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Wednesday - Jan 1st 1896 9:15 PM

Just back from an excellent
prayer meeting - It is a frosty clear
beautiful night - We have been busy
with home duties to-day - Anna
had the children in at a little tea
party after she returned from
school -

Old Charley the horse was put
out of the way to-day - He has had
several bad turns of late & a very
bad one last night so there was no
hope of his recovery & he was finally
quietly buried.

Thursday - Jan 2nd 1896

A cold day for us - Sun shining all
day, yet the mercury at about 30°.

I have been working on the hen
house, lathing & glazing - I go some
times every morning to the S. Schles-
on but never to riding - The babies
are just muddering & are a lively flock.

Friday - Jan'y 3rd 1896 -

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A clear day - good for out of door
employment ~~but forty~~. Jay has a
cold. Sat'y Jan'y 4th 1896

Went to Tacoma & had another
trial of the stomach siphon, quite
different results. Very little acidi-
ty. I met a young man at hospital
who took the Davis Scholarship in
China under Dr. Legge at Oxford
in '87 - He is a famous linguist
& writes the character beautifully -

Sunday Jan'y 5th

I did not get out to preaching
service, had a good sized S. S.
class. Spoke at the Y.M.C.A.
meeting at the College at 6:30 P.M.

Monday Jan'y 6th

Felt very well & worked here all
day about the place - Mr.
H. Campbell was here and made
out insurance for 3 yrs in house

Tuesday July 7th -

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Clam was not at all well. I was
in house a part of the time & busy
about other work much of the
day - Jay still find delight in
his car & horse - He had it in
a narrow space between two packing
cases, slipped & fell so he could not
extricate himself, I heard his car
pulled him out unscathed -
Mr all fins have taken his
cold & have it in greater or less
degree -

Wednesday July 8th -

To-day I went for the third
trial of the purifier - result
was more satisfactory still, el-
most clean -

Thursday - July 9th -

This a.m. we miked in the new house. In the
afternoon took Clam to ride with a borrowed
Lone. wh. sat down in the harness going
down a rough steep hill - no special harness
done - for which we are very Thankful -

Friday - July 10th 1913

Busy about the place. There seems to be plenty to do preparing trays away. Weather clear & to be out of doors a pleasure.

Saturday - July 11th -

After a busy forenoon I went to Tacoma with Jay. A strong north wind was blowing. Poor boy was sick both going & - He enjoyed the going about though.

Sunday July 12th -

Agg. sermon by Bro. Beaman & we had a pleasant hour in S. School. Miss Cox, teacher of art at the College came in took dinner & tea with us & discussed the relations of Christianity & heathenism. She has been much taken up with natural religions, portical theology & Unitarianism. She seemed interested & I hope got good.

Monday - July 13th - 79

Cool & clear - I took advantage of
the sunshine in the afternoon to
wash the apple & pear trees with
compound of sulphur, lime & kerosene
to the aphids. We had a pleasant surprise
finding at the Post Office The Youths Company
addressed to Anna paid to Jan '97 - a
generous remembrance from some one.

Tuesday - July 14th

Whitaker has sent me a cordial invita-
tion to visit him in Auckland & I feel
gratefully to the hospitality enjoyed at
28 College Ave when he came up
with Packard in '86 -

This evening Dr. Prince called & stayed to
tea. We had a very pleasant conversa-
tion on general subjects: he told us of
some complications at the College -
The girls made a leap year party get-
ting church Sunday evening among
other things -

We rowed back the first ⁶⁶
half of the way then a delightful
breeze sprang up Mr had a fine
sail the latter half of the journey -

Saturday. June 13th

A busy day alternating study and
garden. It is light enough to
work out of doors till half past eight
or nine o'clock. News from Helen
was very favorable.

Sunday June 14th

A beautiful day. Ida made a
call in the morning she was visiting
Hattie Beaman for a day - She has
glasses now - discovered that her ill-
ness was due to defective vision - She
is also cheerful having accepted
the offer of a young man to take
her for better - for worse - & she

was willing to be took. He is a 67
brother of the Maggie who was with
the Sages & was the means of Ida's com-
ing to us. He is in Chicago.

I had a large P. S. Class. but was
not in much of a teaching mood.

At 3-30 I attended the College exercises
before dinner by Rev. Robert P. Sherr of
2nd Pres. Ch. Tacoma. Post Jourd.
called me up to pronounce the ben-
diction. I came to town in a launch
with them afterward - expecting to
go to Winlock in the morning for
the closing day of the association there.

Monday June 15th - 4.15 P.M.

I have just had quite a chat with
Helen - she has hardly noticed any
body except to call for what she
wants or object to what was pro-
posed to her. but this time
she opened quite a conversation.

Saturday night the ferns come back ⁶⁸
& she had one of the hardest turns
of the whole illness - Clara tho't
she was passing away yesterday &
the Dr. said she c'd not bear another
such attack - It did not seem
best for me to go away under the
circumstances so I stayed here &
slept on a reclining chair in the
hall last night. Clara was about
noon out. This P. M. she got a
nap & had now gone to get a few
moments of the Elliott meetings.
Anna is here to-day - Mrs. Stone,
Mrs. Gammell's daughter brought
her in - she was coming in to-day
so I arranged for Anna to come. I
take her back to-night -

By crossing the Park & going down
from the top of the bluff on 323

steps - a good long flight of ⁶⁹
stairs to climb I found them
this morning. I can get directly to
the boat - The Dr. does not know

when Helen's fever will break, but
he now expects her to get well -

It may be a slow convalescence
yet. The baby is growing tho'
he makes a great fuss about it &
keeps Mrs. Gammell on the move
all the time to keep him quiet.

Legs have tonight & do not ex-
pect to be in town again till
Sat for a hope to mail this to-
night - Must leave this
minute -

but while for 3 weeks except several days they do indeed broth for her
but she was not as well for it, as I be kept closely

to milk with lime water.

Tuesday - June 16th 70

I kept busy in the garden most of the day. Was obliged to give some time to noting as I was up very late at the College. Com. ex: annual program by the Kaletha lit. Soc - very good - In the evening attended that of the Columbians - rival Soc, rather better. none finished - news from Helen non favorable -

Wednesday June 17

W picked 4 boxes of Strawberries in the morning also a few green peas. which with lettuce &

Eggs gave us a good dinner almost all from the place -

This is a very poor year for the rice - why one is complaining,

* That message was changed in delivering it. The Dr. said he never expected her to recover. I do not think he thought her out of danger - by do not know.

we have to be extremely careful in nursing legs of small cow & many rotteny masses of the cold wet Spring -

I finished weeding my turnips & did some other garden work.

Lee Foo the Chinese boy in College called upon me after supper. He goes home to Portland Friday, may return in the fall.

The college borrowed my boat & got to town late Tars. night & the boys kindly walked up to the hospital & got word that Helen was not very well. Again in the afternoon they met & got word that the Dr. says Helen's fever is gone (he commends her out of danger*) a very charming message - I was at the graduation services which were good & the rather crude in some respects -

Has had nothing milk & whiskey is what she is still living on.

Thursday June 7 72

Today I have Clyde Brain helping me in the garden when the weeds have flourished since I have been obliged to be away so much. I do not expect to get to the Class Day Exercises this P.M. there is a game of baseball & to night an alumni banquet program to wh. we are invited. It seems quite like being at home to have a Com. to attend. If this College keeps on for a few yrs it will have a firm footing & may have a bright & useful future. There are clouds in the horizon but there always has been. They may be dispelled. Dr. Pica remains another year.

Friday June 19th

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Last night I attended the Alumni banquet after a literary program - was called on to speak got home at 2 a.m.

Today I am busy on the garden - just rec'd. Clara's letter of yesterday - not so encouraging. Poor little Helen has some fever again - Vain is the helphman - The Dr. seems baffled in this case - mistaken. We trust it may be but a temporary attack - I shall try to go in town again soon - Many thanks that the children here keep so well - we have such good help

Saturday - June 20th. 74

News that Helen is continuing better.

Ada planned to come down for the time between boats at noon, but the morning boat was so late it would have left her scarcely any time here. I wrestled with an article for

the Pacific Baptist, a condensation

of what I intended to say at Win-

lock - also copied some rules &

exercises from a Ralston book

lent me by Mr. Collins, an alum-

nus of the College, who has been

wonderfully helped by the system -

In the evening I was greatly pleased

to meet Boatwain Hamilton of the

"Americana", the big 4 masted schooner

that was here last year. He had

been down to East London to Africa

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The vessel is now just off the dock again here. Hamilton is a warm hearted Christian. Edward the Cook who was with him left for home as he was needed there immediately. H. has been 24 mos. on this vessel and wishes to leave, says he is coming ashore to take a vacation.

Sunday June 21st -

The stormiest day thus far. Therm. almost up to 80° - in shade - "It's sun-shining" as Jay says. "Last night me & Anna tho't would be warm to-day, the clouds were so red -"

Mr. Campbell was aboard in my boat to-day, together his son who has a little time in Tacoma - I heard a good sermon from Bro. B. on Christ's life - my own Jerusalem - enjoyed my Bible class in Resurrection lesson.

Anna, Jay & Franklin have gone to 76
the beach with Mary. They developed
considerable interest in the story of
the Shunamite's little son after dinner.

In the evening I attended the young
Peoples meeting.

Monday - June 22nd

2 - A.M. - up & over to Mrs. Campbells
for breakfast - 3-40 set out for
Tacoma with young Campbell
against a head wind - 7-00 reached
bathhouse - & walked to hospital -
8-30 started for Boston with Clara -
Reached here at noon. Sailed much of the
day - Celebrated at dinner. Had
green peas, new potatoes, eggs & strawberries
from the place -
3-30 P.M. started for Tacoma -
7-00 P.M. Reached Alston. Clara landed
& went to hospital. I sailed in little
boat & walked up the 36 x steps again

✓ Went to the hospital - Helen had 77
been good all day now my letter to
get her favorite doll Esther again.

Tuesday June 23rd -

Up off at about 6⁰⁰ dock. Came home
in 3 hours the 1st. 1^{3/4} hours I pulled
steering + for 1^{3/4} hours - reached home
at 10³⁰. In the afternoon I worked
in the garden in the afternoon -

Wednesday. June 2^{4th}

In the garden most of the time - the seeds
are flourishing. I have the use of
a small hand cultivator that
that is helpful - Hamilton
was ashore with Prayer meeting.

Thursday - June 25th -

Now in the garden - Good news
from Helen today she is getting
outdoors every day now -

I am working hard every day on 78
the garden; the Corn & Beans are
coming on well, tho' I do not know
how well they will stand the drought
later. This is the worst Country
for weeds I ever saw. They seem
to come up & go to seed in a
fortnight - but I am getting a
little, more each day. It seems
to agree with me very well.

Friday - June 26th -

Hot in the sun but the air is not
oppressive & sultry. I spent a part
of the forenoon picking strawberries
& green peas - both were factors in a
very good dinner - & the rest in
weeding Mangold wortzel, of which
I have several patches planted -

These with cabbages, & carrots 79
& rutabagas I plan to put in
yet. will be good for the coss-
kews from town is favorable to
their coming back Monday.

Saturday - June 27th -

A further fight with med. I never
experienced anything like the med.
of this country - The late wet season
gave them a start over everything
else & they improved it. In about
another week I hope to get the
garden ready to go over again - Mr. B.
over he has said them as good.
Mr. McClintock got a message from
Clara by telephone that Helen
improves & they expect to be back
Monday - This means I must go

A town Sunday night or Monday ⁸⁰
at daylight. I sat up till dark-
(8-40) mending an oar that
was broken thro' wing - Mr. Beaman
borrowed the boat & swapped off a
new oar newly made by another
party that took out of the original
pain. I applied on a haft
like the Chinese style of making
oars. Boatman Hamilton came
over just in time to give me
help in "seizing" it with wire
& putting on another "seize" of
Cord also an amount of nau-
tical language that would
be of material benefit if I
were to follow in the tracks
William Clark Russell - as
an author of sea stories

Sunday - June 20th

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Mr. B. preached an excellent sermon
from I Cor. XV: 4. I had a good
time with my class - had prepared
the Review more carefully than usual
and remembered all the lessons in
turn. I had an analysis to put on the
board. Miss Tompson a teacher
from Racoma is at home & also
some Racoma people are camping
in a shanty near the shore who are
an addition to the class. Miss
J. proposes having a class for Bible
study this summer.

Monday A. M.

Apart 3 o'clock & off by
4.30 to town with Mrs.
Hamilton, hoping to bring the
bells back on early steamer.

By reason of head wind we did not ⁸²
reach the pier till 8-30 the Sophia's
time for leaving at 9-15. It was
close work but we made it before
she left. Helen how the journey well-
all were safely housed by dinnertime.

Tuesday. June 30th.

Mr. Hamilton is very anxious to see
my boat properly equipped & proposed
to buy some "Calico" to make one.
He got the boat back Monday P.M.
& with a bundle of purchases from
town, with the confession that all a
lady behind a counter had to do was to
ask him if he wanted anything she
would buy it - a common failing
with sailors. I saw daily fighting
the wind to make some headway.
Helen is glad to get home & drinks
milk freely. My man gets on
10 or 12 qts of milk with ease.

Wednesday July 1st.

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The weather is warm. Our green peas are especially good & we have a plentiful supply, also a goodly quantity of lettuce & new potatoes. The children are all doing well now.

I rec'd at last my Church letter from New Britain. The M had an excellent prayer meeting -

Thursday July 2nd.

Herb walked along a little distance, quite a decided gain for her. I am absorbing some nautical language & information day by day. I proposed to Mr H. to make an exchange with him. He

wants a new Bible & will give him one such as the Standard offers as a premium. He presents me with a new sail.

Friday - July 3rd -

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The new sail is made & put on to the new mast with new boom and gaff. Shrouds & forestay regular cat rig. The advantages were described by the maker to a fellow shipmate "When our man is in her stern sheets her head is up & the wind takes her nose than a big job & knocked her to leeward: now we are going to put some canvas aft so as to hit her on the tail & set her up into the wind a bit - &c &c." We tried the sail in the evening & found the boat would move with hardly a breath of wind.

I gave a good share of the day to preparation for Sunday evening. We had a call from Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt of Oakland, parents of Mrs. Geo. Hill formerly of Western China now at Cho fu Japan.

Saturday - July 5th - 85-

I was up before 5 o'clock, did some garden work & chow before breakfast. My studies were interrupted by the arrival of some ice intended for making ice-cream - which did not prove successful - having no freezer. We had a picnic in the afternoon & a sail all of which was good saw that Frank & Clarence both cried uniformly on the home voyage.

Sunday July 5th -

Another warm day. Cleared Mrs. Reed into the Church at Communion service. Bro. B. gave us a good sermon from the Dying Thief - I had an unusually large class. In the afternoon I rested and did a little more on my sermon for the evening - Mr. & Mrs. Shank of Seattle called just before tea time. Mrs. S. is

Mrs. Beavis half sister & they are
 spending the month here. He is a lawyer
 in Seattle. Dia. of First Ch. I had a
 fair degree of freedom in speaking
 at the evening service. Congregation
 very small - My text was from
 I John v. 4 -

Monday, July 5th.

I hope this week to get most fresh fore-
 noon to indoor work & was able
 to begin with some writing on Monday.
 In the P. M. I made further mounds
 on weeds - Mr. had some excitement

at evening getting the chickens shut
 up in the yard. They are too large to
 be safely left in the garden now -

In working to close gaps in fence &
 clear out the yard a bit we found
 two stolen nests, one with 16 good eggs
 & another a way down under the
 roots of an old stump with some
 chickens beginning to peck under
 a black hen I missed for some
 time past, so we are likely to

Low now than 40 checks to run 87

Tuesday. July 7th -

This a.m. 4 of the chicks had broken out - Helen is gaining - she
bursed herself this a.m.

We had an applicant for the
Cottage to-day, Morrill
thought of coming but could
not at last account.

Bought in eight Aunt Jo
Dmail letters -

Monday July 27th 1896 11
10 P.M.

I did up quite a bit of
conscience this forenoon.
After dinner was detained by
a caller, Bro. James Manley who
is going out canvassing wants
me to indorse his application,
as it involved going surety for
all his purchases I declined,
as I may be in China, may
be in the middle of the country
while he is selling, & if anything
happens to him the result would be
bad. This P.M. I devoted some
time to making a churn dasher & fitting
a top to a jar; then churned 15 min-
utes till butter came. Mary dis-
appointed us by not appearing so I
worked the butter also & cleaned
up afterwards.

Tuesday July 2nd

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Mr. Beorn is going to Tacoma and vicinity for a little rat & place-tion. I expect to lead Wednesday evenings meeting & preach on Sunday. This with all the writing I have on hand will keep me busy so I had Mrs. Gammell's son come to do some work that is pressing -

Wednesday July 29th -

I spent most of the day at my desk writing & working on my D. I. lesson. A sermon & prayer meeting talk - At noon I caught the horse Charley after no little trouble as he was with a band of other horses & ponies, & sent Bert B. over to have the cart mended so we can use it. I can

I can have the use of J Gummets
pony any time I want it, but
the cart had one wheel shaky.
I kept very busy all the P.M. &
led the prayer meeting, quite a
good meeting tho' attendance
was small.

Thursday July 30th/₄

I kept on with preparations for
Sunday & correspondence. In the
afternoon I caught Choley again
& went up to Mr. Orchard's in
company with Mr. Thompson
to look at pumps. I did not
think the pump in question a
desirable one. I also visited Mr.
O's appliances for pumping water
from a creek. he has two hydro-
lic rams that supply them.

Friday July 31st/₇

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I passed almost all the day
in my study till noon &
then we went to Gaconia, Clara
has some dentistry in prospect &
we had some errands to do.

Anna went with us. The others
were left in Mary's care.

Helen plays about with the others
& keeps trotting all day. she seems
stronger but does not gain as
fast as we should like to
have her.

Saturday - Aug 1st/₇ -

a good shower in the night &
rain quite a part of the day -
an unspeakable blessing, will
do us a great amount of good.

I fast in most of the ^{time} ¹⁵
writing. I prepared a sermon
preached before, but re-wrote it
I wrote it out more fully
than any sermon in 10 yrs.
text Eph. IV:8.

Frankie is feeling out of sorts
& threw up his supper, the
first ill turn he has
had, he has a cold is
dreadfully bitten by mos-
quitos & is cutting back
teeth. Sunday - Aug 2nd

A cool beautiful day -
There was a large congrega-
tion who gave good attention
& a large Bible Class. I
got on fairly well on both.

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A Mrs. Downey & her daughter,
Mrs. Ray, visitors from Pu-
yallup took dinner with
us. Mr. S. is a pioneer in
Home Missions, now retired.
The children have been very
trying to manage to-day
on acct of Frank's being
out of sorts, but they are all
safely in bed now.

Monday Aug. 3rd 11-

I finished a lot of correspondence
in the forenoon besides working
in the garden & making outline
of a sermon for Hebrews IX: 25-

I got out the children's Kinder-
garten table in the P.M. &
put it together. Dr. Pierce called
to see about cottage for family

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who have children to educate
Anna had been kept at home
from a picnic to help her mother
as I had promised her. Jay a
side, got the pony cart &
went over to Thompsons to
talk pumpkins with him -
We over took Dr & Miss Paine
let her get in side with
their bundles - They were going
to Chataquo when they are
living this summer.

I was intending to take
Clara out for an airing after
supper but there was a little
rain & Miss Cox, art teacher
at the College came in &
took supper & spent the evening.

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She is a Baptist who once
thought of going as a mission-
ary but after giving that up
began "shearing" sermons in Boston
& gradually drifted off - A quasi
Unitarian, Martine, in Tacoma
put her further off the track &
the Parliament of Religions quite
set her a drift. She has talked
with us before & I hope she
may yet get back to solid
groundings. I had a talk
with Mr. Stone & found
that his people are Baptists -
He calls himself "non-sectarian" -
I fear is non-Christian -

Tuesday Aug. 4/96

A beautiful day after the recent
showers. I have a nice study in the parlor.

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she may "dry up" at any time. 53-

she has been a good investment for the summer: it has cost less than \$10- to keep her & she has

given us over 520 qts of rich milk - which we need & would have cost us 5¢ per qt. I can

put \$10⁰⁰ with ^{what I can put for} her & get a cow

2 yrs younger that gives more than twice as much milk & has the

reputation of increasing on better feed, which "Clover" does not - & is apt

of being "fresh" in the Spring - Mr.

Duffield a neighbor is moving to town & wishes to sell for cash.

The other half cow B. I bought together has paid her keep & her cost at the above rate of reckoning - more too, to say nothing of the steer calf -

During the winter she will probably ⁵⁴
a little more than pay her keeping -
I do not like to sell "Clow" for
beef if the Gammells may take
her - I rode on J. G. S. "Cayuse"
pony over to the "Center" - back
this P. M. the longest ride I
ever took - I had a good "Mex-
ican" saddle.

Tuesday Sept 15th -

Jim decided to take the
corr. I did some little work
during the day but did not feel
quite well - Wednesday Sept 16th
I went to Tacoma on the "Pedro" &
did a no. of errands sending
home a miscellaneous lot
of goods on the launch.

I remained over night stopping⁵⁵
at Dr. Garlick's - In the evening I
called at Dr. Walker's - Mrs. H. is
Secy for the State of the N. B. F. W.
Soc'y of the West. I had written us
to take 200 minutes at the Con-
vention to be held in Tacoma

Oct 13th - She was a school-
mate of Dr. Ed. Bailey - also a
friend of Mrs. Harrington Conshand
& the lady who went out with, also
the Miss Foster who followed her
to Singapore. I had a very pleasant

call. She will come down
to visit us. She used to be intended
for Miss Hess & her work, but
did not realize that she is now
Mrs. Foster - I hope she will
come right her ideas of the Home
repealed - She has rather opposed it
on acct of the Morgan Park Home -

Thursday, Sept. 17th 56

Home by the "Sophia" at 10 30 -
Have kept busy all day about the
house. The two children are
enjoying school. Jay reported
that he & "Little Paul" (Beaman)
made a big boat on the board &
they learned about the old hen.
Helen told me, "I was a
little kitten when you was away
in Tacoma. Papa & Frankie was
the old cat - he was my
mover. I said 'miao. miao.'"

After she had been quiet for a
time in the parlor the other
day Clara asked what she had been
young & she said - "O, I was
playing I was awful sick -"

I rec'd the express pkg in food
order - spent it to-day - the cloth
is fine & the suit will be excellent
for Jay before the winter is over -

Friday Sept. 18th - 57

I gave much of my time to household duties, putting down the parlor carpet & setting up the stove, which latter needed a little repairing on its cover.

Saturday. Sept 19th -

The roof of the new shed must be painted & I devoted my evenings to that most of the day, but I did not feel at all well in the forenoon - felt better later in the day. Clara is suffering from a bad cold.

The new cow came at night & J. G. took 'Clover' away. Mrs. Hatch wants to get 2 qts of milk per day, as they did of Deffield.

Sunday Sept. 20th -

We had a very good congre-
gation to day & excellent sermon
by Bro. B. on Motherhood.

I had a good class. Several
who have not been in for a long
time were present. This P.M.

I read over the story of Joseph
again with Anna who likes it
very much.

Our Y.P. meeting was rather
small this evening.

Monday Sept 21st -

I gave about the whole
day to work on the shed.
We had a very pleasant
Evening at the Home, met
Prof. & Mrs. Erbank,

Tuesday - Sept. 21 - 59.

I kept at work the most of the day. In the evening we were invited to supper at the Home - It was Mamma B.'s birthday & Louise Campbell had one a few days before so they had a little company. We passed a very pleasant evening.

Wednesday, Sept 22nd

I put down a carpet & hauled in a lot of wood from the yard to the new shed. There are two side doors opposite one another so a horse sled can be driven through. We had an excellent prayer meeting.

Cara went to Tacoma & 60
attended the Woman's Mission
meeting - Mrs. Walker had
written out my conversation
at their house the week previous
for a part of the programme -
One never knows ~~for~~ what
sort of an audiphone he is
speaking.

Thursday Sept 24th

Great house cleaning day - I beat
4 carpets, ~~took~~ up one & sent
down two - This finished
the worst of this annual "buzoni" -
Friday Sept. 25th -

In the afternoon I had J Gam-
well & a friend of his with
whom he had changed work.

They had cut up a lot ⁶¹
of red bank the after-
noon previous & this was
hauled in - some 2 cords of
it for the new heater -

Ely helped also on the new
shed. He is an ardent Silver
Champion & a rather bright
young man. I met the County

candidate for Pros. Atty. a Mr.
Steele, who is campaigning -
He asked me to go over and
speak at the meeting at the
Center giving the status of the
question in China, but I
did not see my way
clear to so doing -

Saty - Sept 26th

I picketed the new cow with a long rope tied to her halter which is always tied around her horns. for a few minutes while I went in to breakfast - she seemed so anxious to eat in the yard.

Things were strangely quiet & I ran out to see how she was faring before breakfast was over - a happy circumstance, as she had in some way stood on her head & thrown herself so her neck described an arc of a very small circle - She was still the look quite cold.

But I got the axe cut the 63
rope pulled at it & pinned
her up as best I could - she
gave a start, struggled & came
over on her side with neck
straight. Knocking her over
so I had to scramble to get
out of the way of her feet -

Her eyes showed little but
white & I had scarcely a hope
of her then - she shuddered
twice, righted up into the posi-
tion in which they usually lie
stopped rolling her eyes & began
to look more cheerful -
Several of the neighbors had
arrived ^{part} by this time. With a
little coaxing "Liddy" got up

and began to feed - much to 64
our gratification - She is a
fine cow. my hope will be
safe sound some years yet.

After a busy day Clara & I went
over to the Dry Dock & called on
some of the people who come
over to Church & School.

Sunday Sept. 27th -

A good sermon from Bro. B.
on Missions: it was some Mission
Sunday - I enjoyed the Revised
Lesson - I used to dread Re-
vised Sunday but find that
a dev. amt. of study makes it
most profitable. Mr. Collins
a V. Coll. alumnus & his in-
cluded Miss Hawkey took
dinner with us.

Monday - Sept 28th - 65

I did a lot of work that had been hanging fire a long while including some soldering. Dr. Hicks was down to tap Feather Jones & I called to see him - Mary's hand is getting to be very bad.

Tuesday. Sept 29th -

Mary left for town to have her hand cast for at the hospital. I worked at hauling out dressing for my new strawberry patch & before ploughing it up. In the forenoon I called on neighbor Hatch who is threatened with paralysis the result of a wound in the army. He is quite interested in the Puller system.

Wednesday, Sept. 30th - 66

Rain. the most moisture in some months; the brown of summer is gradually growing green.

Mary's absence makes it necessary for me to do quite a bit of work in the house.

but I find some time for the study & for finishing up the shed. We had a good

Covenant meeting & voted to hold Communion Service Wed. eve.

Hereafter. Sunday is so circumscribed by the time of school at the college also their evening service - & Mr. B's absence in the P. M. that we cannot find a suitable hour for Communion on Sunday.

Thursday Oct. 1st - 619

A fine sunny day. I devoted some time to writing in the forenoon. Afternoon was favorable to agriculture so I worked for a time on the Strawberry bed planted last Spring which has found hard this dry & windy season & with Bert's help ploughed the rest of the proposed bed & a bit of the vegetable garden. I shall plough as much as the weather permits of the land this fall, as it disencourages weeds & is better for the trees.

Our corn has done fairly well considering the blood of Spring & drought of summer we get a few tates from it even now & the corn is daily appreciating the stalks -

Burton Wash. September 2nd 1896.

My dear Father; We enjoy your good letters that come with refreshing regularity & wish you could be with us, that Mother's foot was so that you could take the much talked of journey to this Coast and spend a Winter in the milder climate of this part of our country. Dr. Duncan has written that he prefers that I wait till November at anyrate before leaving for China so I replied I would do so. The delay is a help to us here as we are getting constantly into better condition for Winter.

The repairs and addition to the house are really a great advantage. There is much that should be done to the grounds before winter and a good part of this can be finished if I remain and the weather is favorable. At present I must be here while Mary is hors combat. She is a very important part of the domestic machinery and we hope her hand will prove to be suffering from nothing that cannot soon be cured.

The Convention occurs week after next. Clara & I are both put on the programme. Whether we both speak or not is yet undecided. It is difficult at best for her to get away from home with the baby and leave the rest of the flock at home. Now it is much more a problem. I was asked to go to Whatcom this month & may go a week from to-morrow. I presume Carry at least will be at Tacoma as she is on the programme for a B.Y.P.U. address. The College Society asked me to prepare an essay for Sat'y evening the 10th. I shall prepare something on the Chinese expression for eloquence, "~~XXXXXXXXXX~~" "Mouth-Wealth". It will give opportunity to say some things I wish to say to the students and could do easier in this way than in any other.

This short scrap of a letter and the journal must answer till I can perhaps send more the next time.

With very much love to Mother & yourself from us one and all,

Your Son John -

Friday Oct 2nd - 68

I did not churn the churning
on Wednesday. I made a goodly
pat of butter, rather enjoy the work
occasionally. "Lily's" milk is
rich but not so highly colored
as that of the other cows.

I am making a thorough job of the
strawberry bed. I hope for a fine
crop next year.

Anna is very helpful & is an obliged
to keep her from school occasionally,
she is so good with the baby whom
she adores. Mr Mrs much amused at
the tenderness of Jays tones when
he proposed to stay at home & being
asked for a reason said "To take
care of little Precious" - The wood
box is Jays bete noir.

Helen is seeming better. She & Frank help get in wood often to very good effect. Frank is the busiest of them all need constant watching. We hope they will remain as well as they are now - Clarence is fat & flourishing the center of the family admiration.

Saturday Oct 3rd -

Another fine day. I put some time on my D. S. lesson & writing. & after dinner mowed on the bronny patch. Expected to plough but the horse was not to be found.

Sunday Oct 4th -

Clara attended frocking service in the a.m. I went down to S. School at noon. Helen & Jay went with their mother & Anna

stayed to help take care of Frank 70
& Clarence. He had quite a
good S. Sch. but I did not
enjoy it as much as sometimes.
I attended the B. P. U. at 4 P. M.
Charley Chilleen the young Swede
who was on the "Americana" came
in & spent the evening. He went with
the vessel to Vancouver B. C. & stay
ed with her while loading. Capt Smith
was anxious to have him go as sec-
ond mate but he did not care to
do so. he has work in Tacoma load-
ing lumber on vessels at 40¢ per hour.
He is a good fellow & steady & seems
to be a Christian. He thinks of attending
School here. Monday Oct 5th
I tried ploughing by myself and
got on well - We were presented
with a fine salmon Sat. evening.

by Mr. Stone. It gave us two 71
dinners & breakfasts, one for a large
piece to the Donnisons. We had
one of our chickens Monday for dinner.
The hens are moulting now so we
are getting few eggs. ~~I made~~
butter again; it was fine butter
too.

Tuesday Oct. 6th
More ploughing. I did not state
that Monday evening Mr. B. & sisters
came over & we enjoyed reading together
from McClure's, the articles on Dan
MacLaren & Li Hing Chang.

Wednesday Oct 7th
More ploughing and other garden
work with some writing & study.
We had Communion in the morning
& a very pleasant service it was.
After Communion I attended a
Popocant meeting & heard a pre

silver speech. He puts it all 72
on the Rothschilds. "The Jew" is
even the cause in matters monetary.

Sunday, Oct. 8th.

We have no positive news from Mary. We
hope her hand will let her come soon.
I am doing more housework

than I have before in two years.
But we get on in some way. I don't
worry about the future any more than
we are obliged to.

In the afternoon I had the horse
and harrowed the plot for a new
strawberry bed & did a little more
work of a kindred nature. There was
a political meeting at night but
I was too tired to attend.

Friday - Oct 9th.

News from Mary that they have
a substitute for her till she can

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Come. Working about home,
some writing + study filled the
day. We went up to see Father
Jones after supper. The plan was to
hold another prayer meeting there, but
he was so feeble we only stayed a
short time. He is very weak yet clings
to life tenaciously.

Saturday Oct. 10th -

Up at 4-30 - Washing on the lines
at 11 - Clara has had a very
hard day with all the other
house work + finishing up after the
Wash. I quite enjoyed running
the machine + attending to the
other parts of the performance -
We had a letter from Buffalo saying
that Mother Hess is a Great Grandmother

Frank Hess. Bro. Bend's oldest boy 74
sister of Clara, who visited us at Upton.
Has a smaller Frank.

Sunday Oct 11th - 4.30 P.M.

I am at home. baby is on the floor
lying on the rug with his head on a pillow.
Helen is asleep upstairs. The other
children are with their mother at
the Harriet Home festival. This is a
delightful Indian Summer day.

My class was small to-day and
we only got through a part of the
lesson but one of them said he
should like to have stayed an
hour longer so I hope it was
not a wasted half hour.

This will be a busy week. I expect
to be busy here at home nearly all
day Monday as Mr. Thompson will
probably come to help me about
some plumbing & roof repairing -
& some one must chum - There

Convention commences Tuesday Oct 7th
must leave here at 7-30 A.M. to hear
the opening sermon. I have not yet
my address for Tuesday evening fully
prepared - We must do all we can
for the Home during the week &
the boys expect an essay from me
Saturday evening, but we must get
through comfortably -

Monday - Oct. 12th -

We had a busy day. I must needs
churn & also keep Mr. Thompson going.
He found the trouble with the pump
we succeeded in remedying it - The
waste pipe was clogged at the turn
& the difficulty in pipe or pool. We
have solved the trouble of the leak in
the cottage we think.

Tuesday Oct 13th -

On board S.S. Sophia going to Convention -
have been up busy since 5-30 -
have a whole budget of covards to be
may come back to night -

We were most hospitably 92-
entertained at Dra. Garlick's -

Thursday, Oct. 29th

We came down to take the
"Sophia" at 9-15 but she
did not leave till after ten,
waited for 60 bbls of cement
from Seattle & then took it
to the Dry Dock so I did not
get home till noon - allave
well & the new girl doing
excellently - I wrote numerous
letters in the P.M. The Seavens
came over to visit in the evening
after Bert, Walter & I had caught
the hens & clipped their stings -

Friday - Oct. 31st

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A very hard rain - the first of the season - I got very wet in going up to get the corr. We keep "Lily" picketed in Mr. Heath's field - where she is literally in clover.

Saturday - Oct 31st -

Still rainy - I have plenty of work to do indoors, writing & studying for a part of the day & splatting wood & furnishing the sled for the rest.

Sat. P.M. is a busy time for Clara as all the babies must be washed - Jay & Anna wait till after supper: Helen & Frank before - Helen is inclined to be fractious & we call her Francis under such circumstances - Our day, when asked if "Francis" had gone away yet she said "Francis" gone away out in

the ocean". She inherits my (94
tendency to impersonate and fre-
quently announces herself as
"Missis Snif". Mrs. Smith who
lived in the cottage seemed to have
impressed her deeply. "Frankie oc-
asionally is presented as "Mister Snif".
Poor Frank is so mischievous that he
is in danger of becoming a scape
goat. We found some marks on the
wall suspiciously near Helen's height
but she insisted "Frank did it" &
she was in the "room" & when asked
if Francis was n't there too she pro-
tested "no only Helen - and Mrs.
Snif" = Sunday Nov. 1st -

We had a good congregation and
an excellent sermon. Last of a se-
ries on prayer. I enjoyed the Bible
Class very much. In the afternoon
we stayed at home & tried to rest.

In the evening some of the neighbors ⁹⁵
including the inmates of the Home
came in for a song service. The
children had their papers for the
Junior B. Y. P. U. read them also.

Monday - Nov. 2nd/₇

I wrote letters in the forenoon &
worked on my strawberry bed in
the afternoon. The plants are hardy
have a good start they should do
well next spring -

In the evening a B. Y. P. U. meeting
to take up the C. C. C. courses was
begun at the Home - parsonage.
This is transferred from Sunday -
was excellent -

Tuesday Nov. 3rd/₇

Voted - the first ballot of the pre-
cinct - a "split ticket" - all Repub-
lican as far as National & State
Executives & Judges, others Prohibition
as far as I could.

I wrote to Bro. Harriman some 96
thoughts regarding to. morrow's
Council - This P. M. I smoked
hard at the Straw berries -

I am trying the effect of Warm
water on the cork; she likes it +
shows apparently some effects of it.

Wednesday, Nov. 4th -

More Strawberry Culture and work
in the setting out of new plants in
the forenoon. I went to Tacoma
on the P. M. boat. Mrs. Beavin also
went - I talked with Mr. Allen of
the sawmill here. He told me
that axe handles are polished on a
cloth belt covered with ground
glass -

Sometimes we can sympathize
with the axe handles. The
Council was to our feelings
not unlike the above described

bet. D.D. Propher and ⁹⁰⁷ some
like minded parties were there
determined to block any action.

They had strangely misunderstood
the call & were set on believing
that this was a plan to foist an
enterprise upon this Convention which
they must repudiate - There were
some sharp passages between

Bro. Propher, Dist Home Miss'y
& myself & Bro. Harriman, who was
chairman took him ^{up} sharply -
I was much displeas'd at the
proceedings, but very glad that
Propher ~~let~~ ^{had} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~to~~ -
ward the whole project by
asking if the missionaries were
not so well paid we could not
find to pay for the care of our
children, but we wanted to im-
prove them for our Home
Mission Churches -

Mr. Beaman has long had 98
reason to believe that he had
worked against the Home, and
now he has shown fullest
evidence of his attitude - He tried hard
to run everything at this Council so as
to block all efforts to make the
Home a denominational matter -
but it was at first started off and
then dropped. Mrs. Beaman spoke ex-
cellently of the difficulty she had
experienced in giving up the privacy
of her home life to have it a
public institution. Everyone
had enjoyed the privilege of
talking & all were softened in spirit
so that Mrs. Harriman's request that
we all kneel and have a season of
prayer for the Home was well-
come & we had a blessed season
of prayer together all kneeling - so
the close was a hopeful one.
It is a great blessing to have such a

man as Bro. Harriman here. 99

We went to the Hotel Chilberg had
supper. Bossman of Newton Sq. was
there and invited me to supper with
him. He has decided to leave Ran-
dolph Mass and come to Seattle
First Ch. a brave undertaking. It
has stranded many a minister, but
he is young, has succeeded it bold
and judicious both. We trust it
will be for the best. We had a
good visit together talking over
things past & present. He promises to
come over next Wednesday visit us.
He is evidently in heartiest sym-
pathy with the Home.

I accepted Bro. Harriman's invitation
to go to his home. We played a game
Croquet (?) for a time then visited
Dr. Carver's & considered the day's work

With the Beavers - who were very ¹⁰⁰
sensible tho' kind. Each has been given
\$3⁰⁰ for the Home & from those who
most opposed the purchase.

Thursday Nov. 5th -

After doing a few errands I took the morn-
ing boat to Burton - I enjoyed the visit
at the Tacoma parsonage very much -
They gave me a cloak for Clarence our
their boy Gordon had worn, but he had
just had one given him - It will be an
addition to the family wardrobe.

I betook myself to the strawberry
patch in the afternoon. In the evening
the Beavers came over & we rehearsed
the Council for the benefit of Clara
& the Misses Beavers -

Friday Nov. 6th -

Another beautiful day. I worked on
the strawberry before dinner and
ploughed the P.M. the rest of the
garden with Stone's horse "Cherley".

He had not been worked for some days & was in "fine fettle", too fine for the man at the helm: in a half hour he quitted down and did well - He will plough nearly twice as much in the same time as old "Jerry" - This evening Clara & the new girl, Tilly, who is excellent help, are going to a musicale at the College -

Saturday Nov. 7th

Too rainy for further "caring", so I busied myself otherwise, some work indoors and letter writing, beside further preparation of Sunday School lesson -

Sunday Nov. 8th -

a fitful day - bright and beautiful at times, again rainy with strong South wind. We had a good congregation at church & about the best sermon Bro. B. had given us - text "I have so as by fire" - the

first half was expository, the ¹⁰² latter was illustrative, a vivid portrayal of Lot's career as an exemplification of the text - It was given with no little dramatic power and the points well elaborated - It was admirably adapted to the congregation - Prof. Eubank said he was "hit on the head" + Mr. B. must have changed his sermon after he got to church and saw him there. I had a good class and enjoyed the lesson quite well. I spent some time in following the services of Dedication Day -

This evening I have been going over some of the Parables with Anna. she seems to be awakening to deeper spiritual apprehensions or we think to some personal interest.

Monday - Nov. 9th - 103

For all the rain and storms there is almost always a "drying day" on Monday - We are having heavy south winds with rain - I finished my ploughing just in time, now have a lot of indoor work to do -

We had an excellent B.Y.P.U. meeting now present - Prof. Eubank among them.

We were glad to hear two of the children who have been converted the past year, Meriam Campbell and Walter Rhess, take part -

Tuesday - Nov. 10th -

"The last day of school" - Anna had a piece to shake, & did very well, so Tilly said - Mrs. Moss, the teacher says Jay learns very well, far better than any of the other beginners - I tried him counting white we were away together & he did excellently.

Wednesday Nov. 11th - 104

This forenoon I grubbed out the bushes that had grown up in the henyard. Mr. B. had a man ploughing & he ploughed up as much as he could. It is very rough & the stumps have not yet all been cleared out. This will give the birds more scratching room. They are just beginning to lay now. We have but a few of the old hens left.

Thursday Nov. 12th -

I split up nearly half a cord of wood in less than 2 hours - some I bought of neighbor Campbell. The children came out to watch me. Helen lay & Frank sat down for a little while on a box & Anna behind them. We sang some of the songs & Gospel Hymns they

know. It was quite a little
chorus. A part of the time they
were munching bits of raw carrots
not - Anna remarked "I wish
we had a picture of this -"

Prof & Mrs. Eubank called
in the evening, took supper &
we had a pleasant visit with
them - Friday - Nov. 13th.

Off for Tacoma at 7-30 -
I did some errand, had a
tooth filled and went to Seattle
called upon Judge Greene &
visited Rev. S. A. Bale, pastor
who took me to a church
social - Saty - Nov. 14th.

I took the 9-15 train for Mt
Vernon. We passed Everett
all safe but soon came to a
place where the track was
obliterated & truly washed out

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The whole section gang was on board and they worked so effectively that the train crossed within 2 hours, tho' it was a risky undertaking. Half a mile further we stopped again and after waiting, backing & running ahead for an hour or more we took hand cars and were transferred over about 3 miles to Starwood station. When we met the down train. It was a forlorn ride in the hand car over track that was under water fully a third the way. Every now and again we must stop to push sticks and logs away; once we struck a log so that it gave us a severe jar. It was raining at times heavily. There were five men besides the 2 section hands & at our point the track was so sunken

that we were obliged to make ¹⁰⁷
two trips across - I went first
and the car came back for us
accounted as we were plunged
in & the car went down till
the water was nearly even with
the platform. The wheels kept
to the track & we climbed slowly
up out of the deep water took
on the men who waited for us.
I reached Mt. Vernon just be-
fore dark to find the La-Crosse
Stage gone. I found the
store of a church member Mrs.
McDonnell & that I had met
her at our farmer's picnic
at Chatauqua last summer.
Pastor Lamont was away but
came in later. He took me to
the house of Mrs. Williams
a former member of Dudley St. Ch.

Boston.

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Sunday Nov. 15th.

The river was even with the dikes by sunrise and when we went down to service a large force of men & teams was at work raising the dike - Across the river the dike had broken and the country was flooded.

There were no services in the churches. I met some of the members & with our Mr. Van Loew. took hold & helped the men who were filling sacks with earth.

It was an anxious day & at evening the fire bell rung twice to call out more men. They worked all night.

We had an evening service

and better audience than I expected. I had excellent opportunities to talk with members on the general subject of Missions and the Home. People here had surmised that the Beards were working a real estate scheme & "had an elephant on their hands they wished to get rid of. Monday Nov. 16th.

No boat, no trains, no stage, no roads - one of the good people when I visited with Pastor Lamont remarked, "I suppose you will remain here until you are able to get away." That is the situation.

I called upon several people &
came back to the Williams
mansion on the hill in the
evening - There we found
the son of this family who has
been flooded out, lost 17
head of cattle & all the Win-
ter's provisions. Their house
was nearly all under water.
They came down the swollen
stream 20 miles in a small
canoe - 3 of them and a 4 month
old baby - They were wet and
chilled to the bones when they
came in.

Tuesday Nov. 17th

The river has fallen several
feet. If the Log Cabin
Stages comes in I may go over
there to-day or to-morrow.

The mail came but not the stage. ³⁻
the man fell into a slough & nearly drown-
ed on his way back Monday night -
hence I did not feel like undertak-
ing the trip. I gave the forenoon to
writing & set out making calls again
with Bro. Lamont after dinner.
The last call was at the home
of the Davis boys who are students
at Vashon College.

Wednesday, Nov. 18th -

The first opportunity of leaving the
town and I took it, leaving on
the steamer "City of Champaign", the
one which left us in Seattle last
year. She consumed 6 hours going
the first 18 miles, so many long
stops were made to take on oats
and hay, the chief products of this
Skagit valley. It was a tedious
trip, but Bro. Lamont came down
with me so we did not find it as
wearisome as it might have been.

We did not reach Seattle till 8 P.M.⁴
The last boat had left for Tacoma
& no trains are running on acct
of the floods. We called upon

Judge Greene & conferred again regarding
the Home. Lamont has not been
favorable to it but is gradually
mollifying. We stayed together at
the hotel -

Thursday Nov. 19th -

We took the "Flyer" at 7⁴⁵ &
I at once transferred to the "Sophia"
at Tacoma, which got me home
at about 11 o'clock. Grandma
Jones was here to spend the day.

The Ladies Aid Society met here
in the P.M. Dr. Judd came
over with his wife & aided me
in pruning the fruit trees - Dr. Mrs.
Pierce called and the people Mr
Going and me asked them to

Stay to supper with the Juds - 5-
We had a lively company. Dr. Rice
entertained us with reminiscences of
early days on the coast and the
pioneers with whom he had been
associated. Friday Nov. 20th.

I have nearly finished the pruning
& tried to do a little in preparing
for Sunday. This evening I am
at home with the children & Clara
has gone to the College to hear
the Literary Society's programme.
Pauline Mouch the new girl is
with her. Pilly Simon could
not be spared from home
longer and Mary's hand is
not well enough for her to
come back - Pauline is young
and inexperienced but is willing
and is good with the children -
Her home is on the Island.

Saturday. Nov. 21st.

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The forenoon was filled by
sundry labors in cutting wood
& similar duties at home.

I took the boat at noon for
Tacoma, & went to Seattle in
the evening. I read much in
the biography of John Newton
on the way.

Sunday Nov 22nd

I enjoy visiting Mr. & Mrs.
Bale very much; they are an
excellent couple & I believe
will be very useful - possibly
in China. I heard Mr.
Borrowman preach in the
forenoon, he asks me to speak

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Wt. Vernon

for him next Sunday. Prof. Bailey⁷
has the Bible Class & gives them
the benefit of his researches -

In the afternoon I spent some time
in talking on China - The evening
service was not largely attended
but attention was good - A prom-
ising young man was baptized.

Monday, Nov. 23rd -

I attended the Ministers' meeting
in the forenoon and made a visit
at Bro. Thrum's afterwards. He
is a thorough mission worker and
is leading the New Tabernacle
Church into wide paths of
usefulness. They have a Japanese
& a Chinese mission in the
city, are supporting a native preacher
and two school girls in Japan.

they have already given some \$200 - 8
to the Missy Union, besides Home
Mission contributions, building their
house of worship, a plain structure,
*furnishing a house for their pas-
tor. Now they are trying to raise
\$5500 - as a Thanksgiving offer-
ing to buy their lots, which now
are leased. He talked with
me about the individual work
of Churches in F. Missions -

I came to Tacoma at 6-15
visited the Harriman's -

Tuesday Nov. 24th -

They have a delightful home
life. He is a man whom
it is helpful to meet; ability
training and experience have
united to fit him for leadership.

His views are much like 9
Dr. Gordon's. We spent an hour
or more considering the Home
and its needs after lunch -
I went to the dentist & did
some errands in the forenoon,
Home by S. S. "Sophia" at night -
all well & cozy here.

Wednesday, Nov. 28th -

a cold day, chilling North Wind.
The children are keeping well tho'
not getting out of doors a great deal -
Clara made calls at the College
this afternoon. We had a good
prayer meeting - I have worked
on an address for Seattle & writ-
ten to several persons - we celebrated
with the children to-day, had lemon
pie & roast sparrow & grapes - To-morrow
we are invited out.

Thursday Nov. 26th Thanksgiving Evening -

We had a good sermon at Union Service by Bro. Brooks the Methodist pastor, who seems to be an excellent man -

We were invited with Mr. & Mrs. B. Prof. & Mrs. Pierce & Eubank to take dinner at Dr. Judd's - Young Bro. J. took us over in their large boat, against a chilling North wind - This is real New England weather, snow & in most places fair sleighing - frozen so it did not melt today. We had

a real Thanksgiving Company - and a dinner that taxed our capacities - nearly every article of which was produced on their ranch - The finest sort of roast chicken, potatoes, squash, parsnips,

White & brown bread, ^{condensed cherries} fruit butter, 11 -
marmalade, jelly, apple & pumpkin
pie, Cookies, Cheese, Ice Cream and
Cake - Apples - Mr. "Struggled with
it", as the old Scotch lady said
she would when she appropriated
all the cheese, & did ample jus-
tice to all but Cookies and apples
with the latter they filled our pack-
ets for the children when we
left. They are very nice people -
good staunch friends - Mrs. J.
is a woman of ability & talents
very well - she has taught
school not a little in years
past. We had a jolly time
after dinner and before fire
started back. Clara & I
walked as Dr. Price & Bro.
Beaman had done previously -

The Methodists had a dinner at ¹²
the school house to raise money for
their new church that is to be dedi-
cated Dec. 6th - We went in and con-
tributed the price of 2 meals of
which we ate what we could
safely dispose of - They have
made some \$20.00 during the day.

We found the children all happy.
Pauline said they had all been
good children: she gets on well
with them. She is the eldest of
11 - has had consequently
some experience tho' but 18
yrs old herself -

We were very glad to receive
mother's letter to-day.

To-morrow I expect to go to
Seattle to be at the Home Com-
mitter meeting - possibly remain over Sunday.

Friday - Nov. 27th -

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Cold - pump frozen. I must
needs take the boat for Tacoma
where Mr. B. & I did Sunday errands.
Took boat for Seattle. After the
meeting of the Ex. Com. of the Convention
Board we attended a meeting of the
Home Com. It was finally agreed to
leave the preparing of a circular
to send out soon. to Judge Greene &
Bro. Bornerman. I come back
with Bro. Harrison on the train & met
this class at the church. He gave an
excellent exposition of Gen. III. some
most helpful and stimulating lines
of thought. He pointed to the question
"Where art thou?" as the first step
in the system of grace - God seeking
the sinner. He spoke freely of his
accepting the whole Bible as
God's word. Mr. Braven came

in and we accepted Mr. H's 14
urgent invitation to go to his
house.

Saturday - Nov. 28th -

Very cold - I spent a good part
of the time after reaching home
in thawing out the pump and in
boxing it up.

Sunday Nov. 29th -

The pump froze again & took
a large share of the time be-
tween breakfast & Church to get
it thawed. This is such weather
as comes but once in a decade.

We had a good congregation
& an interesting sermon from
Christ the rock. I had a good
class and we got something out
of the lesson. Afterward I

I had a talk with Mr. 15
Heath, who has been a mystery
to me, but he stated to-day
that he was "an atheist" - being
pressed he defined his belief & it
is Pantheism, no belief in a
Transcendent God or a devil. I
told him of the situation in
heathen lands & gave him
some instances of diabolical
working which seemed to
impress him with the
reality of supernatural ex-
istences - I hope & pray
he may be delivered from
unbelief & be converted -

Anna has taken an in-
terest in Hayland's life of
Spurgeon - I've been reading
& have been giving her

an outline of his early life. ¹⁶
She has been poring over
the book by herself -

Monday, Nov. 30th -

The day began as usual with
the weekly event of washing and
I tried to do some studying. At noon
Mrs. Bearn came in to see me
about leading the B.Y.P.U. meeting -
Mr. B. had suddenly started for
Yacoma - a note from Miss Carrie
Tommeon, older sister of the young
lady Mr. Cushman knew at Old
Orchard, stating what was also in
the Yacoma Ledger, that nothing had
been heard from Paul Bates, a College
student, & Charley Challen the
young Swede who was a sailor
on the Americana. They left
here Thanksgiving evening in his

boat for Tacoma. He asked 17
for our boat, but she was on the
No. side & had some ice in her.
Bates urged taking her to the east,
but Charley said his boat was
near and less trouble - he was
not afraid to go in her - and
they started late in the evening.

We had a good prayer meeting.
This sad fear, almost certainty,
was uppermost in the mind of each one.

Tuesday Dec. 14th -

Mr. B. Prof. Jones & a cousin of
Paul Bates have been out in a
steam launch all day but found
no trace of the boat or anything
to tell the fate of our two friends -
I fear they capsized after they
got out of the harbor into the
main channel which is some
6 miles wide & catches the wind

very fresh as it comes down ¹⁸
from Seattle. I have been over
the course so many times that
it is as familiar as the walk
from our house to the College.
With my boat I have been obliged
to use great caution, but Charley's
boat was hardly fit to cross the
harbor in and if her sail once
went under they were over, and
once in the freezing water they
were soon gone — Bro. Sister

Beaver just come she told us of
this fruitless search all day —

To add to the hopelessness of
the case the boatmen say that
the channel was full of ice so
that a boat would have a poor
chance to get through — also the
spray if any, would freeze to the

bow & weight it so as to 19
make the boat handle badly.

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd -

Rain & Sunshine by turns to-day,
the first time this week that
the clothes could be hung out.

Yesterday afternoon & this forenoon Mr.
Bentley, our tenant in the cottages
has been helping me finish up the
work on the Wobleshed. This after-
noon I must work now on preparation
for Sunday -

We had a good Communion meeting
& re'd the first fruits of the Home
Walter Rheed, Miriam & Paul Camp-
bell were accepted as candidates
for baptism - The service was a
sad one, too, as the two boys who
met with us last week were on
the hearts of all - We sang the

Song they sung Thanksgiving eving 29
befor they sailed - It was striking
that one of them had selected
"Throw out the life line," & the other
"Jesus Savior pilot me" -

Thursday Dec. 3rd -

No further news save that a shore
was picked up at the sock oppo-
site us. There is to be a Memori-
al service Sunday afternoon.
No especial changes with us. I
work about half the bright daylight
in the shed or out of doors and put
the bal. of the time on writing reading
or study. I am preparing a
sermon for Sunday on Hab. II: 4 -
Rom I: 17. The children are not
in school now and we do not get
much time for regular instruction,
but they are picking up a little

Knowledge. Anna is an uncommon
money good spender. It is a question
whether or not to send her to
the College till public school
reopens.

Friday Dec. 4th -

a stormy day. We had a little
Company at supper. Mr. B.'s
two sisters & Hattie, also Mr.
Roy Campbell son of our neigh-
bor - he is at home now.

Sat'y Dec 5th -

The baby had a very bad
night with croup. Poor Clara
had to be up a large part
of the night with him & was
up some time also -
I left at noon for Tacoma

went to Seattle. was entertained²²
at Dr. Compton's - a very nice
family. Sunday Dec. 6th -

I preached in the morning,
officiated at Communion &
taught the Bible Class, all
which services I enjoyed.
In the P. M. I visited Judge
Grove's home but did not see
him, he has prepared a cir-
cular for the Home.

In the evening I spoke at the
First Ch. Heavy rain
made the attendance small
but the interest was good.
Monday - Dec 7

I am getting home. Mrs. Kel-
lock & family left with us today

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Friday - Dec. 22nd - '96 . 41

Early Sundlight was at about half-past four to-day - and it has been a sunny day at that, but we have been favored with delightful weather the past 3 or 4 days - mild & clear. To-day I have written letters and worked on the shed and stable. I was putting in glazed windows back of the cattle.

This evening Dr. Pierce came in & we have been considering Church history in the West. He is full of it & has had a wide experience out here.

Christmas fixings take up most of the time now.

We hear nothing definite of news that could throw any light on the fate of our two friends - We hear that a woman saw a black boat floating.

up the great passage - west 42
of the Island, but there was
no man about when she saw
it, through a glass, and it was
impossible to learn anything more
definite -

a letter came to
Charley Challen from his sister
in Sweden written Dec. 26th, the
day we last saw him. She wrote
that she had been reading of the
terrible storms in this country
& at that time felt a strong
foreboding that he was drowned,
a presentiment all too well founded.

Rev. C. Spurgeon Melhuist expects
to come here about the beginning
of the year. He is leaving his
two children now in San Fran-
cisco, but I should not be surpris-
ed to see them here later, especially
if they are favorably impressed.

The room was filled & it 47-
had been well garnished with
evergreen trees & trees prepared.
a fir tree 'Madrona' or Laurel,
which looked the finer of the two.
There was a program, recita-
tions & singing, then distribution
of gifts under the direction of
a girl with a deep voice. Santa Claus
Anna Jay was on the platform
& did quite well but Jay showed
self-consciousness & squirmed about
to the amusement of the audience.

Pauline attended a party after
this & did not get home till
after midnight. We were glad
to get our flock home and
in bed. They did fairly well
but Helen the baby did some squirm
in public -

Saturday Dec 26th 48

After the celebration, all of us rather tired & Helen upset by too much candy. I did not record Christmas morning the arrival of the pkgs from Mother with its pretty bibs which are much appreciated & the pictures which hang in the tower room upstairs.

I kept at the work out of doors most of the day. & spent some time upon preparation for Sunday School. We have had mild beautiful weather during Christmas week.

Sunday Dec 27th -

Bro. B. gave us an excellent sermon on Malachi III. 3

My class was small. but 49
We had a good review of the
quarter. Clara made up a
package to send to Pauline's
home; there are several younger
children. Her father had a bad
fall last summer that laid
him up for some weeks & he
is not fully recovered yet.

Monday Dec. 28th -

Still rainy. After spending most
of the day in work about the
re-establishment, making an
earth closet in the N. W. Corner
of the new shed. I did a little
reading - The B. F. M. meet-
ing was at the Home & was
unexpectedly called on to lead
it. did not feel much

like it, but had some 50
pardon in speaking of just
at Periel -

A beautiful Christmas pkg
from Mrs. Ben Hess's family
came by mail - a nice doll
for Helen, dress pattern for
Frank, hdkp for Clara, tie
for Jay - Anna had a book
from her Aunt Anna.

There is one announced from
Mrs. Haist + Mrs. Mehnert.

Tuesday Dec. 29th

A good letter from Father +
Christmas Cards from Mrs. Sage.

Our friend remembers us
most refreshingly - She appeals
for the Home Aids bringing
in substantial aid: already
over \$300 has come direct from W.

Mine host Dr. D. K. Edwards
 sent [#] 25 with a very nice
 letter. The Home is certainly get-
 ting a hold on the hearts of the
 people along the coast - I trust
 they will be moved to take it
 as a permanent possession.

Wednesday Dec 30th -

There was a plan to go to Tacoma
 with the flock & let the pho-
 tographer try his skill upon
 them so as to have a picture
 for Grandpa's birthday, but
 rain at 11 o'clock prevented getting
 ready; it cleared up by boat time
 but too late for us to get into
 marching order - We got the boat
 out and I took Clara, Anna &
 Jay across to Mr. Burrows
 place where we made a call.
 A Scandinavian sailor helped

we get the boat down, as
 the tide fell rapidly & the beach is
 very flat. He had some tinned
 fruit bought from the cargo of
 the steamer "Unatilla" which
 went ashore some months since.
 It cost us about 74 per cent
 by re-boiling & we can use about
 all of it - We did not put up
 much fruit this year as last -
 Apples are a luxury here - from 34 to
 40 per lb! - People have set out
 far more plum, plum & cherry
 trees than apple - they are less
 affected by pests hence easier
 to care for: the aphid is bad on
 this coast. We have about
 20 apple trees on the place which
 will give us something of a
 supply when they get grown.

We missed callers while away. 53

Miss Greene from Seattle called
with Miss Fomerson. We met
them at the Evening service. I
Especially enjoyed the Communion
meeting & Communion - Dr. Judson
was absent & I was asked
to pass the emblems. I was
glad to do so as it was the
first time that Meriam &
Paul Campbell partook. I
shall be interested to write their
father of it. The Church intends
to hold meetings during the
week of prayer, also to license
young Bro. Judson to "exercise
his gifts". He has decided to
give himself to the work of the
ministry. he is a man of promise.

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He is given to occasionally
"getting into the depths" had a storm
of that sort last night but he is
a man who comes out into the
light in due season.

Thursday Dec 31st

Rain again prevented going to
town to-day. We had letters
from Socrates. Dr. A. wrote
me & Miss Scott wrote Clara.
Both report good conditions
in the country - new harvest
new candidates for baptism.
New Chapel building. They
are looking for my return.
Dr. A. is stirring them up at
the Rooms about it. They
were wrote on boats in the country.