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DUNN CO WIS

1869 DIARY

Friday, January 1, 1869

Spent this New Years day at home quietly & pleasantly.

Monday, January 11

Left home for Madison Wis on R.R. business – about 1 ½ PM Went with Capt Wilson Mrs W & Mary W to Eau Claire put up at Chandler House

Tuesday, January 12

Left Eau Claire 3 oclck A.M. in stage for Black River Falls. Mr. J. G. Thorp in company. Arrived Blk R. Falls 3 PM & at 5.40 took cars of the West Wis R'way to Tomah. At Tomah changed cars for Milwaukee

Wednesday, January 13

Arrived in Milwaukee about 8 oclck A.M. Had a hard night's ride as the sleeping card was full & we had to sit up. Examined the market for Pork & found it high 28\$ to 29\$ per bbl for mess Pork. Partly engaged some at 27.25 for ___[?] Mess at 10.50 Took cars for Madison where we arrived at 4 PM.

Thursday, January 14

This morning Mr. Thorp took me out sleigh riding Went to Soldiers Orphan Assylum & was much pleased with my visit there. Rev. Mr. Crandell is Supt. Saw a good many persons – members of legislature & also some that are serving the office of U.S. Senator Called on Prof Butler.

Friday, January 15

Called on Dr. Joseph Hobbins this morning—Spent the day in various talks & c.

Saturday, January 16

Left Madison 2.30 A.M. Arrived in Madison about 8 oclck. Put up at Plankinton House. Did some shopping. Left for Ripon at 2.15 P.M. Arrived in K—81 miles from Milwaukee at 7.10 P.M. Put up at the Mapes House. Found Henry and John Sherwin at the College all well.

Sunday, January 17

Went to Cong.Church near the College twice to day & spent most of the day with Henry.

Monday, January 18

Bade “good bye” to the boys Henry & John & took cars at Ripon at 7 oclck A.M. Waited at Burnett 2 hours for C & N W R R train. Dined at Minnesota Junction([?]) Stopped at Watertown([?]) about 4 hours waiting for train & M & St P R.R. Arrived at Tomah 9 P.M.

Tuesday, January 19

Left Toma about 8 AM for Blk River Falls. At the Falls, I learned that my family were very sick & that I had been sent for. My anxiety was great all day – Left the Falls at 11 A.M. arrived in Eau Claire about 11 ½ P.M. Hired a livery team for 9\$ to take me to Menomonie where I arrived about 3 ½ AM.

Wednesday, January 20

Find our dear little baby has been very sick – nigh unto death but is now better. Vallie is sick & worn out with watching

Tuesday, February 2

John Kreiser worked yesterday & to day

Thursday, February 4

Settled with Harm Lund & paid him 20\$ on a/c Bal due him is \$35 & the amt for making corner cupboard.

Friday, February 5

Moved down stairs into our new room & slept there for first time. Eddie is nearly well & Vallie getting quite smart.

Friday, February 12

Thawing all the time Commenced raining at 9 P.M. Vallie still sick with broken breast &c.

Saturday, February 13

Rained very hard last night & rained most all forenoon. Snow going fast

Friday, February 19

John Kreiser worked this PM hangin up meat being the first time he has worked since 2d inst.

Wednesday, February 24

We have had cold weather for a week past this morning being coldest this winter up to date 22° below except one morning in Dec when it was same. J F Edwards came over to settle

Thursday, February 25

Paid Jefferson([?]) for meat bill 1.55 Took Vallie riding. Called at Rev J. C. Sherwin's Snowed all day very fast. Turned colder about 6 P.M. where the wind blew violently. Paid Edwards \$100

Friday, February 26

Wrote Prof J. D. Butler Mepn([?]) Langley & Anderson from New York called to see me Weather cold & steady Got my new coon skin robe

Saturday, February 27

Cold morning, Ther 30° below 0.

Sunday, February 28

Taught my class in Sunday School as usual Mr. Sherwin preached in the afternoon Text Prov 25 ch 15 V

Monday, March 1

Mild & pleasant

Tuesday, March 2

Beautiful weather Called to see Dr. Golden Rec'd the box of Vermont spring water [?] commenced putting up ice - Jimmy hauled 12 loads being about a ton in each load

Wednesday, March 3

Colder to day. Jimmy Manly hauled 5 loads of ice.

Thursday, March 4

This has been a steadily cold day accompanied with wind. This morning Ther 26° below zero & at noon at zero. Went to Prayer meeting which was held at Rev J. C. Sherwins

Friday, March 5

Finished filling the Ice House having put in 20 loads. John worked till noon. This has been a very cold & very windy day.

Tuesday, March 9

Wrote to H Eno & addressed letter to Careys [?] Alpine Co. California.

Thursday, March 11

Cold weather continues & has been cold for a week past. The coldest week of the winter. Wrote to Henry & sent him 20\$

Friday, March 12

Snow fell last night & this morning to a depth of 6 inches.

Sunday, March 14

Cold day - yet pleasant Taught my class in S.S. & attended Church notwithstanding I am suffering from a severe cold or Influenza.

Monday, March 15

Ther 12° below zero this morning Barometer 30.60 Sick with bad cold

Tuesday, March 16

Ther 20° below 0 just before sunrise. The day has been clear & cold – but bright & pleasant Sent \$6.00 for Tri Weekly Chicago Tribune for 1 year & 3.00 for Scientific American for 1 year.

Saturday, March 20

Prof Bulter arrived there to day to deliver a course of lectures to the people on his visit to foreign countries. Vallie & I went to see a poor family. Day damp & thawy

Sunday, March 21

Sick with bad cold could not go to church Dr. Golden came to see me & gave me Veratrium ([?]) & Stivium ([?]) for my cold

Monday, March 22

Got out this evening to hear Prof D. D. Bulter lecture on his travels in the old world

Tuesday, March 23

Weather very mild Took Prof B & some friends sleigh riding. Lecture in the evening at Methodist Church by Prof B. on Egypt & his travels up the Nile

Wednesday, March 24

Went out today feeling better. Went to lecture in the evening. Subject Rome. The lecturer confined himself more particularly to a description of St. Peters Church Very mild-

Thursday, March 25

Took Prof B & Vallie & Johnny out for a sleigh ride on the Hudson road. The snow is going fast & I think the winter has ceased & spring commenced. Settled with Hans Lund Bal 43.50 Paid him

Friday, March 26

Warm – spring like and thawing fast

Saturday, March 27

Thawing rapidly – water running off & snow going off – muddy

Monday, March 29

This is my 44th birthday I cannot enjoy the day because of a bad cold which makes me almost sick enough to take to my bed Prof Bulter gave his last lecture to us here for this course – Subject Spain

Tuesday, March 30

Paid Prof Bulter 85\$ for his course of 6 Lectures on his experiences.

Wednesday, March 31

Prof B left for home this morning via Eau Claire. I remained indoors all day trying to cure my cold. Windy day & quite cold compared with past 4 or 5 days.

Thursday, April 1

Snow commenced falling early this morning & continued falling most part of the day

Friday, April 2

Henry returned home to day at noon. He looks well but a little thin in flesh I am still confined to the house with a bad cold

Saturday, April 3
Pleasant day – thawy

Sunday, April 4
Taught my Sunday School class though I have still a very bad cold & cough

Thursday, April 8
Jno Krieser([?]) came to work on the yard Weather fine ground still has a good deal of frost in it. Vallie & I visited at Mr. Sherwins in the P.M. & staid to prayer meeting in the evening.

Friday, April 9
Started to Norwegian settlement but found the roads so bad had to turn back.

Saturday, April 10
Rode out to Mr. Hansons in Norwegian Settlement to look at his land which he wants to sell at about 6.50 per acre.

Sunday, April 11
At Sunday School & church as usual

Monday, April 12
Cold & windy & most disagreeable day

Tuesday, April 13
Pleasant day. Took Mr. Sherwins family & mine out to Wm Cochranes about 5 or 6 miles out on the Hudson road to see the sugar camps or mode of making maple sugar

Wednesday, April 14
Took Henry to Dunnville. He is starting to school at Ripon Mr. Stout went down with us. Willie also Mr S & I went out around the Dunnville ponds to shoot ducks but found them scarce

Thursday, April 15
Returned home. Showers all day. Henry left Dunnville on the Annie Gerdon this morning about 7 oclk.

Tuesday, April 20
Vallie & I went out riding & took tea at Capt W's. Harvey Heller was taken violently sick at Menomonie house this forenoon

Friday, April 23
Harvey Heller died this morning after a very brief illness. I went with Burnham Tainter to Dunnville We expected to get some ducks. Very few there & of course we were disappointed.

Saturday, April 24
Rev J. C. Sherwin preached the funeral sermon of Harvey Heller in the Methodist Church. A large attendance & an able sermon

Sunday, April 25

Taught my class in S. S. as usual The day is a pleasant one

Friday, April 30

I have attended some of the meetings of the Dunn Co. Teachers Institute this week & have been much entertained thereby. This evening Vallie Effie Willie & I went to the Methodist Church festival in Eylstanon([?]) Hall

Sunday, May 2

Hon A. J. Craig spent the Sabbath with us & we find him to be an intelligent Christian gentleman. Weather fine

Monday, May 3

Weather fine. Drove over to Dr. Golden's & had him [?] my nose Took some shrubbery over to Mr Sherwin Wrote to Fay & Co.

Tuesday, May 4

Very warm to day & very clear sunlight.

Wednesday, 5

Yetta Smith commenced work for us. John Krieser set out the root grafts of Apple trees I bought 5000 & he is to plant them on his place & raise & sell them for one half the proceeds.

Friday, May 7, 1869

At 2 P.M. Went to funeral of Theodore Neys little boy who was drowned in the river day before yesterday. Weather warm. Roads dry. Very dusty.

Saturday, 8

Planted early rose potatoes in cold frame in pots

Sunday 9

Went to church three times to day. 11 A.M. Regular service at Menomonie House Hall 2 P.M. Dedication of the German M "E" Church. 8 P.M. went to Methodist Church Robt. McAuly & Miss Cora Oleson were married in the latter church before the regular service.

Monday, May 10, 1869

Planted early Rose potatoes in our Garden. The seed cost 2\$ for 3 lbs. Mr. McSloy commenced paving barn for me. He had Ox team & [?] & a [?] [?] ½ the forenoon & in the afternoon he had four Norwegians to work at framing.

Tuesday 11

McSloy & 4 men worked all day on barn.

Wednesday 12

McSloy & 5 men worked to day. John Kreiser did not come to work to day.

Thursday, May 13, 1869

Vallie's f[?] saddle horse Knight came in from the pasture this eveg. with a sprained or dislocated shoulder. McSloy & 8 men worked on framing barn to day.

Friday 14

Weather cold & showery very busy all the time

Sunday, May 16, 1869

Mr. Sherwin preached this A.M. from part of the Lord's Prayer, Give us this day our daily bread. In the eveg. Vallie & I went to Baptist Church.

Monday 17

Almeda arrived to day quite unexpectedly. We were glad to see her. Jim Blair & I went over to Mr. Sherwin's this P.M. about 4 oclk & put a copper lighting end on the house bought of Wilson Heller & which Mr. S- has in.

Friday 21

Went over to Eau Claire with Capt Tainter this P.M.

Saturday, May 22, 1869

Awoke this morning with severe pain in my Ear. We left Eau Claire about 11 oclk A.M. for home. I had to go to bed imme-diatly on my arrival at home owing to the pain in my head.

Sunday 30

I was able to be out in the yard a little to day but am very weak from the pain which have had for the past week & which the Doctor calls Catastral meralgia.

Tuesday, June 1

Rode out to day.

Wednesday 2

Rode out to day & have been about consider-ably to day. Am quite weak yet.

Sunday, June 6, 1869

Went to church to day for first time in three weeks.

Monday 7

Was very busy all day. Mr. Ordamon commenced painting our house. Very fine & warm weather.

Thursday 10

Burnham Tainter & I went up North of Moore Farm about 5 miles to look at the numbers of a piece of land I wanted to [?] We found some one had been their & built a cabin on it so I was disap-pointed.

Sunday 13

Rev. J. C. Sherwin preached a discourse on the [?] [?] being the first of a [?].

Wednesday 16

I went up to Prairie farm to day in company with Burnham T-

Thursday 17

Burnham Tainter Mr. Isaac Sprague & I went out in the Timber land SW of Prairie farm & selected one quarter (NW1/4 Sec32 32-13) section of land for a supply of wood lumber & c for [?] & log farm. Rained very hard & we were out in the heavy rain.

Friday, June 18, 1869

Left Prairie farm this A.M. 6 ½ oclk. Took a lunch at Washburn farm at 9 A.M. Drove down to South line of sec 18 T30 Range 12 & surveyed the W.E. quar-ter of same. Left there at 4 ½ P.M. & came home via Moore farm & arrived home at 9 P.M. Rained.

Sunday 20

Rainy day. We had no religious service in Cong Ch or rather Menomonie House Hall as Mr. Sherwin has gone to Cong Convention at Mondovia. We all went to Metho-dist Ch.

Monday, June 21, 1869

Rainy day. Frequent showers & a little sunshine.

Tuesday 22

Rainy, I have earache again.

Sunday, June 27, 1869

I have suffered for several days with intense pain in my head or rather left ear. It has broken now & I feel some better.

Monday 28

Weather very warm 82°. I feel much better than for several days.

Wednesday, June 30, 1869

My first day to go out of the yard since I was sick this time with pain in my ear.

Saturday, July 3, 1869

Another warm day. Kept to day as the 4th or Indepen-dence day. Germans had a pie soc. Godfrey Ordense walked a rope across the street forward & backward. The rope was about 30 ft from the ground. I sold our colt Funny to day to Clark Shroeder for 160\$ 90 days time.

Sunday 4

Mr. Sherwin preached this A.M. on the duties of the wife. Day cool & pleasant.

Monday 5

Cold to day with some rain. Fire is comfortable. Wrote to JHD & to Mr. Stout.

Friday, July 9, 1869

I took Vallie & sister Almeda Miss Wheeler & Effie Wilie & Johnny to Lambs Creek Falls to a Picnic. Mr Bar-wise & family Eliza & Billy Saidy & Angy Wil-son & Mr. & Mrs. Sherwin & Ida S- were there. Day warm & pleasant.

Saturday 10

Commenced digging cellar for my new barn 30X54 ft. I had 4 men & two teams besides John Kreiser to work at it. Hauled 100 Loads of earth, [?] 35 to 40 cubic yds.

Sunday 11

Attended Church & Sabbath School. My nose is quite sore & troubles me much.

Monday, July 12, 1869

Cool day. Ther 55°. 4 men & 2 teams worked at excavating cellar for barn.

Tuesday 13

Four men & two teams worked at digging barn cellar

Wednesday 14

Jame [?] worked for me as [?] yesterday.

Thursday, July 15, 1869

Four men worked at excavating cellar to day & the two teams made $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day & then hauled stone $\frac{1}{4}$. Rain delayed the work some.

Friday 16

Rec'd load of lime from Bailey. Commenced laying cellar wall for new barn. 6 stone masons & tenders worked in forenoon & 7 in afternoon.

Saturday 17

I had 5 stone masons 2 tenders at stone work of barn cellar to day. Four men worked $\frac{3}{4}$ day at digging barn cellar. Two men John & Johnny worked at Painting the stables. Two men hauled sand. 3 teams hauled stone Recd $1\frac{1}{2}$ loads lime.

Monday 19

4 stone masons & 2 tenders worked on barn cellar 3 tenders hauling stone. The days are warm but nights cool.

Wednesday, July 21, 1869

Cool morning Ther 64 at 7 A.M. Last evening at 10 o'clock it was 54°. Recd bill of timber for Cong Church of Mr. Edwards.

Saturday, July 24, 1869

The warmest day we have had this year Ther 92° in the shade.

Sunday 25

Mr. Sherwin preached this A.M.

Monday 26

Cool weather. This month may be called a very cool one thus far with much rain in the quarter portion of the county.

Tuesday, July 27, 1869

Weather cool. A heavy rain storm accompanied by high wind came on about 5 oclk P.M. The frame of Mr. Tainters new dwelling was blown down. The seam on I portion was roofed in.

Wednesday 28

The stone masons completed laying cellar wall for new barn to day about 1 oclk P.M. having worked 10 ½ days.

Thursday 29

Night & morning very cool Ther 54° at 7 A.M.

Friday, July 30, 1869

Worked this afternoon at getting out lumber for Cong. Church

Monday, August 2, 1869

Went over to the Wood farm to day. Took my gun & dog along & shot six prairie chickens.

Tuesday 3

I took Mr. & Mrs. Sherwin & Almeda out to Elk Lake. Willie Sherwin went along. He killed a couple of Mallards & I bagged 1 snipe 1 plover & 7 chickens.

Friday 6

Took Vallie Almeda & Henry to Moore Farm. I took dog & gun & hunted for grouse. I found them scarce. Shot 14 & 1 Plover. Recd

Saturday 7

Wrote to Mr. Stout Geo Tommar & Geo P. Eaton. The Eclipse of the sun took place at the time predicted by Astronomers. It was total 300 or 400 miles south of us & nearly total here. It began here about 3.50 P.M. & ended about Day clear & cool Barometer 30.40.

Sunday, August 8, 1869

Went to Sunday School & church this forenoon. Mr. Sherwin preached on on the duties of parents to children Text. In the afternoon about 5 oclk Rev. JC Sherwin baptized our children. Effie Willie Johnny, Eddy & Herbert.

Wednesday, August 11, 1869

Took Mr. Edwards out to Norwegian settlement to shoot chickens. He did not kill any. I only killed 7 of which I brought but 6 to day. Mr. Sherwin went along & hunted for deer & Henry drove the team.

Saturday, August 14, 1869

Rode in this P.M. with Vallie & made some calls after which we rode over to the Wood farm & as I had taken my dog & gun along. I tried what success I could have in looking for "grouse" Bagged 4 in a short time & returned to tea.

Monday 16

Took Mr. Edwards out chicken shooting this afternoon. I shot 9 & he shot 3. We did not find many birds & those we did find were small.

Tuesday, August 17, 1869

Gave JF Edwards a Draft on JH Douglass & co. for 75\$ to apply accts for work done on his shop. Agreed with JF Edwards for 8 church windows [?] 10 frames & sash with best [?] [?] & out side mouldings @ 25\$ each window to be completed & ready as soon as frame is raised. Gothic style.

Wednesday 18

Packing up & getting ready for a start to Europe to be gone 8 or 9 months.

Thursday 19

This morning Almeda Henry & I started for Ft. Madison & from there Henry & I expect to go to Europe. It was hard to part with the loved ones at home but God directs and we will trust in him. Arrived at Reads 1.40 P.M.

Friday, August 20, 1869

Left Reads Landing Minn last evening about 10 oclck on board Stmr Minneapolis. Arrived in Dubuque about 9 ½ P.M. the [?] – We went up to Mr. Stouts house & found them all well.

Saturday 21

Spent the day in looking around DuBuque & visiting Mr. Stout & family. In the afternoon rode out on the bluff with Mr. S- & Jennie & Fanny S & Almeda. Arnie Gordon came in the P.M> with 12 string raft.

Sunday 22

Went to church twice to day with Mr. & Mrs. S- A stranger preached in cong Church this A.M. from Matt 26:26. For what shall it profit a man & c. Dr. Shur at 2nd Pres church in the eveg preach-ed from 2nd Kings "Is it well with thee"

Monday, August 23, 1869

Waiting for a boat to go down the river on. Rec'd Draft on N.Y. of H.L. Stout for 1000\$. Rec'd of Do for Gun 75\$. The City of St. Paul did not come to day so we were disappoin-ted. A very hot day.

Tuesday 24

Tuesday morning cash in pocket 154.90 Still waiting for a boat this morning. Left DuBuque on the Hawk Eyes [?] at 12 M. Boat laid at Hampton over night & left Davenport at noon next day. Very warm.

Wednesday 25

Crossed the lower part of the Rapids this morning & at noon left Davenport. Arrived in Ft. M- at 9 ½ P.M. Found our friends all well.

Thursday, August 26, 1869

Spent the day in looking around Ft. M-

Friday 27

Very hot to day. Henry & I took dinner at Mr. Becks. William & Mr. Wright came over to see me.

Saturday 28

Left 105\$ Gold Coupon due 1st Jany/70 with J.H.D. to be cashed on 1st Jany next placed to my Cr. Sold 165\$ Gold Coupons @ 35% [?] [?]. Went out to Jonas in the evening to stay all night.

Sunday, August 29, 1869

Went to church in AM & heard Rev. Mr. Noble at Pres Ch in the evening heard Rev. Gray Baptist minister.

Monday 30

Spend the day making calls & c.

Tuesday 31

Henry & I bade good byes to our friends in Ft. M & left there at 9 A.M. on Stmr. Nero Booton ([?]) Capt Melville for Burlington arrived in B- 11 ½ A.M. Left there at 8 ½ on the CB& L R.R. for Chicago. Took bath in Pullman's sleeping car.

Wednesday, September 1, 1869

Arrived in Chicago at 6.45 A.M. Put up at Sherwin's House. Rec'd 2 letters from Vallie. Bought some things & sent home to Vallie & the children by express on a truck.

Thursday 2

We left Chicago at 5.15 P.M. via Mich Cent R.R. in one of Pullmans Palace cars.

Friday 3

Arrived at Niagara Falls (Susp Bridge) 1.30 P.M. Put up at the Mont Eagle Hotel. We visited the Whirlpool Rapids & then went up to the Falls. Saw what we could see there in a few hours & returned to the Mont Eagle.

Saturday, September 4, 1869

Left Susp Bridge at 6.55 A.M. arrived in Albany 8.15 P.M. Went on board of the Steamer Drew for New York.

Sunday 5

Arrived in New York at 7 oclck A.M. Put up at Metropolitan Hotel. Went to Dutch Reformed Church this forenoon to hear Rev. Dr. Demott preach.

Monday 6

Called at W. J. Peake & Co. & found my passport there. Henry & I went over to Jersy City & took a look at the Steamship China in which we expect to sail for England on Wednesday 8th. Found her a good staunch ship.

Tuesday, September 7, 1869

Bought a Circular letter of credit on principal Bank & Bkg Houses in Europe from Brown Brothers & Co. The amt of letter £450 Drafts to be drawn of Brown Shipley & Co. London. Bought some Dry Goods of W.J. Peakes & Co. for K.S. & Co. Took Henry up to Central Park in the after-noon.

Wednesday 8

We left the Metropolitan Hotel & went on board the [?] steamship China at 8 oclck A.M. Sailed at 9 ½ AM & discharged the Pilot at Sandy Hook at noon. Shortly afterwards we were very sea sick & had to take to our berths.

Thursday 9

Last night the sea was very rough. The waves washed over the bulwarks & rushed into the cabin & the ship rolled tremens-dously The passengers generally very sea sick. Henry & I as sea sick as we could be. I was out on deck a little to day.

Friday, September 10, 1869

To day was a pretty fair day. The sun shone & passengers though far from feeling comfortable were out on deck. I could eat but very little. Foggy in the afternoon.

Saturday 11

Foggy disagreeable weather. The Steam whistle sounding every minute to warn vessels that might be in our pathway.

Sunday 12

Rather unpleasant this A.M. & decidedly stormy in the afternoon & at night. The religious service of the Church of England was read by the Surgeon.

Monday, September 13, 1869

The sea was so rough last night & this mor-ning that we were sea sick again & had to keep our berths nearly all day.

Tuesday 14

Time passes slowly & tediously on ship board – occasionally we see a steamer passing or a sail in the distance but as a general thing nothing to be seen but the rolling sea.

Wednesday 15

This has been a very pleasant day – the best day of our voyage. We can eat something & feel better seaing([?]).

Thursday, September 16, 2006

Rainy day

Friday 17

Rained heavily this morning. At noon we caught sight of the land for first time since leaving Sandy Hook. Two lone coasts called the Bull & Cow were to be seen soon after the Irish coast [?] clear 65 miles from Queenstown. We left the ship at Queenstown harbor 8 ½ P.M. & went up to Cork at 10 P.M.

Saturday 18

Shopped some & looked around Cork. Rode out in a jaunting car to Blarney Castle about 8 miles by the Lee road & returned by a shorter route.

Sunday, September 19, 1869

Went to the Scotch Pres. Church – Rev. McGill preached a very good discourse from Eph _ Chap _ We find the Imperial Hotel well kept & have comfortable quarters. Chas Colton proprietor & a pleasant gentleman he is too.

Monday 20

Took a walk around by the docks or Quays of Cork. Drew 25£ (on my letter of credit) from the National Bank. Left cork 11.40 A.M. – changed cars at Mallow for Kellarney where we arrived about (blank) P.M. – Put up at Royal Victoria Hotel & took a ride after dinner to Muckross Abbey.

Tuesday 21

Spent this day riding to & through the Gap of Dunloc & thence [?] head up the Upper lake by boat back to the Hotel. Distance about 12 miles by land & 15 miles by water. The day was pleasant & we had a a good guide in the person of Tom Murphy.

Wednesday, September 22, 1869

We left Victoria Hotel at 10 oclk & took car at Killarney for Dublin at about 10.30. Arrived in Dublin 5.35 P.M. – Fair on cars £114.6 each Distance 165 miles. Put up at the Shel-bourne Hotel in Dublin – a first rate house.

Thursday 23

Hired a carriage this morning to drive us around the City. Went through the principal streets to Botanic Gardens Glasnevin Cemetery – The [?] rode past the Lord Lieutenants residence & around through the Park past the Powder Magazine & Wellington Monument. O'Connel's Tomb in Glasnevin & c & c.

Friday 24

Left Dublin at 6.15 by RR to Kingstown 5 or 6 miles thence by Steamer across the [?] channel to Holy head – arrived there at 3.40 P.M. - thence to Liverpool via Charter arriving in L- about 2 P.M. Took a ride to see the Liverpool Docks & about the city. Fare £3.85 for two to Liverpool.

Saturday, September 25, 1869

Left Liverpool on the 9:15 A.M. train of the London & N.W. Railway. Fare to Birmingham 31- for two. Arrived in B – 12 ½ PM. After dinner rode up to W.H. Barnie Esq & spent the remainder of the afternoon there.

Sunday 26

Went with Mr. W.H. Barnie to church & heard Rev. Mr. Dawson – Went home with Mr. B – to dinner – I also took tea there & after tea went to hear Rev. Dr. Williamson preach.

Monday 27

Went through the screw factory with Mr. Stokes. Then went out to West Birmingham 4 ½ miles to see Mr. Hobbins Mr. Geo H. Barnie's mother an old lady 78 years of age. I met her son in law & family Miss Comsle [?] & Mrs. Ethingham. Visited the Gas Pipe factory of Mr. Smith. Drew 25£ at Loyals Bk.

Tuesday, September 28, 1869

Went to Woverhampton this forenoon to see the Exhibition of machinery works of Art & c. Returned to Birmingham & visited a Glass blowing establishment & a Brass & Iron working establishment belonging to Winfield & co.

Wednesday 29

Ordered suit of clothes from R. Wornall Birmingham for myself at £5.10. Henry is £4.16. Left Birmingham for [?] at 12.12 arrived in L about 1 o'clock P.M. – Rode to Norwick Castle, St. Mary's Church Grey's cliff & Kenilworth Castle & back to the Crown Hotel by 6 P.M.

Thursday 30

Went by Railway to Stratford on Avon Shakespeares birth place. Visited the house he was born in – the place he died & the Trinity Church where he is buried. Afterward drove to the cottage where he married Anne Hathaway. Found good quarters at the "Big House".

Friday, October 1, 1869

Left Stratford on Avon at 7.10 (via [?]) for London where we arrived 10.30 A.M. So far this afternoon went to Regents Park & the Zoological Gardens – Took a ride on the Elephant & also on the Chanel.

Saturday 2

Went through St. Pauls Cathedral from top to bottom. We were in the ball at the top which is 400 ft above the ground.

Sunday 3

Went to hear Rev. C.H. Spurgeon preach. He preached a good sermon about 55 minutes long Text Rev. 1-18. In the evening heard Dr. Cummings at the [?] Scotch Church – Text Gal 5-1.

Monday, October 4, 1869

Went to the Crystal Palace. Staid all day & was much entertained. The ground about the Place are beau-tiful & so are the things in the Palace. Blondin per-formed on the rope – carrying his wife across the transept on a rope 300 ft long. In the evening we witnessed the most beautiful fire works.

Tuesday 5

Wrote letters & c in the fore noon. Went to the Poly technical Institution in the evening.

Wednesday 6

Visited the British Museum & Westminster Abbey.

Thursday, October 7, 1869

Went shopping in the morning & visited Kew Gardens in the afternoon. They are very beautiful.

Friday 8

Went shopping to [?] out goes to day about £13-12 = to \$90.66 USA. Went to the Torreo in the afternoon. It is great in itself but greater in the historic intent.

Saturday 9

Went to Brown Shipley & co. & drew £60 – Getting ready for our tour on the [?]. Had a pair of shooting boots made – cost £2.

Sunday, October 10, 1869

Attended Church at St. Andrew's. the day was fine – Wrote to Vallie

Monday 11

Left London for Brussels at 7.40 – Went via Dover, Calais, Lille, Tournac[?], & c. Arriv-ing at B- 6 [?] P.M. – Our luggage was examined at the crossing of the line between France & Bolgaria by the officers of customs at Blandain

Tuesday 12

Rode to the battle field of Waterloo – the day was fine & had a good opportunity of seeing the various points in the filed where the most of the fighting was done. I was strongly impressed with the immense advan-tage in positions Wellington had for his Army over that which Napoleon's Army occupied.

Wednesday, October 13, 1869

Last evening we called on the American [?] & had a pleasant (J.R. Jones) visit with him until after 9 oclk P.M. & this evening called again being pressed to stay & dine with him we did so. Met Edward A.L. Chatham American Counsel to Brussels at his house. Spent the day in examining churches Museums, House of Parliament & c & c.

Thursday 14

Took cars for Antwerp this morning at 9.20 A.M. & arrived there at 10.20 A.M. Went to the Museum of pain-tings & into the Cathedral of Notre Dame where Reubens best paintings are to be seen. Went up into the tower of same where we had a fine view of the city then spent the eveg at our "Hotel de L Europe"

Friday 15

Left Antwerp at 7.35 A.M. for Amsterdam (fare 32 francs) via Rotterdam & Hague. Railway to Moerdy [?] Steamer boat from there up the Maas (passing the Mouth of the Rhine) to Rotterdam & sailing thence to Amsterdam where we arrived at 3 P.M.

Saturday, October 16, 1869

Spent the day in a short visit to the Kings Palace & a longer visit to the International Exhibition & a brief look into the "Onde Kerk" & a walk down by the harbor. Wrote to Vallie in the eveg.

Sunday 17

Attended Church at the Scotch Pres. Ch. this morning & heard a good sermon from quite a funny man whom I met yesterday at the Exhibition. Went into the New Church & in the evening to the Onde Kerk or old church. Also went into the museum of paintings.

Monday 18

Left Amsterdam at 6.50 for Hanover via Arnhem Rhine Osnabruck Miriden & c. arriving in Hanover at 6.46 P.M. Fare 32 Gulden & 32 [?] for two tickets. The 2nd Class car which we tried to day is quite equal to 1st class in England. Put up at Hotel de Russia.

Tuesday, October 19, 1869

We took a walk of two or three hours in Hanover & at 2.21 left for Crether via. Magdeburg, arrived at M- about 6 P.M. & at Crether about 7.45 P.M.

Wednesday 20

Went to the Port Office & was much disappointed in not finding any letter for me. Called at the Office of Dr. Arthur Litzke to see him regarding the sore on my nose.

Thursday 21

Rec'd a leeter to day from Vallie & two newspapers from Mr. McLean. Moved to the House of Dr. Arthur Litzke where we have taken room & board for a short time.

Friday, October 22, 1869

Walked out this forenoon & to the Post office. Had a headache all day. Wrote to S.W. Hunt, Esq. about travels to Liverpool B- & Stratford on [?]. [?] date 2nd inst. Commenced to take the medicine prescribed by Dr. Arthur Litzke. Prof Miller commenced giving lessons in German to Henry.

Saturday 23

Headache still continued & I have been lying down greater part of the day. Henry & I took a walk about noon out into the "Fasanervel" a piece of woods open to the public yet where Pheasants & Hare's are kept. We saw several pheasants & 8 to 10 hares.

Sunday 24

Feel quite well to day. Rained all the afternoon & there being no English preach-ing and not knowing the different churches or their customs I remained indoors greater part of the day & I can say it was quite lonely.

Monday, October 25, 1869

Wrote Vallie & told her to ad-dress reply to [?] Lombard [?] & co. Geneva Switzerland. Wrote to Effie & Johnny also. Attended a German concert this evening & was well entertained. Visited a sugar manu-factory.

Tuesday 26

Prof. Miller has been giving Henry lessons in German for several days but did not come this evening.

Wednesday 27

Wrote to Capt Wilson & to John Keiser requesting a reply of mine was recd within 70 days to be sent to care Lombard O[?] & Co. Geneva Switzerland. Prof Miller did not come to day.

Thursday, October 28, 1869

The snow is one inch deep this morning having fallen down the night & melted about noon & makes the walking bad.

Friday 29

Wrote to S.W. Hunt about sights in London under date of Oct 9th – Wrote to Vallie also enclosing a pair of lace cuffs. Wrote to Mr. Barriso also to Brown Shipley & Co. asking them to send all letters coming to them for me to 2nd Nov to US Cons-ul Berlin & up to 10th to Hotel D A[?] Frankfort on main.

Saturday 30

Took a walk this morning in the “Fasanance”[?] Last night was cold & ice made 1/8” thick morning clear & pleasant – but finds me with a bad head-ache – sold Draft for £10 to Carl Furslentirmel Erbon [?] at 6.23 ¼ pr lb i.e. 6 Thalen 23 ¼ sliver groschens. Prussia money. Recd a letter from Vallie.

Sunday, October 31, 1869

Went to the Reformite Kirche Paid Dr. Litzke’s bill 42.23.

Monday, November 1

Left Cothorn at 8.30 A.M. for Berlin. Dr. Litzke took us to the Depot in his carriage. Rained to day. Arrived in B- 12.45 P.M. 4 ½ hours from Cothorn. Went to the Apernhaus in the Evening & saw and heard the Opera of the “Afrikaneran”

Tuesday 2

Went to the royal Museum. Met J. T. Gilhard Esq & wife & two nieces at the museum.

Friday 5

Went to see the Jewish Synagogue at 5 P.M. a magnificent building. The services were short. The men sat in the body of the Synagogue with their hats on & the women sat in the Galleries.

Monday 8

We went out to Charlettes-burg this morning to see the Mauseum in which are monuments of Louisa & Fredrich 4th of Prussia. Rained – Did some shop-ping.

Tuesday, November 9, 1869

Left Berlin at noon for Dresden arrived in D- at 4.50 P.M. cold & rainy.

Wednesday 10

Hired a guide & went to see the Japanese Museum. Porzellan or Porcelain Collection. The Cathedral Museum of plaster carti. The Green Vault – which is full of treasures belong-in to the Royal family of Saxony – The Antique collection [?] & c & c.

Thursday 11

Went to the great Dresden Picture Gallery. Wrote to S.W. Hunt Esq giving a description of our journey from England to Amsterdam [?] Wrote to Vallie.

Friday, November 12, 1869

Went to see the Bibliotheek or Library which contains 400,000 volumes & to the Kupperstich [?] which is a collection of copper plate engravings. Drew draft for 12£ on Brown Shipley & co. for which I recd 81 Thalen 18 groschen.

Saturday 13

Went to see the museum of National History – Geology & Mineralogy.

Sunday 14

Attended Pres. Church. Went into the Cathedral for a few minutes – where we heard very good music. Rainy cold day. Wrote to Vallie in the eveg. The Pres Clergyman was a Scotsman & preached a good discourse from Psalm 3-7.

Monday, November 15, 1869

Spent 5 hours in the picture gallery. Bought a lot of photographs & Engravings amounting to 37 Thalens.

Tuesday 16

Started from Dresden at 6 oclck A.M. for Cologne via Leipzig Halle Gotha Marburg [?] Minden & c. Remained in Leipzig about 3 hours waiting for a train. Took a walk around the city. Arrived at Hannover at 10 P.M. – Put up at H de Russia. Tickets 26Th 12 gr for two.

Thursday, November 18, 1869

Hired a “Domestive de place” & went out to see the city of Cologne which is far from being a clean or neat city in streets or Appearance of the houses. The fine Gothic Cathe-dral & church of

St. Ursula are the two most noted of facts of interest. Left C- for Coblenz at 2.45 P.M. arrived in C at 5.25 P.M.

Friday 19

Hired a guide & went to see the Fort of Ehrenfried-stein opposite Coblenz & around through the town of C- & in the afternoon rode out past forts con-stantine & Alexander & Mines. To the Palace of Stolzenfeld which lies 300 ft above the banks of the Rhine & is 3 miles above Coblenz on the left bank.

Saturday 20

Started on the steamer Eliz-abeth at 6 A.M. for Masin or Mazence – We passed through the best portion of the scene-ry along the Rhone with its numerous series of old castles & [?] clad hills & reached Masin at 2 P.M. - Walked over the boat Bridge to Castel & took car for Frankfurt – arriving at 3.45 P.M.

Sunday, November 21, 1869

Went to hear Rev. Dr. Hurst preach in a small back room of Grossgaller Strape called the American Chapel. Wrote to Rev. J.C. Sherwin.

Monday 22

Visited the Stadel Museum & took a walk through the town.

Tuesday 23

Went to Weirbaden 26 ½ miles distant – Drank some of the hot spring water & took a bath – Went into the Kiersaal. Rode up to see the Russo Gruk Chapel & to get a good view of the town. Returned to Frankfurt on 3.30 train.

Wednesday, November 24, 1869

Left Frankfurt a/m for Heidel-berg at 8.30 A.M. Arrived in H- Put up at Hotel Prinze Karl good house – comfortable. Hired a carriage & went out to se the Walfs Brunnen where they raise trout & up the side of the hill or mountain to get a view of the town & country thence to the Castle which is in ruins.

Thursday 25

Left Heidelberg for Strasburg stopping at Carlsruhe about 3 hours arrived in Strasburg after dark went to the Hotel Ville de Paris – do not like it.

Friday 26

Took a look at St. Thomas Church & the Cathedral the latter has the highest spire in the world and has the wonderful Astronomi-cal clock. Left S- at 1.15 P.M. for Baste where we arrived 6 P.M. & put up at the Three Kings – a good Hotel.

Saturday, November 27, 1869

Went to the Museum a small affair & to the St. Elizabeth Protestant Church which is very handsomely built of sand stone – cost one million dollars. Left at 2.15 for Zurich arrived in Z-

after dark. Stopped at Hotel Baur – good house. Found 3 letters from Vallie here & 1 from John D- also two papers.

Sunday 28

Rainy went to English Chapel – poor sermon. Wrote to Vallie.

Monday 29

Took a ride on Lake Zurich to Rapperswyl about 20 miles. Returned in same steamer

Tuesday, November 30, 1869

Very rainy with high winds. Took a walk to the High promenade. Zurich is a beautifully located town. The alps can be seen in the distance to the south. Bought pocket compass 8 francs

Wednesday, December 1

At 9.38 A.M. left Zurich for Lucerne arriving at the latter place at 11.45 A.M. – Distance 30 miles by Railway. Fare 9 francs 10 ce[?] for two.

Thursday 2

Today at 10 A.M. embarked on a small steamer on the lake Lucerne or as it is called here Vierwaldstättersee for Flüelen 25 miles up the Lake thence 1 mile to Altdorf the place where Wm Tell shot the apple from his sons head. Returned to Lucerne in 2 ³/₄ hours arriving at 4.45 P.M. Stormy day.

Friday, December 3, 1869

Took passage on board a small screen steamer 7 A.M. for Alpnach & thence by Diligence to Lungern to dinner & thence in a sleigh over the B[?] pass to Berne & thence by another small steamer to Interlaken arriving at 4.45 P.M. Snowed more or less during the day so that we could not see much of the scenery – Fare 16 fr 40 c-

Saturday 4

Wrote letters last eveg to J.H.D. & to A. Tainter. This morning left Interlaken at 9 – Newhaus at 10.30 – for Berne by Boat to [[?]] & railway to B- arrived in Berne 1.20 P.M. called on Horace Ruble Esq U.S. Minister to Switzerland.

Sunday 5

Dined with H. Ruble Esq & had a pleasant afternoon at his house. I was glad to see a Wisconsin family.

Monday, December 6, 1869

Wishing to purchase some wood carvings. I started for Brienz at 6.15 A.M. – Remained in Interlaken 4 hours – arrived in Brienz

Tuesday 7

Left Brienz for Interlaken at 8.30 A.M. – arrived in I- at 9.45. Bought some oil paintings of Prof. Alt & c bill of wood sculptures of Ch Ritschard – Took dinner at the Schweighof & left for Berne at 2.10 P.M. – Arrived in Berne at 6.25 P.M.

Wednesday 8

Left Berne at 10.40 A.M. for Geneva where we arrived at 3.20 P.M. – having had a cold & uncomfortable ride. Went to Hotel de L’Cir’de Geneva.

Thursday, December 9, 1869

Weather foggy – Called on the U.S. Consul Mr. Kepton. Went to see some of the Jewelry & watch making establishments.

Friday 10

Spent the day in looking around Geneva & into the watch making factories & c.

Saturday 11

In Geneva – Weather way cool & foggy.

Sunday, December 12, 1869

A dull day. Took a walk in the best built part of the city of Geneva.

Monday 13

Took a ride this afternoon to the Point Solave hoping to see the mountain scenery but was disappointed owing to the fog.

Tuesday 14

In Geneva.

Wednesday, December 15, 1869

Took cars for Villeneuve a castle of Chillon at 11.20 A.M. – After getting some dinner at Hotel Byron near Chillon we walked to the Castle & was much gratified with an inspection of the interior of Chillon. We returned to Geneva at 9.25 P.M.

Thursday 16

Left Geneva for Paris at 3.18 P.M. Tickets 1st Class 70 francs each.

Friday 17

Arrived in Paris at 7 A.M. Put up at Grand Hotel. Found letters from home at Munroe & Co. – Met J.T. Gilbert there.

Saturday, December 18, 1869

Went to see Montgomery Gibbs, Esq to whom I had a letter of introduction. Went to see Dr. W.G. Johnston No. 10 Rue Maln-herbs [?]

Sunday 19

Went to the Congregational Ch & heard a good sermon by Rev. Churchill of Andover Mass.

Monday 20

Went to see Dr. Hardy – about this sore on my nose. He said it was inherited from my father & was of Lupus character. Warm climate the best – Could be cured in 3 to 6 mos. I should eat Roast beef mutton & c. & drink Bordeaux wine – Could use tea & coffee Sulphur spring waters good. See appendices.

Tuesday, December 21, 1869

Went out sight seeing. Employed Theophile Madet as valet de place. Visited the Beau arts – Madeline & took a ride out to the Park of Bois de Bologne

Wednesday 22

Went to Hotel Clung – Palace Luxembourg – Church of St. Sulpine & Pantheon.

Thursday 23

We have had a cold rainy day. Visited the Hotel de Invalides - [?] of Napoleon 1st Artesian Well. Caught some cold & did some shopping.

Friday, December 24, 1869

Friday – sick all day with dyspepsia – headache & c. remained in doors.

Saturday 25

Christmas - Walked about the streets to see what could be seen – after dinner went to the Louve to see the paintings.

Sunday 26

Heard Rev. Robinson preach at the American Church – in Rue de Beria.