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Wednesday, January 1 It is a mild beautiful day. I spent the day about as any other. We had a very fine Turkey for dinner. About four o'clock, I took a two-mile walk, and on the return called at Mrs. Kumler Huffmans, and at Lorin's. This is my 79th New Year.

Thursday, January 2 Another lovely day is this. Horace again came for me to teach. I took a walk, about 4:40, of about 1 1/2 miles.

Friday, January 3 It is fine weather, I took my hygenic walk. Horace took a short set of lessons.

Saturday, January 4 I was at home as usual. I took my walk. Called at Lorin's.

Sunday, January 5 I was bilious, making it unsafe to attend church. In the evening our young folks went to supper at Winifred Ryder's. I was reading and writing. The day was beautiful.

Monday, January 6 I was at home, except a walk to town on errands. Horace resumed his lessons to me. Governor Harris's message came, a concise and admirable document. I to-day began to write my autobiography. Another beautiful day.

Wednesday, January 8 The snow flies a little in the morning, and the day is a little colder than for several days before. Nothing very unusual occurs. I wrote several pages on my book.

Thursday, January 9 It is another nice day about the same temperature of yesterday. I am writing a summary

of the Ancestral names in the several branches of the Wright Family. It almost makes one's head dizzy to think of so many! Netta has been sick two days.

Friday, January 10 A nice day. I called at 3:00, at Lorin's. Milton has had grippe two days. Netta is better, and up. Rev. S.B. McGrew died in Springfield, Missouri, to-day.

Saturday, January 11 I am at home as usual. It was a mild day. I wrote out especially a summary of our Schenck ancestry to several generations in Holland. Our ancestor Francis Gano came from France about 1686, tho' possibly our next Gano ancestor, Entiente Gano (Stephen Gano), may have come some years earlier. They were French Protestants, "Huguenots."

Sunday, January 12 I remained at home, the day being rainy, and my sleep being short last night. Leontine and Horace were with us in the afternoon, and all of Lorin's family except Milton in the evening. Milton is still unwell.

Monday, January 13 Horace came to his lessons, but does not seem very well. I largely spend the day in retracing with ink, the quotations I made, in the Lenox Library, New York, in 1900, from "Burke's Commoners", concerning the "Wright Family." The rule of the Library allowed extracts only in pencil writing. I have all branches of our family traced back to 1630-1686, in America, except those of the Huffs and Smiths, traced only to my great-grandmothers.

Tuesday, January 14 At home. It is a sunshine day, moderately cold. Nettie and children call about 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Davis closed her housework of some months to-day.

Wednesday, January 15 Another mild day tho clouded. Letters received from Reuchlin and from Flora M. Glass. Write several letters. Horace tries to teach me how to play dominoes! New housekeeper begins.

Thursday, January 16 It is a temperate beautiful day. Letters from Reuchlin, and Flora M. Glass; wrote to Reuchlin, Lefforge, etc. Wrote sketch of homeward trip from Riverside, Calif., via New Orleans, in 1887, from notes taken on the train. Milton & Horace came an hour in the evening.

Friday, January 17 This is another temperate, nice day. I wrote some letters, and a summary of ten ancestral families to enclose to Flora Glass, at Wabash, Ind. Horace progresses well with his lessons.

Saturday, January 18 This is a sunshiny, mild day. I wrote and mailed an article, "Pay for our college," to Conservator. Our young folks take supper at Mrs. Mary (Osborn) Emmons'.

Sunday, January 19 I was at home all day. Leontine, the nicest little lady, dined with us. I read and wrote, busily all day. It is beautiful mild weather.

Monday, January 20 Mailed letters to Mrs. L.H. Conover, and to Elmira Koerner. Orville went to Springfield in the afternoon. Lorin, Netta and Horace came in the evening. The day has been mild and sunshiny tho slightly hazy.

Tuesday, January 21 Went on 9:45 train to Troy, Ohio, to visit Alexander Heywo[o]d at the crossing of the Railroad at Franklin Street. Dined with them and came home on 5:25 train.

Wednesday, January 22 I slept much. Orville went on 3:00 train to (Mansfield) to Canton to see Lieut. Lahm's balloon ascension. I called at Lorin's at 4:00 and gave Horace lessons. The weather is delightful.

Thursday, January 23 A very little snow, but considerably colder. I did little to day. I wrote a few letters. Orville

did not return home to-day—till midnight.

Saturday, January 25 The weather was a little warmer than yesterday. Nothing unusual occurred except that Yoba Lakio, the High School student, called in the evening at 5:35.

Sunday, January 26 My sleep was short last night, and I remained at Home. It was somewhat rainy. Lorin's youngest three were with us to dinner and all with us in the evening, with the parents.

Monday, January 27 It was a pleasant cold day—the temperature abt. 25 degrees at 9:00. The boys are preparing to put in a bid to the United States Government on furnishing a Flyer. Horace recited as usual.

Tuesday, January 28 Temperature is about 30 degrees at 9:00. Wrote some. Lieut. F.H. Lahm made a balloon ascension, at Canton, and landed near Oil City, Pa.

Wednesday, January 29 The to-day's weather is pleasant, tho moderately cold. I write to Reuchlin and to Harvey B. Harris, & to L.V. Harrell.

Friday, January 31 Warmer. It rains some in the evening. Received and answered a letter from J. Howe. In the evening, I read the President's long special message. Roosevelt is a pic-nic!

Saturday, February 1 It is a blizzard like day. Nothing very remarkable occurs today. Katharine supped with Winifred Ryder. The king of Portugal and the crown prince were assassinated this evening. It was King Carlo.

Sunday, February 2 It is a cold day—8 degrees at 8:00, forenoon. Agnes Osborn and Winifred Ryder dine with us. Milton and Horace sup with us.

Tuesday, February 4 The temperature at 9:00 A.M. was about 20 degrees. Horace came after 1:00, and recited as usual.

Wednesday, February 5 After a little snow last night, the day was rainy. Things are as usual. Horace did not come for his lessons to-day.

Thursday, February 6 No rain to-day. Weather moderate. Horace recited well to-day.

Saturday, February 8 At home as usual. The *News* telephones the brothers, in the afternoon, that the War Department has accepted their bid in furnishing a flyer for \$25,000.00. At 5:00, a telegram congratulates them, from Mr. Knabenshue, and one later from F.H. Lahm.

Sunday, February 9 I hear Bishop James.W. Thoburn pr. at Raper Church, Acts 1.8 "Ye shall be my witnesses," etc. It was an evangelical sermon. He is an admirable bishop. At 2:30, at Grace M.E. Church, Bishops Thoburn & Spellmyer and Mrs. ———, a missionary of China spoke.

Monday, February 10 This is a nice day. Horace's lesson in forenoon. The Wright brothers receive notice from Allen of the acceptance of their bid on a flyer for the War department. Munn Company applies for an article from them for the *Scientific American*.

Tuesday, February 11 Temperature, 44 degrees at 9:00. It is a beautiful day. Go to Main St. & buy a globe, rubber sandals, etc. It is primary election day.

Wednesday, February 12 I made it Lincoln Day for Horace. We had flags, new globe, map, pictures of Lincoln, etc. Yesterday's primaries show Taft victorious nearly everywhere in Ohio.

Thursday, February 13 Horace came in the forenoon. In the afternoon, I walked to Main Street & back. I got a map of Dayton.

Friday, February 14 I went on 12:30 traction to Germantown. Left my valise on the car. C.S. Johnson preached and held Quarterly Conference. Supper at Lizzie Long's. I preach at 7:00, 1 Cor. 12.31. I lodge at J.W. Fout's. (This is Sat. 15th's record.)

Sunday, February 16 Sunday School & speaking meeting, C.S. Johnson preached at 10:30, Matt. 24.30, & administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper. We dine at J. Slifer's on Cherry Street. I was sick in afternoon & night and sent for Dr. Brown. Took medicine all night, but slept a few hours.

Monday, February 17 I went on 8:30 traction car to Dayton. I gradually regained my appetite.

Tuesday, February 18 At home. Considerably unwell, but have no pain. I have food more suitable to-day. Lorin and Netra called an hour in the evening.

Wednesday, February 19 Ther., 37 degrees at 10:00. There is nothing unusual. I remain indoors. Earl Wright married Ethel Reeves to-day.

Friday, February 21 It was a beautiful, sunshine winter day. Twice I went to the brothers' shop to look after mail. Wrote to Reuchlin.

Saturday, February 22 The weather is nice. Wrote Reuchlin, and Rev. G.W. Keller.

Tuesday, February 25 Horace came again for his lessons. He is my six-year-old grandson. He is of short stature, strong build, energetic, active movement. His features are very regular and graceful, his eyes and countenance bright when excited, his complexion medium. He has self-assertion, but is meek and well-disposed.

Wednesday, February 26 I found my valise at the waiting room of the traction -Mr. Dailey having brought it from Hamilton. Horace reported to his mother that I had (my) "grip again" and she was alarmed, thinking it *la grippe!*

Thursday, February 27 Pretty cold to-day, but not severe. At 2:00, the funeral of Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Sines' sister, on Oak St. I did not attend it.

Friday, February 28 Netta came with Horace to-day and heard him recite to me. I called at Henry Wagner's, as I do every week. He is near 81 years old and helpless, but suffers little. We have been neighbors for 39 years. To-day was cloudy, but mild.

Saturday, February 29 This is the anniversary of the birth of my brother William, born in 1832. The day is cloudy, but mild. Miss Winnifred Ryder and her young friend Miss [blank] took supper with us.

Sunday, March 1 I attended Broadway M.E. Church. It

was a communion occasion. Lorin's girls came to supper and the rest, except Milton, came afterward. It rains at bedtime. On the whole, it has been a very mild winter, and, to those in the cities, a pleasant one.

Monday, March 2 The Miami River is pretty high. I went to the Library in the afternoon, at Third Street by the canal.

Tuesday, March 3 Horace came, saying "a 23rd cousin" kept him home yesterday. He counted nearly 100. I again went to the Library in the afternoon, affording me a 2 1/2 mile walk again.

Wednesday, March 4 I visited old neighbors, the Sines, 51 Bierce Ave. The mother is 77 or 78 years of age. Rev. Joseph Roy, former field secretary of Am. Mis. Association, and Antisecrecy man, died to-day, aged 80; also Senator Redfield Proctor, of Vt., aged 77.

Thursday, March 5 Ther. 45 degrees at 8:30. As usual to-day. In evening (8:00) heard Nature-fakir Long on habits etc. of animals, at Association Hall. He is evidently a sharp observer and perhaps a little whimsical. "Nature-fakir" is hardly an inappropriate name for him.

Friday, March 6 There is hardly any need of fire-heat to-day. In the afternoon, I took Horace to see Wolf Creek and the Miami River, the waters being the highest of the year.

Saturday, March 7 It is a beautiful day, and fire scarcely needed. The river has fallen perhaps eight feet. I saw Rev. Samuel Scott, who is 88 years old, walking the street as most men of 60 years. I have known him ever since I removed to Dayton, in 1869.

Monday, March 9 I took Horace to see the Chinamen in their laundry. Mrs. Davis is doing out housework again.

Wednesday, March 11 It is another beautiful day, and very mild. Orville & Katharine visit Miss W. Ryder in the evening.

Thursday, March 12 Mr. Roy Knabenshu, the aeronaut, visited Wilbur & Orville. It is a mild and beautiful day.

Friday, March 13 The day passed as usual. Katharine & others went in the evening to Richmond to to [repeated in text] hear the debate on ship Subsidy between Butler & Earlham Colleges. They return at 11:30, p.m.

Saturday, March 14 I walked in the afternoon to the Library and back.

Sunday, March 15 At Broadway Christian Church, I heard Rev. F.G. Coffin, on Eze. 13.1. He spoke much on the Cherebim of chapter 10. Lorin's children came in the afternoon. The day was hazy, the temperature very moderate. Wilbur started to New York.

Monday, March 16 A moderately warm day. I did not do much. Horace recited well. I slept better than usual. Mrs. Rebecca Hayden, of Fowlerton, was buried to-day, J.A. Rector preaching the funeral sermon.

Tuesday, March 17 It is a beautiful day. Horace is fast learning to read. I go over my papers, and put away a box of them. I slept none in the day. Orville got a letter from Wilbur about their French contract. Telegraphs assent to it with proposed changes.

Wednesday, March 18 A slightly rainy day. Horace does not come. News of Gen. Stoessel's sentence to ten year's imprisonment. Judge Wood sentenced Orchard to death, but recommends mercy. Orville injured his new engine badly, in continuing to test it.

Thursday, March 19 I gave Horace two lessons to day. The day was cooler and mostly cloudy in forenoon. Miss Winifred Ryder dined (supped) with us.

Friday, March 20 It is a mild pleasant day. Wilbur came home at noon. The young folks sup at Robt. B. Osborn's. Lorin, Netta & George Feight call in the evening. Bishop Charles H. Fowler, M.E., died to-day.

Saturday, March 21 Horace and Leontine dined with us. It is a beautiful, sunshiny day.

Sunday, March 22 I was at home all day. I did much reading in the Scriptures—especially on Daniel 9-27. I do not see how a Jew or unbeliever can get over its force. It seems to me that the seventy weeks (490 yrs) begin

with 457 B.C. and end 33 A.D., or thereabouts.

Monday, March 23 Horace came at 1:00 and recited his "Tuesday's lesson." I get ready to go to Huntington in the morning, starting at 5:30. The Wright brothers get word that Weiler accepts their terms for French rights.

Tuesday, March 24 I go via Lima to Huntington, Ind., reaching there at 11:25. Dine at Restaurant near P.O. Mis. Exec. Meeting at 2:00. C.W. Linker reports orally. Linker's reception at 7:00 at College chapel. All Ex. Com. spoke & Mrs. Leow. Also Linker. I sup & lodge at S.A. Stemen's.

Wednesday, March 25 Ex. Com. met at 9:00, in College building. A.F. Stoltz is appointed to Africa. Linker to labor some here. I dine at Rev. J.W. Chambers', and sup at Pres. F.H. Gragg's. I lectured an hour on Church History prior to 1800. I lodged at Rev. S.L. Livingston's.

Thursday, March 26 Talk with Bishop Wood. I go to Publ. House with Livingston's, and on 10:10 car via Wabash to Fairmount. Dine in F. at a restaurant. See Chas. F. Parker, Esq., in his business office. I sup and lodge at Ellis Wright's.

Friday, March 27 I went on 9:25 tr. to Fowlerton. Dine and sup on the farm. Mrs. White sick. I walked to see the clearing (John Smith's) & the oil wells. Pipes are dug up. Went to Fairmount on 5:30 tr.. Settled with Driggs & Co. to Apr. 1st. Lodged at Ellis Wright's.

Saturday, March 28 Saw Squire Jones on renting him an office. I engaged Driggs to put a wire fence around my lot. At 11:00, I went to Marion and paid spring tax \$63.44. Dine at restaurant. I went on 1:44 C.C. & L. tr. home via Richmond arri. at 6:00.

Sunday, March 29 At 3:00 (4:00) I was at the "Church of God" baptizing at Wolf Creek, near Western Avenue. Five women and one man were immersed after the usual formula. - I called at Lorin's on my way home. Yesterday, found a letter and book of poems from Rev. Th. Nield of Gleason, Tenn., an old correspondent of *Telescope*.

Monday, March 30 Horace recited much, and all better

than common, to-day. I wrote to R.W. White and Flora Glass in the evening.

Tuesday, March 31 A nice day. Nothing unusual occurs. I wrote to R.W. White and to J.F. Croddy. It may be said that there has been little cold weather, the past winter, and that the approach of spring is early, a fact grateful to the large number now unemployed.

Wednesday, April 1 Nothing unusual occurs. Horace makes a long recitation and stays till evening. It rains some to-day.

Saturday, April 4 It is a very mild and beautiful day. I called at Lorin's in the afternoon. The Brothers shipped their aeroplane for Kitty Hawk to-day. I slept 4 1/2 hours.

Sunday, April 5 I heard, at 1st U.B. Church, Pres. Lewis Bookwalter pr. Mat. 17.4 & Phil. 3.10 and Rom. 12.1. I could not hear much of what he said. Lorin's girls dined with us. They behave lovely. Lorin called an hour in the evening.

Monday, April 6 Wilbur started to Kitty Hawk, N.C., about 9:00 a.m. I spent the day largely in reading. I slept about six hours.

Tuesday, April 7 Horace read well to-day. After dinner, I opened up my box of old "Telescopes" stored in the cellar, and found them in better condition than I had expected. The body of Emanuel Swedenborg was exhumed to day, to be shipped to Sweden. I received a friendly letter from Lewis Bookwalter, to-day. I ordained him in 187[blank].

Wednesday, April 8 This is little Ivonette's 12th birthday anniversary. I got her a book on South America; and Leontine one on North America; and Horace one on animals and birds.

Thursday, April 9 Lorin's children got picture cards from Wilbur, mailed at Norfolk, Vir.

Friday, April 10 Orville shipped more matter to North Carolina. I received a picture card from Wilbur mailed the 8th from Wilbur, Elizabeth City, N.C., and Orville

received a letter from him. Edwin Brown comes out as a candidate against Mr. Carr for Supt. of Public Schools.

Saturday, April 11 Orville received another letter from Wilbur, mailed at Elizabeth City. Rev. W.H. Chandler, Congregational, once a student of U.B. Seminary, dined with us. Is an organizer. Miss Ida Graybill called an hour in the evening.

Sunday, April 12 Ivonette dines with us. I remained at home. It is a very nice day.

Monday, April 13 I get my spectacle frames mended at Newsalts, and nose glasses improved.

Tuesday, April 14 Went to Newsalt's. Called at Leitch's an hour. The old lady was 89, Jan. 15th.

Wednesday, April 15 Orville received a letter from Wilbur, Kitty Hawk, dated April 10th. He found their old building pretty much wrecked. Orville is unwell—has some chill.

Friday, April 17 Rev. R.S. Kindel calls in the afternoon. I got Horace some toy gardening implements. I took a copy of Livingston's deed to Chadwick & sent to him.

Saturday, April 18 Katharine received a letter from Wilbur, at Kitty Hawk, dated the 14th. The day is cloudy, and very slightly rainy. Katharine takes supper at Winifred Rider's.

Sunday, April 19 I attended the Easter services at Emanuel Catholic Church, on Franklin Street, near Ludlow at 11:00. It is a beautiful day—no fire needed.

Monday, April 20 I went to the Court house and examined the plat of Farley Street and title, for S.L. Livingston. In afternoon, Mrs. M.L. Hearlow of Lexington, Ky. called, being in distress, for not getting letter from Constance Wilberforce, her dau., Bouthe, Africa. I tried to help her.

Tuesday, April 21 At 6:15 p.m., Orville started for Kitty Hawk, N.C. A perilous undertaking. The day is beautiful.

Wednesday, April 22 Nothing unusual at home. It is a

delightful day. The daily paper tells of the death to-day of Henry Campbell-Bannerman, till lately the English premier. It also announces the death of Henry Ramey, Mrs. Bessie Wilberforce's grandfather, aged 91.

Thursday, April 23 At 2:00, I was at Henry Ramey's funeral at 311 Chicago Ave., DeSoto E. Bast officiating. Nearly 91 years old. This a beautiful day, but warm as June. Orville expected to reach Kitty Hawk, this evening. I reproduce my diary of 1857.

Friday, April 24 Received letters from Isaac Borum, & from White—check for corn. Small crop! One of Lorin's horses (Dick) died.

Saturday, April 25 Reports of dreadful storms and much loss of lives and property, in the southwest. I worked considerably on a revised copy of my diary of 1857.

Sunday, April 26 I went on the 8:30 traction car to Germantown. I was in Bro. Moses' S.S. class. Preached at 10:00, 2 Cor. 15.5. Dined at Jac. Slifer's. Called a half hour at Thomas's. Found no one awake at Lizzie Long's, and at E.M. Scott's. Sup at Slifer's. Preached at 7:30, Rev. 2.10. I lodge at Edwin M. Scott's. Their adopted child, Paul.

Monday, April 27 I go on 8:30 car to Dayton. Letter from Orville, the 23rd, from Elizabeth City, N.C. to Katharine. Automobile parade passes through West side about 4:30 p.m. I mailed Myrl Wright a nice hair-ribbon, for a birthday present.

Tuesday, April 28 Horace came with excuse for absence yesterday. I received letters from Emma Frazier and Bertha Long. Lorin is about to put in 31 bids on sprinkling.

Wednesday, April 29 This is Myrl Wright's sixteenth birthday anniversary; Ellis's daughter. I am at home, to-day, all day.

Thursday, April 30 This is the seventy-seventh anniversary of Susan's birth. I was at home to-day. There was a little snow, in the forenoon, melting as it fell.

Saturday, May 2 Telegram from Flint & Co. containing

Berg's request for accounts of flights. I wrote the Wright brothers enclosing Flint's Telegram and the *Herald's* yesterday's dispatch, about four mile flight across the Sound! What reports! The day was clear and cool. The clouds to-night kept off the frost.

Sunday, May 3 Heard at First U.B. Church at 10:30, Rev. Cyrus J. Kephart, Micah 6.8, "Do justly, love mercy," Ivonette and Leontine dine with us. Ida Graybill called in the evening.

Monday, May 4 I received a letter from Orville, dated April 28th. I wrote to them in the evening. They had made no flight with their aeroplane.

Tuesday, May 5 Wrote to White, my farmer, on straight rows of corn, both ways, and close plowing. Horace missed his attendance.

Wednesday, May 6 I went with Ivonette and Horace to the Wallace Show parade. We see it pass, 1st on Brown, 2nd on Maine [Main?] Street. Sunshine to-day. Katharine telegraphs to Nag Head for the Wright brothers, and writes them a letter. Weiller insists on their coming to Paris by June 1st, as per contract with him.

Thursday, May 7 Letters from Reuchlin, and Elmira Koerner. It is rather a rainy day, but does not rain much. It has been so much of the time—for a week or two.

Friday, May 8 Pres. Henry Churchill King, Prof. J.W. Carr and Miss Rider dined with us. Lorin's children went to the Ringling Show. Pres. King lectured at Y.M.C.A. at 8:00. Agnes Osborn came home with Catharine, from the lecture, and lodged.

Saturday, May 9 Last evening's "Herald," to-day's "Journal," the "Cin. Commercial," the "Cin. Enquirer," and Dayton "News" had alleged dispatches concerning the Wright brothers' flights, the "Inquirer" reporting they had flown 3000 feet high, 30 miles long, and 8 miles out to sea! Kath. had a letter from Wilbur dated May 3rd. I wrote Reuchlin.

Sunday, May 10 I heard at 10:30, at Trinity Eng. Lutheran Ch., W.J. Gaby, Ps. 8.3,4. He is somewhat of an orator.

Monday, May 11 Letter from Orville dated May 7th, tells of a short flight, the 6th. I called at Sophia Simpson's. She has been sick. I received a letter from Jas. R.B. Van Cleve, Springfield, Ill., Pres. of Lincoln Bank. The above-mentioned was the first flight of this season, tho reporters have reported some marvelous ones!

Tuesday, May 12 Letter from Ray W. Stevens, my grand-nephew, Glenwood, Ind. Funeral of Wm. Harlow, across the street from us (a bartender) at 2:00. We had house cleaners at work. It is a warm day. We have been preserved from frosts by clouds, during the past cool spell.

Wednesday, May 13 The *Dayton Journal* has a highly commendable article, "The Wright Brothers." I received a letter from my niece, Mrs. Eva Gray, Greenfield, Ind. Also, letters from Clay and F.L. Hoskins, the latter asking me to meet the Board of Bishops, May 23rd and act in his stead!

Thursday, May 14 Katharine received this morning a special delivery letter from Wilbur and a letter by regular mail from Orville. I examined Mrs. Livingston's deed from Francis Loehr in the afternoon & copied. I called at Lorin's a half hour in the evening.

Friday, May 15 The "Journal" reports that the "Wright brothers wrecked their machine yesterday. Katharine went to a supper at the First Presbyterian Church, this evening. My room was quite warm yesterday and to-day, without fire. Uncle John H. Braden died to-day.

Saturday, May 16 Letter came from Flint saying that Weiller had consented to postponement of Wrights' coming to France. Warm day. Katharine attends a party at Miss Myers to High School teachers going to Europe. In evening, she expresses Wilbur's trunk to New York. Telegram from Wilbur, at 10:00 p.m. Start's to France Wedn.

Sunday, May 17 Warm. At 10:45, I attended a prayer-meeting at Williams Street Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, W.E. Stevens. Anna Feight and Winnifred Ryder visited us in the evening. I called at Lorin's a half hour.

Monday, May 18 Letter from Orville. I took Katharine's lunch basket to her at school.

Tuesday, May 19 Letter from Rodney P. Wright. Wrote Reuchlin and Barkley. The day is a little rainy.

Wednesday, May 20 I went to town and got my bank book. It is a pleasant day.

Thursday, May 21 Letters from Wilbur and one from [blank]. Wilbur is to sail for Paris to-day on the ship LaTouraine. I spent the day in righ[t]ing my lower part of the book-case. Agnes and Winifred supped with us. The weather is very warm.

Friday, May 22 Warm enough to sit in the open air. Katharine went to a party given to all teachers of high school. I spent the day arranging letters alphabetically.

Saturday, May 23 Orville arri. at home from Dare Co., N.C. at noon, after an absence of a month and two days. I took Horace' books home.

Sunday, May 24 Heard Rev. Asa McDaniel on Matt. 13.31,32.—The Mustard Seed. Beautiful day.

Monday, May 25 Train an hour late, so I miss connection at Richmond for Fowlerton, and go via Anderson, to Fairmount. I see C.J. Parker and Driggs, etc. Supper & lodging at Ellis Wright's. I hear a Prohibition Party speaker at Friends' Ch at 8:00, from Minnesota, a College man.

Tuesday, May 26 I went on 9:25 tr. to Fowlerton and the farm. Dine at White's. Return to Fairmount and stay at Ellis's. Was sick about day-light. The casing of three oil wells have been drawn, and the pumper's house removed, from my farm.

Wednesday, May 27 Sick in forenoon. Went in afternoon via Marion and Union City home, Arri. at 6:30.

Thursday, May 28 At home, feeling some the worse for yesterday's sickness. Ther. 93 degrees.

Friday, May 29 Not yet strong as before my brash. New York Herald & Collier's Weekly contain extensive articles on the Wrights and their Flyer. Ther. 93 degrees.

Tuesday, June 2 It is a beautiful day. I went to the main city in the afternoon. Katharine supped at Miss Myer's.

Thursday, June 4 At home. In afternoon, called at Alvin Weaver's and at William Weidner's. I called to see his sister who is a member of our Church. She was not at home.

Friday, June 5 Nothing unusual. I wrote to Wilbur, 32 Avenue Des Champs, Elysees, Paris, cp H.O. Berg. It is a beautiful pleasant day.

Saturday, June 6 Went to bank in the forenoon.

Sunday, June 7 Remained at home all day except a walk, and call of a few minutes at Albert Shearer's.

Monday, June 8 I left at 5:00, morn. for Huntington, Ind., via Lima, arri'g at 11:30. S.L. Livingston conveyed me to his house where I dine. Educational Board met at 2:00 in College Bldg. I sup at F.A. Loew's. I lodge at S.L. Livingston's. I only called in at the Inter-Society entertainment at Davis Hall.

Tuesday, June 9 Ed. Board met at 9:00. I dine at F.H. Cremean's. Afternoon session adjourns sine die at 5:00. I sup at Otto B. Bowman's. I lodge at Livingston's. I did not go to the oratorical department's entertainment. The Ex. Mis. Committee had a session at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10 Ex. Mis. Com. met at 8:00 and completed business. Commencement exercises at 10:30. The address by Lawrence McTurnan, Asst. State Supt. of Public Instruction, was fine. I dined at J. Howe's, and went on 3:08 Interurban car via Wabash to Fairmount, and sup and lodge at Ellis Wright's.

Thursday, June 11 I saw C.T. Parker and went with Ellis to the farm. Dined at R.W. White's after looking over the farm. I went on 2:07 tr. to Richmond and home, arri. at 6:00.

Saturday, June 13 Orville busy with photopraph's with their Flyer. Caleb Powers is pardoned by Gov. Willson of Kentucky. Trial has been a farce for eight years, against an innocent and brilliant young man.

Sunday, June 14 Heard Rev. Mr. Sanderson pr. at 10:30, at 201 Champa. Ave., Phil. 2.7, 1st clause. A good sermon, to a few in a 13 X 16 ft. room. Duxon there.

Wednesday, June 17 The Republican National Convention is in Session in Chicago, "It is Taft." Mr. Herbert Balch, came and remained over night and till noon next day. His mother Harriet Maria (Sneider) Gallaher-Helm-Balch, was my second cousin, a very nice woman who died at Hood River, Ore.

Thursday, June 18 Herbert tells me that his Mother died in 1881, that his sister Gertrude Ingles lives near Hood River, that his niece Edna (Condon) Keisch lives in Chicago, that his brother—Helms is living, that his brother Frederick, died a distinguished author (about 1889). Herbert m'd a Guthrie & they have one child. He is 34. His uncle Jesse Snyder died a few years ago.

Friday, June 19 Wm. Howard Taft was nominated Yesterday afternoon at Chicago, by 702 votes, while Knox, the next highest received 68 votes, Hughes 65, Cannon, 61, Fairbanks, LaFollett, 25, Foraker, 16, Roosevelt 3, absent, 1. To-day James Schoolcraft Sherman, of New York, was nominated for vice president by over 800 votes. Katharine went to Oberlin. Lorin was run down by an automobile, at 5:30.

Saturday, June 20 Lorin is sore on his knees and head. The automobile driver is F.E. Walters, a saloon keeper of Eaton. A warm day. I did not do much. Lorin is feverish and his left leg pains him. The automobilist had been drinking. The accident was not *unavoidable*.

Sunday, June 21 I heard Rev. P.M. Camp at Summit Street on 1 Cor. 9.22,23. A medium preacher. Lorin is comfortable to-day. The forenoon is cool; the afternoon hot, very hot.

Monday, June 22 Lorin is doing well. The morning is cool. The afternoon and night are hot.

Tuesday, June 23 It is a hot day followed by a very warm night. I wrote to Rev. W.C. South and to Wilbur. Lorin's bandages were removed by the doctor, and he walked up to the brothers' shop, to-day.

Wednesday, June 24 At home as usual. It was a warm day. Grover Cleveland died to-day. He was a great man. Aged 71.

Thursday, June 25 Mrs. Barbary Hoffman (Kumler's widow) was buried to-day. Mrs. Bessie Dillon called in the forenoon. The morning was cool; the afternoon hot.

Friday, June 26 Lorin went to his office to-day. Katharine came home from Oberlin, this evening, Mrs. Harriet (Silliman) Robins with her. It was a comfortable day.

Saturday, June 27 Nothing special occurs with us to-day. I call[e]d at Lorin's in the evening.

Sunday, June 28 Heard D.L. Myers at Fourth Presbyterian Ch., (Acts 16th Chapter) on the need of missionaries—Mexico, S. America, Africa, India. This forenoon, about one half the sun's disk was eclipsed. The eclipse came on about 9:00, and passed off at about 12:00.

Monday, June 29 Cooler toward evening. Selpt much to-day. Examined scriptures. The evening and night were cool.

Tuesday, June 30 Copied Grandmother Reeder's Notes -and sent copies to Cousins C.E. Wiley, Richard F. Braden & Flora M. Glass. Lorin, Netta & Ivonette called in the evening. The weather is pleasant.

Wednesday, July 1 At home. Katharine and Harriet visit Mrs. Dr. Stewart. Proofs on Orville's article for the Century come. I slept eight hours to-night.

Thursday, July 2 Katharine and Harriet visited Miss Mayer. Murat Halstead died to-day.

Saturday, July 4 I visited Susan's grave this forenoon. Wrote a letter to Wilbur, and cards to Elmira and Caroline.

Sunday, July 5 At Eaker St. Church, I heard Bishop H.M. Turner pr. Math. 11:12. "Kingdom—suffereth violence." Quite an original orator. I called at Lorin's at 5:00. Report in the *Journal* that Wilbur was scalded at LeMans Saturday, tho not severely.

Monday, July 6 The "dispatches" say H.O. Berg represents Wilbur's injuries as slight. The thermometer ran about 90 degrees in the afternoon.

Wednesday, July 8 Received a letter from Reuchlin. Wrote to him and to Wilbur. Kath, and H. went out to Soldier's home, at 5:00. LeMans dispatch says (Journal) Wilbur's physician orders him a week of complete rest.

Thursday, July 9 Received letters of the 28th Ult. from Wilbur at LeMans. Card and letter from Bishop Wood. The girls went to Robt. Osborn's to supper, and staid late.

Friday, July 10 I was at home. I called at Lorin's in the evening. The girls, (K & H) were at Dr. McLean's for supper. Wm. J. Bryan and John W. Kern were nominated at Denver Nat. Dem. Conven.

Saturday, July 11 Orville has a letter to-day from Wilbur dated July 3, at LeMans. I was busy writing to-day. This is the seventh anniversary of Horace's birth; I gave him a globe, a top and a soap bubble pipe.

Sunday, July 12 At 10:30, at Broadway M.E., heard pastor [blank] Young, Phil. 4.11, on Contentment. The day is quite warm.

Monday, July 13 Mrs. Harriet Robbins started home at 11:55, noon. Katharine had a letter of the 3rd Inst., from Wilbur. It was a very warm day.

Wednesday, July 15 K. Received a letter from Wilbur, dated LeMans, July 7th, saying his injuries were slight, and he had resumed work.

Thursday, July 16 Orville rec'd a letter from Wilbur, dated July 5th, telling how the accident occurred.

Saturday, July 18 Milton is sick with something like the fever.

Sunday, July 19 I remained at home to-day. Henry Wagner has a sort of bilious brash, but is better to-day. I received a letter from Wilbur telling more specifically about his 4th of July accident. Milton has less fever.

Monday, July 20 Milton has high fever to-day. Henry Wagner is better to-day.

Tuesday, July 21 Bishop H.C. Potter died this evening. Milton's fever is high to-day.

Wednesday, July 22 Milton's fever is still high.

Thursday, July 23 Dr. Spittler pronounced Milton's fever a mild case of typhoid.

Friday, July 24 Milton is quiet and notices things but little; sleeps considerably. A cable from Berg says that Wilbur is substantially well, and busy on his machine.

Saturday, July 25 Q.M. 2:30 Germantown. I did not notice it till evening—so was absent. Milton seems to be getting along well, tho his temperature at times runs up to 104 degrees.

Sunday, July 26 I went on the 8:30 traction to Germantown. The Quarterly meeting had been postponed three weeks. I pr. at 10:00, Rom. 2.16, "My Gospel." I dine at Jac. Shifer's & sup there. Call a few minutes at Lizzie Long's. Car belated. I get home after 9:00, by changing cars at Miamisburg. Hatt to stand.

Monday, July 27 Letters from Wilbur dated 14 & 15 July. Milton's fever is still strong and he for the first a little flighty. Ther. 90 degrees.

Tuesday, July 28 Milton more flighty. I paid my June tax, \$8.44. Ther. 90 degrees.

Wednesday, July 29 Milton more flighty.

Thursday, July 30 Consultation of doctor's. Milton is quite sick.

Friday, July 31 At midnight last night, Milton's temperature went down to normal and continued so till morning, but it arose in the day, ran up, then lower. I wrote to Wilbur in the afternoon yesterday in answer to a letter of the 19th.

Saturday, August 1 Milton's fever is still pretty high.

Sunday, August 2 Near morning, Milton's pulses almost stopped beating, but he revived, and his fever ran high all day and all night. I called at Mrs. H.S. Simpson's and at Mrs. Ramey's. We received letters from Wilbur, I wrote to him.

Monday, August 3 Milton remains much the same. The nurse imagines that he looks better in the afternoon.

Tuesday, August 4 Milton seems better this morning, and later in the day, Dr. Spittler pronounced him decidedly better. It rained hard in the night.

Wednesday, August 5 Milton was restless and nervous last night. The doctor gave him codeine, and he slept five hours to-day. The day was a little cooler.

Thursday, August 6 Milton, on the whole, had a better day than usual.

Friday, August 7 Milton is still improving.

Saturday, August 8 The fever is rather high in the afternoon. But we think Milton is gaining. Wilbur is reported to have made a successful flight of two and 17/100 miles at LeMans, France, this afternoon at 3:00.

Sunday, August 9 Heard Rev. W.J. Gaby at Trinity Lutheran, Ex. 32.32. "Forgive—blot me."

Monday, August 10 Dr. Spittler went away and Dr. Conklin took charge of Milton's case.

Tuesday, August 11 Milton seems a little better to-day. Wilbur makes flights.

Wednesday, August 12 Milton has some congestion of the lungs, but gets no worse during the day. Wilbur makes a seven minutes flight at LeMans in the forenoon, and two short flights in the afternoon.

Thursday, August 13 Wilbur made a long flight (about six miles) and later broke a wing in landing. Milton is better all day to-day.

Friday, August 14 Milton continues to improve. In the evening, the Fair ground was opened as a park.

Saturday, August 15 Milton is still improving. To-day, the Quarterly meeting is at Germantown. I have for some weeks called at Lorin's two or three times in a day.

Sunday, August 16 Heard Rev. F.G. Coffin pr. at 10:30, John 11.35 & Rom. 12.15. (Most on laughing!) Called at Lorin's in afternoon. Albert Shearer called in the evening.

Monday, August 17 Milton is still improving and was moved down stairs and provided with a motor fan. Rev. R.S. Kindel dined with us.

Tuesday, August 18 Milton's temperament and pulses are about normal, in the evening. Orville is getting ready to go to Washington City.

Wednesday, August 19 Milton is about the same as last evening. Orville started to Washington City, this evening at 10:12, via Harrisburg, Pa. Both he and Wilbur peril their lives, perhaps Orville most by the unsuitableness of the grounds at Ft. Meyer.

Thursday, August 20 Mrs. Davis takes a vacation and Katharine runs the house.

Friday, August 21 Milton still improves. I am notified by Joseph Wheeler that memorial services for Mrs. Bessie Ramey will be held Sunday evening. (This notice was Tuesday or Wednesday and Mrs. S. Ramey called to see me about it.) I went to the bank in the afternoon. I paid Katharine \$20.00 on my board.

Sunday, August 23 I was at home during the day, doing considerable reading especially on the Trinity. I examined scriptures on the subject, and read Luther Lee, who is very able on the subject. At 8:00, I attended the memorial of Mrs. Bessey Wilberforce at the Wesleyan Church, and was one of the speakers.

Tuesday, August 25 I saw Milton for the first time for several weeks.

Wednesday, August 26 The Chamber of Commerce held a meeting in the evening to consider the election of Edwin J. Brown as Superintendent of the Public Schools of Dayton. There was great indignation.

Thursday, August 27 I wrote to the editor of the Macon Republican (Mo.) concerning the Boones and Van Cleves; also to Mrs. L.H. Conover, Marlboro, N.J. inquiring of the parentage of Rachel Schenck. I also wrote to Wilbur.

Friday, August 28 I received a letter from Wilbur, dated the 15th, mentioning his flights, from 8th to wreck 13th, and telling of the French newspapers reports—of Bollee, Peltier et c. I wrote to Reuchlin and to Bertha Glaze.

Saturday, August 29 At home. Agnes Osborne lodged with Katharine.

Sunday, August 30 I preached, at 11:00, for Rev. [blank] Bast, at Wesleyan Methodist Church, on Wilki[n]son St., Matt. 20.27. Serve others.

Wednesday, September 2 Went to bank, bought slippers and typewriter paper 500 sheets for 70 cts.

Thursday, September 3 Katharine Wright went to Richmond on the 7:55 traction. I went to Courthouse at 10:00, for the argument on Ed. J. Brown's Superintendency. I also was there in the afternoon, Katharine returned in the evening.

Saturday, September 5 Heard Judge Alread's decision at 9:00. Mrs. Stevens came in the evening to supper. Miss Winifred Snyder called at 8:00. Received a telegram That Cousin J.F. Crodgy died at 8:30, this evening.

Sunday, September 6 I pr at 10:30, at Broadway M.E. Church, 2 Cor. 13.5. I called at Lorin's to see Milton who begins to walk again.

^ The Public Schools are opened to-day. I wrote Semele Short and Effie W. Kirkpatrick. Orville is reported to have made two flights this evening at Ft. Myer—one of 11 minutes and 11 seconds, the other a little less than 8 minutes. This is fine progress.

Wednesday, September 9 We had a telegram from Orville about noon, saying: "Fifty-seven & 1/2 minutes, this morning; stop voluntary." In the afternoon he flew 62 minutes and 15 seconds; and then took Lieut. F.J. Lahm a flight of 6 min and 26 seconds. Secretaries Wright and

Straus, and Metcalf were present. Berringer came out at 11:00 p.m. to interview me. Asleep!

Thursday, September 10 In the evening, Orville, at Ft. Myer, flew 65 minutes and 52 seconds, and rose to the altitude (estimated by the reporter) of 200 feet.

Friday, September 11 Orville is reported to have made a flight of seventy minutes. Mayor E.E. Burkhart called at 3:00, in afternoon to consult about method of a public recognition of the Wright brothers on their return home. About 10:00 Miss Jessie M. Partlon, for "Newspaper Enterprise Association," Cleveland, came for an interview. Orville's flight to-day, 75 minutes, 26 sec.

Saturday, September 12 Orville is reported to have made two flights: one of 9 minutes with Maj. Geo. O. Squiers, and one of one hour and 15 minutes alone, rising 250 feet high. I[t] was toward evening.

Sunday, September 13 I heard W.E. Hammaker's first sermon at Raper Church, M.E., John 12.32, "If I be lifted up." He is quite theatrical. Lorin's brought Milton to our house, and he remained two hours, in the afternoon. It is his first visit—since his sickness—anywhere.

Monday, September 14 I dined at Lorin's. Orville made no flight to-day. I felt dull.

Tuesday, September 15 I called at Lorin's. I got ready and started to Conference, three miles north-west of Greensfork, Indiana, at Sugar Grove church at 12:00, by traction car. Spent two hours at Mrs. Caroline Zellers (sister-[in?]-law) Richmond. Went on 4:53 to Greensfork. Lodged at my old friend's, Wm. Hatfield's. Elias Clapp came. Wilbur flies 39 min. & 18 sec.

Wednesday, September 16 Levi Strickler's daughter took me to Oliver Wilson's. I dined there. Conference opened at Sugar Grove Church at 2:00, by Bishop C.L. Wood. Sup & lodge at Adam E. Howard's. Prof. Carl Wood's wife and sister there. Wm. Hatfield telephoned me of Wilbur's flight of 39 minutes. Rev. A. Rust pr. at 8:00, 1 Sam. 10:6.

Thursday, September 17 Conference adjourned at 10:30 for Committee work, and C.W. Rector preached, John

20:20, last clause. Dine at Howard's. Sup at Oliver Wilson's, with Bp. Wood and J. Howe. Bishop Wood pr. at 7:30, 1 Pet. 2:21, "In his steps." Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Maggie Stewart & Mr. H. Lamar take the place at Howard's of the Wood women. Orville injured. Orville's disaster at 5:00; Selfridge's death.

Friday, September 18 Wm. Hatfield telephoned me an account of Orville's Flyer accident as per Palladium (at 8:00) & later of Lorin's telegram. A.E. Howard takes me to Greensfork & I go home, arriving at 11:00. Dine & sup at Lorin's.

Saturday, September 19 We received a telegram from Katharine last evening saying that Orville's injuries were not dangerous, but painful. I wrote Katharine, sending her a draft for \$50.00. I wrote Reuchlin. I wrote Wilbur in the evening. Leontine and Horace lodged with me. I board at Lorin's.

Sunday, September 20 Heard Rev. S.Y. Young pr. at 10:30, on Christian giving, without a text, at Broadway M.E. Church. In the evening, Lorin received a telegram from Katharine saying that Orville slept over two hours last night, and has little pain.

Monday, September 21 Slept none till bedtime. I wrote letters. Sent several enclosed letters to Catharine. A Dispatch from D'Auvours says that Wilbur flew 1 hour, 31 minutes and 25 seconds to-day, a great record.

Wednesday, September 23 We had a letter from Katharine of considerable length, dated Monday night, giving considerable concerning Orville's accident at Ft. Myer, last Thursday.

Thursday, September 24 In the afternoon I went to the National Theater and heard John J. Lentz, J.H. Newman, James M. Cox, Judson Harmon, Hanley and Wm. J. Bryan speak. Had boarded at Lorin's from noon the 18th all the time.

Friday, September 25 Dined at Lorin's. Supped at home.

Saturday, September 26 I breakfasted and supped at home. I dined at Lorin's. A telegram from Katharine says that everything is favorable in Orville's case.

Sunday, September 27 I heard Rev. M.B. Fuller pr. at 10:30, at Grace Church (M.E.) on the Christian Ideal, Luke 17.10. I came home by Albert Shearer's, and dined with them. Edith Hall, their daughter was there, from Joliet, Illinois. Lorin's called in the evening.

Monday, September 28 At home. Write some letters. Wrote to Orville.

Tuesday, September 29 Papers say Wilbur flew to-day three times: one flight 1 hour, 7 m., 11 sec.; second flight with aeroplanist Tissandier, 1 1 min, 3 2/5 sec, third with Count De Lambert, 6 min., 15 sec. We received a letter from Katharine dated 27th, 5:00 a.m., saying she had been with Orville by night and by day & his temperature had been high.

Wednesday, September 30 Called at Dr. Tizzard's at 2:00. Dentist out on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs. C. Davis came to see about work. I did not want her while I was alone.

Thursday, October 1 Dined at Lorin's. Wrote letters. Left my watch at Newsalt's to be cleaned. Mrs. Davis swept the house and righted up the rooms—75 cents.

Friday, October 2 Dined at Lorin's. I had the cap replaced on my tooth and my teeth cleared of lime, \$2.00.

Saturday, October 3 I dined at Lorin's. I had a letter from Katharine saying that Orville's leg was doing well and that his ribs were practically well, and that it was safe to leave him at nights. I wrote to her and to Reuchlin.

Sunday, October 4 I heard Rev. W.E. Stevens pr., Williams St. Baptist Church, Col. 1:23. I dined at Lorin's. Wrote letters to Katharine & others.

Monday, October 5 I went to town, saw Prof. Loos, and paid water and gas bills. Dined at Lorin's.

Tuesday, October 6 I got a letter from Kath. dated Monday morning, saying that Orville's temperature again rose to 101 degrees, but he, with her care, slept more than usual.

Wednesday, October 7 I got a letter from K. saying that

Orville was better. I dined at Lorin's as usual. Wilbur took Mrs. Hart O. Berg in an aeroplane flight, the first woman that ever had a flight.

Thursday, October 8 In the afternoon, I went out the Jallappa road with Netta and her boys to get walnuts. We got about six! Wilbur, at D'Avours, takes Lieut. Gen. Baden-Powell, Count Serge Kaznakoff (a Russian), Mme. Bollee and Commander Bouttieaux, in flights, the last 75 feet high, and was congratulated by Dowager Queen Margharita, of Italy.

Friday, October 9 In the evening, I attended the Harding meeting, in Enterprise Hall. Heard J. Eugene Harding, Chas. H. Kumler and Geo. E. Hill, the last windy. Wilbur is reported to have made six short flights at Avours, with Lazare Weiller, M. Deutsch, DeLaMeurthe, etc.

Saturday, October 10 In afternoon, I went to town, but did not find my watch ready. I received at 8:00 a.m., yesterday's letter from Katharine. Orville's condition good, tho temperature $99 \frac{3}{5}$ degrees. Wrote Katharine and Helen. Wilbur is reported to have flew, to-day 1 hour, 9 minutes, & 45 seconds. (Wrote the above on wrong page)

Sunday, October 11 Katharine writes Saturday morning, that Orville's temperature is normal, he suffers little severe pain, but is very uncomfortable. I attended communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. At 2:30, I heard Hon. Seaborn Wright speak on Temperance at Victoria Theater. Lorin's called in the evening.

Monday, October 12 At home. Went to Winter's Bank and left mine and Katharine's books to be posted. Sent Hellen six silver teaspoons as a wedding present.

Tuesday, October 13 A letter from Katharine dated yesterday says that Orville is doing splendidly. I write Katharine and Reuchlin. Prof. A.W. Drury called in the afternoon.

Wednesday, October 14 I went on 8:05, [a.]m. tr. to Marion (via Union City) called at John Null's, (saw Mr. & Mrs. Hoss) at 106 E. Street (north), paid my fall tax (\$48.29), sup at Fairmount, at Ellis Wright's. Saw Chas.

T. Parker, my agent; setted with Driggs & Wiley—\$72.00. Lodge at Ellis Wright's on Sycamore Street.

Thursday, October 15 I went to Fowlerton, looked over my farm, and dined at R.W. White's. He took me to William Reeder's. I telephone to Lorin's. Sup and lodge at Reeder's.

Friday, October 16 William takes me to White's. I dine there & settle accounts, Paying him \$7.75. I then go to Robert B. Reeder's and sup & lodge. Wm & Mattie there, to supper.

Saturday, October 17 Robert takes me to the 7:30 tr, and I go via Richmond home, arr. at 11:00. Dine at Lorin's.

Sunday, October 18 At Broddway Christian Church, I heard Rev. M.D. Wolfe, of Haverhill, Mass., pr. 2 Cor. 5.17-19, at 10:30, "Rev." Ryder, of Lutheran paper, called to interview me. Dinner at Lorin's. Called at Henry Wagner's, talk with Rev. John Simons on Bank guarantee,

Saturday, October 24 At 4:00, Orville's overcoat came home from Stein's and, at 8:00, I sent it to him at Ft. Myer, by Adams Express.

Sunday, October 25 I heard Rev. William Greenough, D.D., Philadelphia, pr. at Fourth Presbyterian Ch., at 10:30, 2 Cor. 4.6, an able sermon, and sound. He is very aged. At 2:00, I attended the Old folks' meeting at Broadway M.E. Church at 2:30.

Monday, October 26 At 10:00, I was at Mrs. Lizzie (K. Kumler's) Miller's funeral, a[t] Summit Street Church, conducted by Pastor Peter Camp. W.J. Shuey, Prof. T.J. Sanders and Prof. Henry Garst each spoke about 15 minutes. At noon, I received a letter from Katharine saying that Lord Northcliff, General Miles had visited them Saturday.

Friday, October 30 Mrs. Lottie Jones spends the day in sweeping and cleaning the house, \$1.25. The evening paper reports that Wilbur's motor exploded to-day, while his Flyer was in the air. Lorin & Netta called in the evening.

Saturday, October 31 It appears that injuries to Wilbur's motor were trivial. Carrie Gumbaugh came to look after our dinner to-morrow. I sent an article to the Tribune, New Castle, Ind. Lorin received a telegram from Katharine on her way home. Miss Carrie Breene sent me flowers—violets.

Sunday, November 1 Orville and Katharine came home from Ft. Myer, Va., arriving at 9:00 a.m. He is brought out from the depot on a wheeled chair. His mind is good as ever and his body promises to be in due time. Carrie Grumbaugh gets the dinner. Lorin met Orville at the depot & he and Netta dine with us. A few call. Flowers for Orville & Katharine came in.

Monday, November 2 Several came in to see Orville today, and flowers still came. He did not register for voting. Lorin came to stay with him at night.

Tuesday, November 3 I Voted for Taft, Harris and Harding, at 8:00. The day is a hazy sunshine. In the evening Lorin and I went over to town to see the telegram bulletins of the election. Taft appeared to be elected president, and Hughes governor of New York.

Wednesday, November 4 The morning papers make it clear that Taft has a large majority of the electoral votes, but that Watson, in Indiana, and Harris in Ohio are defeated for governors. Henry Wagner died at 5:20 p.m., aged 81 ys. We have been neighbors for 39 years; close neighbors 37 years.

Thursday, November 5 Attorney Toulman, of Springfield, called in the afternoon, and Rev. P.M. Camp, and Prof. A.W. Drury. I wrote several letters.

Friday, November 6 I called at Henry Wagner's. Orville received 50,000 francs on the French contract from Hart O. Berg - \$9,687.92. I went in the evening and saw the Adams Express agent about Orville's overcoat and Katharine's furs, not delivered at Fort Meyer!

Saturday, November 7 I banked the check for the Wright brothers and paid gas bill for them, \$1.20 and for us \$1.80. At 1:30, I attended Henry Wagner's funeral, & spoke ten minutes.

Sunday, November 8 Called at Wagner's. At Williams St. Baptist Church, at 10:40, heard Rev. G.N. Bierce 2 Cor. 5:10, "We all must appear at judm. seat" etc. Prof. Werthner & wife and Mrs. Greenwood and others called. At 7:30, I heard Mr. Bierce again on The Young Men. In aftern, We rode out with Lorin's, beyond Miami Chapel, down the river.

Monday, November 9 I spent the day mostly in copying Mr. Pope's genealogical treatise on the Wright ancestry and writing to Rodney P. Wright.

Tuesday, November 10 I wrote some letters. Lottie Jones worked for Katharine and Mrs. Carrie Davis came back to keep house, in the afternoon.

Thursday, November 12 I went to town, Mrs. Heywood called, Mr. Morley and others. I wrote an answer to Ward S. Jacobs' questions, about the Wright brothers—Hartford, Conn.

Friday, November 13 Miss Hunter (Teacher) came. Chas. Taylor took Orville to the shop in a wheeled chair.

Saturday, November 14 Henry Webbert died at 1:30, morning. In the Evening, Editor Philippi took a picture of our dwelling, to use in an illustrated article in the "Telescope." This morning, we had our first considerable fall of snow flakes. My sleep was short to-night.

Sunday, November 15 I slept much to-day. Lorin, Netta and Horace called an hour in the evening. Prof. G.A. Funkhouser called a few minutes in the evening.

Monday, November 16 It is bright, but dry weather. I called at Henry Webbert's whose funeral occurred this forenoon, conducted by a Spiritualist. S.A. Stemen came to get me to go to Westfield, Illinois, to remove some misapprehensions of Mrs. Indiana Whitesell about her recent donations to the church.

Tuesday, November 17 Bright day. I arose early. This is the eightieth anniversary of my birth. "Thus far the Lord hath led me on, Thus far prolonged my days." I am older than either of my parents lived to be, and older than either of my grandfathers, and than three of my great-grandfathers. I have never felt much pain, nor seen many

dark days. I am wonderfully preserved. Henry Webbert buried.

Wednesday, November 18 Nothing of special importance here occurred to-day. It is Lorin's birth day. He is forty-six years old. I received a letter from Reuchlin, enclosing one from Bertha. Orville went upstairs to-night to sleep, the first time since coming home.

Thursday, November 19 Went on to-day, on Dayton train toward Indiana and toward Terre Haute, with a Mr. [blank] Wolsey on the way who got off at the Kingston for his home at Bloomington. I saw Prof. W.H. Wiley and wife at Terre Haute, and went on to Casey where I staid at St. Charles Hotel. Slept well.

Friday, November 20 Went on to Westfield, Called at [crossed out] and went on to Indiana Whitesell's and talked with her, and back to Fogler's, and dined. Went out in afternoon and called on Prof. R.A. Shuey's, call[ed] at Pres. Daugherty's, called at Rev. Daughterty's at depot, called at Prof. [unreadable] and at M.A. Fogler's, and teleph. Shrader.

Saturday, November 21 I got up at 5:00, and went to Ashmore with Shrader, and went on to Indianapolis, where I looked up and down Illinois Street, but found no Clarence Winchell. I walked back to depot, where I ticketed to Knightstown, where at Cambridge found myself awakened and got off and took car to Richmond. Went home on 10:00 train.

Thursday, November 26 Arose early. Read the paper. Lorin's came. I was at dinner from 1:30 to 2:30. I remained. Prof. Landis (Wilbur) came and staid an hour. I ate supper at 6:30, with Orville and Katharine.

Friday, November 27 I arose at six o'clock. I got paper and began to write. Was interrupted and wrote no more till after dinner.

Friday, December 4 (This should be for Dec. 10th) I spent to-day at home. Slept half the day. About 4:00 p.m. I went over to Anderton's and purchased a 65 cents bottle of Higgins' ink. Lorin put up a lamp in my room. Henry Brook called to see Lorin and Geo. A. Feight. Horace was with Lorin.

Wednesday, December 9 Miss Myer, Agnes, and Ryder spent the afternoon with Katharine.

Thursday, December 10 I spent most of the day at home asleep, but about 4:00 went to Anderton's and purchased a 65 cent bottle of Higgin's Ink. Lorin came, with Horace, and put up a welchbagh burner in my upstairs room. Henry Brook called to see Orville, and Geo. A. Feight was with him.

Friday, December 11 Read in South's Sermon, 5th Volume. He is a most sublime orator.

Saturday, December 12 Between day-light and dark, I read much in the fifth Volume of the World's History & It's Makers; on Judith, Aphasia, Cleopatria, Joan of Arc, etc.

Sunday, December 13 I spent the day at home. Lorin's called in the evening. I received a letter from Mary H. Krout, of Honolula. She spends her whole time in literature. She went to Honolula for two months, and has remained two years.

Monday, December 14 I remained at home all day. Wrote letters to Rev. J.S. Rock & Wife, and to R.W. White.

Thursday, December 17 Winifred Rider, and Lorin, and his two boys, called in the evening.

Friday, December 18 Mr. Sidall, former student at Oberlin dined with us. I walked a mile South to Broadway Street. Lorin and wife & his two girls came in the evening.

Saturday, December 19 Mr. Sidall had a long talk with Orville and dined with us.

Sunday, December 20 Started to Grace Church, was too thinly dressed; staid at home. Miss Winif. Ryder dined with us. I spent afternoon in resting—not quite asleep. John Feight & wife came; Ed Ellis & Wife; Ed. Sines & A. Stoltz and Siddall, who remained till after supper. Lorin & all the children, except Leontine came.

Monday, December 21 We were all at home, but Wilbur. Alford, editor of the American Machinist called on

Orville in the forenoon. Katharine and Orville went to Springfield to see Toulain, the patent lawyer. Mr. Collins called to invite Orville to a dinner at 4th Pres. Church.

Tuesday, December 22 All at home. John Valter, a newspaper writer called at 4:00, in the evening, for an interview with Orville—peculiar in his facial motion.

Wednesday, December 23 It was a day of much buying, by Katharine.

Thursday, December 24 It was a day of general stir, getting ready for Christmas. Harrison and John A. Van Horne called to see me in the Afternoon. I knew the latter at Hartsville, 55 years ago, last April. Fred. Rike and Worman's called to leave Orville flowers. We had a supper in the evening, with Lorin's family.

Friday, December 25 We had breakfast at about 8:00. Like yesterday, the day was mild and bright. Went to Lorin's and ate dinner, somewhat elaborate, came home at 3:00. I walked up to the bridge and got back, as they arrived, Orville & Katharine took an additional walk.

Saturday, December 26 I arose about 7:00. Nothing new. I slept part of forenoon & part of afternoon. Prof. T. J. Sanders & Wife called to see us, in the afternoon. She was Rev. C.A. Slater's daughter, Burbank, Ohio. Their Son is a High School teacher, here.

Sunday, December 27 Received, a letter from Frazier, saying that she and Cora Dillon would come Monday. I remained at home all day. Albert H. Shearer and wife, Mrs. Sines, and others called. The company was unusually large.

Monday, December 28 In the afternoon, Mrs. Davis received a telegram from Cora Dillon & soon after, Miss [unreadable] and she came. All out except myself and them. Orville has a long conversation and shows his visitors pictures. Netta and Leontine came and the visitors go home with them & Lorin & stay.

Tuesday, December 29 I called at Lorin's at nine. The visitors go with Katharine to town, and get back to our house to dinner. They go on 1:00 Intururban to Indianapolis. I return home. Katharine out most of the after-

noon. The newspapers report a great earthquake in Italy, 50,000 lives lost in Messina.

Wednesday, December 30 At home, except a change of gold pen at Alderton's. I wrote letters to Eva Gray and to Reuchlin. At night Katharine took a sudden turn of mind, abandoning going abroad. I got a short night of sleep.

Thursday, December 31 Was in the room while my room was being got ready. A reporter from New York called to get a bid for a machine for a rich sport—\$7,500, asked. Prof. Worthner and wife called an hour in the evening. I lodged in Orville's room. Thus closed another eventful year. Orville at Ft. Myer and Wilbur at LeMans, France, after Kitty Hawk.

Miscellaneous Notes from back of diary

Uncle J.F. Reeder's youngest daughter, Elmira, died of diptheria, Sept. 5, 1864.

In Sept. 1864, I bought a house and five acres in Henry County, paying \$550.00 down and \$150, christmas two years, without interest. Moved into it April [blank] 1865.

Harriet M. Snyder's second husband was J.B. Helms. Their son was born Oct. 16, 1857. Her Gallaher daughter was Almonia.

Martha A. Ellis, widow, daughter of Edmund F. and Anna Wright now lives on the old farm, in Miami Co., Ind.

For 1908

E[s]timates presented at Presbyterian Men's Society in Philadelphia, Feb. 13, 1908.

Jews 11,112,000, Greek Church 120,157,000, Roman Cath. 277,638,500, Protestants, 166,666,500, Mohammedans, 216,630,000, Heathen 838,278,000. Total 1630,482,000

Americans spend: for Church Work \$250,000,000 Foreign Mis. 7,500,000 Chewing gum 11,000,000 Millinery 80,000,000 Confectionery 178,000,000 Jewelry 700,000,000 Liquors 1,243,000,000.

Uncle Porter Wright's son William Freeman Wright was born in the Genesee Valley, New York, June 18, 1813; died in Centerville, Ohio, in 1816 or later.

Earl Wright married Ethel Reeves, Feb. 19, 1908.

Presidential Candidates, 1908

1. Wm. H. Taft & Jas. S. Sherman.
2. Wm J. Bryan & John W. Horn.
3. Thos. E. Watson & Saml. W. Williams.
4. Thos. L. Hisgen & John Temple Graves.
5. Eugene W. Chafin & Aaron S. Watkins.
6. Eugene V. Debs & Ben Hanford.
7. Martin R. Preston & Donald Munro.