

January

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New Year's Day. (starts on page 19)

In starting out of this New Year's day - let us talk of life in the New - May we be awakened to its Sacredness. "A Sacred burden is this life we bear; Look on it; lift it, bear it Solemnly, Stand up and walk beneath it, steadfastly, fail not for Sorrow, falter not for sin; but onward, upward 'till the goal you win. And let us each one pray and seek for peace and trust."

"Oh, for the Peace of Perfect Trust that looks away from all and sees thy hand in everything, in great events and small... that hears thy voice - a father's voice - Directing for the best, Oh for the Peace of a perfect trust, a heart with thee at rest."

2 January Sat.

(More info about life where they are staying. People go to Pasadena and come back. They go to a football game that night. Part of the meal that night was fresh strawberries, which Martha particularly liked.)

3 January Sabbath.

The first Sabbath of the New Year. Paul walked out alone to the Bethany Church to Sabbath School and found a place in Mrs. Jones's(?) class. Mr. Mac and I went with Homer to church at eleven - the special evangelistic services began this morning. At the Bethany Presbyterian Church of which Homer is the pastor - and for future reference I shall write here - that it is on the corner of Bellevue Avenue and Holiday Street(?). The Evangelist Rev. Joseph Newton Boyd - the singer Mr. R. N. Jeffrey.

After a song, service, and scripture reading, and remarks from the pastor, Homer, the meeting opened. Rev Boyd's text "Be ye filled with the Spirit." Mr. Jefferies singing seemed to reach the heart of his(?) __?__. I felt as I can hardly describe when the congregation, so many of them, flocked around us - every one more cordial than another - and all because they loved Homer. One woman whispered how dear he was to her, from the very first that she always looked upon him as John the Beloved disciple.

Homer invited Rev. Boyd home with him to dinner - I was sorry it was not convenient for him to accept for he certainly missed a fine dinner.

Mrs. H__?__ attended Rev. Walker's big church this morning - but I am afraid she missed a good deal by not being at our church. Mrs. H. - back in time for dinner, this afternoon at three O'clock - Paul asked if he could attend the young folks meeting. I was glad for him to be so ready & willing to go. Mary was here with Richard - the woman in the kitchen, what a beautiful afternoon this is - quite as beautiful as a May day at home.

As I entered the church one thing I noticed written for all. The kind of growth to need in 1904. See Eph. 4:11-16.

In the Evening Mr. Mac and Paul and Homer and I(?) at the church again. Sermon by Rev. Boyd. Spoke of the coming of the Spirit. Mrs. H and Mary at home with Richard.

4 January Monday

Much cooler this morning, just like one of our cool mornings back at home in May. Our girl washed. Homer took Paul down to school and he remained till noon. "A Probationer(?)" We were almost surprised by receiving a letter from Clara - written from Port J_?___. She has been spending her vacations there at Francis(?). She will go back to Philadelphia tomorrow.

This afternoon Paul at home. Homer out making congregational calls. Mrs. White and Miss Stuart called this afternoon.

This evening Mr. Mac and Paul and Mrs. Hunt and Homer over at the church. Richard very fretful(?) all afternoon. I remained at home with Mary & the baby.

5 January Tuesday.

Another nice day. Homer out in town most of the A.M. Paul made us happy by getting up and cheerfully going off(?) to school this morning. He was home to lunch and back to School this afternoon. When he came in from School, Homer took him to the D&S and had him vaccinated. Mrs. Hunt and Mary took Richard with them for a ride to the grocery this P.M. This afternoon I began reading the "Scottish Chiefs" by Jane Porter. - All here to dinner. Our woman faithful all day long. I wrote to the ___?___s in Kansas City - This evening Mr. Mac and Paul and Homer and Mrs. Hunt over at the church at the meeting. Mary and Richard and I here alone.

6 January Wed.

Quite a beautiful day. For a change of work we washed out a few handkerchiefs. Paul at school home to lunch. This P.M. Mrs. Hunt and Mary and Richard here alone. - Homer took Mr. Mac and me over to the part of the city where Rev. S. M Ramsey resides - and we certainly had a delightful hour with Rev. Ramsey wife and daughter. Paul and all at home to dinner this afternoon. While away(?) Mrs. B___ R. Jones called - sorry I missed her.

This evening Homer and Mr. Mac and Paul and I over at the church. Rev. Boyds text "Strive to enter in at the gate: for many I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

Mr. Jefferies singing fine. One peace(?) I caught the fascinating lines of "Cast your bread upon the waters you may think it lost to you. But as sure as God is true. In this life or in the other it will return to you. To(?) write a good audience.

Cedarville Herald came - I noticed the marriage of Miss _____ and Mr. James Mitchell during the holidays. I almost felt sad that her teaching days are at an end, and Paul would be in her school no more. She is the first and last teacher for Paul back at home.

7 January Thurs.

“Bright and Fair.” Homer around this A.M. He was in with the rest to lunch - Paul at School all day. A letter from Harlan. He has just returned from Minneapolis - had quite a fine time. Washburn(?) and Crosby had a banquet for his (?). Harlan seems to be in fine spirits. He will be back at Des Moines again the rest of the week. This afternoon Homer out among the lambs(?) and _?_ of the city, (?) up for the meeting at the church this evening.

Mrs. Russel P. Hall - late of S. Deacon(?) and her daughter Mrs. C. P. Hall of this city called this P.M. This evening Mr. Mac and Paul and Homer and Mrs. Hunt over at the Evangelistic meeting at the church. Mary and Richard and I at home; Dr. J. S. Plummet(?) here and remained till the folks returned from church.

8 January Friday.

A beautiful day. Paul at school all day. For a change of scene, Homer took Father out in the city and they dined there. A little later Mrs. Hunt and Mary took a trip out in the city too among the stores - and they also took dinner up there too. (Editor's Note: The words “there too” seem like they have been written over some previously scratched out words). Susie busy in the kitchen and putting the house in order. I had the _?_ of Richard - when Paul came in from School we had our lunch. I just(?) in a truly full day reading “the Scottish Chiefs.” This evening Mr. Mac and Paul and Homer and I over at the church. - Sermon by Rev. Boyd - text: the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. To preach the gospel of love - the gospel of life and the gospel of liberty. The singing fine. Mr. Mac and I walked home with Mrs. Messinhimer as she was there alone.

9 January Sat.

Another nice day. Mr. Mac and Homer around home most of the day and Paul too. This afternoon _____ Mrs. McDanongh(?) called and their little girl. Mrs. Hunt up in the city at Mrs. Kern's(?). This evening all of us at home.

10 January Sabbath.

Very beautiful day. Paul at Sabbath school and church Mr. Mac and Homer and I there. Rev. Boyd's text: A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and you shall see me.” We had a very earnest sermon indeed - the minister never at any time seemed more earnest than he did today. After greeting(?) the Christians who felt deeply in earnest in this Evangelistic movement at the request of their(?) paid(?) remained. It was a precious hour to those who remained. I read today “that it is easy for God to turn every heart - all hearts are open to our King. At his girdle swing the keys by which the most unlikely door can be unlocked” Mrs. Hunt at one of the uptown churches. Mary at home with Richard. Susie had a nice dinner ready when we came home. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Reece Calvert stopped into see the folks. If I had never read the last two verses of the 58th chapter of Isaiah I would have enjoyed their call more.

Paul at the young folks meeting this afternoon - he joined their Society. This evening Mr. Mac and Paul and Mrs. Hunt and Homer over at the Church. Sermon by Rev. Boyd, of a_?_. I remained at home with Mary and Richard. The singer Mr. R. N. Jeffery copied me this verse by request:

“This forever can make you what you ought to be.

This blood can cleanse your heart and make you free.

This love can fill your soul and you will see

It was best for Him to have the way with thee.”

11 January Monday.

Monday. Another bright day. Mrs. Hunt went over to Santa Monica for a little visit this morning and will be gone two or three days. Homer up town at meeting of Presbytery this morning. He came home to lunch - and Mr. Mac went back with him to the meeting, this afternoon. Dr. Frank DeWit(?) Talmages(?) case before the meeting ((another place where a couple words have been scratched out, and that spot has a rough texture on the page)) - Paul at School. Susie here and washed and at the work all day. This evening Mr. Mac and Homer over at the church - A letter from Aunt Mary - they have taken Miss Fannie Townsley teacher of our school into the family to board. They are having zero weather there now. Paul did not go to lunch this evening.

(Editor's Note: in between these entries, the word “salts” with quotations around it, appears written sideways in the inside margin)

12 January Tues.

Quite a nice day indeed - Homer in his Study all A. M. He and Mary took care of Richard last night in Mrs. Hunt's absence. Mary not feeling well - she was in bed nearly all day. Susie at the work and very faithful. I took care of Richard most of the day. Homer out this P.M. Then when Paul released from school, Homer took out to the Dr. again to see his vaccinated arm. Mrs. Hunt still absent. Paul at school today. This evening he and father and Homer over at the Church - Mary and Richard and I home alone.

13 January. Wed.

Another bright day. I have been away in the “laundry” all P.M. Homer out in town. Mary is better this morning. Susie here at her work. This afternoon Rev. Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Ramsey and their daughter Martha called. Homer was out in the city while they were here. I was sorry they missed seeing him. Mrs. Charles Henry(?) Jones(?) called. and was here an hour. Paul suffering with his arm. He was at school as usual today. Mrs. Pillcrist(?) called this evening and remained for tea. She went over with Mr. Mac and Homer to the church. Rev. Boyd still preaching as usual. Susie here as usual today. Mary and Paul and I here with Richard.

14 January. Thurs

Very warm - the door and windows open. I have been in the "(daisy?/dairy?) B____s" today. Mr. Mac around home most of the time. Susie here at the work. Paul at home today with his arm. This afternoon Homer and Mary over at the School at a meeting of the Missionary Society. This is the first time Mary has been at Bethany Church. Mrs. White and her daughter and Mrs. Erwin(?) Jr. called. We were delighted this evening at Mrs. Hunt's return to us. She has been away since Monday morning, yet it seemed a longer time to Some of the folks. Homer and Mr. Mac and I over at the church. Had sermon by Rev. Frank Dewit(?) P____ D. D. text "Help those women who labour with me in the gospel" After preaching he gave most of the congregation a warm hand shake. Mr. Mac and I walked home with Mrs. (Editor's Note: the text in this line ends here)

Mrs. Hunt and Mary up when we came home. Paul's arm bothering him - he retired early.

15 January Friday.

Quite a beautiful day although a heavy fog fell around our house and over the city last night. Paul at home today again with his sore arm. Homer and Mary over at Santa Monica at Dr. J. S. Hunt's today. They returned after five. Mary not feeling very well. Mrs. Hunt and I around with Richard in his wagon - we called at two by the groceries near here. Mr. Mac out quite a while this afternoon for a walk. This evening Mr. Mac and Paul and Homer and Mrs. Hunt over at the church. I stayed at home with Mary and Richard.

It is 37 Years ago this evening since our wedding day. Tonight we are far way from the old home - for 36 years these a___ V___ were committed at the same old home - and the very surroundings are so changed it almost seems like we are in another world. Then the snow was on the ground the sleighing fine - but tonight the air is mild, the flowers blooming - we might think it was June, not the fifteenth of January. But it is not only the weather or the surroundings that have changed but many of the friends who were with us there have passed away - and time has left its mark upon those who remain. But amid the changing years it is pleasant to remember that there is One who never changes but "is the same yesterday and today and forever." "He is the light of the world," "the light of the morning," "light for the noon day" and "the light for the evening tide." And at the last will lighten the way across the dark river.

16 January Sat.

For a change it was very cloudy this morning - but after a while the Sun came out in all of its brightness - Mary not very well today. Homer up(?) in the city 'till noon. Mr. Mac took a walk out. Paul over at the boy's football ground as a spectator this A.M. This afternoon he and Mrs. H___ up in the city a while. Homer in his study - Susie at her work and I have been at mine.

17 January. Sabbath.

Another cloudy morning - but later on the Sun came out in its regular beauty.

Mr. Mac and I went across the city to Rev. S. M. Ramsey's church - reached there at the finishing up of their Sabbath School and was pleased and surprised at the thorough training the children were receiving. I noticed the school numbered 25 - besides the teachers. Rev. Ramsey's text the "Resurrection." We had a pleasant hour.

We reached home in time for dinner. Homer and Mary over at the church. Sermon by Rev. Boyd. This evening a shower did come - the first since Sept. The one in Sept. was the first since April. Not much wonder a shower is a matter of gladness in this country. Notwithstanding the Shower, Mr. Mac and Homer and I over at the church - Rev. Boyd's study(?) at God's command to the Children of Israel to go up and possess the land. God gave this command yet he meant for the children of Israel to fight for every stretch(?) of ground which they possessed. God never plans a lazy(?) life for any of his children - Jesus said "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." This is a rule for our life for us to follow. Mrs. H____ has been at home today and this evening. Paul at church this A.M. and Sabbath School - and the young folks meeting at the church this evening.

(Editor's Note: it appears that there was once a newspaper clipping or a picture here: pages 36-7)

18 January. Monday.

A nice day after the shower last night. A friend from Santa Monica called to see Mary and Mrs. Hunt, and she brought a present for Richard. Homer up in the city this A.M. Mr. Mac out for a walk this A.M. and this P.M. Susie here at the work. Paul at School. This afternoon I went with Mrs. Hunt to the Ebel(?) Club, Women's Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Lacey(?) R. Chapain(?) Some of the agitating topics of the times were taken up and discussed by the members of the club. - These discussions were followed by a talk by Mrs. Chapain. There was quite a gathering of the women. Quite interesting to look upon so many bright faces.

This evening Mr. Mac and Homer and Mrs. Hunt and Paul were at church. Sermon by Rev. Boyd. Mary and Richard and I here alone. Dr. Hunt of Santa Monica called this evening. Mrs. Hillcrest(?) and daughter called. (Editor's Note: this last sentence is much smaller on the page, as if Martha forgot to write it, then felt it was important enough to add to the page later.)

19 January Tuesday.

We had a light shower this P.M. Susie here - we all seem to be busy. Homer is in his Study most of the day. Paul at School. Richard seems to be the most Prominent character. A letter from Clara. She is back at her work in Philadelphia and back at Dr. Boya's again. Tonight she was invited to Dr. ___'s ___ to their 40th Anniversary.

This evening Mrs. Hunt and Mary at home with Richard and Mr. Mac and Homer and Paul and I over at the church. Sermon by Rev. Boyd - Subject: "The Evils of the Tongue"

20 January Wed.

Cold last night and this morning. This A.M. Mr. Mac and Mrs. Hunt and I up in the city, through the stores - We took dinner seeing what we loved: Sea. We met Mr. R___ Calvert(?) while we

were out. We purchased a gas heater for Homer's study which we hope will be a success(?) - Homer out among the brethren(?) Paul at School and out with the boys at the football. Susie here - Mary had a busy day with Richard - Mrs. Hussenheimer(?) called this P.M. We reached home in time for supper this evening. Some of us were too tired to go to church - Mr Mac and Homer and Paul there. We had a pleasant day - if we are tired.

21 January Thurs.

Another day felt(?) a little cooler. Homer in his Study most of the A.M. Paul at School. This afternoon Mrs. Hunt up in the City looking after necessaries for the family. Mary in bed till noon not feeling well. This afternoon Homer out among the Congregation. Who(?) was(?) Will Anderson called. Also Mrs. Roach, one of the church members. Mary up to receive them. This evening Mr. McDonough(?) here to dinner, Susie faithful. This evening Mr. Mac and Homer and Jason and I over at the church. Dr. Boid's (Not sure why it's spelled differently here) text "Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their Strength - Mount up on wings of an eagle." When we came home we found Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Kerr late of Boston here to see Mrs. Hunt and co. They certainly were entertaining.

22. January Friday

(Editor's Note: Another normal day. Paul at school, others out and about. They go to church again that evening and hear another sermon by Rev. Boyd)

23. January Sat.

(Editor's Note: The family spent the day somewhere 17 miles from the coast of the Pacific Ocean. There they met Mrs. Reece(?) Calvert)

This afternoon Mr. C went to the stable and brought out a carriage and two grays(?) and he took Mr. Mac and Homer and Mary and I in the Carriage - and Mrs. Hunt and baby Richard and Mrs. Calvert followed in the buggy. He took us among the Orange & Lemon & Walnut groves. We went all the distance of fifteen miles.

(Editor's Note: They almost missed "the car" back to Los Angeles. Susie had a meal ready when they returned.)

24. January Sabbath

(Editor's Note: another day at church and another sermon from Rev. Boyd)

25. January Monday.

(Editor's Note: Martha received a book in the mail called *Perfect Health* "written by One Who Has It." Mr. Mac and Homer spend most of the day in Santa Monica at Dr. Hunt's. Martha just finished reading *The Scottish Chiefs* by Jane Porter. She writes that the "brightest star" in this book is William Wallace. She likens William Wallace's story to John 12:25, which she quotes here.)

26 January Tues. (Martha's 60th Birthday)

I am feeling quite sober today - for this is my birthday and I realize quite fully I am on the Shady side of the hill.

27 January Wed.

(Editor's Note: Mary sick most of the day, then Martha sick later in the day. She receives (for the first time) a prescription from Dr. J.S. Hunt)

28 January Thurs.

(Editor's Note: Martha just finished reading another book, *Storms Rolled Away*, which, judging by her long discussion on it, seems to be about choosing the Kingdom of God first and other things second.)

29 January Friday.

(Editor's Note: Normal occurrences again today. Martha and Mr. Mac together finished reading *Mettle of the Pasture* by James Paul(?) Allen. Richard spent an hour outside today and the excitement made it hard for him to go to sleep tonight.)

30 January Sat.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Hunt had dinner at a Minister's house. Homer spend time with the church folks again.)

31 January Sabbath

(Editor's Note: A man from Columbus who had travelled to California for his health went to church with Martha and Mr. Mac today Homer preached in the morning and in the evening at church.)

February

1 Feb. Monday

(Editor's Note: Letters came today, which cheered everyone up. Apart from that, it was a normal day)

Dr. J.S. Hunt here this evening. He dosed out the 2nd. Prescription - all is so far arranged for.

2 Feb. Tuesday.

(Editor's Note: Mary is still not feeling well. Martha is reading another book, *Struggle for a Continent*, "edited from the writing of Francis Parksman by Pelham Edgar.")

3 Feb. Wed.

(Editor's Note: all-around normal day)

4. Feb. Thurs.

(Editor's Note: Martha attended a meeting of the Women's Missionary Society and met Mrs. Alford. Mrs. Ramsey was also there. Paul had dinner elsewhere as he is now part of some club, though there is a blank space in the journal here where Martha likely meant to fill in the name of the club but then later forgot.)

5 Feb. Friday.

(Editor's Note: A very rainy day, which is rare for California.)

They have rain here in Cal so seldomly that the people are ill prepared for it.

6. Feb. Sat.

(Editor's Note: It stopped raining. Another normal day. I can't help but read sarcasm when Martha writes, "Mr. Mac enjoying himself as usual. I the same." They received the *Xenia Gazette* and found out about the death of C__ Kinney(?) who was 8 years old.

7 Feb Sabbath

(Editor's Note: A normal Sunday, though Martha stayed home from church in the morning. In the evening she heard "a talk on Temperance.")

8 Feb. Monday

(Editor's Note: Paul stays home from school. They receive a letter from Kansas City explaining that Uncle John is very sick.)

9 Feb. Tues.

(Editor's Note: Martha, Mrs. Hunt and Richard went to the beach in Santa Monica and had his picture taken there. Martha receives a third prescription from Dr. Hunt.)

Dr. J.S. Hunt's boy patient that he has watched so tenderly died that night. This boy was Paul's age.

10. Feb. Wednesday.

A beautiful day. Paul at school as usual. Near noon Mr. Mac and Homer and Mary and I left for Rev. Ramsey's. We took dinner there with Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and their daughter Martha, and along with Rev. Alford and wife and daughter late of Beaver Falls, PA. Homer and Mary left directly after dinner. The rest of us remained till near five. We had a very delightful day indeed. Mrs. Hunt kept Richard at home although were both invited with us. Susie here today. A letter came from Jason - he is getting along all right at (?) in the college.

11. Feb. Thurs.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mac and Martha attended an all-day meeting of the Prohibitionists of Cal. Normal day for everyone else.)

12 Feb. Friday.

(Editor's Note: Today they went on the "Seeing Los Angeles Observation Car." They also went to the "Ostrich Farm and Feather Department." Martha writes a long paragraph here about Ostrich facts. Pretty much a normal day after this.)

13 Feb. Sat.

(Editor's Note: Richard's half-birthday (turned 6 months old today)).

14 Feb. Sabbath.

Cloudy - but pleasant. Susie here with Richard and his Mother. Mr. Mac and Paul and Mrs. H____ and I over at the church. Sermon by Homer - text "But Jesus said unto them, they need not depart; give ye them to eat." Homer preached well today. Had more love and kindness in his sermons than normal.

When we came home dinner was ready. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hussenheimer(?) and Hubert called and Mr. Mac and I went with them to the Simpson Auditorium to hear Rev. B. Fary Mill Sr(??) His theme - Christ relation to us socially. The house crowded - it is quite a gloomy evening. Homer did not go to the Sun C. E. this evening, or more of us there. Paul was at Sabbath School this morning and he led the Jr. C. E. this afternoon. We _?_ a dispatch from Kansas City this evening. Uncle(?) John MacMillan died yesterday - the 13th - His remains will be taken to Bloomington __?__ to their old home. Fred is in Kansas City - He sent us the dispatch. He will go with the folks to the funeral. I am glad he is with them.

15 Feb. Monday

(Editor's Note: Martha receives a letter from Wilmington about a serious sickness that Aunt Mary Eliza has. She also says "the papers full of the Russian and Japan war these days.")

16 Feb. Tuesday

(Editor's Note: More rain)

Mark Hanna is dead. He died at his apartments at the Arlington Hotel at 6:40 O'clock last night of Typhoid Fever after a sickness of two weeks. He was a native of _(this is left blank)_ and in the 67 year of his age. But the world still moves just the same. The lesson is no one need attach too much importance to themselves. This has been a day of rain and solid gloom without - but everything lovely within. Susie here today as usual.

17 Feb. Wednesday

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mac helps out at church where they are working on a parsonage.)

18 Feb. Thurs.

(Editor's Note: Martha and Mr. Mac (possibly more) ate a fish dinner at a house by the sea then sat on the beach for a while. Martha receives a fourth prescription from Dr. Hunt. On the way back they went through Hollywood (but spelled it with an "i.")

19 Feb. Friday

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mac and Homer were helping Dr. Boyd house-hunt. Later Homer and Mary "took a car ride for their health.")

20 Feb. Sat.

Most a lovely day like a June day at home. While we are having this kind of weather they all have cold and sleet and snow. Let us count our mercies. All of us, Mr. Mac, and Busy(?) this A.M. Susie home at the work - Another mercy to count, one which I never forget to be thankful for. This afternoon Mr. Mac and Paul up in the city - visited the shoe store for pants(?) beautiful(?). Later on Homer and Richard and his Mother and Mrs. Hunt and I took a long car ride; went to the end of the car line at Washington St. We went on Several other streets also did not return 'till after four. This evening much to our comfort we are here alone.

21 Feb. Sabbath.

Quite a beautiful day. Paul at Sabbath school and church. Mr. Mac and Mary and I (?) Homer preached text "And he, Jotham did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not unto the temple of the Lord. And the people did yet corruptly." He preached well today - and with power(?) Had quite a good Audience. Mrs. Hunt on the sick list with a bad tooth. She remained at home with Richard. Susie here as usual. This afternoon Paul at the Jr. C. E. At the ___? ___?___ the rest of us at home and in the evening too.

22. Feb. Monday.

This is Washington's Birthday. The School closed this A.M. Mr. Mac and Paul and Homer up in the city. Paul got a dress suit. All of them home at noon. Mrs. Hunt and Mary at Mrs. Dr. Kerrs at lunch - twelve the hour. Susie and I here with Richard. Mr McDonough here planting trees(?). He was here to lunch.

After Mrs. Hunt and Mary returned, Homer and Mary made several calls. Mrs. Hunt at the dentists this A.M. and still in not a very good condition tonight. ___?___ a letter from Fred giving an account of Uncle John McMillan's death and funeral.

23 Feb. Tuesday.

A balmy June day - but still it is mid-winter - and winter back at home in Ohio. Mr. Mac and Homer up in town at the Bank this A.M. Mrs. Hunt in quite a sad state with her teeth - has been on the sick list all of last night and today. Paul at School, Homer out in town this P.M. again. Susie off duty today. Mary and I in charge - Richard is the principle star and attracts us all. This afternoon Miss Hopkin(?) called.

After Six O'Clock Mr. Mac and Homer out to call on a friend on the other St. Paul at the Shoe Shop after dark. This seems like a long June day.

24. Feb. Wed.

Another beautiful day. Mr. Mac and Homer left on the early train for Downing and took a little walk(?) out to the home of Mr. ___?___ and took dinner there and quite a pleasant visit with the family. They found Mr. ___?___ and wife and two daughters at home.

Paul at School - Mrs. H and Richard and his Mother and I here alone. Susie here and got breakfast but not being well went back home for the day. This afternoon Miss Lawrence, one of the company on the tourist(?) called - Also Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Hunt still in a miserable condition with her ulcerated tooth. Mr. Mac and Homer returned about three - Homer left for Santa Monica about four. Paul at the Shoe Shop, then he went up to the city library and got a book. Richard not well last night or today with a sore mouth. Another tooth Co_?_ing. Homer came back after eight.

25 Feb.

Dark and cloudy 'till noon when the sun came out. Mr. Mac over at the Shoe shop this P.M. Homer took Mrs. Hunt up to the dentists. She had the tooth ___?___ - She feels a little more comfortable - This afternoon Mr. Mac and Homer left for Pasadena and visited Dr. Patterson. This afternoon I left here in good faith to attend the Women's Missionary Society at Ramsey Church but when I reached there found the door locked. I was one week ahead of time as it is next week it meets.

I then turned my foot and went to the Ramsey Mansion to call. I only found Marth(?) at home but had a pleasant hour with her. I just reached home a few minutes before Mr. Mac and Homer came. Paul at School today. Susie here.

26 Feb. Friday.

Cloudy most of the A.M. This afternoon sunshine. Mr. Mac and Homer up town this afternoon. Home in time for lunch - left quietly afterwards for Santa Monica - expected(?) to go by boat to Lake Side to visit Mr. Mc_?_.

I took a little trip across the city and made a call at Mrs. W. M. Crabbe's(?) and Rev. and Mrs. Alford had a delightful call at both places.

(smudged word here) I came out on the car with Mr. Hussenheimer this evening, did not get home 'till near _?_ we miss Mr. Mac and Homer already. It seems lonely around this cottage this evening.

27. Feb. Saturday.

Cloudy this morning. Paul at the Shoe Shop and the library this P.M. Near noon the rain began falling and it rained almost constantly today and __?__ __?__ __?__ tonight. We have had a very quiet day indeed. All the outside world shut out on account of rain fall.

Susie was absent yesterday afternoon but here today the morning before that came in from _?_ has a notice in it of the death of Mr. S. K. Mitchel. He died quite suddenly last Sabbath morning - He was 82 years old.

Mrs. Hunt's Calenders(?) paper had an account of the sad death of Mr. Hugh Huntington - He had been in the state hospital for a few months. On last Monday morning he was found lying across his bed dead. He had been choked to death as the finger marks of the murderer was seen on his throat - One of the inmates in his ward confessed to having choked him. His family in Columbus was notified and after the coroners exam - _?_ his body was taken to his late home. The next day short services were held and his body was taken to the old Cemetery at Clifton(?) - and layed away in the old family lot. For a change Mary and I have sent letters out to Lake(?) side to Father and Homer this evening.

Richard has been on the move all day. Mrs. H, feeling very much recovered.

28 Feb. Sabbath

Bright and fair after the rain. Susie here. Mrs. Hunt taking care of Richard. Mary at Bethany Church. Rev. Brown preached. Paul and I took advantage of Homer's absence and we went across the city to Rev. Ramsey's church - We re'd [probably short for received] a cordial greeting there from the brethren.

Rev. Ramsey's subject - the two builders - One who built upon the Solid Rock - the other upon the Sand. The house built upon the Sand was a beautiful Structure but when the Storm and tempest began raging - it failed him at the hour when needed most and the house and builder and all who took refuge in it were swept away - but not so with the man who builded upon the Rock - The Storm and the tempest also came down upon him - but his house and all who took refuge within were safe, for it fell not for it was built upon the rock.

We reached home in due time. We have had pleasant Sabbath afternoon and evening here. Paul at the C. E. this P.M. Since receiving the news of Mr. Huntington's tragic death - it has cast a gloom over us. When Mr. Ramsey was preaching today I could see the necessity of our building upon the rock, for there is not any escaping, for the storm will come and beat upon us all.

29 Feb. Monday

Bright and Fair. Paul at School today. Mrs. H and Mary serving. Susie here.

(Editor's Note: Martha attends a Baptist Church and goes to a Purity conference there.)

March

1 March Tues.

What a delightful day - all "lamb" here and no "lion" in this beautiful land.

(Editor's Note: Martha receives a letter from Mr. Mac and Homer who are out of town for a bit.)

2 March Wed.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mac and Homer plan on coming home soon.)

3 March Thurs.

(Editor's Note: Martha had lunch with Mrs. Ramsay and her daughter Martha. They attend a Missionary Society meeting at a church there. Martha is sad that Mr. Mac and Homer will not be back until next week, but is glad they are having a good time.)

4 March Friday

(Editor's Note: Martha, Mrs. Hunt, and Richard visited Dr. J. S. Hunt and his parents.

Written sideways on the far left side of the page are the words "I got the 5th supply of medicine for __. M.")

5 March Saturday

(Editor's Note: Paul went to the Alford's house for most of the day. Martha and Mary got very worried when Paul didn't return when they thought he would, so they went over there themselves to find Paul about to leave.)

6 March Sabbath

(Editor's Note: After receiving a free will offering in church, Mr. Ramsey spoke in church. Others went to a different church where Rev. Snider(?) spoke on character building.)

7 March Monday

The warmest day of this year. Almost too warm for comfort. Susie here as usual. Paul at School. Mrs. Hunt and Mary S__ing __?__ spent most of my day writing and helping take care of Richard. Mr. Mac and Homer still absent - Paul went with Mr. Joan's Family to a - (the text is cut off here, as if Martha meant to finish this thought later but never did).

8 March Tues

(Editor's Note: Pretty normal day, but then later Paul went to the Library and also called the Alford home.)

9 March Wed.

(Editor's Note: Martha went to the First Baptist Church and attended the Confederation of Los Angeles Unions(?). Mr. Mac and Homer finally returned.)

I subscribed for a book for Fred, Harlan, Clatyon, and Jason and Clara. I hope they will reason to think and vote right when they read this book.

10 March Thurs.

(Editor's Note: A hairdresser came to visit and dressed the hair of Mrs. Hunt, Mary, and Martha.) One thing I will note here - Miss Haines in talking on the events in her life said - "Let God - Let Him work for you and in you - He can do it all, only let Him."

11. March Friday

(Editor's Note: The Alford's moved to Long Beach today, and Martha was sad to see them go.)

12 March Sat.

(Editor's Note: They visited the Alford's in their new house, and Martha met a woman who is in Temperance work. She was also in the UK for several years, which fascinates Martha.)

13 March Sabbath

(Editor's Note: Normal day at church; Homer spoke again.)

14 March Monday

(Editor's Note: Homer and Mr. Mac went to Pasadena to see a Specialist. Martha and Mr. Mac took a walk to a local drugstore. Mary was not feeling well that night.)

15 March Tues.

(Editor's Note: Normal day; Mary still "on the sick list".)

16 March Wed.

(Editor's Note: They receive a sale bill from Clayton, which is apparently something new in their history. A doctor visits and diagnoses Mary with Measles.)

17 March Thurs.

Bright Sunshine - but a cool air stirring. Paul at School - Homer in his study most of the day. I(?) out among the folks an hour or so - Mary still suffering Dr. Hunt here to see her this PM. Miss Haines the hairdresser here and worked on Mrs. H.'s hair. (Editor's Note: a couple indecipherable crossed out and written over words here). She also shampooed (that's how she spelled it) Paul's. Richard misses his Mother - and we tried to make up the loss. Mr.

Hussenheimer(?) moving into their open(?) rooms today. (Editor's Note: the following sentence was later crossed out) Dr. Hunt here this afternoon again.

18 March Friday

(Editor's Note: Mary still very sick. The doctor came and visited her and also gave some medicine to Martha as well. Not many visitors because people know there are measles in the house.)

19 March Saturday

(Editor's Note: Normal day, Mary still sick.)

20 March Sabbath

Bright sunshine - but a sickly glaze to it - and a cool air. On account of the measles in the family no one at church but Mr. Mac and Homer.

(Editor's Note: Normal rest of the day; Dr. Hunt visited again that evening.)

21 March Monday

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mac and Martha visit Temple Baptist church. There Martha has some nice thoughts about Christians and the Bible.)

Homer at the meeting too. His remarks very founded on the Bible - God's great library. He said the Bible has been neglected very much by Christian people. We can only know the Christ as we know Him in this book. One thing he said which impressed me was that if anyone would read the Bible carefully through without prejudice that it would lead that one to Christ.

(Editor's Note: Richard and Mary were both listed in the bulletin to be prayed for.)

22 March Tues.

(Editor's Note: It rained much today. Martha took care of Richard while most everyone else went to Temple Baptist to hear Campbell Morgan speak.)

23 March Wed.

(Editor's Note: Mary finally felt well enough to leave her room. Martha received a newspaper from Cedarville with an article about the death of Arch McMillan. He was 57 years old and died of pneumonia. Today was also the day of a sale at the McMillan house in Cedarville.)

24 March Thurs.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Hunt went to the dentist for a sore tooth. Mr. Mac and Martha had dinner on Spring St. [which helped me find the area in Los Angeles where they stayed]. The rest of the evening was pretty normal.)

25 March Friday

Susie here which makes the days brighter.

(Editor's Notes: That evening they went to another Campbell Morgan meeting, which again was a full house. At a different meeting later, someone preached on Jesus, Mary, and Martha.)

26 March Saturday

(Editor's Note: Pretty normal day again, but Mary was suffering again this evening.)

(Editor's Note: In between pages 90 and 91 there is a clipping from a newspaper featuring an article about a woman who faced difficulty and ultimately raised two sons who went on to become famous.)

27 March Sabbath

(Editor's Note: Martha goes to church and has many thoughts about the service afterwards.)

The worst slave this world has ever known has been set free by his love and power. How many here tonight and all over the world can testify that Christ has snapped the chain of sin which bound me and now I am free. What is it to deny yourself and take up the cross and to follow Jesus? It is to let Jesus take up your life and arrange and plan for you.

(Editor's Note: Martha has a few more thoughts on this, then ends by noting that the moon is beautiful tonight.)

28 March Monday

(Editor's Note: Martha and co. moved to a new address today. They went from 1315 Calemet(?) Ave to 776 Kensington Rd. [I looked up the later address, and it is still in the Los Angeles area]. The move went well and now Paul is on vacation from school. A letter from Aunt Belle and Aunt Mary explain that the sale was a great success.)

29 March Tues.

(Editor's Note: Martha received the 7th supply of medicine from Dr. Hunt today. Mrs. Hunt had a tooth taken out at the Dentist's. Richard appears to have symptoms of measles.)

30 March Wed.

(Editor's Note: They went with Paul to an arcade today. Martha spent some time with Miss Belle.)

31 March Thursday.

(Editor's Note: Martha woke up early this morning to go to Santa Anna for the day. Richard is still sick with the Measles. Everything else is normal.)

(Editor's Note: In between pages 96 and 97 there are still two newspaper clippings. These are two parts of the same poem: "The Habit of Giving" by Frank T. Searight.)

April

1 April Friday

(Editor's Note: Martha got four teeth pulled.)

These were the last of their "race." Yes these were the last - I have not another tooth left now. I am planning for a new set.

(Editor's Note: Paul went to the drugstore to get medicine for Richard. More people went to the Campbell meeting that night.)

2 April Saturday.

(Editor's Note: Normal day, though Richard is still sick)

3 April Easter Sunday.

A very beautiful day indeed. Mrs. Hunt went to the Campbell Morgan meeting but the crowd so immense did not get very near the speaker. Susie here Paul here with Richard and his Mother while Mr. Mac and I went to Bethany church. Homer preached. His text - "He is not here; for He has risen, as he said" Jesus told the disciples that he would rise on the third day - but they did not seem able to believe it. This promise brings with it the assurance of immortality - Everything seems to be pointing to eternity. Homer preached a grand sermon on Christ and the resurrection today But he seemed so weary, so languid, I thought he needed "to go apart into a desert place to rest awhile" for the work is certainly too much for him these days. This afternoon Paul at the young folks meeting up in the city addressed by Campbell Morgan. Morgan has his last meeting tonight but Richard is so very sick no one feels like attending - there is not any doubt as to him having the measles - for he is covered with them from head to foot. I never saw a stricken boy. The measles are serving him badly. Dr. Hunt here tonight.

4 April Monday

(Editor's Note: Paul is back at school now. Richard seems much better now.)

On account of the measles the "folks are little shy" about coming around here.

5 April Tues.

(Editor's Note: Martha still sore from having teeth pulled. Dr. Hunt says that Richard is "on the fair way to recovery." Later, Mr. Mac, Paul, and Martha go to choose new shades for the windows.)

6 April Wed.

(Editor's Note: Martha goes with Mr. Mac to the dentist, where he gets a tooth and a couple roots taken out. Then he gets an impression made for a new set of teeth.)

7 April Thurs.

(Editor's Note: Martha, Mr. Mac, and Mrs. Hunt all to town, where they then all split up and go different ways. Martha goes to a meeting of the M. M. Society.)

8 April Friday.

Warm. Homer went to Pasadena to the Dr.s this morning. Mr. Mac and I at Dr. Lowder's. I got my new set of teeth. We were all home to lunch. Paul at school, Susie here, Homer around this P.M.

9 April Sat.

Quite a warm day. Paul left early this morning and met Mrs. Alford and her son and went with them to Mt. Lowe. Mrs. H. left the boys and returned on the next train. Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. J. S. Hunt of Santa Monica and Henrietta were there too; but the boys never met them 'till in the afternoon. They came in about six. We were all glad to see Mrs. H., but I believe Richard was simply delighted. It has been very warm today.

10 April Sabbath

(Editor's Note: Someone else preached for Homer that day)

For a change I went to the Temple Baptist Church and heard "Bob" or Robert A. Burdette(?), the pastor. His text: "If ye know these things happy are ye if you do them. It is the things we do that make us what we are." The house was full, the sermon all right I think.

11 April Monday.

(Editor's Note: normal day at the start. Then Paul went with Mr. Bryson to the Birminney(?) Bath. Martha finished reading *Ramona* by Helen Jackson)
This was Paul's birthday. We must not forget that.

12 April Tuesday.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Hunt left to go home to Columbus in the afternoon. For some reason Homer received a bouquet of flowers from the ladies in the church.)
Mr. Mac got his new set of teeth - a full set. Surely it is the unexpected that happens.

13 April Wed.

(Editor's Note: Paul had the day off from school today, due to it being the "teachers visiting day." Homer went to a meeting of the Presbytery in Pasadena.)

Everything lovely.

14 April Thurs.

(Editor's Note: Martha met with the church Organist and her son and Mrs. Pillcrist. Mrs. Pillcrist told her about the Missionary meeting where they talked about "The Inheritance of the Saints.")

15 April Friday.

(Editor's Note: Rev. and Mrs. Beachy(?) stopped by to see Homer. Mr. Mac and Martha went to the dentist again to get their new teeth "set right.")

16 April Saturday.

(Editor's Note: Mary left home for the day and made a purchase [though it is not stated what]. Richard was good while she was gone.)

17 April Sabbath.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mac, Martha, and Paul went to Ramsey's church. Paul went to the young folk's meeting afterwards. At a different meeting, the text was on "the Spirit".)

"The Spirit of Man is the lamp of Jehovah." Our Spirits are God-given. We are connected to heaven. We get our life from God. We also get our light from Him. When God touches our Spirits we become lamps of God. All are fitted to become lamps of His. Are you lighted and shining out for God? Are you a lamp for Jehovah? Our trouble is there as a great darkness and more light is needed. Christians receive their light from Jesus Christ. He is the light of the world. The question comes home to each one. Is your lamp lighted? Sometimes it burns but dimly. That means that more prayer and more of the light of God's Spirit is needed.

Homer and Mary and Richard here while we were away.

18 April Monday.

(Editor's Note: Homer had dinner with another pastor. Mr. Mac, Martha, and Paul went out to Spring St. for the evening. Martha later received her 8th supply of medicine. Homer talked to Rev. Boyd for a bit in the evening.)

19 April Tuesday.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mac went to the shoe shop, later he went with Homer to the city. While out he met Fred Smith, who has been doing a large amount of travelling throughout the country. He invited Mr. Mac and Martha to dinner.)

20 April Wed.

(Editor's Note: Martha left Richard with Susie and Mary, then went with Mr. Mac to meet Mr. Fred Smith at a hotel. Later, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Adams came by and brought flowers. Paul went to a prayer meeting in the evening.)

21 April Thurs.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mac and Martha left early in the morning for another dentist appointment. Later Dr. Boyd and family stopped by. They also met Mrs. K_?__ from South Carolina whose maiden name is McMillan. Martha believes she is a distant relation but has no evidence to back her claim.)

22 April Friday

(Editor's Note: Martha didn't feel like getting up in the morning, but then she eventually did and went to a service at Ramsey's church. Homer visited Mr. Fred Smith again.)

23 April Saturday

Quite cool. Homer at Santa Monica - came back this afternoon. Paul went to the library and to the bakery and got a cake for Mary. Susie here. Father over at the grocery. This afternoon at 3 O'clock Mr. Mac and Paul and I across the city at the Ramsey church. His text: "And being found in fashion as a man He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." The cross reveals to us the feelings of God toward the sinner - and of how different the sinner feels toward God. We see in the cross that Jesus' love was undying love. For God so loved the world that He sent his only begotten son to die that we might live.

We reached home at five. Paul stopped up on Spring St. on an errand for Mary. Mrs. MacDonough here when we came and Mrs. K_?__. She later here for dinner and spent the evening. Mr. Mac and I walked around to Cal___ Ave. with her, and called on Mr. and Mrs. Musseheimer and spent an hour very pleasantly. Hubert just getting over the d_?__ but has been out of quarantine for several days. Homer out a little while this evening. This is a beautiful evening. The moon is shining down over the city.

24 April Sabbath

(Editor's Note: Martha, Mr. Mac, and Paul went to the Ramsey church again. The pastor spoke on death.)

Death is the way to life. If I were to remain always in this world we could not enjoy the life beyond. Life is to be reached through death in the eternal world as well as in the natural world.

This was Communion Sabbath at Rev. Ramsey's little church. There were about 19 or 20 communicants sat down at the table today. Something like Christ sitting down with the twelve. Everything very solemn and impressive.

(Editor's Note: Later, Homer went to someone's house to baptize their baby. Later again Martha, Mr. Mac, and Paul went to another service. Martha had a comment on the pastor's message on sending our laborers into the harvest.)

Just one remark - In case of the great need the command was to pray. The trouble is we do not pray enough. Instead of going right to God with our difficulties, we often stop and murmur(?). This is our weakness - lack of prayer and of waiting on God.

This is another beautiful night. Homer and Mary here with Richard.

25 April Monday

(Editor's Note: Communion continued on to Monday in church as well. After the service Mr. Mac gave Rev. Ramsey a \$5 gold piece as a donation. The rest of the day was fairly normal.)

26 April Tuesday

(Editor's Note: Martha and Mr. Mac decided to stay in California another month longer. Everyone else had a normal day.)

27 April Wed

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mac spent more time with Mr. Fred Smith in Santa Monica. Someone from Immanuel church came and visited for lunch. Mr. Mac went to the barber.)

28 April Thurs.

(Editor's Note: Martha and Mr. Mac went to the Dentist again that morning, then went to get dinner with Mr. Fred Smith, only to find that he was out of town. They took a walk, then called the hotel again, but he was still gone, so they left a card for him. Martha comments that the city is beautiful when the moon shines on it.)

A letter here from Clayton which seems to cheer up some of the folks.

29 April Friday.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Mac went once more to find Mr. Fred Smith, and he was there this time, so they had dinner. Some of them stopped to see the new parsonage again, which has been furnished by Mrs. Hunt's donated blinds. Paul went to a "Pie Social" at church in the evening.)

30 April Sat.

A lovely day. Mr. Mac and I at Santa Monica I called at Dr. J. S. Hunt's office and got the ninth supply of medicine for myself - I also got a prescription filled for Paul. We spent a little while on the beach - had dinner there. We came home by Ocean Park and stopped off at Broadway Dept.

Store as we came home - and passed on to Spring St. and called at the Nadean house but Mr. Fred Smith was not in. Homer was out in the city too but we all reached home in time for supper. Susie here. Miss Messenhimer and Hubert here this P.M. Richard being entertained by his Mother and Uncle Paul.