended so I went
out and spent an hour shovelling.
The walk. After tea practised a quarter
of an hour (Went over to Black's with
some papers for Mr. Black) and a quarter
of an hour before tea making 2 hours
in all to-day. Wrote to Frank and
Charles took it with him when he went
to the meeting re Housing problem.
Men came to-day to shovel the snow off
the roof, the verandas etc. Great load of
snow on everything. Charles had a letter
from his sister yesterday saying they had

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Heard from John who is still a part of the Egyptian army. He had been sent to Constantinople on a medical mission and had been given a week's leave to see his wife and had had an audience with the Sultan. Slept inside.

January 24th
(Saturday)

Read all morning while I watched for the milkman. Keith brought up the meat. Practised over two hours altogether. Coldest day this winter I think. Went to call at Stanley's. Heard that Harry McDonald has at last communicated with Jack. He is in the states somewhere and is doing well. Said to be the best directing man in North America. Too cold for Charles to go out for his exercise. Called in afternoon to enquire for Mrs. Clarke. She could not be seen and Mrs. Litch was having a sleep. Slept inside.

January 25th
(Sunday)

Very cold day. Went to church in the morning & evening and B. S. S. Charles did not go to church at night. Mr. Jones's vaccination was very sore so he did not go to S. S. & Charles took his class. Only Alice and

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January 26 Practised an hour in the morning and
(Monday) half an hour in the afternoon. Did some short-hand. Went up to see Mr. & Mrs. Grant & Mrs. Ferguson were there. Called in to see Mrs. McGeeon, who sprained her ankle at Mrs. Sanderson's last week. Mrs. Hugh Warmington was there. The ankle is not very bad. Mrs. McGeeon had her chickens under the table, a cat under the stove and the most untidy room imaginable. Can't imagine how she lives in it. Duncan came up after tea to see "Life". Looked over the old classical manuscripts. I read "The Clash". Much colder today but windy so slept inside again to night.

January 27. Nice mild morning. Practised an hour
(Tuesday) and a half altogether. Read part of "The Clash". Went down town to fit my dress. Shovelled the walk when I came home. Did some French. Called at the house to enquire how Mr. Ince's vaccination was getting along. Pretty sore arm. Then went up to see

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Jean Bell. She had been out for a drive with Florence Leslie and so was rather tired. She tried sitting up in a chair for awhile but seemed to be very weary so she lay down on the couch. I am afraid she will have to spend the rest of her time in bed or on the couch. Life promised to be short and weary for her. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Grant came in before I left. Much colder by night. Charles did not do sentry go for very long. Slept inside.

January 28. Cold day. Read "The Black", practiced an hour and a half. Went down town with S. & collection. Charles came home at noon stating that he wanted some sandwiches for the train on his way to London. Went down for letters, commons, etc., wrote a couple of letters (typed) for Charles. He almost missed his train. I went to Mrs. Currier for my lesson so was not here when he left. After I came home I went down town again to get "The Enterprise". Wrote to Dorothy after tea and Mrs. Ryan posted it for me. Mrs. Clarke (Mrs. Litch's mother) is sinking rapidly. Slept inside.

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January 29 (Thursday) Was lazy this morning as Charles away & did not get up until 8.30. Spent an hour or so mending my corsets and putting a new lace on them. Practised an hour & three-quarters. Went down for the mail. Much milder to-day. Wrote to Mrs. Norman Robertson & Miss Small. Charles got home on late train 1 1/2 hrs. late. Cold again.

January 30 (Friday) Cold - very cold. Went down town to try on my dress. Practised 1 3/4 hours. Read "The Clash". Went to tea at Mrs. Bell's. Quite a large tea. The house is certainly fine & big especially upstairs. Fine big hall. Florence Leslie and Jean (who seemed much better to-day) served the supper. Came home and Charles and I went down to Leitch's to see Mrs. Leitch. Her brother died at half past ten this morning. Coldest night yet. Still sleeping inside.

January 31 (Saturday) Went down to Leitch's this morning as I promised. Mrs. Clarke looked as though peacefully sleeping, I would rather remember her so than as she looked

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this summer at the Chautauque. The first time, I think, when I have felt so. The trains are blocked. The funeral was to go on afternoon train. As the early train did not get down until after 12. They tried to catch it but Mr. Wright was not ready. The morning train from Toronto just passed through at 1.30. The thermometer registered 20° below zero at 8 o'clock this morning and was still 8° below at 11. Did some darning and put eyelids in the brasserie. Eaton's sent with eyelids in one side only. Went over to the station to say good bye to Mrs. Smith. Afternoon train only 40 minutes late. Then went down town for a walk. Very cold. Coldest day yet. Read "The Clash" in the evening. Slept inside. So did Charles - the first time this winter.

February 1
Sunday.

Much colder to-day but cold enough yet. Charles did not go to church this morning as he had to study his S. S. Lesson. I went - good sermon. Went to S. S. Did not stay for annual meeting. Did not go to church at night but Charles went. After-

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Church Charlie, Alice, Duncan & Isabel
came up for awhile. Slept inside.

February 2.
(Monday)

Beautiful mild day. Did some work for
Charles and typed out points in debate;
"Resolved that the Senate should be
abolished" for Mrs. Evans who is on the
negative. Read "The Clash". Went up to
see Mother and called to see how Mrs.
McGregor was. Mother out but saw her
go to Mrs. McGregor's so walked down
there and walked back with Mother as
far as Kyle's. Wrote an address for
Mr. & Mrs. Grunick-Hanks. Went there
with McGraw Street Gang. Typed the address
and put it together with 13 paper
fasteners, (13th anniversary of their
wedding last Saturday) took 13 Scotch
prints each wrapped in paper in a
box. The box was wrapped in 13 papers.
We got them a work basket with 13
articles in it. Met at Nolan's. Charles
only stayed an hour as he was going
to Walkeston in the morning in the early
train. Had a good time. Slept outside
again, thawing in the afternoon. Roads soft.

February 3. Charles got away on early train which was
(Tuesday) sharp on time and pulled out before
seven o'clock. Fine day but little colder
than yesterday. Beautiful Sunshine. Did

February some short hands and read some of the
"Elash." Practised about an hour. Archie
Lew telephoned that his brother had gone to
Toronto and not to go down to-morrow. Went
down for the mail and to Litch's for the Globe.
Went over to the mill to pay for some flour.
Came home and got ready to go to tea at
Mrs. Stewart's. Quite a crowd there. Had
a good time and left for home at 8.30
(Having been asked for "tea and to
spend the evening") Charles got home
on the late train which was not very
late and got in about 10 p.m. Slept
outside - quite fresh.

February 4 Was cold when I went to bed and so
(Wednesday) did not get warmed up - consequently
did not sleep much. Wakened or
rather startled by fire Bell. Hearing
from Central it was Ross & Warrington's
Gents Furnishing Store and a bad fire.
I got ready & went down so Charles

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Need not get up. Stayed until about-
1/2 past-6. Did not like the look of the
fire when I left. Did not think it
was under control. about-7.10 we
retired (Charles got up at-7) the smoke
was much worse. I went down again
and the south wall fell out (part-
of it) just after I got down and Bart-
Wright's shoe was all gone. Charles
came down at-8. We went on to the
office and then came home to
breakfast which we finished about-
10.30. I went down at-11 to get meat
for dinner & water still being
played on building which is a
complete wreck and sheeted in
ice. Mrs. Oliver & Mrs. Wesley Durr called.
Wrote to Dorothy and Jean Maxwell. Rhena
Campbell was to come in afternoon for
music examination but decided to
write from 7 to 10 so she arrived at-7.
She was peeved because she could
not write her exam. at home and
was not angelic at all. I gave her
the drawing room and left her to
herself. She had forgotten to bring her

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Remember with her so I left the envelope open until morning. Slept outside as usual by night. Practised $\frac{1}{2}$ hour Read 'The Black'

February 5. (Thursday) Lovely day. Went down for meat in the morning and called at Leitch's to enquire after Mrs. Leitch who is still away. Got 5 lbs of soft coal in the day. Went over 5 hrs. Darks to get him to shovel way in for leave. The snow is so deep. Did 8 copies Letters of administration and 5 probates for Charles. Mr. Luer called to bring some literature to Charles for an address. He is to give in Waltherham on Monday night. Took my work down to the office and while there got three letters to write. Just finished a few minutes after 6. Read 'The Globe' and practised $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Read 'The Black'. Slept out.

February 6 (Friday). Fine day. almost like spring. Wrote a letter for Charles to David Savage in Central America reporting fine. (He was in night store) Read 'The Black'. Mrs. Meuser called and stayed for about an hour. After dinner was overseeing dressing of Bertha Leuke for and Margareth.

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Who, with Mrs. Ryan's help were getting costumes for a carnival in Paisley 5-nights. Went up to see Mother and read her a letter I got from Frank. Met her on the road going for a walk, went in for awhile and then Mother walked down to the corner and I walked back to the gate with her. Mary Kyle came along and Mother went on home with her and I came home walking bad. Met Blanche Gillies and walked over to their house with her. Practised $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour when I got home. Wrote to Clara, Nell, Dorothy and Douglas.

February 7. Nice mild day. Washed the palms in (Saturday) the morning. It took about 2 hours. Read "The Clash." Went down town in the afternoon and called at the office when Charles said he wanted to give me some work so did not get away until 6 p.m. Have about 13 pages of shorthand typed on Monday morning. Some U.I.O. evidently sent word to the Free Marshal that they suspected the U.I.O. store had been set on fire as the Deputy Free Marshal was there yesterday

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Investigating. (Silly things) after tea I went over to Mrs. Beattie's to see Miss Bridgman, the new High School Teacher who is supplying for her sister until March 1st. Found she was rooming at Mrs. Ann's so Mrs. Beattie and I went down there to see her calling in at the Public Library on the way down. Got on clock back to night (Charles went down for it) He missed it very much while it was gone.

February 8 Fine day & hot - but cold. Went to Church twice (Sunday) and to S. S. Work to Frank. Charles was preparing an address (Forward Movement) for a banquet at Wakeham - tomorrow and so did not go to S. S. I typed some gratulations for him before I went to S. S. I also had to select the hymn slides as Mr. M. A. is in charge. After Church Mrs. & Mrs. Jones, Miss Brunlee & Charlie and Alice came up. I made sandwiches before I went to Church.

February 9. Slightly colder day but very pleasant. (Monday) Opened the letters I got at the office on Saturday and took them down to the office. After -

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dinner. I wrote - had more letters for Charles.
Made him some sandwiches to take with-
him on afternoon train to Walkerton. He
expects to wait there after the banquet
and brass meeting are over. Took the
letters to the office and then called on
Mrs. Leslie, who seems to be much worse
and has to be moved around
considerably. Alice was calling
there at the same time. Also called to
say good bye to Mrs. D. G. Scott who leaves
on Wednesday for Montreal. Mrs. Scott
is manager in a Branch of the Merchants-
Bank near there. She was not in but
we met her in the street and said
good bye to her. Practised an hour.
Counted the words in "Dorothy's Story"
"and in Conclusion." Practised a
couple of recitations for the young
people's meeting. Debate Resolved
That the Senate of Canada should
be abolished. Very good. Negative won.
Affirmative. W. P. King & Harry King
Negative. Mrs. Dancy and Mrs. Evans.
I recited "The Mystified Quaker in
New York" and "The Faithful Lovers."

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Mrs. Inen and Alice sent me candies - Mrs. Inen's was a chocolate bar and Alice sent a box of conversational lozenges. Snowing quite hard. Started after dinner and when I got home there was a great drift in the path - especially at the foot of the steps. Jimmy Ryan was here and he shovelled it out before he went to bed. Quite mild, however, and I should not wonder if it changes to rain. Read a chapter of "The Clash."

February 10
(Tuesday)

Finished "The Wild Geese" by Stanley J. Weyman. Practised an hour. Went down for the mail before dinner. Typed some papers for Alice (a contest - things found on a cent) also typed Dorothy's story "And in Conclusion" to send to Young's Magazine for her. Went down for the Globe. Telephoned Nell to wish her "Many Happy Returns of the Day". Says the flu is very bad in the South. Perhaps we may have Dorothy come home. After tea went to a party at Alice's (given for Miss Brunlee). Had a good time. Charles got home from Hallowell.

1920 on the late train which did not get in until half past ten. Mild day - colder at night.

February 11. Went down for meat. Practised over Wednesday afternoon. Phoned Stewart to find out how Jim was. Jim said he didn't think if they could watch his heart he would be alright. She told me that Jean Johnson had just had a telegram saying that Mrs. Brill Johnson was dead but not giving any particulars. Went to Mrs. Caw's for my music lesson and from there to the Public Library to help Mrs. Ferguson with the catalogue. Miss Elworthy called with the books and cards and after tea I wrote 204 Library Cards. Dinner was up for awhile. Soft water in bath room done. No heat all winter to supply any.

February 12th (Thursday) Wrote a couple of letters for Charles. Then wrote a playlet "Business is Business" for Miss Meuser's Boys for her Recital. Typed it and took it down to her. Started it about a quarter to 11 and finished it about a quarter to 4. Then

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Went down town. Called at the house but there was nobody in. Went to Public Library and worked for awhile. Bought books and cards home with me. After tea went to class and then Charles and I went over to see Anna. She came home last night. She saw Dorothy in Toronto and says she looks well and likes her work.

February 13
(Friday)

Wrote cards for the library - about 2000 or more. Heard at noon that Jim Stewart was dead in Waterloo. He had flu and pneumonia but had got over that but his heart gave out. His brother went down on Monday. He was ill about 2 weeks altogether. I went in to see Rena in the afternoon and then went to the library where I worked until half past six. Practised $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Wrote to Dorothy and wrote an address to be presented to Mr. Heinimiller by the chosen friends. Went down to the house about a quarter to 9 to read "Business to Business" to Mrs. Bunker. Quite mild. Shaved my hair in the morning.

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Getting Colder.

February 14
(Saturday)

Was writing Library cards most of the morning. Finished all the cards there were and there are still about 36 names to write. Finished "The Clash". Duncan came up after dinner and brought me some snaps and a letter from Adelaide to read. Wrote up rules on "The Clash". Went to Public Library and accessioned the rest of the books for Mrs. Ferguson. Went on down town and came home & shovelled off the walk. Snowing quite hard and drifting badly. Fena came over and spent the evening and we had a nice chat. The train is very late. Had not left Stratford when it should have been in Chesley. Jim Stewart's body is expected on it. Charles tried out so cannot wait up for it. Practised about 20 minutes only.

February 15
Sunday.

Very stormy. Went to church in the morning. As there are about 20 cases of Flu in town the Board of Health decided to close up schools, churches, library.

Reading Room, Skating Rink, Biplane
+ Pool Room + allow no social gatherings.
Order to come into effect - at - 10 o'clock to-
day so there will be no church to night -
or P.D. Saw Charlie and family at
church in the morning. G.D. - very stormy
and quite cold. about 4.20 I went out
to shovel out the path and finished it
about 6 o'clock - Played the piano for
about an hour. Read "The Scarlet Letter".
Charles had a fine rest. after tea Mr.
Caldwell telephoned to say that Clarence
had influenza. Little Emma Veltzinger
very ill with pneumonia. Train did not
get in on Saturday night until about -
3.30 a.m. After church Charles and
Mr. M.A. went down to Stewart's and
then over to see Mr. Blain who is quite ill.
(heart) found him sitting up. Slept in

February 16 Still storming with the sun shining
Monday. occasionally amid the storm. Went
out and shovelled the walk. Wrote to
Miss Ward and Mr. McDunn. Practised
three quarters of an hour. Was happy
writing all afternoon. Charles went to

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Juni Stewart's funeral. I went down town about half past five to get some tomato soup and some meat. Still storming as hard as ever but frost is gone off the front door. North windows covered with frost. Charles took a snap of me standing beside the big snow bank at the foot of the steps. It is higher than my head so I hope the picture of it will be a good one. So windy I guess I will sleep inside. Train cancelled. Worst storm this winter.

February 17
Tuesday

Still storming. Part of the path was drifted up level. Hard work to throw the snow over the bank. Took me about two hours to shovel out the walk. Was so tired I had to lie down for awhile. ~~He~~ Typed a couple of letters. Called to see Mrs. Simpson who has been ill and then went to see Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Juni Stewart there. She is feeling very badly about Juni's death. One train went up to day and one went down about 6 o'clock. Mrs. Juni Stewart was going back to

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Dated on it - with her father. Practised for an hour after tea. Florence Leslie and Miss Smart are the latest for victims. Went to Dorothy and Frank. Slept inside.

February 18
Wednesday

Went down to Bank with S.S. collection and got meat. Practised an hour and a quarter when I came home. Charles had neuralgia in his head. Got him some aspirin and he lay down and had a sleep. I left him sleeping when I went to Mrs. Crow's for my lesson. Was to go with Miss Bridgman to McDonald's House to see about getting meals there but as school is closed she has decided to go home on the early train in the morning. Went with her to Coopers and the Enterprise office. Got the mail at the Post office and took it to the office & then came home. Practised $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour in the evening. Very cold night. Slept inside.

February 19
Thursday

Typed the entries of yesterday for Charles. Cleaned and oiled my typewriter. Charles's head feels better this morning.

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practised an hour and a half. Went
to class. after-dinner went over to see
Jenna who leaves so-morrow morning
for Enfield to see Alma and then on
to Toronto and Montreal. (She expects to
see Dorothy in Toronto.) Then went
down town - got a box of candy for
Charlie's birthday and some tea and
soup for Mrs. McGregg. Went up to
Mother's where I left the box for Charlie
on the supper table. Visited Mother &
called to see Mrs. McGregg who is better
and says she will be up on Monday.
Duncan came up after tea to see
'Life'. Then Charles, Duncan and
I played seven-ups. Duncan
who was in debt for 12 pikes refused
to go home until he had gained 75
and had 7 to the good. 22° below zero at 7 a.m.
Slept inside.

February 20 (Friday) Worked all morning for Charles.
Duncan was up for a little while.
Went down town, met Miss Brunlee
& Mrs. Ince and walked around
with them to Mrs. Oliver's to get Miss
Brunlee's fancy work as she was

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leaving on the afternoon train for home
(Barrie) here today. Then I called to see
Mrs. Blair. Mr. Blair very poorly and
was right in bed. Had been somewhat
better but took bad in the night. (Leach)
Called to see Jean Bell who seemed to be
fairly bright. Then called to see Jean
Johnston but found her out and
called on Mrs. (Dr.) Mac who has been
ill with quinsy. Walked up with
Mrs. Ferguson. She says Miss Murray
contemplates leaving Havergal and
going to Nova Scotia to teach with a
friend of hers. Went to Dorothy after
dinner and after tea to Mrs. Keith
(who is in Cleveland having gone
over there from Hamilton, where she
had gone to attend her brother's funeral,
to attend the funeral of her sister-in-
law who died suddenly of heart trouble)
Nell, Douglas, Mr. Allison and
Janet Feehan (Allison) whose baby
boy arrived on Jan. 24th - Quite frosty
again to night so shall sleep
inside.

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February 21 (Saturday) Worked for Charles until about 12:30. Practised an hour. Did my darning. Went down to public library in the afternoon and did some work for Mrs. Ferguson. Then went on down town to get some things for Dorothy's box of lobs. Wrote a note to Claire re her bank deposits - bonuses etc. Fine day - thawing some places in the sun. Wrote to Miss Small & Lieve Frazer.

February 22 (Sunday) No church on Sunday school. Seemed a very long day. Beautiful sunshiny day with a little feeling of spring in the air. I read "The Last Days" by H. Schen, Meriman. Went out and shovelled snow from outside sidewalk. Was out an hour and a half altogether. Charles had neuralgia in his head again after 2 p.m. I hope it may soon be better. Charlie and Alice were up in the evening. They had walked around a five mile block in the afternoon. (Had the 6 children with them) Charlie is going to dinner in the morning. Wrote to John Hewitt and his mother.

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February 23 Mild day but snowing hard - Just after -
(Monday) I started to shovel out the sidewalk - must have snowed an inch to-day. (More than that) Mrs. McKeon came to wash - 1st time she has been out washing since she lost her ankle. Instead of arriving about a quarter past ten or later she astonished us by appearing about ten minutes past nine. Did some work for Charles in the morning - Went down town and got some cord and paper to do up Dorothy's boxes of 'cabs'. Got 2 boxes ready. Walked down with Charles to carry one to Post office while he carried the other. Wrote Dorothy a letter - Went in down to the office to get mail. Came home and shovelled the walk. Practised for an hour. Read The Globe. Played for Charles an hour in the evening. Slept inside.

February 24th Worked for Charles all morning. Practised
(Tuesday) two hours altogether. Did some Short-Hand & some French. Went out in the afternoon. Somewhat

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colder. Called at Blair's to enquire how Mr. Blair was - somewhat better. Mr. Iner was there at the same time. Called at Johnston's but Jean out again. Then went down to Stanley's. Mrs. Stanley pretty well but not able to go out yet. They had a fine picture of Stanley and had had a letter from Delfine saying she weighed 117 lbs when she was married and now weighs 178 lbs. Was visiting Janet (Keenit) Atkinson and says the baby is a very fine baby. After tea I read to Charles as he was afraid it might make his head pain again. Has not bothered him scarcely at all today. About 10 p.m. Duncan called on his way to the late train to meet his father. Got quite frosty at night - so slept inside.

February 25th
(Wednesday)

Beautiful sunshiny day but not -
morning. Trees were covered with - snow
first and when the wind blows it -
looks just as though we were having
a number of snow flurries. Worked
all morning for Charles. No soft water in

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The bathroom tank so for about a week we were carrying water - up from the cistern. Now it appears the cistern is about-dry, for the water is very muddy, so we are melting snow. Wish there would soon be a rain to fill the tank. are afraid to run the hard water in because of the tank for radiators and the water from being connected with bath-room tank and hard water - would fill them up. Went down to Mrs. Cur's for my lesson. Mrs. Beattie & Mrs. Florence Kitchener to see me about - looking over Mrs. Kitchener's paper for Horticultural Society. after tea Duncan came up and we played seven-up until Duncan went to meet the late train at 10.30. Charlie did not get home last night. Wrote to Frank. Very frosty - Below zero so slept inside.

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February 26 (Thursday) Did some work for Charles. Went down town for meat and called at Mrs. Butler's with my purple dress to have it fitted properly. Finished "The Haunted Book-Shelf". Went down to fit my kimono. New Spring goods just arrived so stayed

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anful price - foulards \$8 a yard other -
silk \$7. Serges \$10 - \$12 and higher.
One wonders how people will be able
to get clothes. Went to Glace. Some
men came to the house on business
and I had to write a letter for
Charles. Very cold day and a
blizzard started in afternoon.
Very cold night. Will sleep inside.
Did some French & short hand.

February 27
(Friday)

Was kept busy with office work until
2 o'clock. Charles was not feeling very
well (stomach out) so he did not go to the
office in the afternoon. Had another letter
to write for him. Got him hot water
bottle for and about five o'clock he
began to feel better. I spent an hour
shovelling the walk and side walk.
Cold day. Went down to the office with
letters I had written & got the Globe and
the mail from the office. Practised at
home in the evening. Went to Dorothy.
Duncan came up about 8 o'clock
& read The Literary Digest. Slept inside.

February 28¹⁹²⁰
Saturday

Did some work for Charles. Mr. Bell called and began discussing Forward Movement and it was 11 o'clock before Charles got away to the office. It is now 3.30 p.m. and he has not yet got time to dinner. Still cold and snowing steadily. Drifting snow now again got in about 2 o'clock. Took Charles down a Thermos bottle of bouillabaisse and some soda biscuits. Office still full of people. Went up to see mother. Came home, shovelled the walk and took some papers over for Mr. Black. It was after seven when Charles got home for his tea. Tried to get started on a paper of Mrs. Florence Kitchener's but found it hard work. Practised an hour. Quite fresh so slept inside.

February 29¹⁹²⁰
Sunday

Still no church. Walked up the hill with Charles in the morning. Fine day but still enough frost to make the snow crack. Wrote the paper on "What a Horticultural Society could do for a small town." Then we over to Mrs. Beattie's to read it to her. She approved. Charles went to Biehn to see Fred W.

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night with his father's body. We were to
go to the mausoleum but mausoleum all dark
when I came past so came on home.
Charles telephoned from the mausoleum later.
Rink was going to open last night in
spite of notice from Board of Health -
but thought better of it when they were
served with ~~an~~ notice. Dr. Main,
Medical Health-officer had told Mr.
Lustig he could open and he would not
pay anything. Dr. Main says he is going
to resign tomorrow because the
Council will not raise his salary.
Poor kind of a town official. Played
the piano for an hour & a half.
Will sleep in yet again tomorrow night.
Cut out some material for a picture
letter. I want to write to Blanche
Gillis. Charles and Alice came
up for a while.

March 1st Cold and stormy. Had some office
Monday work to do and had to go down in
the morning to fit my kumina. Typed
out the paper on "What a Horticultural

Society could do for a small sum. Cut-
out a lot more material for my picture
letter. Had to go down in afternoon to
fit my camera again and called at
Mr. Donald House & gave Miss Richner
her paper for Quilts Meeting on Friday.
Accumulated still some more
material for Blanchie's letter.

March 2nd Had to do some work for Charles and
Tuesday. Wrote an 'Apology' to send to Dorothy - re
not thanking her for box, not writing, not doing
her letters, etc., took the work down to the
Post and got myself a new pair of foot-
files. Came home and had lunch and
Charles & I caught the train for O. Sound -
Gung to hear ex-President Taft lecture.
Mr. & Mrs. Bell and Jean went along &
Messrs Conrad & Christian King were there
also. Jean, Mrs. Bell and I went to
McKay's in a taxi. Later Mr. Bell and
Mr. Mickle arrived at the home where
Jean was to stay & rest until we
went home. Mrs. Bell and I went
down town, called on Davena Ritchie,
Went to Scarino's and looked at shoes

for Jean but found she would have to
fix them herself. Visited the two book
stores and bought a book for Alice
for a birthday present (birthday 5-
day) and Mrs. Bell bought a picture
book for Donald McKay - the little
sick & helpless son of the house. Met
Mr. Bell & Mr. Mickle at the Seldin
House where we had tea. Then walked
up to McKay's with Jean's bag and went
on to the West End Methodist Church to
the lecture. Saw Dr. Middlebro, Mr.
Dyer, Jack Delford, Mr. Bloch, Dorena &
Matie Ritchie & Miss Kate Bell in the
audience. Mr. Kilbourne acted as
chairman & gave a good address.
Mr. Taft gave a most excellent
address on "The League of Nations." He
is not nearly so stout as he appears
in his pictures. He has a splendid
smile & a most entrancing little
chuckle. He speaks very quietly
but convincingly and has a great
fond of humor. His jokes are pre-
ceded by the little chuckle. Had
a few minutes chat with Miss Kate

Bell when leaving the church. Returned to hotel where we had a chat in the sitting room with Miss Doyle, the proprietress. Got to bed about 12 p.m.

March 3rd Had breakfast with the Bells at hotel.
Wednesday. We all called on Davena & Martin Ritchie. Charles went to attend to some business. Mrs. Bell and I went to the drug store for some tooth-paste and then visited Miss Bell's school. We went to the Kindergarten and saw the children play, then visited the Manual Training Room & the Domestic Science room where a sewing class was in session, then visited Miss Bell's room where she had the children read for us. She must be some teacher for they read splendidly (2nd BK "The Cricket and the Ant.") We visited Jessie McTavish's room where the kiddies sang for us. Then we visited the Art Teacher's room and saw some very good work done by pupils from 2nd BK up to Entrance Class. Also called at Mr. Shaw's (Principal's) room.

The Bells and the Nickles went to McKays for dinner. Jean had spent the time resting but had a young man visitor in the evening. Drove to station in taxi. Train not in but only had to wait about 15 minutes. Japt came down on train. Only one coach on. Mr. M. A. H. got on at Tara & told us Japt was to address the Chesley School children from the Can. Quite a crowd at the station (Bill Laurent is Brakeman on the train) Mr. Japt spoke very nicely & crowd gave him a cheer when he started & when he finished. Mr. McDonald introduced him & Dr. Beebe was on platform as representative of School Board. Went down to office to see if there was a letter from Dorothy - got one. Then went over to see Mrs. Leitch who got home on Monday night from Cleveland where she went from Hamilton (her brother's funeral) to her sister-in-law's funeral in Cleveland. Our train almost ran over a man just before we reached Chesley station. A few got on the back & did