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Thursday, January 1, 1874

This morning finds us in Chatanooga. We arrived here from Nashville last night. We have put up at the Read's house, the best Hotel in the place and a very poor one the parlor is large and comfortable, quite a contrast to the chambers. Ours was small and not very clean, no curtain & c. or inside blind or shade. The halls large and the floors bare with one wide stair case and ladies passed through the main thoroughfare to and from their rooms. The landlady very talkative and intelligent. Nashville a pleasant city, stopped at Maxwell H- very good.

Friday, January 2, 1874

Arrived at Atlanta to New Years dinner. Stopped at the Kimbal House, found a number of guests in at dinner and gaily dressed ladies who all seemed to be enjoying the festivities of the occasion. After dinner J- and I walked around the town and liked it very much, we were considerably amused in watching the gentle men calling upon the ladies who lived on the streets we passed through. We left for Macon at seven o'clock this morning and rode along at a moderate rate and arrived at Macon at 3 o'clock and found a delightful hotel (Brown's) rode out for an hour.

Saturday, January 3, 1874

We left Macon at 6 ½ o'clock this morning, leaving Macon with regret for I should like to have spent several days but our baggage has gone on to Savannah. Georgia is overflowing with "Darkies" I never saw a more forlorn, ragged listless ignorant looking crowd as present themselves at the railway stations the white people are few in comparison to the colored. We arrived at Savannah about half past five o'clock or nearly here for the baggage car and the one ? belonging to the train we were on ran off the track ? miles from the city and we came in on carriages from there safely thank full that we met with no accident.

Sunday, January 4, 1874

This Sunday morning finds us in Savannah. Would we could transport ourselves home for today at least. I acknowledge to feeling somewhat homesick. It is raining so cannot go to church which makes the day longer. I think this is a beautiful city so far as I have seen and heard of it, but hope to get out to morrow. Wrote to Effie. Feel quite a longing to see my dear baby and darling

children all. J- went to church, heard a good sermon. Have been in my room all day.

Monday, January 5, 1874

Still raining - had hoped it would be pleasant to day so that we might have ridden out but it is dark and foggy and occasionally rains very fast. I went out between showers to see about my ear rings got another pair. Bought soap, Glycerine and Oranges which are very fine wish I could send some home. The weather is warm sat with the windows open yesterday and today without a fire. One feature of this city, a beautiful one is its Parks after walking a few squares you come upon a park, green and with an ornament in the center.

Tuesday, January 6, 1874

Still it is cloudy and foggy but have determined to ride out. Have been to Bonaventure and saw the most magnificent avenues of Live Oak which grow to immense size here their giant branches interlaced above our heads from which hang thick, heavy, pendants of moss which is a peculiar feature in this climate. It grows upon all the trees but is most luxuriant on the oaks. We passed through "Thunderbolt" a village on the river Forsythe Park where is a beautiful fountain.

Wednesday, January 7, 1874

This morning still finds in Savannah at "Screven House" the boat we expected to take this morning did not arrive she was disabled and has to lay up for repairs. "Lizzie Baker". We now contemplate leaving on the Dictator an outside line the former was an inside. The steamers are quite uncertain and we are now about to take the train which leaves here at 4:30 P.M. The wind is very high and we should no doubt be very seasick so we may do better to take the cars.

Thursday, January 8, 1874

Here we are in Jacksonville at last. A month today since we left home. We are stopping at the St. James and it is a quiet comfortable house. Jacksonville is a small place the streets are so sandy that a carriage rolls along so silently as though they were paved with cotton. William and I took a walk while J- went to see some gentlemen. Our hearts were made glad by receiving two letters from Effie all are doing well - Thank God.

Friday, January 9, 1874

Bright sunny morning pleasant as May or more like our September. Took a ride this afternoon and found it quite warm there is not much to be seen in Jacksonville. One day is all that is needed to exhaust its resources. I feel a little impatient to go up the river hope do so as soon as J-'s gun arrives. Wrote a long letter to Effie and one to Johnny and Eddie and also to Mattie. Had music and dancing in the hotel tonight.

Saturday, January 10, 1874

This morning we moved our quarters ~~to~~ from hotel to private boarding hope we may find it pleasant. Dinner at one o'clock find the family pleasant and think I shall like it. Will try to be more cheerful and hopeful. Wish to do any thing and every thing which will make dear J- well. Hope the benefits of the climate may be such as will cure him. Look for wisdom and guidance to Him who knoweth all things.

Sunday, January 11, 1874

A week ago today we were in Savannah and a wet day. Today we are in Jacksonville and a bright and glorious day it is. Heard a sermon today in the Presbyterian Church by a Mr. Kennedy from Macon, Georgia from the text "Stand therefore having your loins gird about with truth". Would I might ever bear this sermon in memory practice in my daily life (all the pre-cepts it teaches) I wish I might overcome my faults and follies I will strive more earnestly than ever God will hear and answer prayer.

Monday January 12, 1874

This morning we all got ready for an excursion across the river took a luncheon ~~and~~ Visited Mrs. Mitchell's place in the grounds is a most majestic oak and around the trunk are benches to sit on and here we ate our luncheon and from the grove had most delicious oranges. We went a little further up the river and visited Mr. Camhill's place. Then came back to Jacksonville delighted with the trip and tired enough to sleep well.

Tuesday, January 13, 1874

New boarders today, a Mr. and Mrs. Stearns and son whom we find pleasant people. We now have quite a pleasant family and I do enjoy it so much better than the hotel our host and hostess are Mr. and Mrs. Knapp. And last evening there called a young gentleman by the name of Frank Knapp and no relation. Saw the dressmaker and gave her my dress too long in the sleeve. Had quite a pleasant walk.

Wednesday, January 14, 1874

This morning Mr. and Mrs. Moody from Rock Port, N.Y. boarding here left to go up the river but returned because "the Darlington" did not arrive on account of the fog. It has been raining some this morning. This afternoon we walked down Bay street on the river did a little shopping came back just before tea. Had quite a company in this evening among the rest a party of minstrels. Almost the only amusement is card playing here. Dancing I suppose if they had music.

Thursday, January 15, 1874

This morning is bright and clear but cold. Took a walk and did a little shopping. Jacksonville has quite a number of good stores and goods as cheap as at home. Walked down Baystreet this afternoon the sun shown pleasantly although it was cold. This evening after tea we had quite a talk on religious subjects but O how hard to know what to say and how to say it on such occasions that I might have wisdom given me. For truly "words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Friday, January 16, 1874

This morning John and Will went up the St. John's river. It is quite cold and tonight the wind is blowing as it does in the winter. I am lonely tonight and I do hope J- will not take cold. Wrote to Effie and Callie Douglas to day. Took a walk and went to the drug store and P.O. & c. It is cloudy and threatens rain - hard to endure it here in Jacksonville, Fla. where we expected so much sunshine.

Saturday, January 17, 1874

This morning is very cold it rained during the night and the wind whistles through the branches of trees desolately. We all linger about the fire and dread to go out of doors. I suppose we shall hear of blockaded roads and intensely cold weather at the north. Took a short walk this afternoon and were caught in a shower Mrs. Stearns and myself. I ran a little way and felt badly for it. It is dark and cloudy and threatens more rain.

Sunday, January 18, 1874

Sunday here does not seem the same day to me here. I have not spent the day thus far as profitable as I would like and God is so good to me. I received a letter from Mattie saying that Eddie and Johnny are feeling so well and happy and I am thank ful to my heavenly Father for this good news and our family at home have been getting on so nicely. I ought to be a very good woman because of his mercy and goodness to me. Went to prayer meeting this evening with Mr. Dibble.

Monday, January 19, 1874

This morning went out with Mrs. Stearns returned for dinner. Afternoon the sun came out brightly and the rest of the day proved to be lovely. Mrs. Stearns and I walked out, but it seemed warm and we grew so tired. We soon came back and sat on the upper porch and while there Mrs. Knapp brought me a letter from John which I answered this evening. Later in the day Mr. Campbell called late from Chicago.

Tuesday, January 20, 1874

Time flies rapidly in Florida, even the days too seem long with nothing to do. This morning is glorious the air is soft and laden with fragrance cool in the shade but very warm in the sun.

Wednesday January 21, 1874

Wrote to Mrs. Mott this morning.

Thursday January 22, 1874

Wrote to Mattie and John today, received a letter saying babie is sick with swollen neck.

Friday January 23, 1874

Wrote to Eddie today, received a letter from home saying babie is better and has the mumps.

Sunday January 25, 1874

Today I have felt ? weak and poor and nee-dy I am the Lord has not dealt with according to my sins but according to his loving kindness. I listened to a sermon this morning on the need and efficacy of prayer, and this evening attended the Presbyterian church where Mr. Sert made some excellent remarks on the Gospels and epistles. Mr. Campbell called this evening staid to tea.

Monday January 26, 1874

Had no (blank). This evening John and Willie returned from up the river.

Friday, January 30, 1874

Walked down on Bay street this morning in company of Mrs. Stearns Mrs. Thomson & John. Met Mrs. & Judge Currier from St. Louis. They are pleasant people. Did not see much and returned. I like Miss Pierce, she is so whole souled and full of fun. Met Mr. Campbell see him quite often.

Saturday, January 31, 1874

Mr. Stearns came back we were glad to see him. In the afternoon Mr. & Mrs. Stearns, John and myself took a ride to Panama Miles and from there to "the Morgan's Place" they call it here. It was owned by a French man several years ago "Morgan's Tallysand" it is now growing wild. All the ornaments have been removed in the way of statuary, seats & vases & c and is now a desolate place. The house is a frame, rather small in we were told was very fine furniture ? was also taken away by the man who bought it.

Sunday, February 1, 1874

Attended church this morning and colored Sunday School this afternoon, and this evening attended a colored Baptist church. We had a short sermon on the text "knowing the tenors of God we ? men" and after that an exhortation from another colored brother in which were a number of ridiculous things. The singing was very peculiar and affected me and every one peculiarly a musical

wail it might be called, (this next part was written on February 2 page) Which was followed by a prayer and the benediction and then they struck up a lively air in which they all joined hands and kept time with the feet continuing through the strain singing a verse or four lines holding one hand and then passing to another singing the same words each time.

Monday

Warm, walked down street found Miss Pierce and Mrs. Belden had a pleasant time. This evening went to Grand National and took a good bath.

Tuesday, February 3, 1874

This morning it is raining and yet quite warm. We were quite astonished to see Mr. Stout and Frank today they arrived here from New Orleans. I wish he were not so quick. I scarcely know what to say to him.

Wednesday, February 4, 1874

Today we took an excursion down the river on the ferry boat Clifton to the Winter House owned by an association and who sell lots to anyone wishing to buy a lot or lots to build houses thereon for winter homes or permanent residences. It is a delightful place and we enjoyed our trip although the wind blew freshly cold on the river. Mr. Stout went with us.

Thursday, February 5, 1874

This morning John went up the river with Mr. Stout. They expect to go up the Ock alawaha river. It is so lonesome here without him and I don't believe he cared much about going. Came to my room and spent awhile reading. I shall be glad when spring comes.

February 6, 1874

Went down street to see about the oranges had some sent up. They would not do and sent them back, went again and had to pay five cents apiece for pick-ed ones but succeeded at last in getting them off. Wrote to Mrs. Mott and Herbie and read a little time passes slowly and I can scarcely keep still any longer. I should so like to go home

Saturday, February 7, 1874

Another week has rolled by and I feel I have accomplished so little. I received a letter from Henry for John and answered it this afternoon then took a walk and got very tired it has been a sultry day. It is raining tonight and I wish John was here I hope he is comfortable. Will is not feeling very well is better this evening.

Sunday, February 8, 1874

This is one of the storm-iest days we have had here, it has blown and rained all day without sesation. I have thought of John and hope he is not exposed to the

inclem-ency of the weather. Have two pleasant gentle men here now, a Dr. Hanes and an Editor a Mr. Sanford both from Rome, New York. ~~Mr. & Mrs. Sillsbee left for Magnolia.~~ I wrote to sister Millie and John today. I wish I was home today among the children.

Monday, February 9, 1874

Mr. and Mrs. Sillsbee left for Magnolia this morning. Took a walk this morning and one this afternoon. It is clear and cold for this climate today I feel quite lonely and wish John were here. May God bless our dear ones all and take care of them and us while we are so widely separated. Received no letters no mail north of Savannah because of the storm, hope to have letters tomorrow.

Tuesday, February 10, 1874

The days go by slowly and with a great deal of sameness. The days are cooler and fires quite comfortable. We find Mr. Sanford and Dr. Hanes very pleasant and we are glad they came. Mr. Stearns and Willie in company with Mr. and Mrs. Emmons started for St. Augustine this morning. We shall miss them and Mr. Emmons is a man of general intelligence and seems to know something about everything.

Wednesday, February 11, 1874

We have Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregation-alists, Unitarians and Universalists and Baptists we have had some warm discussions and thus far have had no hard feeling. But Mr. San ford and Dr. Payne grew rather personal in their remarks, but after some warm talking it all passed off very well.

Thursday, February 12, 1874

Today has passed very much as all the days do. I was surprised just before tea time to hear someone remark that Mr. Knapp had come and to my surprise saw John coming up the sidewalk I was truly glad to see him. We all gathered on the porch to meet him. He is looking well, wishes me to go to St. Augustine with him but I can not get ready on so short a notice, wish I could go.

Friday, February 13, 1874

This morning John and will left for St. Augustine, went down to the boat with them. Mr. Haynes and Mr. Sanford left too on the same boat for Green Cove. Mrs. Thomson and Miss Pierce went down too to see them off on The Florence. I heartily wished I was going too as I watched the steamer going out of sight. Very warm today 78° in the shade.

Saturday, February 14, 1874

Today has been very warm, attempted to write a letter today but did not succeed in getting it off in the mail on account of being interrupted so much by Mrs. S- went to a matinee this afternoon and saw a poor perform-ance, but we

are pining for some little variety here. Mr. S invited me to go with him to a musical entertainment by a Mrs. Bridge at a private home but it rained so heavily we could not go. This bedtime still raining.

Sunday, February 15, 1874

Received a letter from Mrs. Mott today. Scarlet fever still prevails and I am troubled. I hope the lord will take care of our little ones in our absence. I went to church this morning with Mr. Snawbel and heard a good sermon by Mr. Sutphen. The weather is growing cooler and it has rained some. Mr. Allen is the most comical man I ever met. He does keep us laughing to much.

Monday, February 16, 1874

Am feeling nearly quite unpleasantly this morning, was disappointed in not receiving a letter today. I hope all are well at home. This is one of the most unpleasant morning we have had here so warm that I can scarcely breath. It is very cloudy and damp. Wrote to Bro. Henry, Effie and Mrs. Mott. I feel so heavy I do not know what to do with myself. I wish I was at home. Mr. Stearns and Willie & Mr and Mrs. Emmons returned.

Tuesday, February 17, 1874

Did' ent any letters from home hope all are well there. Feel much better today and am thankful. Wrote a few lines to John. The weather changed from very warm, to cool this afternoon. Had a long discourse from Mr. Allen on sugar making in South America. I wish I could remember all I hear but I am so forgetful. Mrs. Stearns and Miss Pierce went to a wedding in the Episcopal Church this eve.

Wednesday, February 18, 1874

John and Will returned from St. Augustine looking very well. Were pleased with the trip though Will has determined to go home with Mr. Stout. We have thought it best to let him go. The weather today has been very raw and chilly. Making our thick winters ?-ing, quite comfortable so great a change from one day to another. Hope all are well at home. Miss Pierce going away to morrow. She and Mr. Allen have kept us in a roar of laughter all day.

Thursday, February 19, 1874

Took a walk to the cemetery with Mr. & Mrs. Stearns, Miss Pierce and Mrs. Thomson. She did not go away today. We found the place much pleasanter than we expected. One of the most beautiful arborvitae I ever beheld it grew perfectly symmetrical in shape the wild Olive is in bloom and the wild jasmine bush very beauty ful. After leaving the cem-etary Mr. & Mrs. Stearns and myself crossed a marsh on some planks which were laid across and got some wild jasmine to bring home with us. In the evening called on Mr. Stout at The National.

Friday, February 20, 1874

Went with Will to buy a few things to send home, he purchased an alligator and I sent home feathers of the white Heron and a wing of the Pink Curlew or Roseate Spoonbill. Shells for Millie and a shell spray for Effie and top for Herbie. In the afternoon Mr. Stout and Frank with John and myself took a walk after which I went with Frank to buy a few things to carry home. Packed Will's trunk this evening and now he is all ready for his journey. Miss Pierce left this morning.

Saturday, February 21, 1874

This morning we arose early had our breakfast before the rest of the boarders and started with Will for The Dictator there we found Mr. Stout and Frank waiting for us. We went on board and found her a pleasant boat and there never was a more beautiful morning. All were in good spirits. Precisely at half past eight the shore out of sight and we waved our hanker chiefs and said "Good Bye" until they were out of sight and hearing. I hope they will have a prosperous journey. The 80° today.

Sunday, February 21, 1874

This is a warm day. I feel listless and unequal to any mental labor. I can not read, write or think as I would. I am not surprised at the idle habits the southern people fall into. I should be so too did I live here. A visit seems to affect me in this way. I felt as though I could not go to church today. Tonight we went to "Praise Meeting" but were not so well pleased as on a former occasion. The church was more crowded and the singing not nearly as good.

Monday, February 23, 1874

It continues warm and sultry and we are all feeling exhausted and depressed by the sultry weather. The thinnest clothing would be desirable. John is not feeling very well. Had a postal card from Will, arrived at Savannah alright. I have not heard from home today, hope all are well there. I hope Will will reach home in safety and they will be glad to see him. John has been busy writing for The Dunn County News all the evening.

Tuesday, February 24, 1874

This morning John has been finishing up his writing to get it into the mail, also wrote to Effie. Packing the trunks and expect to leave for Green Cove tomorrow. John feels very badly this afternoon don't believe we can get away tomorrow. Later – have decided to wait over one day. Mr. Stearns is going, Mrs. Stearns is not going after all assertions to the contrary. Had a cheering letter from Effie today.

Wednesday, February 25, 1874

It rained hard during the night and this morning threatens rain. Mr. Stearns left. We all went down to the steamer "City Point" and saw Mr. Moody and wife off they left for New York. Went to the lower dock and saw the wreck of the "Jonas French" which was undergoing repairs. I fear the walk was too much for John for he is feeling very badly this afternoon.

Thursday, February 26, 1874

John is still feeling quite badly. I fear he may be sick. One day passes like another here, and I hope we shall soon get away from here but not yet for John is not well enough. He seems to be threatened with fever. I called in Mr. Merrill who has prescribed bed for him and I hope he will be better. I hope we may be spared any severe illness while we are away from home. We have been richly blessed in regard to this matter for our family at home and we too have kept well hitherto.

Friday, February 27, 1874

John feels better this morning but quite weak, the weather is sultry and I think that has something to do with keeping him weak. Played croquet with Mr. Dibble, I like it very much. My trunk has been packed since Tuesday evening. We think now we will not go to Green Cove to remain any time but will go at once to St. Augustine.

Saturday, February 28, 1874

Rain during the night and this morning. We can not go today. John does not feel nearly so well as we expected rained this afternoon but the sun is coming out. Have had new boarders a Mr. & Mrs. Deveraux from Lockport N.Y. I like Mr. & Mrs. Stickney from Minn. Who came last week. Two other parties came yesterday, one from Canada, the other from Cleveland the last not pleasant people.

Sunday, March 1, 1874

The day is cooler and much more pleasant hope to get away to morrow. John is much better. Did not go to church today because I could not unpack my trunk. A long day because of not going to church. This has been a delight-ful day. How hard it is to spend the day profitably here all seem to regard religion lightly and I feel its influence deeply. They think I am stiff and too precise. Rain this afternoon.

Monday, March 2, 1874

Arose early strapped our trunk and went down stairs, expecting to leave. The morning is damp and cloudy and threatens rain. While at breakfast Mr. Aken remarked that it was so full at St. Augustine we could not get rooms for one. A hundred people were wondering about the streets so difficult was it to find

lodging on Saturday on account of the ? today. So John has decided to remain here one day longer. I submit!

Tuesday, March 3, 1874

I'm sitting on the bank of the St. John's at Tacoí waiting for the horse car to take us to St. Augustine. It is very warm and tedious and there are a great many passengers. We left Jacksonville this morning and we had a delightful ride on the river. Met a Mr. and Mrs. Black and a Dr. Moses from St. Louis. The cars came at last. We were then packed into them as the crowd of passengers left them. Remained then an hour and a half and finally moved off at the half way house we changed horses and arrive here in St. Augustine this evening finding strangers. We have a room now in the Presbyterian Minister's house

Wednesday, March 4, 1874

Rested well last night had a good breakfast and then went to find Miss P-. At the Oriental saw all the Flemmings – Beldins & c. They were just about to have a sail and we went with a party of about 25 had a delightful time and returned about one o'clock, came to our room found it cool and pleasant. This afternoon Miss Pierce and Mrs. Beldin came to our room and told us of some oranges we could get so we all went to a grove which was owned by a Judge Phillips.

Thursday, March 5, 1874

After breakfast we went to the Oriental and got the ladies then went to the orange grove and wiped and wrapped in paper over 600 oranges. We sent home a barrel and hope they will reach them in good condition. After dinner I laid down for a rest and awakened with a dread ful nervous headache. Head ache we walked out for a while and it soon got better.

Friday, March 6, 1874

This morning Miss Pierce and Beldin met me on the street. Called on a Mrs. Foster and met a Mr. Root who said we must have a sail. All arrangements were made and we had a delightful time upon the bay. Went out on the head and saw the breakers come in, it was a grand sight and I could have remain ed all day. We went out beyond the Buoys and our yacht ? upon the ? until some of the ladies became alarmed.

Saturday, March 7, 1874

I wrote to Effie and Mrs. Thomson last evening. This morning is very warm and I long for the cool breezes of the North. Visited the old Fort Mission and came home perfectly tired out with the walk and heat. Went down to the oriental this evening. The flowers here are numerous and beautiful, I wish we could send some of them home. The orange blossoms scent the air with their fragrances.

Sunday, March 8, 1874

The wind arose during the night and this morning it is quite cold. Went to church and heard Mr. Hamlin of Constantinople preach a very interesting sermon. It was announced that Mr. Palmer would preach in the evening, the great Meth-odist minister who with his wife who labored so successfully all over the country, went to hear him in the evening and were disappointed, a mere Sunday School lecture. Wrote to Mrs. Mott.

Sunday, March 9, 1874

It is very cloudy and cold, expected to sail this morning but did not go. Wrote to Eliza Wilson. Walked about the streets some and admired and saw all the curiosities. Went to the Oriental this evening. The minister's wife in whose house we are lodging is quite sick. Was surprised to find a bouquet in my room on my return this afternoon.

Tuesday, March 10, 1874

This morning we all got ready for a sail went to north beach and some of the ladies found a number of shells. I was so interested in watching the ocean that I did not look for shells. Had a pleasant sail coming back but no breeze going out so that the men rowed the boat most of the time. Came back before dinner and this afternoon went down to the bay to see a stingeree fish a very peculiar looking creature walked all the afternoon.

Wednesday, March 11, 1874

Am getting ready to start for Enterprise expect to leave here to morrow. It rained quite hard this afternoon so I could not get out. All our things are packed and we expect to be off tomorrow. I wish we were going directly home from here but six weeks more if all goes well will be all we shall have to remain. God has been very good in keeping all our children safe and well and in permitting us to go and come safely.

Thursday, March 12, 1874

Miss Pierce, Mrs. Beldin, Mrs. March and Miss Dale all called to say "Good Bye" I think they charged us too much for our rooms and I made the bed myself too. \$16 for 10 days. Came to Tacoí nicely it was cool and clear and not nearly so tedious as when we went over. We took The Hattie and came to Palatca. Here to my utter astonish ment met Mrs. Good Sue Benson, David B- and Dr. B- old friends whom I was glad to meet. The hotels are full here and we cannot be accommodated with a room in the hotel.

Friday, March 13, 1874

Our friends leave for St. Augustine this morning and we will see them off. We have a room in a cottage two squares away or more no carpets in the hall or stairs and our room had an oil cloth on the floor and a small room. I hope we shall not be detained here long. Went to Harts Grove in a row boat across the

river got a Banana blossom came back hope to leave for Enterprise this afternoon.

Saturday, March 14, 1874

Disappointed could not get a berth in on the "Starlight" but shall leave for Jacksonville on the Florence from Tocai where we shall go on the "Hattie". Arrived at Jacksonville at half past eight had a cold windy time on the river. Twas pleasant to meet so many old friends here and get into our old room and to find letters from home where all are well and happy.

Sunday, March 15, 1874

Another Sunday in Jacksonville and we think the last. Went to Episcopal church this evening, I wish I could say this day had been profitably spent. The days go by and I make so little progress spiritually would that I had done more for the cause of Christ than I have I might have said more to his honor and glory and lived more devotedly. How Good he has been to me, we have been so blessed and they at home.

Monday, March 16, 1874

Mrs. Stickney called and she so wishes to go when we do but her husband is sick and feels that he has not sufficiently tested the climate. Went up town with Mrs. Stearns and Stickney had a pleasant time with them. Called to see Mr. & Mrs. S- this evening wish he could get well but he cough-ed fearfully I feel so sorry for both. A very warm day this has been while at the north they are having Ice and snow how strange the contrast 85° in the shade today.

Tuesday, March 17, 1874

The morning is very warm the night too was warm 89° in the shade today. Wrote to Mrs. T.B. Wilson and A. Ferguson. We have hoped to get away here tomorrow but find we cannot before Friday morning. We shall say "Good Bye" to Florida with some regret. Nature is lavish of her beauties here in tree foliage and flowers and now she is garbed in her rich beautiful Spring attire.

Wednesday, March 18, 1874

This morning Mrs. Tomson left for St. Augustine went to the boat with her bought a trunk shawl ? and a few little relics to take home with us. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns left this afternoon for Fernandina and thence we part after having lived together for two months. Perhaps we shall never see the faces of those we have met here. Have put a few things in the trunk, called to say Good Bye to Mr. & Mrs.?

Thursday, March 19, 1874

Have been very busy packing our trunks all day, Mr. & Mrs. Stickney called to say "Good Bye" am very tired. This is our last evening in Jacksonville we leave at

five o'clock on the "City Point" for Charleston. Said Good bye to the Flemmings and all in the house. It has been so very warm day 90° in the shade. People are now going northward. The warm weather is warming them ??? summer & c.

Friday, March 20, 1874

5 O'clock we were awakened, dressed and strapped on our baggage and sent it to the wharf and left the house as quickly as we could so as not to disturb the boarders at that early hour. Came on board and found Sue B? the doctor and Mrs. Good. At 6 O'clock we left Jacksonville and soon it was out of sight. St. John's is truly a fine river and in two hours we passed out of its wide mouth and launched into the ocean.

Saturday March 21, 1874

Had a fine day yesterday the sea was calm and we were not sick so we enjoyed our voyage very much. Our Reading friends left here this morning for we are lying at the wharf at Savannah - change of passengers. A poor sick man left the boat here. Had an-other pleasant day slept well last night. Came into Charleston Harbor at four O'clock this afternoon. Saw Ft. Sumter, Ft. ?, Sullivan's Island & C. a very interesting harbor.

Sunday, March 22, 1874

Came to Charleston Hotel last evening a very fine building a comfortable house and good fares. John went out to Sumter. I felt quite indisposed and uncomfortable did not go down to dinner. Walked a few squares before supper feel better this evening. Read considerable today. How I do deplore the want of a good memory.

Monday, March 23, 1874

Am tired this eve ning walked a great deal and rode this afternoon saw all of Charleston some interesting and fine buildings old and spacious as well as imposing dwellings like it very much although it does not possess the beauty and attractive ness of Savannah. There the magnify-cent Live Oak and ornamental trees its pleasant parks render it a delightful city.

Tuesday, March 24, 1874

This morning left Charleston at 9 O'clock and we are now on the South Caroli-na road to Augusta. Augusta - arrived here at five O'clock at the Planters House took a carriage and rode around the place. A very pleasant little city had a nice supper here and left at eight o'clock for Atlanta which we expect to reach at half past five in the morning.

Wednesday, March 25, 1874

Atlanta - came on nicely during the night arrived here on time went to The Kimbal House where we washed and felt refreshed by a warm breakfast and then took the cars at half past seven I think for Chatanooga it was a long day's ride and as the accommodations are very poor here we concluded not to remain over night our luncheon at the bakers and waited a long time before the cars started for Memphis.

Thursday, March 26, 1874

The first part of the road is mountainous and rough all the way through still we came safely and felt thankful. Arrived in Memphis about three O'clock I never saw streets of a large city so filthy and dusty. I saw a dead pig lying in the street and in the evening we walked on the bank of the river it is a high bluff and the wharf is far below it on this bluff the town is built there. We were disgusted by disagreeable odors.

Friday, March 27, 1874

The Park (Jackson's) so called from a bust of Jackson which rests upon a monument upon which is inscribed "The Federal Union must be preserved" his own words. This park is the only green spot or oasis I saw in Memphis here the grey squirrels abound and are so tame they will eat nuts from your hand or will run all over your person even to your hat to get a nut. We expect to leave at five o'clock.

Saturday, March 28, 1874

Left Memphis last evening crossed the Mississippi river on a Ferry boat to take the R.R. to Little Rock it was the roughest road I ever saw and we realized this soon by sundry joltings and shakings ? off the track. At Little Rock we took the train to Malvern here we stopped for breakfast it was dreadful then we took the stage and O such roads were almost tired beyond endurance and then to find the poorest accommodations and altogether we felt a desolation creep over us which I can not describe.

Sunday, March 29, 1874

Sunday blessed day! Is not the day here it is in our own dear home. John went to see the doctor here and he gives him great encouragement. So have others but we will not despair. We hope that now perhaps it will be healed yet we cannot be as sanguine as we once were but will ask the Lord's blessing. Dr. Lansence says I have ? does not advise me to take the baths now but to drink the water. Our trunks did not arrive last evening consequently I can't change my clothing.

Monday, March 30, 1874

Felt more comfortable this morning took a bad cold on Saturday and with our fatigue and discomforts here felt rather blue. Yet if John can be cured here we

shall not mind these little troubles but be glad to endure them if necessary. Our trunks have not come today. Wrote to Effie last evening and John wrote to Henry. Yesterday was John's birthday 49 years old. I do so long to see my children. These four or six weeks will be long ones but I will not look forward too much.

Tuesday, March 31, 1874

Trunks came this noon am glad of it. John takes a bath every day drinks the water three times a day and we dress his nose three times. It keeps us pretty busy. I drink the water three times use douche (nasal) twice a day. It has been raining since we came here but today is bright and warm. Hope we shall hear from home today. Received quite a bit yet on Saturday when we arrived. Received a letter from Effie enclosing one from Mrs. Cook poor woman.

Wednesday, April 1, 1874

Today is still cloudy, it did promise to be fair last evening but we are disappointed and now it looks as if it would rain it is quite cold. Went out to see for a boarding place and think we have found one at a Mr. Barnes. The afternoon passed as usual. This evening as we were sitting down to tea some one spoke across the table to us, it was Mr. Cary from Milwaukee and his wife who has come for his health.

Thursday, April 2, 1874

This morning the sun shines brightly for the first time since we came here. I didn't sleep well last night on account of pain in my limbs. No callers last evening. We expect to move today. After dinner we made our arrangements to have our trunks moved. We came away about four o'clock, moved into new quarters and like it much better.

Friday, April 3, 1874

We have taken possession of our little room and little it is. It is wonderful how we can adapt our selves to circumstances here we have a dressing bureau and drawers and a neat and good table better than at the hotel. J- will have long walks to the spring. There are seven ladies boarding here beside myself and six gentlemen. Have no parlor here but have to keep our rooms which is not nearly so sociable as when we were at Mrs. Knapp's in Jacksonville.

Saturday, April 4, 1874

It is very hard getting about here. The roads are dusty and very rough so that a short walk makes me very tired. But if only John gets well I shall be so glad to stay here awhile or as long as need be and not complain. This is a warmer day than any we have had here. Walked down to the hot spring this morning. Really wonderful it is hot boiling water issuing from the rock. My cough is better this morning. Letters from home last eve.

Sunday, April 5, 1874

Sunday, O for a blessed day among our loved ones again, this day above all others. There seems to be no observance of the day here everything goes on just the same as any other day. There are two churches a catholic and the Method ists worship in one. J- went I did not it was so far off. Wrote three letters one to Mrs. Mott, one to E- and one to the little boys in Ft. Madison. Walked down to the spring with J- to get water. A lovely day this has been although it commenced with April showers.

Monday, April 6, 1874

Called on Mrs. Cary and saw the doctor, said I must take baths. Mrs. Anthony spent the afternoon in my room. J- went to take a game of chess with Mr. Chamberlain and I went into Mrs. A's room. Had a fear ful storm hailed and rained in torrents and thundered and lightened dread fully. It seems as though it would break down these frail houses we felt the jar of hail on the roof.

Tuesday, April 7, 1874

It rained more or less all night and this morning it is quite cloudy still. Expected to get into the room we engaged when we came as Mrs. Spencer has gone, left this morning. Came into our new lodgings this afternoon and like them very much. Had a letter from T.B. Wilson telling us of the death of their little Thaddeus. My heart aches for them poor mother and father how sad and stricken their hearts are now. But He who wounds can heal Thank God.

Wednesday, April 8, 1874

It rained all night and is coming still this morning the streams and creeks are swollen with last night's rain. Still raining – raining and to all appearances will rain all night. Wrote to Effie this afternoon. It is still raining this evening. We are more comfortable than we dared hope we could be here and I feel very thank ful.

Thursday, April 9, 1874

It is still raining and things look dark an gloomy enough. About noon it began to look brighter and the sun burst through the clouds. We were all rejoiced to see it. This evening called with Mrs. Anthony to see Mrs. Harnish. The stars shine out beautifully tonight and it is a blessed thought that though clouds and storms prevail through life the sun and stars shine unseen and bright beyond the clouds.

Friday, April 10, 1874

This is a brilliant morning cold and frosty but the sun shine is so lovely. Thus in life our blessings so common as sunlight are not fully appreciated until removed from us. This morning took a bath like it very much came back had a call from

Mr. & Cary. After dinner took a walk down the valley with Mrs. Anthony. Am ery tired this evening and am glad to go to bed.

Saturday, April 11, 1874

Another bright frosty morning we arise quite early here and I am hungry waiting for my breakfast. Took my bath came back and got ready for dinner. Read a good deal and at five o'clock went down street with Mrs. Anthony got a book to read from circulating library disappointed at not receiving letters from home today. Mails are very irregular here.

Sunday, April 12, 1874

Another Sunday here in Hot Springs this is the third and time does pass away and we shall soon be glad when we turn our faces homeward. I shall be glad to go to church at home again and spend our Sundays with our children around us. J- came back from the Spring and said Mr. & Mrs. Stout had come saw them on top of a rock as he was going up on the mountain.

Monday, April 13, 1874

Did not take a bath yesterday - took one this afternoon called to see Mr. & Mrs. St- last eve. They called up here today - I hope they will remain until we go home. The sun shines and it is pleasant today. I wish it would remain so for a few days.

Tuesday, April 14, 1874

Rained again today but I took my bath as usual. Hail and rain last night. Could not go out and did not see any one today. One day passes very much as an other here and there is little to write about.

Thursday, April 16

Had a shocking affray at the Hot Springs Hotel last evening - ladies and people very much frightened. This morning the colored armed themselves and threatened to defend themselves against Gov. Riston who insulted a black man by slapping and spitting in his face.

Friday, April 17, 1874

All things are quiet again about town. Mr. & Mrs. Carey came up here yesterday and have taken up their residence for a time. Called to see Mr. & Mrs. Stout this afternoon. The sun came out for awhile but this evening threatened rains again.

Saturday, April 18, 1874

Rained again this morning - took a bath before breakfast and have for two previous mornings. Rain Rain Rain.

Sunday, April 19, 1874

This day away from and among strangers is not like the dear old day at home.
Take not bath to day.

Monday April 20, 1874

Rain last night and no stage going out today Mr. Cary can not leave and there will be no mails on account of the swollen streams. Took a long walk with Mrs. Anthony and came home tired though felt soon rested.

Tuesday April 21, 1874

Mr. Carey, Mr. & Mrs. and Miss Alexander left this morning feel sorry for Mrs. Cary. I hope I may do much to wile away the weary hours of her stay.

Thursday April 23, 1874

Saw Dr. Lawrence today says it may be better for us to go home now. I am so glad though I feel sorry to have John return to this place again without me. I am sorry too for Mrs. Cary. Raining again. This after frequent and violent showers.

Friday April 24, 1874

Mr. & Mrs. Stout called this morning are glad we are going back with them. My thoughts are now turned homeward and how glad we shall be to get there. All are loud in their regrets to have us go now that they have become acquainted and hope we would make two of the family for some time to come.

Saturday April 25, 1874

Took too long a walk with Mr. & Mrs. S- John and Fanny yesterday am too tired to go out today. Took my bath this morning. Made a cap for Mrs. Cary and one for myself.

Sunday April 26, 1874

Spent all of the forenoon in my room. Sat with Mrs. Cary part of the afternoon.

Monday April 27, 1874

All went down and had our photos taken on the rock of the Hot Spring they are very good. Had a pleasant morning in Mrs. Barnes room. Busy packing most of the day.

Tuesday April 28, 1874

Ready for our journey. "Good Byes" have been spok en and good wishes expressed and the dreadful stage ride to Manson(?) accomplished and now for St. Louis on the 11 o'clock train tonight.

Wednesday April 29, 1874

This morning finds us rapidly pursue-ing our way to St. Louis on the comfortable Pull man car on the Fulton and Cairo Road. Surely this comfortable conveyance is the travelers blessing and for which he ought to be thank full. Mrs. Dean our invalid fellow traveler who came with us from Hot Springs is bearing it well.

Thursday April 30, 1874

This bright and beautiful morning finds in St. Louis comfortably and affectionately entertained by our friends.

Friday May 1, 1874

On (no more written)

Saturday December 19, 1874

When the Cistern water becomes putrid throw in a bag of charcoal.

Monday December 21, 1874

Yeast one large handful of hops 2 qts water boil well 5 large potatoes 6 small grated 1 Qt of flour in a separate dish Pour half of the scalding hop water on the flour the other half on the potatoes. 1 teacup sugar ½ teacup salt. When cool add the yeast stir down several times, set aside for use or bottle.

Saturday December 26, 1874

Socks for Johnny hat and clothes

Shoes measure for Eddie and John

Hair cut

Monday December 28, 1874

When you have lived as long as I have, survived so many that you love, and have realized by experi-ences how much of vanity and vexation into all of our struggles and weariness here, you will know in fact that you are alone, and begin to have pleasant anticipations of that country where there is no friction and where friend never turns from friend. My call to it will be welcome and I have no prayer to offer against sudden death. Charles Sumner