

Introduction to the 1908 Diary

Typical activities that keep repeating I will note below. I am highlighting in yellow those things that are interesting, raise interesting questions or note what I think is noteworthy (salmon), and in blue key people in Norman's life, though there are many others that he "calls on." His Entry Headings, trips or visits to Twitchell are noted in darker blue. I list the important people in Norman's life, in Troy & in Buffalo, and where they live (pages 2-3), after this Introduction (pages 1-2). After the transcription of the Diary (pages 3-43), I offer concluding observation from reading and typing out the whole journal, with attention to how the Sherry's and Hayes first connected (pages 43-44). Norman is 37 years of age when this Diary was kept, Lucretia 27. It appears that he added or continued certain entries with his extra pages in an Appendix at the end, with a date notation. His notes on the weather are quite interesting.

Norman's pattern of activities includes Church on Sunday at First Presbyterian, with a sermon, Sunday School (S.S.), Christian Endeavor (C.E.), and an evening service, a very full day! Then a Y.M.C.A. class or social on Tuesday, a Chromatic Concert on Thursdays, Prayer Meeting on Fridays, and not much on Saturday. Norman calls on many people, often on Sunday or Monday, sometimes other days. He calls on the Montonoys almost every week, referring to him as his "old chum" on Sep 20. Was this visitation habit part of his business, his nature, or his church service? There was a monthly Consecration meeting at the Sunday C.E. meeting. And periodic Session meetings for the Presbytery, including a vote to unite with another Presbyterian Church in Troy. He does not talk a lot about his business here, except to say he is at the office; his focus here is more about his faith and church and social activities, a little about his close family members or relatives. His notes about his Mom & Dad were just in relation to their birthdays. Note my comments on the Ross family, whose son is referred to as a Martyr because he stood up against the Irish gang in Troy in John Sherry's time...Norman meets with survivors of the Ross family and Aunt Cynthia, who witnessed her son's suicide. There is a close circle of family and friends he calls "his intimates," and a much wider circle of people in his business, community, college, and church. He sits on many boards and committees and takes a real interest in Troy, NY, and national politics. His faith seems to permeate all his activities, with a close relation with his pastor and spouse.

Lucretia starts out as an acquaintance he met at an Auburn, NY, wedding two years previous, but becomes Lu on his Twitchell engagement trip (the Twitchell trip May 18-25) and many trips to Lewiston to prepare for their September wedding, with a deep and mutual love growing between them, including daily letters, hers arriving in the AM, his written back in the PM. The Twitchell entries are detailed and fascinating, a week in May and honeymoon in September. I am still trying to find out the connection between Norman and Lu's sister-in-law Agnes Meyer who married Lucretia's brother Pliny Harold Hayes II (the one who drew the fungus art of the Twitchell camp) on June 18, 1906. That is how the Sherry's and Hayes first connected, through Agnes Adelaide Meyer who lived in Buffalo, NY. (or possibly through the Buffalo & Troy Raymonds). Norman's first visit to Twitchell was the May week Lu invited him on, with her parents and a friend (May 18-25). Evidently Lucretia's parents, Francis Mason Hayes and Ellen Lucretia Russ (Rust), knew Bill Covey and his Twitchell Inn well, probably from its building in 1900 (or before)- they may have connected with him at Big Moose Lake in the late 1800's after their first trip to the Adirondacks in 1895 (see Lu's *Diary* when she was 15 years old).

Norman gives us a very interesting window into transportation by trolley, train, sled, and car, communication via telephone & telegraph, and the first use of electric lights installed in his church. He

notes all the holidays here with birthdays, and special days such as the anniversary of the Great Fire in Troy. He travels frequently, getting on a night train in Albany and going East, South, and West in a sleeper car, arriving just before 6 am. He clearly is well-to-do, getting Lu a diamond ring at the country's premier jeweler in NYC, one day after arriving home from being engaged at Twitchell. Other sections of immediate interest to us who never met this first Norman are his wedding which took place in Lewiston, NY, on Lucretia's birthday (Sep 26), with their honeymoon night on a luxury express train car, which took them directly from Buffalo to Big Moose, for the honeymoon at the Covey Inn, and subsequent trip to Williams College, his alma mater, and other points in New England. How many of us could ever say we spent our honeymoon night, "Having the State room on a through car for Adirondack Division" of the Grand Central Railroad?

Note that Norman's sudden death in 1926 was a colossal blow to this family, and to our Dad, Norman II or Junior! They went from a very well-to-do family into status as struggling or even poor economically. That too is part of our family history on the Hayes-Sherry side, with building, buying, and selling of Twitchell lots related to these events.

Friends, Associates, and "Intimates" Norman Mentioned in this Diary-

Aunt Cynthia (Jan 1)- Cynthia Hall (mar to James Sherry, bro John Sherry)- 131 Federal St (1910 Census)
Dr. Sewall (Jan 5)

Arthur (Jan 8)- Arthur G. Sherry, 192 Eighth St, head of house (1910 US Census)

AGS (Jan 9) ("Arthur's House")- Arthur Galusha Sherry, eldest son of John & Norman's older brother

Alden (Jan 14)- Arthur Galusha Sherry's younger son, so Norman's nephew

Frank (Jan 23)-

Amy (Jan 23)("Aunt Amy" Jun 4, July 25)- Amy H. Raymond, 24 yrs. In 1908 [are there 2 Amy's?

Sara (Jan 24)- Sara S. Raymond- 23 yrs. In 1908

Chester Britton, engaged to Sara on July 21 (actually in April)

Chas Raymond (May 18)(& Miss Raymond in Lockport, July 7)(Mr. & Mrs. Chas Raymond, July 29); 1910

US Census has him as Charles T. Raymond, 195 Pine St in Lockport, age 45, married to Carrie

Raymond for 7 years, so that does not seem to fit. Manufacturer in woolen goods. This is them!

Raymond's home (Jun 24)- Lewis W. & Charlotte E. Raymond at 8 Tenth St, Troy (1900 US Census)

The Birges (July 29- Raymond's of Buffalo stayed there on trip through Troy)- they are related!

Allen (March 28)- Allen A. Raymond, 21 yrs in 1908

Ralph (Feb 2)- Arthur Galusha Sherry's older son, Norman's nephew

Ross (Feb 7)

Lucretia Hayes (Feb 28)

Lottie (March 28) (Lottie & Lew's 26th Wed anniversary, Sep 21) Lew (& Lottie) (May 4)(July 11)

E.D. Ross (Apr 2) (E.D. Ross, Sep 3)

Mr. Galusha (May 17)

Miss Julia Michael of Lockport (May 18)

Dr. & Mrs. Hayes (May 19)

Mr. Covey (May 24)

Mr. & Mrs. Galusha (May 26)

Frank Hayes (Jun 2)

Agnes & husband (Jun 11)(July 1 "mementos & letters" from her, including Lu's postcard)(Agnes &

Harold Hayes, July 7)(Pliny & Agnes Hayes, July 20) (daughter Adelaide, Aug 18)

Roger [Hayes] (July 4) (Aug 15)

"Cousin Sara" (July 5)

Russ (July 5)
The Hobbie's (July 5) (Dick & Meda, Sep 5)
Young Harold & Richmond (July 6)
Chester Britton (July 19)
Harold Hayes family (July 6) (Sep 7)
The Halls family (July 6) (Aug 17 his birthday)
Miss Sherman (July 12, had a "strange vision" 3 years previous about Lucretia)
Lois, 10 years old July 20th (see Aug 19 for Lothe & Lois)(Lottio & Lois, Aug 24)
Fred ? (Sep 7)
Black (Sep 25, NBS' best man). This the Clifford Black of Black, Star & Frost, Jewelers, NYC (see Jun 2)

My Transliteration of the 1908 Diary

Yellow for significant things, blue for people, darker blue for NBS Headings, salmon for my comments. I use a question mark [?] when I just can't decipher what Norman is writing. I keep his abbreviations as is.

WED. Jan 1, 1908- *Weather...Thermometer*- Beautiful, bright early am, & afternoon; cloudy between-Mild- No snow or ice. Saw the Patricks at 10. **New Years Prayer Meeting** 10:30, John 4:27-38. The great thought was verse 34 "My heart is to do the will of him that sent me, & to accomplish his work." & **this I want to be my motto & purpose for this year.** [Key point] Worked on new SS card records, afterward Called on **Aunt Cynthia**. Dined at home 1:30. Called on Montonys 4:40; & YMCA after 5; 6:30- Ludlows + dinner (second!); + he came with me up to the house for the first half of evening- first time he has been here. [Cynthia Hall married James Sherry, whose son James H. committed suicide leaving widow Jean].

THUR. Jan 2, 1908- Pleasant. Cooler.

FRI. Jan 3, 1908- Fine-Cool. **Prayer meeting**; subject "Waiting." Afterward called on Dwight Marvin.

SAT. Jan 4, 1908- Raw, South wind blew, cold + dusty, disagreeable. Warmed and dash of rain late, when wind changed to West + **blew**.

SUN. Jan 5, 1908- 8, 12 degrees. Big drop in mercury; strong NW wind, gusty last night + still today. **Wore heavy overcoat for the first time.** **Dr. Sewall's** text Matt 10:34 "Not Peace but a Sword." [Who is he? See Feb 11] Thoughts- mon. SS. At noon- Things went awry, & affected me, even mildly, the rest of the day. Called on Montonys, & **walked up to soldier in Beman Park.** [LONG walk from 1st Pres!] C.E. at 6:40; **Consecration meeting** each month resumed to-day; Evg service; (illustrated) "Obadiah & the mem of the Despised Birthright." Called on Eckerts also this PM & saw the new son, 3 weeks old t-day.

MON. Jan 6, 1908- 7, 9 degrees. Beautiful & bright, moderated through day.

TUES. Jan 7, 1908- commenced to snow in PM & came fast, in big flakes for time, then turned to sleet or rain. Supper at **YMCA**. Went to **Tuberculosis Exhibit** at 8, for short time. [Why is this? See Article]

WED. Jan 8, 1908- Sleighing again- mild. Supper with Dr. & Mrs. Sewall & to **Vocal Society Concert** with them- Mrs. Taylor-Jones, contralto soloist, I especially enjoyed. **Arthur to NY**, 7:40 am train.

THURS. Jan 9, 1908- Pleasant; grew colder thru day. **AGS** home from NY at noon. [Why so quick? Arthur Galusha is his older brother, 17 years older]

FRI. Jan 10, 1908- Instead of Lyons Class this PM we went to Tuberculosis Exhibit at Harmony Hall [2nd time]. Prayer Meeting this evening, "Power for Service." Afterwards called at Ingalls but Margaret was excused; then on Julia Bush, but she is not yet home.

SAT. Jan 11, 1908- Cold but fine; & warmed up some.

SUN. Jan 12, 1908- Rained towards morning and N.E. wind blew & it poured at times til noon. Again rained in evg. Tween weather. Text this Am Matt 7:21, "Things New in Foreign Missions." Brief account of the events of the year in Foreign lands. I thought it excellent presentation. S.S. as usual. Called on Montonys early Pm. C.E. meeting 6:40. Evg text Hag 2:19, "Putting First Things First." I thought it helpful and want to make it my principle of life. Been thinking many days about renewing efforts after nearly a year's exile; + longed for guidance. [What is this? I actually think that Norman's desire for a wife had been such a weight on him, that in a spiritual vow he had surrendered it to the Lord, trying to give up the desire. But as this diary goes on, he discovers that he and Lucretia Hayes have a deepening connection, and he views that as God's blessings on him later in life. My interpretation. See Jan 17th. Norman's expressed love for Lucretia after the May trip to Twitchell is all the more intense when seen against this spiritual vow.]

MON. Jan 13, 1908- Cooler- pleasant, even Sunny Pm. Went to Lansdales + spent hours there late this evg.

TUES. Jan 14, 1908- Cold. West wind. Supper at Y.M.C.A. Lansdale's class 7:45. At 8:15 Course Entertainment in the Hall, by Katherine Ridgeway Concert Co. Mrs. Ridgway is certainly at the top of dramatic elocutionists. Alden was with me there.

WED. Jan 15, 1908- Fine- warmed up this day. Choral Concert this evg. I sat with Harry Ludlow, giving my tickets to Arthur. South wind blew t-night.

THURS. Jan 16, 1908- South wind blew last night. Snow flurry around noon. Cleared, wind came with West & grew cold. Chromatic Concert this evg. Miss Susan Metcalfe, Soprano, gave song recital.

FRI. Jan 17, 1908- Pleasant. Preparation lecture 7:45. Text 1 Pet 2:24 "Christ bearing our sins illustrated by our bearing those of our children or friends." Session Meeting, (brief/afterward; no members to be received). Then changed clothes at the office + went to reception at Troy Club of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Shields & Mrs. Annie Shields. Enjoyed seeing old friends- was with Freemans and Julia Bush; had my petition for release from 'exile' granted indifferently. [What is this? See Jan 12]

SAT. Jan 18, 1908- Fine. Mild; early South wind changed to West.

SUN. Jan 19, 1908- 8am 20 degrees, 9pm 7 degrees. Sparkling air. North breeze + very clear; grew colder as day wore on. Communion this Am; no members received- almost first time this has happened since Dr. Sewall has been with us. He spoke from Rom 5:11 "The Reconciliation." S.S. at noon. I taught Miss Vanschornhaven's class. In Pm, after calling on Montony's I walked through Beman Park & past Burdett Ave, & the summit & the sightly view place. [Where are these places?] C.E. at 6:45 "How God Speaks to Men." At 7:30 special Song Service, very clear and sparkling t-night, wish we had snow on the ground as it is so cold to-night.

MON. Jan 19, 1908- 7am 10 degrees. South wind blew briskly, warmed up fast & real mild by evg. Committee on Federation of Young Peoples Societies at 8 Pm at YMCA.

TUES. Jan 20, 1908- Mild- what little ice is in streets melted. Supper at Y.M.C.A. Training class from 7⁰⁰-9:00.

WED. Jan 21, 1908- Passed by Organ recital at dedic at 2nd Church and went to candy [?] sale & social at our Church.

THUR. Jan 23, 1908- Cloudy and grew colder; finally commenced to snow (& North wind blew) about 5pm & continued into night but not fast. Chromatic Concert, Song recital by Emilio de Gogorza; he has a fine strong voice & I enjoyed it much. Went with Frank & Amy. [Could be Amy H. Raymond, niece by Charlotte Sherry and NOT Frank Sherry his nephew through Thomas, adopted by his father John]

FRI. Jan 24, 1908- 7am 10 degrees, noon 18 degrees. A note from Sara in reference to invitation, which is strange in some respects yet not in others. [Why is this? See Feb 9. Is this Sarah S. Raymond, another niece by Charlotte?] Prayer Meeting 7:45 "Commission Echoes." A cold winter's day, snowed last night & North wind blew but snow so fine, only couple inches fell. Cleared & wind in NW around noon. Called on Ingalls after church, but Margaret was exoused?

SAT. Jan 25, 1908- 7 Am 3 degrees. Coldest yet this month, but warmed thru the day, which was pleasant. Bert Montony called on me at the office, first time in quite a long while; he has not come down alone much lately.

SUN. Jan 26, 1908- Cold, pleasant, South wind in evg. Dr. Sewall had very good sermon from Luke 10:26 "A Fundamental Question." 'Go thou & do likewise,' eternal life obtained by following law of our being. S.S. at noon. In Pm called on Montonys and on Albert Green, been ill over a week; & on Aunt Cynthia on way to C.E. Meeting, 6:45. Evg. Service 7:30 Zech 4:6 "Zechariah's Great Good Cheer."

MON. Jan 27, 1908- Wind changed 6:30 Am & blast of wind and rain at the time. Cleared later and grew cold fast. Letter this Am from Miss Norm Richardson that I met on lawn penn? in 1906 & not heard from in a year or more; she is married! & now Mrs. Wingfield Digby. [Not following this?] Made calls this evg: on (1) The Thompsons- saw Mary B.; Gertrude was just going to theatre; (2) Shields- all out; (3) Mann's- all out; then on Patricks, & they also out; so made 4 calls in 75 minutes; then home.

TUES. Jan 28, 1908- 7 Am, 10 degrees, variety of weather; warmed up, South-East wind, blew toward night; snow flurry last night, another in early evening. Supper at YMCA, their teacher training class 7:00-8:00. At 8:15 took Julia Bush to YMCA course. Ent. Edward R. Weeks Co. Week's fourth visit to Troy I believe. He is a born comedian, yet I did not think him quite up to former standards. Learned through Lansdale of death in Boston hospital Saturday of Daniel McBean. He seemed so vigorous whenever he has been here.

WED. Jan 29, 1908- Grew cold this day and only 5 degrees above. 9:30 Pm Went to teacher training class of Prof. Gardner & Mr. McGill at YMCA 8 Pm- & brought Amy + Sara home. NW wind blew.

THUR. Jan 30, 1908- 7 Am- 9 degrees! Cold wave for us, and not a bit of snow on ground! NW wind last night and t-day, first very cold day of winter.

FRI. Jan 31, 1908- 7 Am, -4 degrees. Alden 14 years old [NBS's brother Arthur Galusha's son, his birthday]. Prayer meeting, led by Mr Sherman, as Dr. Sewall was called to Albany by his son's illness. Continued bitter cold, but warmed toward end of to-day.

SAT. Feb 1, 1908- Mild South east wind + snow along through the day- almost 4 inches fell; wind changed to west in middle Am.

SUN. Feb 2, 1908- 8 Am, 10 degrees, 6 Pm, 10 degrees. Wind blew in gusts from West last night + t-day, squalls of snow in early Am + evg. Strong wind from West, & drifted the snow of yesterday- quite blizzardy. Cold. Am text Matt 12:13 "The Power that Waits on Faith." Incident of Christ restoring withered hand. Pastor Sewall at his best. S.S. at noon. Mrs. Cheney's class has been & continues a care. Met Sara as came out of S.S. + she surprised me by calling me, + I walked with her to her house; the first since note came 24th ult[?] I cannot understand her mind. Ralph's birthday. Called on Montonys at 3 Pm; & a few moments in Aunt Cynthia after 6. C.E. Meeting 6:45, Evg text Ps 84:5 "Highways in the Heart." How to establish in our hearts, Ways (paths) that lead to Heaven. Good. [This is Ralph H. Sherry, nephew by Arthur Galusha]

MON. Feb 3, 1908- 7 Am, 10 degrees. Moderated some, yet cold t-night. Many things to consider: Spence sale, Aoss drain, Foster a/c + C. [??] S.S. Teachers met in Church Parlor 7:30. Not convenient for a house this time, but we liked the change.

TUES. Feb 4, 1908- 7 Am, -6 degrees, 9 Pm, -10 degrees. Unexpectedly cold- a cold wave unannounced; sun shine & beautiful & clear thro' day; then dropped fast in evening. Bible class supper at YMCA; & Lansdale's class, 8-9.

WED. Feb 5, 1908- 7 Am, -20 degrees! Perfectly quiet & still last night + the mercury certainly dropped to regions rare around here! Some mercuries in city suburbs said to have 25 degree below, but went up thru the day. Commenced to snow by 6 Pm & fell lightly but fast thru evg. Into night. C.E. Social at Church; Shadow-graphs given; meagre attendance. [Sounds Interesting]

THUR. Feb 6, 1908- 7 Am, 25 degrees. About 6 inches of snow fell last night & sleighing now good. [Yeah!] Mild today in comparison to recent temperature. Snowflakes fell in Pm. Mr. Copeland finally decided to hire my new flat (upper, from May 1st if its done. Mr. Passchen decided to withdraw & not take lower as had talked about. Felt a cold come on yesterday & did not shake it off t-day. Working at my personal account past few days & got them balanced up to Jan 1st; have been 2 years behind in balancing. [Interesting, & he got way behind!]

FRI. Feb 7, 1908- 7 Am, 10 degrees. West wind blew some. Prayer meeting 7:45. Missionary topic, Indians and China. Ross dined with me at 5th Av.

SAT. Feb 8, 1908- 7 Am, 0 degrees. West wind blew and made the cold worse. Beale & Hanlesty [?] at the house this evening.

SUN. Feb 9, 1908- 7 Am, -6 degrees. No wind, + the most beautiful winter day possible. Cloudless. Morning text Eph 5:25 "Our Lord's Love for His Church." Application to our own church in reference to raising our deficit. S.S. at noon. Saw Montonys & Albert Green who again went home ill Friday. C.E. at 6:45 "Ministering + Strangers & the Sick." Evg. Text Mal 3:10 "More Blessings than Room to Receive It"- an appeal for whole hearted surrender. Wrote Sara late to-night in answer to note of Jan. 23.

MON. Feb 10, 1908- 7 Am, -10 degrees. Fine- moderated much in middle of day. Pres. Union at Woodside Church in the New Chapel, this evg. Subject "Modern Educational Methods in Sunday School Work"- Paper by Prof. A.F. Gardner of High School; raised good discussion.

TUES. Feb 11, 1908- To Philadelphia. Fine day. At 10, with Dr. Sewall started for the Pres. Men's Missionary Convention. Met Lewis Perry on train. Arrived NY 2:20 + at once + Penn. Ry Station. Jersey City where took 3:09 train for Philadelphia, arriving there after a pleasant ride 5:13 Pm + Hotel Walton nearby. Here were Rev. G. P. Sewall of Aurora this elder Prof. Lowe of Wells College, so the brothers could be together. To Horticultural Hall 7:15 which was filled with men whose singing was fine & inspiring; John R. Mott & A.J. Brown gave addresses. Sat up + talked to Prof Lowe til late- or early! He knew Agnes Myer well. [See Google Book & Note on Installation of G.P. Sewall in Aurora. Note the Google book on this Conference lists Lowe as Prof. Walter I. Lowe of Aurora, NY, with Auburn in the Cayuga Presbytery.]

WED. Feb 12, 1908- In Philadelphia. To first session @ 9; now to be in Academy of Music directly opposite our hotel. S.M. Livemer gave masterly address on "Mohammedanism;" followed by E.B. Sturges (of Scranton) & other businessmen who told of visiting missions in their trips. At 2 Pm I attended S.S. Conference which occupied all rest of 7pm [?]; Speakers: Trumbull, Sailors, Dittendorfer; followed by much questioning this mission. At evg session (8) were 4 addresses. Hy Underwood of Boren [?]; Jeff Essing of Lahore; W.J. Ellers of Phil. Pres. Hit Johnson of Indiana spoke. The first was stirring as before; the third was a remarkable statement of what a layman saw in the East, & thought about it.

THUR. Feb. 13, 1908- In Philadelphia. At 9 Am session more business men spoke & Ex Gov Benson presided over one Conference topic. A.L. Phillips of Richmond spoke on entreating men in Missions & John Timothy Stone gave good expansion of it. At 11:30 I called on John Lewis Evans (Str Newsport '99) + Randall Williams at their office, then after modest lunch went to North 2nd Street + Aleolbrin Co office. At 2 P.M. Henningsbell White told of how meagre our forces have been so far. & we considered how we could realize and meet our great obligation. Others followed Mr. Billy Schell (Williams, 1901) at close of service. Evg service at 8 J.R. MacDonald of Toronto Globe (whom I heard at Washington) gave a fine address. The last one was Mr. Sheens: How Duty loomed up in Christ's life & is the highest approach in ours. The church has had world view but has not measured up to the opportunity. A Solemn + [?] talk to close the Conv.

FRI. Feb 14, 1908- Philadelphia-Troy. Our party of four left about same time- those for Aurora, via Reading, we by Penn at 9:50. Pleasant morning- mild. In NY about 12, to the Grand Central Station where took Chicago Special at 1:55. Dr. Sewall and I talked about church matters on train; met Rev. MacKensie of Johnstown on NYC train. Arr Albany, about 4:20 + trolley to Troy about 5. Prayer meeting 7:45: spoke briefly of the Convention as dist Dr. Sewall I came home feeling the burden of the responsibilities revealed at the Convention, + then of spreading its influence here, (for only three went from Troy) Mary Wallace at house- arrived yesterday.

SAT. Feb 15, 1908- Pm, 54 degrees. Snow has disappeared fast, thawed much today.

SUN. Feb 16, 1908- 8 Am, 28 degrees. Beautiful. Dr. Sewall much stirred, as shown in sermon this Am, as result of attending Convention. Text: John 1:43 "Men & the Master." A fine address. S.S. at noon. Called on Montonys 3 Pm. Got good amount of reading done; afterward C.E. at 6:40. Evg. Service, we had Prof. E.E. Hale, Jr., of Union College to speak on John 3:16. A large audience. Had Harry Sherman's class.

MON. Feb 17, 1908- Not a bit of snow left on ground. 7:30 Business meeting YPSCE. Learned from them on telephoning to Harry Ludlows this evg.- that he and Marjery Nash are engaged.

TUES. Feb 18, 1908- Supper YMCS 6:30. Lansdales class 8-9. Had a review. Then home + visited with Mary Wallace as she is to leave soon.

WED. Feb 19, 1908- Commenced snowing in the night and continued all day, + into the night; but came about quietly with little if any wind fortunately. Junior C.E. Soc. Entertainment at Church 7-9. Before 9, I left & called on Mr. & Mrs Woollett at the Caldwell, met Mrs. Woollett's relatives. [The Caldwell apartments are located at 17 State Street, downtown Troy, still, elegant apartments in the city.]

THUR. Feb 20, 1908- 9 or 10 inches snow fell up to this Am. Cleared off & in Pm wind blew from West.

FRI. Feb 21, 1908- 7 Am, 11 degrees. Bright & fine, sun high enough so that melts considerably at noon. At Prayer meeting service (7:45) I gave report of Phil Convention, spoke about 25 minutes. Saw Sid. Jones, few moments afterward, at Troy Church where he was at a dinner.

SAT. Feb 22, 1908- Washington's birthday. Pleasant; & cold toward evg. Sons of Revolution meeting + smoker [?] at Troy Church this evg. Paper by Rev. McCaird about William & Mary College & Univ. of Penn. In relation to the Revolution. Frank's birthday.

SUN. Feb 23, 1908- 7 Am, 10 degrees. Snowed from about noon, rest of day + evg; but so fine & powdery that only about inch, all told. Am text Heb 12:1,2. "The Men We Honor." Washington, Lincoln, & others. S.S. at noon- had special exercises- a Missionary Sunday. To dinner at the Yalushows [?] at 1:30. To YMCA afterward & heard Egerton R. Young of Canada- who showed pictures of his life in Northern Canada & Western among Indians, winter and summer. He is a pleasing, attractive speaker + personality! Called 5 Pm on Julia Bush, but she was out. C.E. Meeting 6:45, "Foreign Work of our denomination." Evg service 7:30 Text Rev 21:29, "Heaven, the One Condition," with special song service. Called on Aunt Cynthia afterward.

MON. Feb 24, 1908- 7 Am, 5 degrees. Arthur's birthday. Most beautiful & bright. With Amy + Frank to Boston Symphony Orchestra concert this evg. Carl Musk, conductor, is to return to Germany after this session. Carl Wendling soloist. It was fine, though I was sleepy.

TUES. Feb 25, 1908- 7 Am. -2 degrees. Very "snug" early, but moderated. South airs in evg. Lunched with Harry Ludlow at noon. Went there to talk over Williams Alumni Nominating Com. Bean supper at YMCA. Lansdale's class 8:20-9:30.

WED. Feb 26, 1908- Mild; rained & thawed. Williams dinner Fort Orange Club this evg. Only about 40- there's two conflicts in Troy kept some away- the Big Athletic Meet at Armory & Vocal Concert. I reported nominations before dinner & the slate was put in. (Had meeting of Nom. Com., Harry Ludlow & Bert Roy, this Am). Prof Hewitt represented College. I had a very good time. For first time since I have been member, no wine service with dinner. Home on 12 o'clock trolley from Albany.

THUR. Feb 27, 1908- Grew cold toward night & snowed some. Started out with Frank & Sara for Chromatic Concert; got to hall and found Joseph Hofman ill & nothing doing? So then went home & I started out afresh to make calls: to Nash's but Margery out; then to Freeman's for first time in a year! I have been about to go talk for some weeks; found Sara had a pleasant visit (See Feb 8, 1907). [Ref. to earlier date proves there are Diaries for years 1907 through 1926, and probably earlier!]

FRI. Feb 28, 1908- Pleasant. This evg to First Church where I repeated my report of the Philadelphia Convention, spending 30 minutes. Afterward stopped at office & wrote Lucretia Hayes.

SAT. Feb 29, 1908- Cold, Pleasant. The extra day of four years as much the night before March 1st, was at office all evg on A/L [?] inventory. [Interesting comment on Leap Year]

SUN. March 1, 1908- 8 Am, 9 degrees. Fine til past noon, clouded, snowed from 3 Pm into night- about 2 inches. Dr. Sewall repeated sermon on Heb 6:5 "The Powers of the World to Come." A good one. S.S. as usual. Called on Montony's this Pm. C.E. meeting 6:40. Evg text Ps 17:15 "Satisfied."

MON. March 2, 1908- Snow turned to rain & made [?]. rained t-day; hence very disagreeable walking, sloppy. Called on E.O. Ross who [?] arm week ago; then on Prof. & Mrs. Nelson.

TUES. March 3, 1908- Colder & slush froze + bad walking on hills. Considerable sunshine, & sun melts snowfree now. Supper at YMCA. Lansdale's class 8-9. Came up with him & he stopped in to visit me.

WED. March 4, 1908- Pleasant, sunshine. 8 Pm First Meeting of Session- Trustees in Church Parlors to talk finances; talk got on to mission of ours & 1st Ch & informal committee appointed to confer. [Sounds like financial challenges]

THUR. March 5, 1908- First meeting of Current Topics Club at YMCA. Address by Dr. Canfield (? Of Col. Univ. & Williams '68) on "What Constitutes Civilized Man"- he made a magnificent address of nearly 2 hours in length- so practical in its application to daily life.

FRI. March 6, 1908- Prayer meeting 7:45.

SAT. March 7, 1908-

SUN. March 8, 1908- Morning text MK 10:51 "A Decisive Question." A fine sermon on "Vision" & our need of it. S.S. as usual. Called on Montony's but did not see Bert. [?] Aunt Cynthia briefly after 6. C.E. at 6:45. Evg. Text Luke 18:14 "Professing on Confessing." [He visits the Montony's just about every week!]

MON. March 9, 1908- Teachers meeting at the Caldwell with Mrs. Cheney. New cold vivid night.

TUES. March 10, 1908- Finished inventory, & learned that whereas we had large increase in sales last year, we made less than year ago, & I was much disappointed. Supper at YMCA. Lansdale's class 8-9. Afterward called on Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kane on Linden Ave.

WED. March 11, 1908- Met Frost near office this evg & had a good talk. He is doing better- I hope it is to last. 8 Pm our Choir sang "The Persian Gardens" at Church, followed by a social hour.

THUR. March 12, 1908- Choral Concert; Sara & Frank went with me- a fine concert last part being Part I of "Elijah." Anniversary of the Great Blizzard. Nothing suggestive of it, t-day. [Could not find record of it]

FRI. March 13, 1908- Prayer meeting 7:45. Afterward went in & visited Dwight Marion an hour.

SAT. March 14, 1908- Most beautiful- cloudless like Spring. First robin noticed in yard t-day. Ice went down the river past city, quietly & easily. [Wow, how interesting regarding Spring]

SUN. March 15, 1908- Rained this Am & showers thru Pm- Thunder & lightening included! Like an April day, warm- Dr. Sewalls morning text: John 9:2,3 "On the Problem of Suffering." Good. S.S. at noon. Tired when I got home 3 Pm. Called on Montony's. Prayer meeting Com. Met 6 Pm. 6:45 C.E. Meeting. 7:00 Evening text Luke 17:14 "A Natural Law of Cleansing." The corresponding Sunday three years ago I was in London- & thought it over t-day. [London trip a year ago]

MON. March 16, 1908- Cold again; bright & fine. Called this evg on Prof. Green on East side. Mrs. Green was ill. Musical "Gym" to-day- unusual. [What's this?]

TUES. March 17, 1908- St. Patrick's day: Clouded up in Am & began to snow before noon & continued for some hours til ground all covered, & bad walking for the parade in Pm. Supper at YMCA; Lansdales class 8-9. Called afterwards on Prof. & Mrs. Cox.

WED. March 18, 1908- Little more snow fell; rained- drizzled- in evening. Marvin invited me to lunch at Pafrastrs Dael [?] Club & we talked a sea trip, if could be brought around just now. Another meeting of Elders + Trustees 8 Pm in Church parlors. After long & full discussion, was decided to call Congregational meeting & submit question of Union with First Church. Their boards also hold a joint meeting this evening. [Not sure what "sea trip" is, and Union is a huge decision!] News this Am of death of Jns S. Knowlson yesterday. He was in Troy at time of Williams dinner & called on me at the office.

THURS. March 19, 1908- Dwight Marvin dined with me at 5th Ave: trying to get me to go on trip with him [where?] & I can't see way clear on a/c of missing so many matters here, if I went. Current Topic Club at YMCA supper 6:30, Speaker Wm Knowles Couper of Springfield on Social Problems- Good- a few questions asked afterwards.

FRI. March 20, 1908- 7 Am, 19 degrees. Fine, bright, West wind. Decided this Pm to go to Bermuda Apl 2 & ret. Apl 10 if can get accommodations. Dwight may go before I do & return with me. Prayer meeting 7:45 "Bearing Much Fruit." ["sea trip" is to Bermuda]

SAT. March 21, 1908- Beautiful- mild. Letter from Lucretia Hayes, which will doubtless allow a little Adirondack trip next May. [Adirondacks in May, very formal with her name...]

SUN. March 22, 1908- Dr. Sewall preached from John 16:9 "Sin."- I thought there could not be a clearer statement of some of the decisions & most puzzling questions of life- surpassingly excellent. S.S. as usual. I talked to Mrs. Cheney's class before the lessons. Called on Montonys after dinner. C.E. 6:30 Special Program in relation to our Church board following People [?] Evg service 7:20 John 1:20 "The Lamb of God." Elders meeting afterwards, talked about the Union. South wind blew; clouded up in Pm.

MON. March 23, 1908- Pleasant early; clouded soon, & rained from 1:45 Pm on into night. Attended Organ Recital at 2nd Church by Min Stearns 4:20 and 5:30- (& omitted Gym class). Called this evg. at Freemans- seeing Mary & Dorothy; then at Ingalls where saw all the family.

TUES. March 24, 1908- To dinner at Sewall's 6 Pm- Miss Very, Prof & Mrs. Nelson there. At 8 to Rensselaer where Annual meeting of Chamber of Commerce & election of new officers; then refreshments & Stories & Songs.

WED. March 25, 1908- Fine. Cold this evg. North wind . Our Church Choir, Miss Jessie Ross, & Kranse Violinist, gave entertainment in Y.M.C.A. Hall for benefit of Armenian Church- a very good one- Accommodations for Bermuda obtained- both ways- [Bermuda trip planning]

THUR. March 26, 1908-

FRI. March 27, 1908- Prayer meeting- made Bible reading. Learned first definitely that Cong. Meeting about Union with 1st Church will be Apl 6. This definitely decided me [?] as well as other reasons to give

info. Bermuda trip; especially as Marvin has another (Ries) to accompany him, & I could back on it. Harry Ludlow dined with me. [Bucks out of Bermuda trip]

SAT. March 28, 1908- Rained this Am- grew real warm. Called this evg. at Nashes- but Margery out again. Then on Hanamans.

SUN. March 28, 1908- Thunder & lightning & showers 5 Am. Rain continued thru Am +Pm with intermissions. Then wind into West & colder. Another excellent sermon by Pastor, Ps 130:3,4, "Forgiveness," S.S. at noon. Miss Myer came to play regularly for a time- it will give me a sense of strength. Called on Montony's after dinner. Allen expected from Cornell last night, arrived before church time this Am; Lottie had begun to worry about him. C.E. 6:40. Evg. service 7:30, text Luke 15:24, "Three Parables," Good. Mr. Kennedy & Miss Avery both sick & out of choir. Notice on church calendar of Cong meeting Spt 6 on question of Church Union with 1st Church. [Is Lottie his housekeeper?]

MON. March 29, 1908- Chromatic concert- postponed one- Josef Hofmonster, pianist. He has wonderful power of technique. Went with Sara and Frank.

TUES. March 30, 1908- Lansdales class at 6 Pm at YMCS. Supper 6:30. At 8 to church where another joint meeting of Session & Trustees was held- to plan [?] for the Cong meeting next Monday. Lansdale dined with me.

WED. April 1, 1908- Took Alden to last of YMCA Couse of Entertainments- Colgate Dramatic Club in the English play "Our Boys"- which was well done.

THUR. April 2, 1908- South wind blew last night; rained in night & shower but 7 & 8 Am when wind into West. More like a rather raw March day, though sun shine for long intervals. Current Topic Club at Y.M.C.A. at 6:30 supper; Com. of Education of NY State, Andrew S. Draper spoke on the "School Needs of Troy,"- in a very general way. Came out at 9 & went to City Hall where matter of changing old Pub Wks Commission plan for a park residential plan was to come before Common Council. We had previously interviewed many aldermen & all of Pub. Works Comm; but Collins approach, made speech for the old plan & it was at once confirmed; Arthur & I came home in great disappointment & indignation. [Not sure what the issue is here before Public Works?] E.D. Ross dined with me. [I think this was brother of layman murdered by Irish gang- see Uncle Frank's article in Troy Record, Jan 15, 1966. 4 mentions of Ross as last name so far here. Are they related? Ross was called the Troy Martyr!]

FRI. April 3, 1908- Cold N.W. wind blew, raw. Mostly sunshine. Greatly depressed by events of last night at City Hall. Arthur has been much affected. Prayer meeting- another Bible reading; "Christ's Estimate of His Own Death." [Wow! There is story behind this! What is it?]

SAT. April 4, 1908- 7 Am, 22 degrees.

SUN. April 5, 1908- Pleasant early but clouded & rained in evg. Morning text of Dr. Sewall's Ex.32:30, "Atonement." Good sermon & threw new light for me on the subject; he closed with a statement about the Union to be considered Monday evg. S.S. as usual. Called on Montony's after dinner & on Aunt Cynthia on way down to C.E. at 6:40. Consecration meeting. Evg. text Ps 32:8 "The Counsel of God."

MON. April 6, 1908- Pleasant. Congregational Meeting 7:45 took on the question: "Shall the First & Second Churches be united" provided the details can be arranged satisfactorily to both churches. After

discussion the question was carried Yes- 89 votes cast (some by absentees) 57 for 32 against, Committee of 3. John Knowlton- backer, Witshields & AGS appointed trust (?) similar committed from First Church.

TUES. April 7, 1908- 6 to 6:30 Lansdales class at YMCA; then supper. At 7:30 to Church where was rehearsal for mock trial. [Sounds interesting, Easter play?]

WED. April 8, 1908- Rained little; & in evg two copious showers. S.E. wind. C.E. Society held a Mock Trial at 8 in S.S. room- a missionary exercise, & it went off well & was very interesting. Social hour afterward. Just before I retired at midnight, West Wind began to blow violently. Senate- by a tie vote- defeated Anti Gambling bill (Race Hasling [?]) this Pm. Don't know when more interest by people generally in outcome of a vote. I had believed in & hoped for its passage. [Anti-gambling initiatives]

THUR. April 9, 1908- West wind blew very strongly last night- rocked the house & prevented some sleep; continued thru the day' blustery like March- bright & cold. Current Topic Club- last meeting 6:30 at YMCA. Lieut. Gov. Chamber spoke on "The Right of Citizenship"- I heard just first 10 minutes then went upstairs to Musical Art Concert, where I had asked Dr. & Mrs. Sewall. Gov Hughes sends another message to Senate. I telegraphed Sen. Boyce my protest at his vote. [Use of telegraph here]

FRI. April 10, 1908- West wind blew. Preparatory lecture 7:45 at Session Meeting, 2 received to church membership. Marvin arrived home- reports the return trip from Bermuda very rough. [Bermuda trip]

SAT. April 11, 1908- West wind blew; very very hard in Pm- & hard into the night.

SUN. April 12, 1908- Communion; text John 21:22, "Plain Path." S.S. at noon. Called on Montonoy's & on Aunt Cynthia few moments after 6. C.E. meeting 6:40. Evg. text 1 John 3:2 "What We are and are to be."

MON. April 13, 1908- Fine- Presby Union met in 1st Pres Ch (North End). Nice supper. Topic of meeting: "Echoes from Philadelphia"- given by me, Adorno Peck & Dr. Sewall in that order; & Echoes from Albany, by Dr. Heaton Hall. I spoke rapidly, using about 10 minutes & speaking on the "Opportunity & Our Responsibility" for foreign missions- a report from the Philadelphia Convention.

TUES. April 14, 1908- Lansdale class 6-6:45 Pm. Then supper with Bible classes at 7:45, first of the Union meetings- at 1st Church Achh (?) by Rev McWightman of Waterford; original study on the thought of those around Christ when he was on the cross. Called on Julia Bush afterward.

WED. April 15, 1908- 7 Am, 28 degrees. Letter from Emma Johnson telling of her marriage soon to occur to Mr. Hilton; & that she was confirmed Apl 12- The letter is an answered prayer. 2nd Union meeting- at Frist Church. Dr. Sewall made the address Wednesday of Passion Week- the day of Silence.

THUR. April 16, 1908- Pleasant. At dinner 6:15 at the Cox's when Miss Streeter of Johnstown was guest. Stayed all the evening- while Prof Gorg (?) "substituted" for me at the Union meeting- which was (?) by Rev Mr Walker & was in our church.

FRI. April 17, 1908- 4th of the Union meetings- at our Church; addressed by Mr. Wilmay. New Church Electric lights used last night for the first time- gift of Madame Boardman. Pleasant. Chester Britton arrived at hous this evg for a "stay." [Wow, first use of electric lights!]

SAT. April 18, 1908- Clouded up & rained this evg. To Albany 6:05 local to Work dinner & spent evening with Sidney Jones & wife; & saw for the first little Miss Francis Jones, aged about 4 months.

SUN. April 19, 1908- **Easter**. Rained last night & sprinkled this Am. Cleared late in Pm. Cool. Morning text Matt 6:28 Easter sermon- good one- **lessons from the lilies**. S.S. at noon- special Easter opening exercises. Called on Montonys this Pm. C.E. meeting 6:40. Evg. text John 8:12 "The Light of the World." **Churches electric lights first used in the main auditorium; in the evening the effect was very pleasant & restful.** [NBS' reaction to first use of electric lights!]

MON. April 20, 1908- **Snow flakes this Am!** & snow flurry in evg! Rained at other times. Rain & cold. C.E. meeting had to be adjourned a/c **lack of quorum**. At 8:00 I went to **Chamber of Commerce & meeting of Church Com. of Troy Week celebration**. [Hmmm, this sounds like an interesting celebration, to come?]

TUES. April 21, 1908- Cold. Lansdale's class 6-6:45. Then supper at YMCA. Corps Reception to-night, but I did not go. Farewell reception at Gong Lake [?] to Rev & Mrs. Lewis. I went but 9-10 Pm.

WED. April 22, 1908- Regular April day- showers & clearing. **Chromatic Concert**- Longy [?] Club this evg. I went with Mrs. Lansdale & **Frank**.

THUR. April 23, 1908- Beautiful warm clear day- almost the first warm one. Called after skipper Mr. Eldred at **Troy Hospital**.

FRI. April 24, 1908- Pleasant. Prayer meeting 7:45. Afterward called on Mann's, seeing only Janet.

SAT. April 25, 1908- Rained this evg. quite hard for a time. Has been warm & pleasant t-day.

SUN. April 26, 1908- Pm 75 degrees. Warm, clouded in Pm, but very pleasant day. Dr. Sewall preached from Luke 4:18,19 "Christian Freedom"- with two striking illustrations. S.S. as usual. I had Miss Peter's Class, now taught by Miss Barrett. Called in Pm on Montonys; then before 3:45 to **Proctor's Theatre** which found filled with men- voters- in a meeting to endorse Gov Hughes on **Anti Race-Track Gambling**. Shortly afterward doors were closed Mgr. John Walsh, G.B. Wellington spoke, & then **Gov Hughes** arrived in auto from Albany & **rec'd an ovation** in a ringing militant speech he was enthusiastically applauded & attended reception on stage at close. Each address fitted well together; it was a great meeting. C.E. meeting 6:40 led by Marvin; evg. text Luke 16:25 "When to Have Our Good Things."

MON. April 27, 1908- 75 degrees. **Our "Hotel" guest- Chester Britton departed t-day**, after a rather long stay, but important. Very close- even sultry. Showers (with lightening & thunder) came up after 10 Pm & cooled off some. C.E. business meeting (postponed) 7:30 & lasted all evening. Called after supper on Eldred at **Troy Hospital**.

TUES. April 28, 1908- Air changed- West wind & cooler. Pleasant; & clouds in Pm. **Bicycled** over to 23rd St (Pres) Ch., **Watervliet** 4 Pm & afterward **Local Union C.E. Conv.** For hour or so. Class at YMCA at 6. Lansdales away + I conducted it. Supper afterward there: & waited till 8 then Dr. Bering's lecture. **Lucretia Hayes writes of the Adirondacks; I am to set time of my visit there in May.** [Use of bicycle to get around, and planning for his Adirondack visit with Lucretia, still refers to her formally]

WED. April 29, 1908- Pleasant; cool. **Called on Chas Tobles early this evg. I knew him as a boy in grocery store '92 + '95;** now partner in black-smith shop, nice little home, married. Then hurried (on bike) to Y.M.C.A. where Ty Ny **Men's Banquet**. Dr. Phillips, physical shrector [?] of Amherst, Teddy Lewis of Williams, then Potts spoke. A letter to **A.G.S** from Emina [?] Johnson this Am said that she was the married this evening. So **we telegraphed congratulations** late this Pm. [Refers to his time in grocery store in 1892 & 1895. Mentions biking & telegraphing]

THUR. April 30, 1908- Rained hard this evg & South wind blew strongly into the night. Went on 9:30 local to Albany to Mr. & Mrs. DVR Johnston's- where stayed about 1 ½ hours & came back on trolley.

FRI. May 1, 1908- Prayer meeting 7:45. Afterwards wrote Lucretia Hayes I would go to Twitchell Lake May 18. Amy & Sara left 10 Am for their southern trip.

SAT. May 2, 1908-

SUN. May 3, 1908- Am text Ezek 1:28 "Ezekiel's Vision"- Good. S.S. at noon- Called on Montonys this Pm. Cold, overcast, felt good this Am & evg. Saw Aunt Cynthia few moments about 6 Pm. C.E. met at 6:45. Evg text 2 Cor 12:9 "Sufficient Grace," Excellent; illustration of Kite rising by its leash- so we by our limitations. Lora went to Belle Wards to stay during absence of her father & mother.

MON May 4, 1908- Lottie & Lew left for Ithaca to visit Allen, & see how his roommate's scarlet fever acts on him. S.S. Teachers meeting in Church Parlor this evg. Fine day. Cool.

TUES. May 5, 1908- Lansdale went to Methodist General Conference yesterday & I took the Teacher Training class at 6 Pm. At YMCA & supper. At 8 called on Ingalls & stayed till fire alarm 29 [?] when rushed toward home, but fire amounts to little. Beman Park Fire Co. house just ready & occupied- new hose cart & horses now there. [Fascinating info about the Fire company, new hose cart & horses, Alarm #29- second time this alarm is mentioned, then Alarm #27.]

WED. May 6, 1908- Clouded up- South breeze- sprinkled about 2 Pm. Choral Concert this evg. I went with May Thompson.

THUR. May 7, 1908- Rain began this Am- & continued almost all day & into night- hard too- nice N.E. wind.

FRI. May 8, 1908- Prayer meeting; [?] Cuba, Porta Rico, Siam, & Laos. Continued cold.

SAT. May 9, 1908- Cold & raw; heater fire went out about Thursday & has been much needed since.

SUN. May 10, 1908- West wind blew; raw & cold. Anniversary of Troy's great fire of 1862. Morning text Mk 2:27-28. The great ground for Sunday is a natural need of man- good, on Sunday observance. Breakfast at A.G.S.'s house; after climbed at 5th Av Hotel Murrill [?] home to see to heater as had started it this Am; fussed with it alas all Pm & had a good fire by evening. Called on Lesin [?] this Pm briefly, Asked on Thompson Courtney & friend in, this Pm. C.E. meeting 6:45. As it is Labor Sunday Fed. Of Labor Men, about 50, at evg service. Pastor Meached [?] preached to them from Matt 5:17. Chandelier back in higher place & all light lit this evg- a fine lighting. [Described in *NYTimes* article, started on bridge, wind blew cinders onto whole westside of city, with devastating losses to homes, business, churches.]

MON. May 11, 1908- Fine- real warm, for a change! Bicycled after supper to Belle Wards & saw Lora; then to Dan's but all out.

TUES. May 12, 1908- Very warm- even hot. Teacher training class at YMCA 6-7. At Church 8, Missionary Month. Trial was repeated, for Junior C.E. Society.

WED. May 13, 1908- Fine- some clouds- & did rain after 11 Pm. Rens. Co. S.S. Union at Hedding [?] M.E. Church, P.m. revg. I went up about 3:30 for couple hours. 8 Pm big supper (perfect) at YMCA given to

Albany & Schenectady delegations- about 150 covers! Cheering & music & several bright & helpful talks- spontaneous enthusiasm- most enjoyable evening.

THUR. May 14, 1908- Cooler- Rained most of night, & early this Am. Cloudy. Just after 12 this Am fire 27 sounded again; I went to fire 19th St & People's Av- barn burned. Lottie & Lew home from Washington this evg. [Another fire, this Alarm # is 27, NBS1 went to the fire...]

FRI. May 15, 1908- Prayer meeting 7:45. Resumed breakfasts at home with family again. [How interesting! Did this have to do with the heat being out?]

SAT. May 16, 1908- Fine- warm.

SUN. May 17, 1908- Beautiful; first really warm Sunday of this season. Dr. Sewall preached from Heb 7:16. S.S. as usual. This Pm called on Montony's; walked up to Beman Park & found Mr. Galusha there & sat & talked with him. Saw Aunt Cynthia; then tea [?] at 5th Av; then C.E. 6:30- Union meeting with the Juniors; evg text [?] Very short talk- appropriate song service made up most of the service. Getting things ready late this evg for my week off. [Is this AGS? He will refer much to Mr. & Mrs. Galusha...]

MON. May 18, 1908- To Twitchell Lake, Adirondacks. A busy morning; took 10:40 train to Albany & there Empire State to Utica, then changed, & north to Big Moose Station on Adirondack division about 4:15 Pm. Here a queer heavy buckboard like vehicle, over a new road, a place in it vile to be called a road & before 6- about 2 ¼ miles reached end of Twitchell Lake, where boats ready to take us little way up lake to Covey's Inn. Here were Lucretia Hayes & Miss Julia Michael (of Lockport) in a canoe to meet me; met latter at Chas Raymond's wedding; Dr. & Mrs. Hayes here in a cottage near hotel, facing the pretty narrow lake. After supper rowed on lake with Lucretia & Miss Michael; then visited at cottage. Been beautiful today, bright sunshine- & so warm, that it was hot in the train- at least on the sunny side. [Charles Raymond our relative? This was his first trip to Twitchell, Adirdks. Mention of the Raymond wedding is another place where they met...was this before or after the Auburn meeting in 2006? This description of Twitchell Lake Rd & vehicle used by Covey is classic- is this in the Covey book? NBSLCH]

TUES. May 19, 1908- At Twitchell Lake, Written 5/23. This Am walked thro' woods, past Silver Lake to Snake Pond. Where finally found boat left there for us. Dr. Hayes, Miss Michael, Lucretia & I in the party. Dr. Hayes then went back to Mrs. Hayes at Twitchell & we three went out in boat & fished- with no success. Then came in, made fire, boiled coffee & ate lunch brought with us. Then out on pond for more fishing- & each of us caught one small trout! Then tramped home to Lake Twitchell & rowed across to hotel as had gone out this Am. In evg. took Lucretia & Miss Michael out on lake in canoe. Beautiful evg, so quiet & still. After went & showed them Alaska & Can. Pac. pictures in the cottage. [Fascinating mention of Alaska pictures and trip on RR- he departed on July 5, 1907, returned via Buffalo. See Jun 6. He returned to Troy on Aug 2, see entry this year for Aug 1. NBSLCH]

WED. May 20, 1908- At Twitchell Lake, Written 5/23. This Am Miss Michael getting ready to leave; the girls & I crossed the bridge by the boathouse & walked by the lake. After early lunch she left. Dr. Hayes, Lucretia, & I went fishing early, Pm, lost some bites, & caught only one. Then, to South Pond, walking with Lucretia, gathering arbutus. After supper canoeing with her on Twitchell Lake; When came in played 500 at the Hayes Cottage. Another fine warm day. Looked through "The Psalms" before retiring- especially took to Ps 16:11 & 143:6,8,10. [Now a rare plant, Trailing Arbutus blooms in spring. Also called Mayflower, they are a sign of spring, and are gathered and sent to friends. In 1856 John Greenleaf

Whittier received it as gift on Apr 30 with note: "You know the Mayflower with us is the flower, and all our people gather them at this season and send them to their friends who have them not. There is such meaning in the Mayflower to all descendants of the Pilgrims and to all lovers of freedom." That she knew where to gather them indicates that she had been here for some time before this...a spring ritual? 500 or Five Hundred is a trick-taking game that is an extension of Euchre with some ideas from Bridge. For two to six players, it is most commonly played by four players in partnerships, a social game introduced in 1904 and popular until Bridge replaced it in about 1920. See rules, *Wikipedia*. NBSLCH]

THUR. May 21, 1908- At Twitchell Lake, Written 5/25. Cloudy, but only sprinkled to-day, having rained last night some. Went fishing on Twitchell this Am with Dr. Hayes & Lucretia but only caught one or two trout. After dinner it was sunshiny; Lucretia & I went north of boathouse and I read aloud out of "Rational Living." Just after- we started with Dr. Hayes- rowed to northeast end of Twitchell, left boat & went into woods & over notch to East Pond. Sprinkled some. Reached there & at 6 Pm started to return. Lost trail & wandered some till lost ourselves; took out compass & Dr. Hayes led the way N. & then NW. Rain came on before 7 & we were really lost in the woods & could not find Twitchell Lake! At 7:30, after I had led Westward by compass for a time. Dr. Hayes halted us for the night, as it was growing dark; we had just passed thro' swampy places & we stopped in drier place for [night?]. Fortunately he had matches & had fire started in no time, spite the wet. It rained hard till about 8:30 Pm. We all took it very calmly, but how unexpectedly & quickly this occurred! [Lost in the Woods! Wow...great story! The book *Rational Living: Some Practical Inferences from Modern Psychology* was authored by Henry Churchill King in 1906, 130-K58R (in *List of Books Added from Jan 1st 1900 to 1908*, Googlebooks). He was Pres. of Oberlin College and wrote many works on philosophy, psychology, and education, including "The Ethics of Jesus." This book is famous and has focus on conduct of life, mind and body, psychology. Been reprinted recently. NBSLCH]

FRI. May 22, 1908- Lost in the Woods! & Escaped. Soon the stars came out. Made our fire larger & found no use for a rough lean-to we had made. Spent the time gathering wood & then drying of ourselves by the fire, where we had a log placed to sit on, near & under a large tree. How quiet are the woods at night! We talked of action in moving, & decided to wait here awhile after light and see if guides can find us, when they search for us. How strange this condition of things! I came to my music [?] of mind about 1 o'clock and about 2 I decided [?] my love to Lucretia, her father lying dozing on other side of tree; My answer was "I can't tell you yet." And there we were, not a wink of sleep as the night wore on. So still & calm- in the light of the fire. A few noises we heard at distances & birds broke out into song even in the darkness. In the last hours of darkness the moon, just past the full, rose. By 3:45 it was quite light- a new day had come to us, in full consciousness [?] since the old day had left us on this spot [(see back after Dec 31)...Friday May 22 (Cont)] Soon we heard hollering & I went little toward it & repeatedly answered, but it went farther away & ceased. At 6 Am, Dr. Hayes led us by compass from the place which, so strangely, will mean so much to me, westward, where we must strike the RR- (& we heard a train during the night)- through swamps & over hills, up & down, till Dr. Hayes sighted from a tree a valley running in desired direction; this we followed, by a stream; heard train & obeyed compass & about 8:30 saw the RR track & soon learned from passing track marker [we] were 6 miles North of Big Moose Stat! Flagged train at Woods flag Station- one mile south of where we reached track, & about 9:15 train stopped for us & at Big Moose 9:35 Am. Telep. to Coveys we were found & well; & found alarm & search for us had been sent out all around the region. Breakfast there- 10 Am- first eaten in 21 hours. Yet hunger had hardly troubled any of us yet [?] [Friday May 22 Cont, next page] Lucretia bore her part- just as cheerful

& strong as a strong man could be. [Pretty amazing story of his proposing marriage, which he does not give the exact moment, though it may have been around the fire, or on the way to being found the next day. She accepted the next morning after breakfast back at the Covey Inn. Also here is his appreciation for the stillness, quiet, and beauty of the woods around Twitchell. NBSLCH]

SAT. May 23, 1908- At Twitchell Lake, Written early 5/24. Awoke again 5 Am, no sleep thereafter. After interval after breakfast, went 9:30 to the Hayes cottage as usual- 'after the chores done'- Lucretia at once walked out a little south in the woods nearby- + + + - I did not know it was coming then, nor had dared hope so soon- but she gave me her answer- & we are engaged! I cannot realize it. We were there most of the morning; then returned to the cottage for her 'parents' blessing, at once received from Dr. Hayes; from Mrs. Hayes after dinner; When I first saw her to-day Lucretia has given herself to me so sweetly, & it is yet as a dream. After lunch Lucretia & I walked to camp next north Hotel, our Late {?} & read more in 'Rational Living.' Last half P.m. we were at the cottage. After supper canoeing to north end of Lake again- so perfectly calm, as we canoe back. Another game '500' at the cottage & the most momentous day of my life- 'our first day'- has ended. [What a great way to say this, "our first day." NBSLCH]

SUN. May 24, 1908- At Twitchell Lake, Written 6/2. A perfectly beautiful day- "our first Sunday." Breakfast at 9; then family worship at the cottage. Dr. Hayes went away for day with Mr. Covey, & we read aloud in the cottage- black flies bothered us so outside- Brierly, & Mabie's "Backgrounds of Literature." Lu + I went about noon out to "our log" & took pictures there, & sat by water a while till flies drove us in cottage, & read ore. After lunch Lu & I rowed to south landing & walked along some tinwoods past outlet & falls & took pictures. The black flies pestiferous [?]. About 4 came back & took Mrs. Hayes & Lu on Lake, up behind island to upper end & back for supper. After which Lu played hymns. & we both sang some. Then to the cottage- no flies in evg. so we two sat on porch all the beautiful evening in sweet companionship till 11:30 o'clock. ["Our first Sunday." Synopsis of Mabie's "Backgrounds"- Published in 1903, this collection of essays focuses on writers and the locales they inhabited which most prominently inspired them. Chapters include "The Lake Country and Wordsworth," "Emerson and Concord," "The Washington Irving Country," & "Weimar and Goethe." Mention of "black flies" not surprising! So Lu would have played piano at TL Inn! NBSLCH]

MON. May 25, 1908- Twitchell Lake- Troy, Written 6/2. The day of departure has come- like yesterday, perfect, warm. After breakfast Lu & I were left in the cottage together & had a sweet & profitable visit, all the morning. But time flies on - the quiet parting from My all, & only dear one; early lunch & then the boat must be started. Mrs. Hayes & Lu go on the point near the cottage & there wave as I look back. I was lost in the woods Thursday & now I leave the woods, but my heart I leave here. Find day hot as we come out. 2:08 train at Big Moose- after 4 at Utica; in the ¾ hour there I hunted up Dr. Hume Baldwin. Empire St. Exp 5:02 & whirling along. Studied the training class lessons on trains. In Albany ahead of time & caught 7 local for Troy. At home & YMCA & training class- last lesson- two there. Then to Arthur's & told them of my happiness; then home & Lottie came down stairs again to hear it. Wrote Lu before retiring. [NBS1's transition from Lucretia Hayes to Lu, happened during this week, now engaged. NBSLCH]

TUES. May 26, 1908, Written 6/7- Pretty warm, even hot. Called in early evg on Mr & Mrs. Galusha & announced my engagement to Lucretia. They were so pleased; then to the Caldwell found Dr. Sewall- (Mrs. Sewall retired) & told him- He seemed so pleased also. I have come back to routine t-day, but as a new life in myself. [NBSLCH]

WED. May 27, 1908, Writt 6/7- Things shaped themselves in mind last night & t-day- & I wrote Lu this Am, asking her to marry me on Sept 26, her birthday. Also outlining a little Wedding trip ending at Williamstown Oct 7 at inauguration of Pres. Garfield. First letter from Lu, on the new terms, this Am. I suggested the "Caldwell" as place to live temporarily; went & looked at unoccupied apartments with Mr. Mead this Pm. Warm, fine day. [Harry A. Garfield was inaugurated President of Williams College Oct 7, 1908 NBSLCH]

THUR. May 28, 1908, Writt 6/7- Letter from Lu, that they leave Twitchell unexpectedly t-day & reached Buffalo t-night. So the important letter I wrote last night won't reach Twitchell before they leave. At dinner at Caldwell with Dr. & Mrs. Sewall & a visit afterward. [NBSLCH]

FRI. May 29, 1908, Writt 6/7- Pleasant & hot all this week. Prayer meeting this evening.

SAT. May 30, 1908, Writt 6/7- Decoration Day. Rather sultry & though pleasant Am proved to be showery from noon on, & quite hard steady rain at night. Too bad for the 'holidayers'. I went to PD & found Lucretia's letter; at store rest of Am. After dinner went to Bush's & visited Julia there, instead of going on trolley ride up the rain. Last of Pm wrote many letters, answering congratulations & telling relatives of my engagement. [NBSLCH]

SUN. May 31, 1908, Writt 6/7- Morning text Ps 37:3 "Truth's Vindication." Dreyfus illustration used happily. S.S. as usual. I had Harry Sherman's class. At dinner with Mr. & Mrs Galusha at 1:30 & visits afterward. Two showers this Pm- afterward pleasant & much cooler. C.E. meeting 6:40. Subject "Alaska for Christ." I was the leader, & told of some events & person's met, on my trip last July. Evg. service, text 1 Tim 1:15. [Ah, so NBS's trip to Alaska was in July of 1907- see Jun 6.]

MON. June 1, 1908, Writt 6/7- Lu's expected letter here- & practically confirming 26th Sept as date for our wedding. She enter at once & willingly with all the suggestions & plans made & sent Wed. night. A busy day & a S.S. Teacher's Meeting. At Church Parlor 7:30 Pm for couple hours- last till fall- Then home & wrote Lu & down to catch 11:30 local which took, & at Albany a sleeper for NY. Fine and bright- cool evg. [NBSLCH]

TUES. June 2, 1908, Writt 6/7- New York- Princeton. Train in NY about 6:15 Am. Cloudless almost all day- bright, warm & beautiful. About 8:30 went to Black Starr & Frosts & found Clifford. Then up to Col. Univ. to find Frank Hayes, but out. Back to Cliff Black [who] the[n] guided me in selecting a diamond ring for Lucretia. We went to Penn. Station & took a [?] 12:30-train for Princeton; on board were a dozen or more Alpha Delta & a number more Williamsmen. Reached these about 2. Saw little of college buildings going to the field. At 3 Williams baseball team played Princeton- all scoring in first inning! & we won 7 to 2! Walked about campus little more- & this the main street thru Cleveland's house. Train left 5:45 but waited at P. June [?]- train 25 min late & just by 2 minutes missed 8 Pm train at Grand Cent Stat. Teleph Frank Hayes but out. Food 9:30, train & dozed, nearly all the way up. [Black, Star & Frost's is the oldest continuously operating Jewelry business in US, founded in 1810 in NYC "diamond district" & serving families like Rockefellers, Guggenheims, Vanderbilt's. Robert Clifford Black was President for many years. See blackstarrfrost/timeline-2. Main store at 5th Ave & 28th Street. NBSLCH]

WED. June 3, 1908, Writt 6/7- Princeton- Troy. Train in Albany 1:15 Am & home by trolley at 2 Am! And as a result rather tired t-day. A letter to greet me on my return this Am. Thought of announcing my engagement at Harry's wedding; tried at hm to teleph. to Lewiston, but said no telephone; so at 1

telegraphed to Lu, if could announce it before 4 to Glenwood in carriage with Mr. & Mrs. Lansdale to ceremony of Harry's & Margery's wedding. Perfect day, cool. Guests (out of doors aft reception commenced- on most beautiful wedding, & dignified. Teleph from there to W.U. office & learned by answer from Mrs. Hayes Lucretia could not be reached on time- to gave up idea of announcing. Told Sara Freeman of it there; also Harold Johnson & wife, just returned from Europe. Beautiful evg. Wrote Lucretia & mailed it late t-night. [Not sure which wedding is which or what is going on here]

THUR. June 4, 1908, Writt 6/17- Beautiful still, warm. Amy & Sara arrived from the South early this Am with Aunt Amy who has not been here in 7 years. As they came into the house, I told them of my engagement & quite surprised them. Visited with the returned of the family, & Aunt Amy this evg. Lucretia's engagement ring arrived this Am & shown t-day to the family & intimates. [Key term here, his "family & intimates." Jun 6 refers to his family being once more "re-united". Aunt Amy away for 7 years. NBSLCH]

FRI. June 5, 1908, Writt 6/17- Still beautiful, warm. Prayer meeting 7:45, in Union with Frist Ch. On a/c the absence of Mr. Wyman. Topic Am "Our growing conception of God." I looked up Version [?] in connection with subject.

SAT. June 6, 1908, Writt 6/17- First half holiday this season. Beautiful, perfect; warm. Tag Day for Troy week; I rode bike & was only tagged when I looked one up after lunch. Went to see work at new flat, then read & slept at home. At 5 Pm, roused up & bicycled out Stone road to East Brunswick- same tour & route as last July 4, on eve of my Alaska trip. In evg. went to Institute grounds to call on Semores. He was out but I looked over the Student's Association building. Stopped & talked with Frank on way home. Allen arrived from Cornell this P.m. & now the family is once more re-united. [His trip to Alaska commenced July 5, 1907, then he returned to Niagara Falls, see Jun 10, May 19. Tag Day?]

SUN. June 7, 1908, Writt 6/17- Beautiful- warm. At Am service was Baccalaureate sermon to Emma Willard graduating class: Text Hab 2:3 "The Pursuit of the Ideal." Thoughtful address, which Dr. Sewall read- his closing address to the graduating class, referring to Dante & Beatrice, was one of the finest little gems I ever heard. S.S. as usual. Called on Montony's after dinner; told them of my engagement. C.E. Consecration meeting 6:40 led by Mrs. Sewall. Evg text Ps 34:7 "Divine Deliverance." Aunt Amy went to Church this Am with me.

MON. June 8, 1908, Writt 6/17- Beautiful & warm. On the 'qui vive' thinking of my journey t-morrow night. Sat for my photograph at Van Arnum's- first I have had since senior year in college. [Qui vive means "alert, lookout." I think we have this photo of Norman taken professionally in Troy. NBSLCH]

TUES. June 9, 1908- Writt 6/17, To Buffalo Very warm, even hot! Corps annual parade & service this Pm; at end of Parade I, with Ralph got aboard barge at State St & were towed across to Arsenal grounds. Clouds rolled up to Westward & South wind below dust- but showers passed north, just a drop of rain spoiled the review & ceremonies. Never had been over to this; they were just getting into it when I left the company to go to college with a number of others, some also in citizens dress, I received medallion of the MacDonalds which I won in 1892 Then on barge again and down below lower bridge at Albany. Rained little as returned, & in Troy on arrival 9:15 Pm. All prepared to go to Lewiston this Am so after writing notes at office, caught 10 o'clock local for Albany & into car to go on 10:45 train for Buffalo. [Ref to an award won in 1892. Sir John A. Macdonald was Canada's 1st Prime Minister and is viewed in

Canada like G Wash in US, the statesman, patriot, & leader who brought Union about for Canada. There is monument to him in Montreal.]

WED. June 10, 1908- Writt 6/17, Buffalo- Lewiston Awoke early; rose 5:40- in Buffalo on time 6:20 Am; took 6:40 train for Niagara Falls, & arrived there for Lewiston. Caught glimpse- again as last July- of the Falls as train sped along the high bank of the Niagara River. At 8:05 arrived Lewiston, train backed in as last July- there was my own Lucretia, in a trap with "Daisy" the horse, waiting for me! What joy to climb in, & sit by her side! After breakfast at the summer home, which looks beautiful in its June surroundings, Lu & I went to the summer house on the river bank to put on her finger the solitaire ring. After dinner we drove with Daisy north to Fort Niagara just where river empties into Lake Ontario, & home 6 Pm. Great cool off in atmosphere this Am here- cool all day- sunshine & clouds in evg. Lucretia took me to call on the succession of relatives & friends living in the immediate vicinity: Till 11:30 Pm Lu & I sat together in the parlor of the summer house. [Ref to a visit here to Niagara Falls last July after Alaska. He must have meant solitaire ring, the common term or a diamond ring. Hayes "summer home." NBSLCH]

THUR. June 11, 1908- Writt 6/17, Buffalo- and points East Perfect day! Warmer than yesterday. This AM Lu & I drove to village & up on state road to hill, where splendid view is had of entire surrounding country; then back & dinner. After dinner we visited in parlor, arranged Twitchell Lake kodaks in scrap book; & about 5 Pm went to seat on Niagara river bank near boathouse, where I read from Portuguese Sonnets to Lu. Have talked over wedding details some yesterday & t-day. At 6 a hurried supper; Dr. Hayes brought my sleeping car ticket; got some mail from Troy; & Lu drove me to the Station, just before train there; & thus ends my first visit to Lucretia, at her home, as my affianced one; how much it had meant to me & how still nearer it has brought us to each other. At 7 Pm train left, & I sat & thought & watched the beauty of the quiet evening sky. At Buffalo I called up Agnes & husband. Agnes answered & spoke with much feeling, reminding of this day two years ago. (see entry [?] of year '07/or'06) (Thur. June 11 Cont in Appendix) I had thought of it this Am, what an utter contrast in my outlook & state of heart then & now! I could not then have dreamed such a change could be t-day. Tried to telephone Mrs. Joe Wright but no answer. Walter Warren & Jack Knickerbacker on train (9 Pm) from Buffalo. I told the latter of my happiness. Father Hayes told me at 6 Pm that Senate had passed Anti Race track Gambling bills by 1 vote!- were lost in Spring by tie vote!- Sen Foelker came from sickbed & cast the deciding vote. Not a Senator changed vote from last time! But the new one from Niagara district carried one vote over last time. Gov Hughes must be a pleased man; & prayers are answered, it has been a great struggle. [That would be June 11, 1906- was that when Norman met Lucretia? How was Agnes involved? Wonder if that scrapbook remains? So Lucretia was at Chas Raymond's wedding, too. The note about an earlier diary note is fascinating, for it would tell the story about this, and it seems to refer to that day two years earlier, or June 11, 1906. NBSLCH]

FRI. June 12, 1908 Writt 6/17- Troy Thirty Seven years old! & what an anniversary this is true- Like the opening of a new life! In Albany, on a side track when I awoke, arose 5:30 & took 6 Am local to Troy. Home about 6:30. In this morning's Record my engagement to Lucretia was announced!; alas it is to be in Buffalo papers of t-day. With what feelings I went down street! & my office desk was all trimmed with white rosettes & streamers reaching to my chair- took 10 minutes to remove! A day of triumph for me. At 7:45 Preparing lecture based on John 21 story. After it some congratulations. Then session meeting. I have now prepared to qualify as an elder according to 1 Timothy 3:2 (!) [His birthday is today, and the Troy Record for today has the announcement of his engagement to Lu. NBSLCH]

SAT. June 13, 1908- Writt 6/17- Second half-holiday, Beautiful even perfect. Warm. Fussed around house this Am not accomplishing much. In evg Miss Lansdale & boys called so I did not go out as intended.

SUN. June 14, 1908- Writt 6/17- Father's birthday- would have been 84 years old. Fine, sunny, very warm; thought would have had showers in P.m. or evg but none came. Communion service this A.m. Talk based on John 14:1. My thoughts went back to two years ago (when at the corresponding Sunday I was ordained as an elder) & contrasted my feelings of that day with now. S.S. as usual. In Pm called on Montonys. Mrs. Mann & Mr. Seymor called on us this Pm. Saw Aunt Cynthia on way down street. C.E. meeting led by Dr. Sewall, subject "How to Choose a Life Work." Evg text Rom 8:37. Aunt Amy went to Communion with me; said she had long planned to do so & received the elements from Arthur & me. [John Sherry's birthday, 70 when died in 1894- so would have been 84 today. First mention of his Father. Note his becoming an elder in Troy church.]

MON. June 15, 1908- Writt 6/17- Commenced to rain this Am early & continued most of the day. Very much needed. Much cooler. C.E. business meeting this evg.

TUES. June 16, 1908- Writt 6/17- Cleared off fine- cool. Arthur left for Ithaca- a Cornell anniversary & Commencement- on 10:30 local. Ralph & I had 6 o'clock dinner at YMCA Rest. On the strength of my engagement. Saw Dr. & Mrs. Sewall afterward.

WED. June 17, 1908- Beautiful- cool. Since returning from Lewiston I have written Lucretia each evening- & mailed them- except last Saturday; & I have received a letter each morning lately.

THUR. June 18, 1908- A year ago t-day was Agnes' wedding at Auburn- & the second time I met Lucretia. Oh how unforeseen then were the present happiness & prospects! It is all too wonderful to realize fully. Fine day. Lu sent a large number of proofs of sitting at photographer just had- Some are fine. Up on hill- above new flu [?] after dinner & showed them & the family. Also to Dr. & Mrs. Sewall this evg & found Chas G Sewall there. Wm H. Taft nominated by the Republican Conv. At Chicago on first ballot for President. It has seemed almost a sure outcome for many months. [So Norman refers to this date of meeting Lucretia as 1 year ago today (Jun 18, 1907) and 2 years ago today (1906). Seems to be a discrepancy here- see June 11th. Here he says the event was a year ago and the 2nd time he met Lucretia, Auburn is the location- try to sort this out. Date is June 18, 1907 in Auburn, NY (see July 7 entry). Maiden name Agnes Meyer. Sheila Vaughan says that Agnes Meyer married Lucretia's brother Pliny H. Hayes II- yes, they are on my Family Tree Maker 2017. NBSLCH]

FRI. June 19, 1908- Grew warm fast- even hot. Lightening In the West late in evg & after midnight. Thunder shower suddenly came too, but soon passed- after a grateful downpour. Prayer meeting t-night. We were asked to give the word of God on which we wanted to have this vacation; specially a testimony meeting it proved; the last one till after vacation. Brief session meeting followed, informal. Jas S. Sherman nominated for Vice President at Chicago.

SAT. June 20, 1908- Pretty warm- till later part of Pm cooled some: Nice West breeze most of day, Fine & sunny. Spent the half holiday doing some errands & c [?] down street; at 4 got home; read & weeded rest of Pm. In evening called on the Mann's seeing Janet, & Mr. & Mrs. Mann. First time I had been in the Patchen [?] house. Each morning this week I have received a letter from Lu. & each evening, except this, I've written her. [NBSLCH]

SUN. June 21, 1908- Still beautiful; pretty warm yet a nice West breeze thro' the day. **Children's Day:** Morning text Mk 10:14 "The Consecrating of Childhood." Twelve children baptized- the Leiberts & Van Tines. At noon special programs in S.S. Called on Montony's about 3 Pm. Supper at 5th ave. C.E. 6:40. Decided to hold meetings each Sunday this vacation; Church otherwise closed after next Sunday until Sept 13th; & Sunday School likewise. Evg text- Phil 4:14 Last word of our pastor until he & Mrs. Sewall return late in Sept. **[Wow, the whole summer off.]**

MON. June 22, 1908, **to Williamstown**- Still beautiful. A busy time at office between 16th St. real estate & regular business. Took 4:30 train for Williamstown- arriving there about 6- to **Alpha Delta Phi** [Cap Greek Letters] house. Town looking most beautiful. Found Arthur Rudd '95 there & we took rooms on West Mann St- this evg to **College sing** on Library Campus about 9. It was still & perfect evening- could not have been better for the purpose. At 10, **Alpha Delta Phi Reunion**- 67 percent. Messrs Kittredge '54, Mills '62, Stetson '67, Bretehall '83 & others among the speakers. Mr. Mabie toastmaster- seconded Delta Psi's & Kaps [?]- afterward- & then also DKE & Sigma Phi serenaded us. **[See Picture of AΔΦ Frat House in Folder]**

TUES. June 23, 1908, **Williamstown- Troy**- Little cloudy in Am & just a sprinkle; but sunny & fine rest of day. In bed 3 Am & up at 8. Went to **Alumni meeting** about 10- lasted till 12. Visited around, took swim in new pool in Gym. In Pm, attended **Class Day** exercises- last stop at the house- attended **Trustees** reception to Pres. Hofstra 4 to 5 & took 5:26 train- In Troy 6:45. Spent a very pleasant 24 hours- not been back to college in a year. **Told many friends of my engagement. How proud I have felt going back to my college, the first time since this great happiness had come to me- & thinking of the next visit, 'God willing.'** At Pres. Garfields inauguration when Lu and I will be one. **[This is a man in love, "when Lu and I will be one." Wow! NBSLCH]**

WED. June 24, 1908, **Writt 6/30**- Sultry; thunder shower by 12:30 Pm & all rest of day shower after shower passed- until 7 had come- during them almost constant lightning, struck number of places in vicinity. Still remained close, even sultry. **Took 1:30 local for Albany & on 2:05 train (From Oswego) came Lucretia Hayes** for her **first visit to Troy & to my family.** We came up on trolley, & transf. to **Beman Park.** Caught in shower before reached 12th St of the **Raymonds** home in order to meet her. I went back to the office. About 6:30, stopping, on way home, at depot, met **Arthur Rudd** & number of the Williamsmen just from Commencement Day there. This evg **Arthur & Frank** called- **their first visit to or sight of Lucretia.** And **Lu & I** sat late on the porch, after all others had gone. **Dr. & Mrs. Sewall sailed on the "Majestic" from NY t-day for England.** **[NBSLCH]**

THUR. June 25, 1908, **Writt 6/30**- Cleared off in night & much cooler, Beautiful day, N.W. breeze. About 2:30 took **Lucretia** driving thru **Oakwood Cemetery** & new 14th St. (U.T.) entrance, **Speigletown**, right hand to **Haynerville** & return via Stone road. Cemetery is beautiful, roads very good condition. Route took us over number of roads little traveled & showed much very pretty country. Home after 7- Took her in evg to Montonys- **Lu** saw only Mrs. Mr. there- **another late visit with Lu on the porch.** **[Interesting tour in car- do not recognize the locations except Oakwood. NBSLCH]**

FRI. June 26, 1908, **Writt 6/30**- Another beautiful, perfect day. **Amy & Sara** brought **Lucretia** to the office for the first time & we went to **the Caldwell to look at the apartment.** Chose the Hardy one (subject to Mrs H first chance). Found at one Mrs H. would talk to on account from office. (& I had a telephone from her too) **Harry Ludlow** unexpectedly came in, (first time seen him since his wedding) & learning **Lu** is here, invited us to lunch at **Troy Club.** Came up to 12th St. for her & got to Club almost 2. Back again with

her after 3. Then to office for couple hours. Lucretia came to Arthur's house this P.m. & there I went to dinner- asked the Lansdales in & see her in evg. After they went, they let Lu & I visit on the front porch. [NBSLCH]

SAT. June 27, 1908, Writt 6/30- Perfectly beautiful day; warm yet good air- Frank brought Lucretia down to Caldwell & we looked at the 5th floor apartment which we will have to take, next smallest, suitable for us, with kitchenette, left [?] Got first refusal for it yesterday Pm. Then showed Church to her. Half holiday started little past 2 for another drive with Lucretia, Tibbitts Av. Getting the view on the ridge near Lake Avenue on the Brunswick road, Eagle Mills, South along Presten Hill, & Poestenkill, South on road leading to Averill Park, then through little cutoff, across trolley tracks, & Snyder's [?] Lake & past it, nearly to Defreestville, & home via Nualadann [?] road, Campbells [?] Highway & Pawling Ave. Back to Arthur's 7 Pm. Dinner there, Mr. & Mrs. Galusha & Aunt Cynthia called afterward. Visited on porch until took 10 local for Albany to see Lucretia off on 10:45 train, in Niagara Falls car. It has been the most delightful drive with her I have ever had. [Another interesting tour in car- recognized more of the locations and roads. NBSLCH]

SUN. June 28, 1908, Writt 6/30- Still beautiful, but real warm. Most unexpectedly, just before church Frank Hayes stopped off from NY enroute to Lewiston. Took him to Church where Rev. E.W. Miller of Auburn preached, Topic "Growing Knowledge of God." S.S. at noon- last until 2nd Sunday in September. Frank Hayes had dinner at 12th St. Allen he & I walked over to Institute buildings afterward. At 6:30 to Arthur's with Frank & dine & spent rest of evening. Wrote note to Lucretia for Frank to take. Went with him to 10 o'clock local at Station. He takes at Albany same train Lucretia took last night. Bert Montony's birthday was to have had supper with him this evg but backed out on a/c Frank's visit. [NBSLCH]

MON. June 29, 1908, Writt 6/30- Warm even close. Some clouds. Visited Dr. Barrett 1:30-2 Pm.

TUES. June 30, 1908- Wind changed to West about 8 Am. Clouds rolled by but cleared & grew colder without rain- Could not have been better weather for S.S. Picnic than we had this Pm. Left 1:15 trolley for Averill Park, splendid Pm there; I rowed [?] most of Pm after arrival. Thinking constantly of Lu, who is to be, undoubtedly at the next picnic. Home 8:30 Pm without a mishap. Beautiful letter from Lucretia this Am. I answered it this evg at office. [NBSLCH]

WED. July 1, 1908- Beautiful, warm. Busy day. And after supper went to S.S. room & made out a list & send Dr. Sewall. At 8 back to office & wrote Lucretia, also other letters. When came home I looked at Agnes' mementos & letters, finding among them a joint picture postcard which was first I ever received from Lucretia. [NBSLCH]

THUR. July 2, 1908- Sultry last night; about noon clouded up & light rain in showers of mildness, for couple of hours- not much water fell. Then pleasant again. Cottage devotional meeting at the Sherman's this evg. (one last Friday I could not attend.) A letter from Lucretia each morning since Tuesday- & am sure of another t-morrow- I've written her each evening. [NBSLCH]

FRI. July 3, 1908, Writt 7/8, To Buffalo- Pre-Fourth of July firing kept down much this year by city authorities. Very warm- sultry- especially toward evening. Last letter before visit, came from Lucretia. Delayed in getting to house to pack. Saw Montony's a few minutes this evening. Then about 9pm trolley to Albany. Went to see Sidney Jones little while. Mrs & daughter away; saw Sidney & a Mr. Baldwin, a

rector. Took 10:45 train from Albany to spend the Fourth & holiday at Lewiston. It was hot in the sleeping berth.

SAT. July 4, 1908, Writt 7/9, To Lewiston- Waked as passed each large city last night. In Buffalo by 6:15 Am & caught 6:30 train for Lewiston- many aboard. Reached Lewiston 7:50 & there was Lucretia at the station, & her father in 'trap' nearby. "Cousin Sarah" visiting there; Frank went away yesterday; Roger home. Lu & I were in seat on boathouse stairs this Am. All the nearby relatives joined in a lunch on porch of Hobbie's house about 1:30- about 20 there. Then played "Catch one, catch all" & visited together on the lawn. In later met of Pm a number of us including Lucretia, went swimming in the Niagara River; my first outside swim this year. This evg Lu and I went canoeing- the young moon waxing & cast quite a light. Been a beautiful warm day, Passing clouds but no rain. The only fireworks I fired were a few crackers on the river bank with Lu, this evg we canoed up the river to Lewiston & drifted down with current; not in til 11:30 Pm. [NBSLCH]

SUN. July 5, 1908, Writt 7/11, In Lewiston- Went in the river for a swim with Dr. Hayes about 7 Am. Frank Hayes went away Friday. Roger is here; and "Cousin Sara" a little walk along the road after breakfast. Russ drove to Church with the family (Pres. in the village) where Rev. Mr. Albright, pastor, preached well from Rom 4:16 "That the promise might be made sure to all the seed." A Fourth of July sermon urging to good citizenship & service. Very hot t-day- dark clouds passed in the morning northward but no rain here & Pm clear, quite South breeze. In afternoon Lu & I took out books & went down to the lower seat on river bank; there all the Pm, but did not read very much! After supper called on the Hobbie's; then visited on the Hayes porch rather late, in the beautiful evening with Lucretia after short visit with Father & Mother Hayes before they retired. [NBSLCH]

MON. July 6, 1908, Writt 7/11, Niagara Gorge & Falls- Lucretia & I walked back of the Hayes to the trolley about 7:45 Am & went to Lewiston; as no connecting car there, we walked over suspension bridge, & climbed the hill- & it was already awful hot- to Brock's Monument, which I have seen in the distance a number of times; from there a long vista to the North & Lake Ontario, but "Misty" to-day. Then a car to Niagara Glen, which Lucretia called Foster's flats, & I was surprised that it was in the Gorge & bordering the river, & of great natural beauty- woods, trees, paths, walls. There three hours; then another car to Niagara Falls (Canada) & dinner at the Clifton House, being served right with both great falls in view- on finest hotel situation there. We called this a "pre-wedding trip" & thought we were once or twice "suspected." Went all over & down into the Can. Devlop. Co power plant at "Table Rock"; then too late to stop at Amer. side except till car ready- returned to Lewiston by (see appendix) (Monday July 6, Cont.) Gorge trolley. This has been awful hot day- no signs of rain though. Arrived back at Hayes cottage about 5:30. Lucretia & I got young Harold & Richmond & we all went into the River for a swim, which certainly felt dandy. After supper Lu & I called on the Harold Hayes family & the Halls. Then after 9 went canoeing, up river to Lewiston, then drifted down stream. South breeze- but even here was warm. Carried Lu up all the steps to the summer house when we came off the river. Nice moonlight this evg. [This was "their pre-wedding trip". Clifton House- "It was 84 years ago that one of Niagara Falls most historic hotels, the Clifton Hotel was destroyed by fire on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1932. The six-storey hotel, built at a cost of a half-million dollars in 1905 was located at the foot of Clifton Hill where the outdoor Oakes Garden Theatre is now located. NBSLCH]

TUES. July 7, 1908, Writt 7/11, Lewiston- Lockport- Buffalo- A swim in Niagara River with Dr. Hayes early. Lucretia & I took 8:10 train for Buffalo. Met, at Terrace Station, Glenn Bartholomew. We had

carriage there, & went driving to about Delaware Av & c- asked him to be an usher & talked over plans. The Lu & I took 10:30 trolley for Lockport- there & to the Michael's home by 10:40. Had an "engagement luncheon" there- Chas & Miss Raymond- The Currys of Nassau, B.I. also. At 6 Julia, Miss Solomon, Lucretia, & I went to Raymond's new home & had dinner & had to hurry away, on 7:50 trolley for Buffalo; then to Hayes city home, Lafayette Av. where my letters had long gone, for the first time. Visited a short time with Agnes & Harold Hayes, whom not seen since June 18/'07 at their wedding at Auburn. Then the parting with Lucretia & I took Elmwood Ave trolley to Exchange St Station where had left grip this Am. Took 10:30 Wolverine train- after a four days fine visit. Showers this Pm & grew even cold traveling at night. [This pins it down, the date and location of Agnes' wedding to Harold Hayes, in Auburn, on June 18, 1907. See Jun 18. Lockport City Directories locate Raymond's new home at 197 Pine Street. NBSLCH]

WED. July 8, 1908, Writt 7/11, Troy- Train arr. Albany 5:12- 3 minutes ahead & I took trolley to Troy & home by 6:15 Am to resume office routine after four days with Lucretia, better acquaintance if possible- a great pride & satisfaction in her, & joy in her presence, & an ever-deepening love. What a gratitude to God swells up in my heart for his goodness to me in bringing us together. Great change in weather has reached Troy too- cool & fine t-day. Found Shepherd had called at office during my absence. [NBSLCH]

THUR. July 9, 1908, Writt 7/11- Miss Jenine Knowlson in town t-night, so I called on her at Am, Knowlson's & had a long & good visit She has not grown old & I was brought back right to the old school days by her talk. Cool & nice- beautiful.

FRI. July 10, 1908, Writt 7/11, to Greenwich- warm, cloudless. Dwight Marvin invited me to spend night with him in Greenwich & we went up in 5 Pm B&M train [?]. In evg called on Cottrells, but Horace out-walked about little & talked about Lucretia. The Ingalls are away. Strange to go there without seeing the Judge. [NBSLCH]

SAT. July 11, 1908, to Troy- Left Greenwich 7:45 & in Troy about 9:20 after pleasant little visit. Pretty warm. Nice South breeze. Cloudless. Lew & I went on bikes to Snedefters [?] on Presten Hill this Pm late-half-holiday- & had a nice swim. Mr. & Mrs. John W. Weeks called at office this Am. Lucretia's letters have come each morning since my return. [NBSLCH]

SUN. July 12, 1908- Very sultry till two, thunder showers came about 2 Pm; cloudy till 5- when cleared. At First Church where Mr. Wyman preached from 2 Cor. 5:17. Sat with Miss Carrie Bush. First Sunday I've been home, since last summer, with no Sunday School- Had lunch at house about 2- & dinner at 6- changed around t-day. Read this Pm, & wrote Lucretia. Called on Aunt Cynthia on way down street. C.E. meeting 7 Pm- three in from First Church. Stopped at the Sherman's on way up, & Miss S. told me of her strange vision concerning a girl for me, three years ago; & how the vision was fulfilled when she saw Lucretia in June. [Wow, so a woman in his church had a vision of him re: a wife! NBSLCH]

MON. July 13, 1908- Warm.

TUES. July 14, 1908- Copious shower about 2 Pm; & cleared off cooler afterwards. Getting names together this evening for invitations & arrangements. [NBSLCH]

WED. July 15, 1908- Pleasant early; cool. Rained through noon hours & again in Pm, then cleared again. Arthur, Frank & Alden left 10 Am for Rockland, Maine.

THUR. July 16, 1908- Most beautiful; few clouds, cool & fine air. Lucretia's two more postals, from Toronto trip, came in first mail, but no letter till 2 Pm- (not mailed till 11 Pm, last night at Buffalo). First morning with no letter wince I returned from her. Hurried off a letter for 7:30 mail- as I have done, almost each evening, before I left the office; then supper & to City Hall to see Public Works Com. about grading Jacob St. Council ordered the grade, later, at its meeting. July 24: It was not till last Sat. that I thought of the special significance of this day in 1905. For a new life is about to open out before me. [Now this is a most interesting statement, July 24, 1905- what was it? Something about his "new life"! Oh, I think that this was actually the first time he met Lucretia, with the second time he referred to earlier at the Harold Hayes wedding in Auburn. So what, when, and where was this? I actually think he is referring to last Sunday (not Sat), when Mrs. Sherman told him about the "strange vision" of seeing his partner, 3 years before, so 1905- that is what he is putting together here, that and July 24th...but on Sep 21 he says it was 2 years ago that he met Lucretia. NBSLCH]

FRI. July 17, 1908- Rained little in Pm- more in evening, with strong South wind. Amy's 25th Birthday. Lucretia's letter this morning full of plans for our apartment. [NBSLCH]

SAT. July 18, 1908- First half-holiday it at have had rain this season. Pretty hot & sultry. Showers one after another this Pm- & also in evening. Worked at office after dinner & got some things finished. Called on Julia Bush late this evg, Mrs Patrick also there. Chester Britton arrived to spend Sunday.

SUN. July 19, 1908- Cleared off early & was beautiful cool day; nice West breeze. At First Church; Mr. Wyman preached from Eph 6:13, "Organizing Our Lives," the topic- good sermon. Called on Aunt Cynthia afterwards. On Montonys in Pm. C.E. meeting at 7 (after supper at hotel). Chester Britton went late to-night.

MON. July 20, 1908- Beautiful. Three letters from AGS. Lucretia's letter here early mid, & at 2 o'clock mail, a card with the news that a daughter was born to Pliny & Agnes Hayes 3:30 yesterday morning. Lois is ten years old. [NBSLCH]

TUES. July 21, 1908- Pleasant; breezy enough days these [?] Sara has been telling of her engagement to Chester Britton, with dates back to April, to friends + relatives.

WED. July 22, 1908- Fine & warm, but not oppressive. Two months ago I spent this night in the woods- but not alone. [Yes, May 22, "Lost in the Woods & Escaped" NBSLCH]

THUR. July 23, 1908, Pm, 91 degrees- Real warm, these are busy, busy days, looking after all departments at the office. Each evening as soon as the office is closed, I write Lucretia. Two months ago to-day we became engaged- how much I have lived, & how plans have evolved since then. Short gentle shower about 7 Pm. [NBSLCH]

FRI. July 24, 1908- Thunder shower 4:00 Am; rained gently but steadily for some time; then cleared. Pleasant day, pretty warm.

SAT. July 25, 1908- Thunder & lightening plenty, 1 Am to 2:30 & quite copious showers, rain continued gently till early Am; & again this Am. Cloudy all day- another special early evg. Half holiday first a/c weather could not take Aunt Amy driving, as planned; went to office after dinner. To Schenectady 6:30 trolley. Cleared off this evg. Called at Carleton's on Robinson St., but nobody at home; then to Kelloggs, & found Mrs & Eleanor + Eunice happened there two (just going away; Lucy came in later in the evening.

Back on 10 Pm car from there. Took Lucretia's pictures over. Harold Johnston called at office this Am. [NBSLCH]

SUN. July 26, 1908- Most beautiful all day! Nice air- Rev. W.H. Hughes of Mich. Preached most excellently at First Church from Acts 26:25 about Felix, Festus, Agrippa & Paul- treated it very originally- it was a fine & helpful sermon- & a Gospel appeal. At dinner at the Galushas; & was shown the table to be our wedding present. Just two months from t-day & we shall be married. Hurried home in Pm as had to lead C.E. meeting 7 Pm to pic [?] "The Home Mission Schoolhouse & What it Does." Called on Montonys at 9:30 Pm after late supper at the house. [NBSLCH]

MON. July 27, 1908- busy days these at office.

TUES. July 28, 1908, Pm, 92 degrees- Real warm- but good air.

WED. July 29, 1908- Very warm. Mr & Mrs Chas Raymond's at Birge's this evg. en-route from Mohonk [?] to Lockport & we called on them. First swim of the summer, at YMCA tank just after 6. Amy & I made flying call on Mr. & Mrs. Lansdale while waiting for a car to go to the Birges. [So maybe they are NBS1's connection to Lucretia, if these are the Raymond's who are married in to the Sherry's. Check that out. There is a Mohonk Mountain house in Hudson valley with amazing views and hiking. It is in the Mohonk Preserve west of New Paltz and Poughkeepsie, Catskills.]

THUR. July 30, 1908, Pm, 92 degrees- Hottest yet! Funeral of Mrs. McLaughlin, Francis Av. 3 Pm & I went there. She leaves four children, two earners, orphans. This day has been the exception, & no letter came from Lucretia in any of the mail, the first day without one, except Sunday's in many weeks. Another swim in YMCA tank which was most refreshing. Showers, thunder & lightnings passed quite North of us middle of Pm, but not a drop for Troy. [NBSLCH]

FRI. July 31, 1908, Pm, 93 degrees- Still hotter than yesterday; but I felt pretty well considering sky overcast suddenly in middle of Pm & a little gentle shower rewarded us, but soon over & sun out. By evening became somewhat cooler, & a fitful breeze. Two letters from Lucretia! One of them should have come yesterday. NBSLCH

SAT. Aug 1, 1908- Change in weather 3 Am- North East wind blew & much cooler; & was t-day sunny & fine, for the half holiday- N.E. breeze continued thro' day. Chased postman up & got Lucretia's letter 2:30. Took Aunt Amy driving this Pm- via Sycaway, around upper Reservoir & circled Bald Mt, via Haynerville road, going on quite a high ridge, fine view, & rough road; home via Speigletown. Arthur writes time of his return; looks as if I could not go to Lewiston for next Saturday & Sunday. The corresponding Saturday last year (Aug 2) I reached home from Canadian Pacific & Alaska trip. NBSLCH

SUN Aug 2, 1908- Beautiful; air dry & cool, at least compared to heat of last week. At 1st Ch Rev. C.G. Hazard preached from Luke 12:32. Subject: "God, the Perfect Earthly Father." I liked the sermon much. Called on Aunt Cynthia on way home; & on Montonys about 3 Pm. C.E. meeting at 7; proved to be one of much earnest expression & prayer.

MON. Aug 3, 1908- Very pleasant; some clouds. This evg. called on Hanamons, finding Mr. & Edith; then on Miss Louise Hull at the Greens.

TUES. Aug 4, 1908, Pm 92 degrees- Very warm; just a dash of rain about 5 Pm. Lu's letter not here till 10:30 mail. [NBSLCH]

WED. Aug 5, 1908- Short shower 3 Am- with lightning. Continued humid, muggy, sticky. Between 1 & 2 heavy shower with continuous thunder & lightning, struck at places in northern part of city; At Green Island killed a woman. Showered again about 5, then cleared. Had swim in YMCA tank, after writing Lu. Her letter not here till 2:30 Pm. Wasted a half hour at City Hall this evg waiting for Mr. Cune, & found it inopportune time to see him.

THURS. Aug 6, 1908- Still warm & muggy. Returned about 1:30 Pm; in middle of Pm & sprinkled in evg. Again Lu's letter not hear until 2:30 mail Arthur & family leave Vinal Harbor, Maine this P.m. [NBSLCH]

FRI. Aug 7, 1908- Rained before 7 & thro' morning. Cleared in Pm; but hard showers came up 9 Pm- strong wind & copious torrents, with lightning & thunder. Aunt Amy went this Am to visit in Dutchess Co. Lucretia's letter came 10:30 mail. [NBSLCH]

SAT. Aug 8, 1908- Beautiful, passing clouds only Half-holiday. Again chased postman & got Lucretia's letter 2:15 Pm. Went with Bert Montony on trolley to Schenectady, thence to Albany- thence home in about 40 miles- (from 2:45 Pm to 7 Pm). Took tea at Montonys. Arthur, Frank, & Alden reached North Adams last night. [NBSLCH]

SUN. Aug 9, 1908- Beautiful! Prof. Russell preached at 1st Ch this Am on Luke Chap 12- Subject : Wealth & Its Uses, Good talk. Called on Aunt Cynthia before dinner; late in Pm went to call on the orphan McLaughlins but all out. C.E. meeting 7 Pm. Thinking much of where I had at first planned to be over t-day. [NBSLCH]

MON. Aug 10, 1908- Fine- warm- Arthur, Frank & Alden ret'd from vacation this P.m. Was to have dined with Mr. & Mrs Sidney T. Jones, this evg. but Sid telephoned this Pm. She had had appendicitis attack. Called on Mr. & Mrs. Elinor Thomas, then, this evg.

TUES. Aug 11, 1908- Cloudy; rained little at various times. Put addresses on invitation & announcement list this evg. Lucretia's letter not here till 2:30- very long one, to contrast with the brief note yesterday. [NBSLCH]

WED. Aug 12, 1908- Fine, warm. Went over announcement lists with Frank this evg. Lu's letter not till 2:30. [NBSLCH]

THUR. Aug 13, 1908- Very hot & muggy. Clouded up & gentle between 5 & 7 Pm. Swim in tank this evg. Lu's letter 2:30 mail- seems to be regular thing now. Signed lease for "our" apartment in Caldwell- from Oct 1st. [NBSLCH]

FRI. Aug 14, 1908, Written 8/16, to Lewiston- Fine; rather close & hot, espec. toward evening. Lu's letter – 10:30 this Am. Gridley (?) at last telephoned me he set Jacob to grade masks (?); been trying to get this since last February! Took 10 Pm local to Albany; had to hurry so got all hot & went to Bridge & got it 10:45 train for Buffalo- off 2 or 3 minutes late. Hot & close in the sleeper. [NBSLCH]

SAT. Aug 15, 1908, Writt 8/17, to Lewiston- Train little late at Batavia but made up some of it, & in Buffalo about 6:25 Am; Lu got 6:00 Lewiston train O.K. Arr. Lewiston 7:30, a few minutes ahead of Lucretia, who soon came to top of hill & waved to me & I was soon with her in the trap- after a separation of five & a half weeks! Dr. Hayes stayed down t-day & Mother Hayes feeling better than last few days. This Am Lu & I spent on the lower river bank seat and 'twas dinner time before we knew it. After dinner visited with Father Hayes while Lu rested in hammock. Mr. Albright & his two young sisters

called & we all played croquet. After that a swim in Niagara River. Roger arrived for over Sunday & Frank came for week, after absence in Ithaca. After tea visited with callers; Lu & I visited in parlor late after rest had gone upstairs. Pleasant weather & warm. [NBSLCH]

SUN. Aug 16, 1908, Writt 8/17 & 20, at Lewiston- After breakfast went down to the summer house a few minutes; then to church in village where Rev. Mr. Albright- pastor but to leave Sep 1- preached from Ps. 72:16. Told of the Alaska wheat and drew inspiring lessons from it of our view of the world of people. Sprinkled as came home from church. After dinner Lu & I alternately read to each other & rested in the hammock-couch; last part of Pm on river bank, lower seat. After tea some relatives came in. Last part of evening spent in the hammock on porch till lightning which played all around West & came near in thunder train & drove us in. Lu played piano right after dinner & t-day. [NBSLCH]

MON. Aug 17, 1908, Writt 8/20, At Lewiston- Sunshine struggled out now & again, but mostly cloudy & rained off & on. One or two heavy showers last night. Father H. & the boys went to the city early & Mother H. not up, so Lu & I had breakfast- just us two- a foretaste of what is to be. Afterward looked at "lists" & talked over plans & Mother Hayes later joined us. After dinner on the porch & later part of Pm on lower seat on river bank. After neighbors calls succeeding supper. A number of us, most of the near-by dwellers "surprised" Mr. Hall, on his birthday, by appearing in a body there; & played old fashioned game, even with Kissing. Last part of evg Lu & I in hammock on porch. [NBSLCH]

TUES. Aug 18, 1908, Writt 8/21, Lewiston-Buffalo- Beautiful, clear & cool after the rain, Lu & I went into Buffalo at 10:30 Am, being driven by Mother Hayes to the Station. Looked at brass bed catalogues on train; then at noon we then ordered our wedding invitations, announcements & c; then to Iroquois Hotel where met Father Hayes for luncheon; then to the Hayes offices where was shown by Father H. (& Harold at latter also [?] all through the building & met the various doctors; then with Lu to their Church (1st Cong) which was open, so looked all through; then to call on the Bishops, seeing Mr & Mrs (who is to be a brides maid); by this time it was nearly 6, so went to 536 Lafayette Av where saw the new baby Adelaide Hayes; & had tea with Harold & Agnes. Afterward Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler came in to call & they & Harold & Agnes visited; so that Lu & I had no opportunity for a last visit; but at 9:45 had to leave to catch Wolverine 10:30 tho' late & only left at 11 Pm. Lu, dear, went out to 4th Street car corner when I left the house. [Aug. 18 Cont] Anniversary of mother's death 22 years ago! [This is a key note about his mother! NBSLCH]

WED. Aug 19, 1908, Writt 8/21, To New York & To Troy- Slept poorly on train, knowing most of the cities where made stops; kept on board right to New York where arrived about 9:15 a little late, tho' train on time at Albany. At once to Black's store & selected present for bride, ushers, best man; & wedding ring. Then to Simmons' ware rooms & saw brass beds, & bark to Station just in time to take 12:40 (2nd Empire). Back in Alb. 3:57 & Troy 4:25. Pleasant & warm weather. Right to office & at once to work, finding accumulation there. Found Lothe [?] & Lois went to Peekskill to visit the Wallaces on Monday. [NBSLCH]

THUR. Aug 20, 1908- A brief but very clear note from Lu 10:30 mail. Cool & fine. [NBSLCH]

FRI. Aug 21, 1908- Beautiful. South breeze in Pm & evg. Arthur in Schuylerville with Seelye [?] t-day. No letter from Lu, though called at P.O. after 6, hoping to find one. [NBSLCH]

SAT. Aug 22, 1908- Rained hard toward morning & till 7 Am in showers. Sun tried to come out later, number of times. Grew quite muggy. **Lucretia's** letter which should have come yesterday came first mail in I & the expected one of t-day came 7:30 Pm- a rich day therefore. Cloudy half-holiday- went back to office, & did number of personal matters, wrote notes & late in Pm made purchases- **ordered our twin beds**. Supper at 2161- 12th. **NBSLCH**

SUN. Aug 23, 1908- A perfectly beautiful day! Cool & West breeze. **Engage three months ago to-day; & how time goes on apace for the marriage is only five weeks from yesterday!** At First Ch. Prof. Russell preached – I liked it greatly on some of **Christ's words about life**: the value of life; loss of life' finding live. Called on Montony's this Pm. Got some reading through with. Saw Aunt Cynthia on way down street, C.E. meeting at 7- small attendance. **NBSLCH**

MON. Aug 24 1908- Fine- & cool. At 8 Pm **attended funeral service of Mrs. D.E. Smith**- who died Sat. evening. **Lottio & Lois** returned from **Peekskill** this evg. Visited at the **Lansdale's** after coming from the Smiths.

TUES. Aug 25, 1908- Fine- Two letters from **Lucretia**, on first & second mails- one written Sunday, & one yesterday. **Aunt Amy** returned from visit in **Dutchess Co**. Church Day Com. of Troy week met at Chapter of Commerce 8 Pm. **NBSLCH**

WED. Aug 26, 1908- Rained last night & early this Am, cloudy, though tried to clear, cool. Called this evg. on Mr & Mrs Patrick. **One month from t-day, Lucretia & I will be married, God willing.** **NBSLCH**

THUR. Aug 27, 1908- Fine day- cool. Jerry Hills, **Williams '99**, called at the office this Am; then came back 12:30. I walked up **the R.P.I approach staircase & around the buildings & campus**; then to lunch at 1st Av Hotel; & he left for New York 1:00. Bert Montony also called at 5 Pm. **Lucretia** writes from Lockport, where she went Tuesday to visit **Julia Michael**. **NBSLCH**

FRI. Aug 28, 1908- Fine. **Bicycled to North End** & called on Harold Johnson & wife. Chas Pine also there.

SAT. Aug 29, 1908- Perfect day. Half-holiday; I went back to River St & the office to get **Lucretia's** letter. Rest of Pm at home **"fussing" & clearing up things; destroyed many letters, including Agnes'.** [Hmm, not sure why he did this. **NBSLCH**]

SUN. Aug 30, 1908- Most beautiful. Warm. Rev. Hazard preached at 1st Church Mk 16:17 on faith- one of the best of not the best I have heard him preach. Called on Montony's after dinner & found Mrs. Coon there. About 5:30 walked over to the MacLoughlin's, but again they were out, being near I went into **Prospect Park**, as not been in a season or two; **enjoyed the view & read Outlook a while till dusk** & time for C.E. meeting. After it called on **Aunt Cynthia**.

MON. Aug 31, 1908- Still fine- & pretty warm. Went up on hill about sidewalk about noon. Called this evg on Mrs. Halley & found Erskine, just returned after a long time in the West; then on the **Ross'**; only a few lines from **Lucretia** this Am- as she had company all Saturday. **NBSLCH**

TUES. Sept. 1, 1908- Pretty warm; sunshine continues. A Letter so nice as to make all amends for yesterday's, from **Lucretia**. Cold came on t-day- eyes & nose, & was very uncomfortable. **Had first ripe bunch of grapes from yard.** **NBSLCH**

WED. Sept. 2, 1908- Cloudy early & rained little about 9 Am; sun tried to come out in Pm. Wind into west; another dash of rain 7 Pm. **Lucretia's brooch, the wedding ring & the usher's pins, came to-day.** **Lucretia's** letter at 2:30. My cold seems to be controlled & feel quite better t-day because it is. **NBSLCH**

THUR. Sept. 3, 1908, 7, 50 degrees- Pretty cool; West breeze. Then with times of cloudiness. **E.D. Ross** dined with me at 5th Av. Called on Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Abton & saw little Miss Alton- visiting the Alton's a few days. **[This is the Ross surviving the martyr]**

FRI. Sept. 4, 1908, 7 49 degrees, -Lewiston- Pleasant. Warmed up. **Store trimmed up for Troy Week. Troy already about all trimmed for the occasion, as I never saw it before.** Another visit to **Lewiston** is at hand & **Lu** has **made me so eager & happy.** At 10 left on local for **Albany** & at 10:45 on **Buffalo Special**- as took before. **NBSLCH**

SAT. Sept. 5, 1908, **In Lewiston**- Arrived **Buffalo** on time 6:20 & took 6:30 train for **Lewiston, for last time before I shall go to be married.** **Lucretia** on the platform to meet me as train backed in. **Harold & Agnes** & little **Adelaide** are here, having come yesterday. Beautiful & sunny but dry & dusty. South breeze. Saw the **Halls**, & then the **Hobbies**, (telephoning to Buffalo) including **Dick & Meda**, bride & groom. Callers back & forth most of Am & Pm & after 5 we went **swimming**, as quite warm, though water little cool at first. After supper moon already up, as dark about 7, & **Lu & I** went in **canoe**, up to **Lewiston's** dock & drifted back to the boat house, then stayed at the Seat on the bank- a beautiful night. **NBSLCH**

SUN. Sept. 6, 1908, **In Lewiston**- This is **beginning of "Troy Week" in Troy- Church Day.** South wind blowing, dust. A little walk after breakfast & prayers just to **Summer-house**; then ready for Church & drive there with **Father Hayes & Lu.** Mr. Albright- pulpit declared vacant & sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Geddis of Youngstown, Subject "Service"- I liked the sermon. Cloudy as came out- & soon after getting home a sudden heavy dash of rain- so welcome- laid dust & cleared off in no time & was beautiful afternoon & evg. **Halls** called after dinner. After 4, **Lu & I** went to the lower seat on bank & had a dear visit, but didn't read! Came up after six- seeing the beautiful sunset. After tea visited with **Father & Mother, Harold & Agnes**; about 9 went out on porch & **lay on couch-hammock.** West wind died down, moonlight fine- **we stayed there till midnight.** **NBSLCH**

MON. Sept. 7, 1908, **In Lewiston**- Perfectly beautiful. Cool early, North breeze. As watched a **tennis game** of the boys, **Agnes** came & **had a talk with me of 'auld lang syne'** **Harold Agnes.** **Lucretia & I** went driving in the trap with 'Daisy' a little ways along the road Northward & **picked catnip for Adelaide's use the coming winter.** After dinner some callers; & when could, **Lu & I** went to **the bank seat, for another 'visit' & talked a little of our honeymoon trip;** after 5 drove to town, & reserved place at **Cornell House** & other errands. **This is Labor Day.** After supper packed up, **Lu** came up to help; the last thing we called on the **Dr. Harold Hayes family**; then **Fred** came with trap & whisked us **to Station**; waited till second boat about landed, **then good bye to Lu till I come back to marry her;** nearly 20 cars there, crowds of people- & after dragging along reached **Buffalo** 1 ¼ hours late- at 10:45 Pm! **NBSLCH**

TUES. Sept. 8, 1908, **To Troy**- Found last night, though **"Wolverine"** had gone, there was a second section. **Arranged State room for "our first journey" Sep. 26;** & train left 11:50- 1 hour 20 min behind other, so could sleep later- just up in time to alight at **Albany** 6:50 Am & in **Troy** 7:25. **Troy Week in full blast.** A busy time at store after half-holiday & **Labor Day.** Beautiful weather. At 3 Pm **Civic & Industrial parade started.** **I marched** (& **AGS** too) with members of **Chapter of Commerce** between Wash. Park &

Hoosick St, then saw rest of parade pass. Great crowds along the streets to see parade. Tired t-night. Harry Sherman at supper at 5th Av. Then I went home. The illuminations at night are fine. NBSLCH

WED. Sept. 9, 1908- Another perfect day- twas wen [?] This Am Educational parade of 5000 school children- Very interesting- crowds as great as ever. Aunt Amy took supper with me at 5th Av. & we went to Armory & concert 8 Pm- final event of Troy Week; taken part in by a half dozen our singing societies- very good indeed; though Armory about half full. Then we went to roof-garden of the Caldwell & watched fireworks set off at Prospect Hill. Lucretia's letter, marked from Niagara Falls, here 1st mail. NBSLCH

THURS. Sept. 10, 1908- Cloudy or hazy- warm. Lucretia's letter not here till 2 o'clock mail. Trying now to catch up with orders at store, on ap recent delays. Troy Week is over & certainly has been a great success. Our invitations reached Troy t-day. NBSLCH

FRI. Sept. 11, 1908- Quite warm. Air has been peculiar for some days, as if large forest fire somewhere. Lucretia's letter in first mail. Sent announcements list by reg. mail & her this noon. Big blaze burned out Shyne's Livery about 3 Am- two alarms. Bert Montony called at office about 5 Pm. NBSLCH

SAT. Sept. 12, 1908- Very smoky all over. No rain yet to stop the fires. Warm. Lucretia's dear letter, mailed in Buffalo, in first mail. Half-holiday- but I went back to office & wrote up my books- there all P.m. One, two weeks to our wedding. NBSLCH

SUN. Sept. 13, 1908- Beautiful weather still- only so dry. Our Church opened. Rev. Mr. McClellan preached. Sunday School opened also- at noon- only small number there. Called on Montony's in P.m. C.E. meeting 7 Pm- unexpectedly leader ill, I took charge. Topic: "Commending Our Society- by Church attendance." I realized the nearness of our wedding. Prof Greene [?] of R.P.I. called on me this Pm. NBSLCH

MON. Sept. 14, 1908- North breeze- blew smoky air away- clear & sunny- Cool. C.E. Business meeting at Church at 8- no quorum so discussed matters informally. Lucretia's letter- nice & long- in first mail. Ralph returned from vacation on the Maine coast. NBSLCH

TUES. Sept. 15, 1908- Still bright & fine & no rain. Cool- Lucretia's letter in first mail- because, as yesterday, mailed from Buffalo. A great struggle between political bosses & the people ended by the re-nomination of Gov. Charles E. Hughes at Saratoga this Pm. [Interesting political comment here. NBSLCH]

WED. Sept. 16, 1908- Dear Mother's Anniversary- would have been 77 years old; & the 56th anniversary of her marriage. Lucretia's letter on earliest mail- sent from Buffalo. Allen returned from Long Island City- to stay till he goes to the wedding & to college. More smoky atmosphere. [Remembering his Mother here, her age and anniversary. NBSLCH]

THUR. Sept. 17, 1908- Lucretia's letter in first mail- though from Lewiston. Supper 7 Pm at YMCA meeting of Bible Study Committee. Atmosphere very smoky, especially this evg. cloudless most of day- no signs of rain. NBSLCH

FRI. Sept. 18, 1908- Still bright & sunny- smoky & cloudy again this Am but sun burned it off early. Lucretia's letter again in first mail. NBSLCH

SAT. Sept. 19, 1908- Partly cloudy, but hoped for rain came not, & sun almost came out toward evening. **Lucretia's** letter again in first mail- from Buffalo. Half-holiday. **Bicycled** in middle of Pm to Curt Brunswick & back- 8 miles. **NBSLCH**

SUN. Sept. 20, 1908- Fine. Warm, sunny. South breeze. **My last Sunday before my marriage. I thought of the last Sunday before I went with a new life- college- in 1895, & how much more this will mean even that that.** Rev. McCarr of Albany preached for us this Am from Mark 10:26, "Astonishment at Christ," very good sermon. S.S. at noon. **Called on Montony's- for the last time as his old chum, unattached!** As I had planned, **then walked up to my favorite outlook beyond Burdett Ave. & thought of my previous walks & thought while there before.** Prayer meeting Com. 6:30; & at C.E. meeting. **[Love his reminiscence here, his thinking about a new life, his love for Lucretia. NBSLCH]**

MON. Sept. 21, 1908- Still pleasant & bright. South breeze, quite warm. **Lottie & Lew's anniversary- 26 years married.** **Lucretia's** letter- (came yesterday Am-) in first mail- list of recent presents received- now 40 in number. **Two years ago, in Auburn, I first met Lucretia. [See July 16 to try to put his statements together. NBSLCH]**

TUES. Sept. 22, 1908, **[Writt 9/29]-** Still **drought continues.** **This evening I packed the trunk I am to take to Lewiston. Lucretia's** letter in early mail. **NBSLCH**

WED. Sept. 23, 1908, **[Writt 9/29]-** Busy day this week getting things ready before leaving. **Lucretia's** letter in first mail again- **only one more to come from her. The great day is coming closer & closer.** **NBSLCH**

THUR. Sept. 24, 1908, **[Writt 9/29, To Lewiston]-** Clouded up some, but no rain yet. Mary Welch's wedding this Pm but I regretted on a/c my soon expected start to-night & **consequent pressure.** **Lucretia's** letter in first mail, **I thought the last to come from Lucretia Hayes- a very dear one- but in second mail another came!** Real warm, even hot. The **Raymond family** all left for **Lewiston-** three on Empire State Express, **Amy Sara & Alden** on Fast Mail. 2161-12th therefore closed up- **I had to use candle to pack grip (as gas shut off).** Had to hurry- as usual- to get ready thought had thought most everything **ready.** Took 9:30 Coach, on which were **Frank, Ralph & Alden.** Saw Black few moments on 10 Pm train; we four took 10:45 Pm- **& I was off to my wedding.** Saw Mr. Siebert (again) at Troy Hospital this noon. **NBSLCH**

FRI. Sept. 25, 1908, **[Writt 10/1, In Lewiston]-** Not a good sleep last night- woke at each stop. On time in **Buffalo** 6:20. Found Black there, Left him & the family & caught 6:30 train to **Lewiston** & at 7:00 **I reached my little bride, waiting for me at the station, & we are not to be separated now.** The **Raymond's** arrived Cornell House last night. **Lucretia** took breakfast with us. Afterward she & I went to Town Clerk & **got our marriage license-** a few errands- then to the house where met Bess Dean, one of the Bride Maids. **Father & Mother Hayes,** all the brothers & **Agnes** all here. After getting my trunk up, **Lucretia & I** spent rest of Am & first half of Pm **packing,** interrupted by **opening- arriving presents** & many distractions. By afternoon they got some **confetti in our trunk,** by strategy! About 4 went to Station & met **Black, Frank, Ralph, & Alden** had come meantime. Ushers, Mr. Fitch & rest of family gradually gathered & by 7:30 started last of party to the house for **supper & rehearsal-** (See Appendix) **[Friday, Sept. 25th Cont.] 24 persons there.** Refreshments handed to us seated in the parlor. Then **the rehearsal,** & it made tomorrow's ceremony so real & near. About 10:30 we were taken **back to hotel. I am on the eve of the great day. Four months is short when compared with the years of my life, yet it has been**

long. Been a very close day- rather overcast yet no rain. Dust is very, very thick on the roads. Part between house & village been sprinkled. Stars out as we drove back. Black & I are rooming together. It was 11:30 before I lay down for my last night as a bachelor. NBSLCH

SAT. Sept. 26, 1908, [Writt 10/1, In Lewiston-Buffalo]- Our Wedding day! & Lucretia's birthday. A month's drought & another pleasant day before rain. Fog & mist, or smoky early, but sun burned it away & was beautiful & real warm. Arthur arrived about 8:30 Am. Train from Buffalo about 10:15 brought many guests on special car. We dressed about 11 & were together up to home at 11:30. Ceremony little delayed a/c all guests not arrived from hotel. I waited in Roger's room, mostly alone. At 12:13 orchestra began Wedding March- Black soon rushed up for me, & I came out just as Lucretia came to head of landing- first I had seen her since last night. Down stairs the house was beautifully decorated, all doors & windows open & guests on all the wide porches as we went around outside to my place at north door of parlor. Dr. Fitch used the Presb. Book of Common Worship Marriage service we selected; it was simple & brief & very soon we were made man & wife; & I kissed Lucretia as Mrs. Sherry whom also I was (See Appendix) [Saturday, September 26, Cont] the last to Kiss, at the landings, as Lucretia Hayes. About 140 were present. Wedding breakfast was served immed. Afterward- eighteen being at Bride's table: Lu & I, Matron of honor, best man, six bridesmaids, six ushers, Mr. Britton & Miss Sage. Other guests served at small tables in other rooms or on porches, or on the lawn. It was beautiful around the summer home, so near the river. About three Lu & I went up-stairs. At 3:45 we left on automobile amid shower of confetti all the way to the road- strait to Niag. Falls. Had time to go on Canada side as far as Table Rock. Took train at the Falls at 5 P.M. for Buffalo; about 2 hours there, did errand or two, had supper at Iroquois Hotel & took 8 P.m. train east- having the State room on a through car for Adirondack Division. Warm & close evening. NBSLCH

SUN. Sept. 27, 1908, [Writt 10/1, to Twitchell Lake]- Train lost an hour in the night, so rose 5, in stead 4, & reached Big Moose Stat. 5:35 Am where Ms. Covey was, to meet us as arranged. Almost four months to the day we are back to the scene from engagement, married. Smelled smoke of forest fires on train. Serious ones have been North of this, & no rain yet. But not even a smell of smoke here. We reached Twitchell Lake Inn about 6:15 Am. & have the large cottage next hotel or West- (just next to cottage Hayes had last Spring but now occupied). Found we were both pretty tired after the strain especially of the last week, & did nothing at all all day except eat meals & rest. We established a family altar by our by our united worship this Am. Been real warm t-day; bright & pleasant, no signs yet of rain. South breeze. NBSLCH

MON. Sept. 28, 1908, [Writt 10/1, At Twitchell Lake]- Wind into North cooler; cloudy & towards evening- at last – after a month's drought in NY State began to rain! continued into the night, pouring part of the time. Still feeling tired & the reaction, & only rested. NBSLCH

TUES. Sept. 29, 1908, [Writt 10/1, At Twitchell Lake]- Cleared off fine this Am; West wind & air great; though did cloud up at times afterwards was quite a fine day. Letter writing & e at cottage; & at 11 went out on a little tramp, to South or Sunshine Pond (where we went for arbutus on a memorable walk last Spring)- took pictures. After dinner in cottage writing & c till 4 P.m. & realized beautiful afternoon was fast passing, Lu & I took out a canoe; found quite a West wind blowing up the lake & paddled vigorously, both on right side, to swing it around into wind- it seemed hardly one minute since we left dock when began to tip & in another instant over we went into the Lake. My! but the thought of our position! Mr Brown of ? standing near dock saw us at once, & came out in a boat to which we clung, as I pulled the

canoe, bottom up along; & we, like drowned rats ran to the cottage for dry clothes. Mr Brown recovered hats, mileage book &c floating; we both lost our glasses (Continued See Sep 28) (Sept 29, Cont) & I the Seal ring Lu gave me at our engagement. Lu laughed when she got in the water, while I was somewhat rattled. As we thought over all the circumstances: nearness to dock, Mr. Brown instantly seeing us tip over, my pocket book with all money left in cottage. Some old clothes on, we felt it providential to occur when & where it did & it might have been a great deal worse. Arthur & Frank's anniversary. NBSLCH

WED. Sept. 30, 1908, [Writt 10/4, At Twitchell Lake]- Fine day, Cool; Around cottage in Am, no ill effect seems to have been received by our tip over of yesterday. In Pm took row-boat (canoe continued for rest of this visit here!) went across lake & walked to Oswego Pond- about 1 mile & return- getting pretty view of a glen, & using compass when trail indistinct. Set on a log at edge of the pond awhile; rowed some on lake on our return to Twitchell; a cold fall evening, as night came on. NBSLCH

THUR. Oct 1, 1908, [Writt 10/4, At Twitchell Lake]- Cloudy; showered in Am. We walked to the Outlet between drops. In P.m. it settled for long & cold rain, so remained in cottage. I wrote up diary &c & Lu continued to write acknowledgements of presents, which proves a quite endless task. NBSLCH

FRI. Oct. 2, 1908, [Writt 10/11, At Twitchell Lake]- Then about 20 degrees early! Around cottage, writing &c in Am. Beautiful clear cool day. Northerly wind quite brisk. Right after lunch Lu & I started in rowboat on Twitchell & rowed (against quite a breeze) & beginning of trail leading to Birch Pond; then on to Lily-pad, not finding trail, went through woods by compass, but its only a short way. Here sat on a log & read number of letters, till sun waned in the West & was cool. Keeping still, when walked back to Birch by regular trail now discovered, & then to Twitchell & our boat & back to our cottage by 5 Pm. This evg. we invited Mr. & Mrs. Brown & Mr. & Mrs. Yarnall to our cottage. NBSLCH

SAT. Oct 3, 1908, [Writt 10/5, At Twitchell Lake]- Most beautiful! Cold early. We went over trail to Big Moose Lake this Am. The woods were perfectly beautiful with the sunbeams on the green contrasted with the silver of the back of birches &c. At shore of lake met the Browns & Yarnalls who had started before us; took mutual pictures, & canoe back together- 2 miles & return it is. Later part of Pm took row boat & dragged a little tying [?] to see if could hook any of the articles lost last Tuesday Pm. When we tipped over- no success. Then rowed up and around island & back to cottage about 5 Pm. NBSLCH

SUN. Oct 4, 1908, [Writt 10/5, At Twitchell Lake]- Quite warm; cloudy Am but pleasant, & sun broke out often. We took "Rational Living" over to Sunshine Pond & sat there on a log later part of morning reading it. Walked by a new trail-to-no-to Holmes' Camp on shore of Twitchell, then back to hotel & cottage along lake shore, where Lu & I had gone out last Spring to read this same book. About 4 Pm walked toward Outlet along lake shore, going on rocks at edge of water at the Outlet; then down the road a little way, then back to Cottage reading a little more. After supper finished looking over acceptances & regrets to the wedding & wrote picture postals to all the Bridal Party members. NBSLCH

MON. Oct 5, 1908, [Writt 10/13, At Twitchell Lake]- Beautiful day; with writing & fussing did not get started till about 11 Am- rowed to beginning of trail to Silver Lake- then on to Snake Pond, which was my first tramp here last May; then back past Silver with a fine reflection & reached hotel landing in 44 minutes from Snake Pond. The woods are beautiful in the bright sunlight, the bright greens of some of the trees & foliage, the silver of the birches & maples & the red & yellow of the foliage turned. Latter part of P.m. went out on Lake for last time before we leave, & made a complete circumnavigation, in the

grateful sunshine & the calm before the sunset with its deep reflections; it soon grew chilly as sun declined. Took all the evening packing up. NBSLCH

TUES. Oct 6, 1908, [Writt 10/13, Twitchell Lake-Troy-Williamstown]- Perfectly beautiful morning as we drove out to Big Moose Station- sorry to leave the charming place with its memories; took 10:10 train & at Utica, car put on Southwestern line & B&M train in waiting in Albany. Arrived Troy about 3:10. Arthur, Lottie & Lois at Station to see us during the 10 minutes stop- so short that do not feel like coming home yet. Left for Williamstown at 3:18. Bright sunshine all day. Arr Wmstown 4:56. The Matz brothers in train & bus, to Greylock Hotel- for first time & stop. Many alumni kept arriving in early evg- especially Alpha Delta; introduced number to Lucretia, whose first visit it is to Wmstown. Went about 9 to Alpha Delta Phi House to Introduction- 80 there, including representatives from other colleges. Harry Ludlow & wife arrived this Pm. He & I came back to hotel & bed about 12. Heard some serenading after that. NBSLCH

WED. Oct 7, 1908, [Writt 10/13, In Williamstown]- Perfect day for the Induction Exercises of President Harry A. Garfield. Everyone asti's [?] early. Found ticket to admit Lucretia to Induction in early mail. Got one for Alumni's dinner speaking priv'ly, so quite happy but she can't get in Chapel service. Alumni procession started about 9:30 & with guests & students completely filled Chapel; impressive service, & fine singing. There in procession to Cong Ch for formal Induction as Pres. of Williams College, happy response by Pres Wilson of Princeton, inaugural address by Garfield & honorary degrees to number of College presidents & others; 79 guests, including reps. of most colleges & universities of the country; Dignified service & able address of new Prest. Then Alumni dinner in Gym- as full or fuller than I ever saw it at Commencement- speaking began about 3- not over till 5. Showed Lu thro' Alpha Delta Phi House; then went to President's reception at the old house, lately much [?] (See Appx) [Wed., Oct 7. Cont] improved by interim changes After dinner we called on Prof. Russell- family & Prof. Goodrich; & finished a quite strenuous day. [He had mentioned this induction before, lots of pomp & ceremony. NBSLCH]

THUR. Oct 8, 1908, [Writt 10/13, Williamstown-Northampton]- Another beautiful day. About 10:30 took Lu driving to So. Winstown & return by Torrey's woods & Bee Hillroad- latter part even partly new to me- foliage is perfectly beautiful. Back to hotel about 12:45. After dinner & packing showed Lucretia number of college buildings, my Morgan Hall old room, Chapel. Haystack Monument & c & c & took bus at Spring St. & 3:49 Pm train last Changed at Greenfield & arr. Northampton about 5:45 (Hampton House). In evg. went to campus of Smith College & found Miss Bigelow at Observatory, then our Elm St to call on Mrs Kimball but did not see. Got off car at ? Hill & walked rest of way to hotel. NBSLCH

FRI. Oct 9, 1908, [Writt 10/13, Northampton-Northfield]- Up in time to attend Smith College Chapel where I was with over 1200 girls (1550 students this year). Then quite over the Campus & with many buildings; seeing where Lu roomed (Dickinson Hall) & buildings where her courses specialty were, including Plant House, & met Prof. Ganong's & got her college marks for the four years. Walked by Paradise Pond & thro' woods along the river; then to Elm St. & to call on Prof. Kimball & family, now in. Parked up, lunched at [blank], shopped a little & took 4:04 train for So. Vermont. Pleasant day, sunny early, but clouded in P.m. & was dark & smoky, especially as neared Northfield. Driven all over town for the other passengers in stage, then about 6 to cottage of Mr & Mrs Shafer, old friends of Lu, near Wanamatter Lake. Supper there with them & Mr. Shafer's brother & spent a pleasant evening. [Interesting that they showed each other their respective campuses on their honeymoon. NBSLCH]

SAT. Oct 10, 1908, [Writt 10/13, Northfield-Bethlehem, N.H.]- Another (& unexpectedly) bright morning. Attended chapel with the 450 girls at Northfield Sem. & Mr. Chafer conducted the exercises. Then driven to So. Vernon Stat. by his brother & took 10:40 train. All day following Connecticut river- the astuned [?] foliage at its best. High-chair-at-counter-while-train-waited-lunch at Bellows Falls. Into another car at White River Junc. & changed trains at Wills River.- an hour late here- Remembered my bike trip along part of this in 1897. Glorious sunset as train followed up the Ammonoosuc River, & changed at Wing Road. Arr. Beth. Junction about 6. Got man to drive us to Bethlehem- 3 miles. Turner House closed so went to Agassiz Hotel which reached 7. Sleepy evg. as tired after the strenuous week & tedious days trip. No mail for us, as hoped for here. [Remembered his bike trip, quite a trip, while he was in college. Love the reference to "high-chair-at-counter-while-train-waited-lunch. I recognize many of these places in New England. NBSLCH.]

SUN. Oct 11, 1908, [Writt 10/13, In Bethlehem]- Sun broke thru' clouds in A.m. often. Warm. Went to Cong. Ch where Rev. Mr. [blank] preached well from Acts 9: "Behold, Ye Prayeth." Walked little before dinner. Tired, & lay down after dinner & rested all Pm. Rained some, & settled into rainy evg. & windy. Did not go out again. NBSLCH

MON. Oct 12, 1908, [Writt 10/13, In Bethlehem]- 8 Am, 29 degrees- Much colder overnight- N.W. wind & sun trying to break through; by noon all cleared off beautifully- cloudlessly. After dinner Lu & I went by road & trail to top of Agassiz to the tower & wonderful panorama I remembered so well since '97. So cool (4 Pm) that could not stay long on tower. Marvelously clear, & fine views of the circle of mountains, some 60 to 70 miles away. Returned by Turners' trail to Bethlehem Street. This evg. arranged auto trip for Tuesday am. No mail for us here yet. NBSLCH

TUES. Oct 13, 1908, [Writt 10/13, Bethlehem-Fabyans]- Perfectly beautiful- cold- quite below freezing early; but warmed up considerably. At 8:35 Auto took Lu & I via Maplewood & State road past Profile House, the Lakes, thro' Franconia Notch, under the "Old Man of the Mountain", to the Flume. Mighty cold early but perfectly beautiful morning. After an hour there, ret'd through Franconia village, (remembering where I went over parts of this route in '97) & around to Bethlehem again- about 32 miles by 12 o'clock! Packed after dinner; at 4 were driven to Beth. Junc. & waited for train that was 1 ½ hours late to go ½ hour on it! to Fabyans, which reached at 7 Pm in stead 5:35 (Fabyan Cottage, as hotels are closed). No mail here for us. NBSLCH

WED. Oct 14, 1908, [Writt 11/17&18, Fabyans-Jackson]- Most beautiful day- perfect for the mountains. We left Fabyans on Maine Central train about 8:32- in full view of Presidential range; soon through Crawford Notch, & then the fine view from the train; & I thought of my bike trip thro' in '97. In an hour we reached Glen Station. Took hotel bus for Guy's [?] Inn, Jackson (where I've not before been) & were there by 10:15. Walked around the pretty little place, mostly hotels, settled around a circle; sat at the head of the falls in Wildcat River near by. After dinner drove 12 miles (& return) on east side of Presidential range where had never been. Past Mt Washington- to site of Glen House, only few ruins left. Such colors as in the vegetation we saw this P.m. not back to Grays Inn till about 7 o'clock. Some letters from Troy came this P.m. NBSLCH

THUR. Oct 15, 1908, [Writt 11/18, Jackson-Portland-Boston]- Still fine. Sorry to leave Jackson but hotel closes this Am. Took Maine Central train at Glen, via Portland- where arrived about 11:45 am. As could not get a chair car, decided to stay in Portland- till next train. Lucretia & I drove around city, & along harbor front with its pretty views. Took 3:20 train (B&M to Boston where arrived about 7. To Hotel

Lorraine. This evg. went out to call on Amy, but as late took cab after wasting some time hunting. Found her rather nearby after all- very pleasantly situated & happy in her Kindergarten course. NBSLCH

FRI. Oct 16, 1908, [Writt 11/18, Boston-Troy]- Fine. Left Boston 9:30 am- & along the familiar route of B&M Ry Hoosick Tunnel was particularly irritating. In Troy 3:18 & Arthur met us at Station. Lu & I went to the Caldwell a few minutes, then up to Arthur's house. The Raymonds all at dinner with us there. Arthur & I bicycled down to Prayer meeting, where many greeted me. We stayed at Arthur's t-night. Meeting of Session after the Preparatory lecture which was given by Dr. Hector Hall. [Interesting comment that a RR tunnel was "particularly irritating." NBSLCH]

SAT. Oct 17, 1908, [Writt 11/18]- Pleasant- warm. We came down early to Caldwell. Frank & Ralph helped to unpack & Lu & I began our meals in the Caldwell Restaurant with lunch. Beds about the only furniture in our apartment, but decided that we would stay here, beginning t-night. NBSLCH

SUN. Oct 18, 1908, [Writt 11/18]- Communion conducted by Rev. Hector Hall, talking on the Commandments helpfully. Lucretia in our seat in church for the first time- a day long foreseen. Lucretia concluded, as Dr. Sewall gone to Clifton same [?]- to arrival [?]. She would not present her Church letter, hoping Mrs. Sewall will be home for next Communion. S.S. at noon. Warm & pleasant, but we stayed in all Pm. C.E. Meeting, 6:45, then Lucretia & I went (to 1st Church where address on China by Rev & Mrs. Bible- a perfectly splendid one, so interesting. [Transferring her church membership from Buffalo to Troy here. NBSLCH]

MON. Oct 19, 1908, [Writt 11/24]- Business meeting of the C.E. Society this evg. Lucretia went with me. NBSLCH

TUES. Oct 20, 1908- Busy settling our apartment. NBSLCH

WED. Oct 21, 1908, [Writt 11/24]- A reception by S.S. to Lucretia in Church Parlor this evg. May came out & we received in line with the other S.S. officers. Members of Church & Congregation there. Choir there & sang together, or duets or solos. After awhile Harry Sherman started to speak & I then thought would have to reply; before Lu stopped he presents us with a beautiful set of Shakespeare; & then I had to respond for sure, without more than a moments chance to think. [He was not a fan of impromptu speaking! NBSLCH]

THUR. Oct 22, 1908, [Writt 11/24]- Hung pictures this evg. NBSLCH

FRI. Oct 23, 1908, [Writt 11/24]- Prayer meeting this evg- Dr. Hector Hall had charge Lu & I. [Hmmm, that is unusual, a charge! NBSLCH]

SAT. Oct 24, 1908, [Writt 11/24]- Lucretia's furniture (bedroom set) arrived from Buffalo & got it in apartment before night; this helps much. NBSLCH

SUN. Oct 25, 1908- South Wind- real mild; threatened rain, then sun would come out. Dr. Hector Hall preached for us on the Lord's Prayer- very suggestive. Sunday School at noon. Lucretia & I called on Raymonds this Pm; & on Sherrys on way down. C.E. meeting 6:40. Executive Com. met afterward. [So now they are calling on the Sherry's, where he was living before the wedding. NBSLCH]

MON. Oct 26, 1908- Rainy; quite hard in the evg. We went to Ingalls to dinner 6:30. Mrs Sewall also there, (& Dwight Marvin). Worked & amused ourselves on puzzle pictures- Lucretia played piano, for

first time in Troy. We have been married a month. [This may have been a piano in the Apartment cafeteria. NBSLCH]

TUES. Oct 27, 1908- Mild. Rained at various times though sunny P.m.- sudden shower in early evg- thunder & lightening. Candidate Taft in Troy this evg but did not go to see him. Piano of Lucretia, arrived from Buffalo. [That is the piano that ended up at 14 Lester Place, a big item to move! NBSLCH]

WED. Oct 28, 1908- Rained off & on all day- After these three days forest fires must be out. We needed rain so much. To supper at 2161-12th. Went up at 5:30. Spent evg. up packing clothes boxes &c to bring to Caldwell. NBSLCH

THUR. Oct 29, 1908- Unpleasant, cloudy. This evg we went again (8) to Raymonds, & finished packing things to be removed. NBSLCH

FRI. Oct 30, 1908- Prayer meeting this evg. Dr. Hall again there.

SAT. Oct 31, 1908- Election day draws near. Gov Hughes will campaign even up to Monday night, however.

SUN. Nov. 1, 1908- Cold-brisk NW wind. Dr. Riggs of Auburn Seminary preached a very fine sermon about Prayer & Christ's prayer life this Am from John 11:43. S.S. at noon. Lucretia took the S.S. class of five small boys who recently came up-stairs. About 4:29 Pm we went walking to Prospect Park. Wind strong up there- just about sunset went into see Julia Bush a few moments. Both went to C.E. meeting 6:40. No evening service. Lu played some anthems familiar to me on her piano this P.m. NBSLCH

MON. Nov. 2, 1908- Allen arrived from Cornell to vote for the first time. Lottie Lew & Allen called on us this evg. Lucretia has a cold, too- & we both went to Dr. Berry this noon. [Here the Sherry's calling on them. NBSLCH]

TUES. Nov. 3, 1908- Election Day- a beautiful one. I voted- in third Ward, for the first time about 11. Went up to see Mrs. Payne, & brought another small pkg from Raymonds down with me. Lucretia went to Griggs lecture with Mrs. Sewall- I went to Record office soon after 8. News that came indicated Tafts election from the first, Hughes ran behind him, but soon semmed [?] that he too had won. After 9, went for Lucretia & Mrs. Sewall; then Lu & I went to Record till 11. She met number of people there. Felt assured about Taft & Hughes too, before retired. [So they had a lot of their stuff stored at the Raymonds? Why not at the Sherrys? NBSLCH]

WED. Nov. 4, 1908- Rained in night; colder, N.W. wind- sun out in Pm. Taft & Hughes figures grow into great victory. The East has been sold for Republicanism; only the middle West has been strong for Bryan. Harry & Margery Ludlow took lunch with us. Arthur was in NY t-day.

THUR. Nov. 5, 1908- Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Jones called on us this evening. Arthur reports that all businessmen irrespective of party were pleased with result of election.

FRI. Nov. 6, 1908- Cloudy, cool. Preparing for Housekeeping- in part. Our colds better, but are very slow in wearing out. Met Mrs. Forbes this Am- Ralph's friend, who arrived at Arthur's yesterday. She & Ralph dined with us 6:20. I went to Prayer meeting 7:45 & returned to them at 9. NBSLCH

SAT. Nov. 7, 1908- Cloudy, but cleared in late Pm somewhat. Lu & I went to Albany 3 Pm local. Looked at furniture at Krueger's; then to Station & met Mother Hayes on "New Yorker" at 4:32; home by trolley.

SUN. Nov. 8, 1908- Rev. G.R. Lunn of Schenectady preached this Am from Mk 1:18-9,10 "The Kingdom that Cometh." S.S. at noon. Lottie & Lew came in late in Pm. Lu & I went to C.E. 6:40, "Echoes from the State Convention." Only week we took was to P.O. afterwards. Began getting our own breakfasts this Am. It seemed very nice. NBSLCH

MON. Nov. 9, 1908- Commenced gymnastics- felt need of it for some time. [Very interesting statement! NBSLCH]

TUES. Nov. 10, 1908- Attended Cast meeting of NY State Conference of Religions at First Ch this evg. One of the papers by Prof. Ladd of Yale. Mother Hayes & Lu went with me. NBSLCH

WED. Nov. 11, 1908- We entertained S.S. Teachers in our apartment this evg.- first meeting since June; about fourteen or fifteen here. NBSLCH

THUR. Nov. 12, 1908- First entertainment of YMCA course- reading by Katherine Ridgeway & her company.

FRI. Nov. 13, 1908- Prayer meeting, 7:45. Arthur led it. Subject "Filled with the Spirit." Dwight Marvin lunched with us this noon.

SAT. Nov. 14, 1908- Fine till clouded up late in Pm & a wet rain & snow fell. Franks tea for Lucretia 4 to 6 Many there. I went up after 6 to see the house, for a few minutes. [Tea for Lucretia? What's this? NBSLCH]

SUN. Nov. 15, 1908- Ground outside of city, quite white with snow of last night. Dr. Riggs of Auburn again preached for us- a fine sermon from Luke 12:14, Jesus was a specialist in religion. S.S. at noon. Lu, Mother & I called on the Raymonds on 4th St. where they are for a while, taking a "vacation". Then Lu & I walked up into Institute grounds. West wind blew cold & plenty of ice in road. C.E. 6:40. Got some reading done this evg- but sleepy this Pm when I tried it. [Auburn Seminary a source for guest preachers. These Raymonds must be the Buffalo Raymonds? 4th Street? Calling Jesus a "specialist in religion" is very weird. NBSLCH]

MON. Nov. 16, 1908- Our turn to receive calls begins. Mrs. Vary came in this evg to cook at the allired [?] desk. [I am not familiar with this matter of "receiving calls," I assume for church.]

TUES. Nov. 17, 1908, 7 Am 24 degrees- Bright & cold. Looking at rugs for some days & those brought in t-day seem to please well. Quite a snow flurry this Am. Lu & I called on the Wooldetts earl. this evg; Saw Mrs. & her mother Mrs. Lewis. NBSLCH

WED. Nov. 18, 1908- More snow this Am, melted as touched pavement. Mr & Mrs Birge called on us this evg. [The Birges are related to the Raymonds in Troy and Buffalo? NBSLC]

THUR. Nov. 19, 1908- Cloudy. Snowed for hour this Am, but melted as fell. Dash of rain in evg. Musical Art Soc. Assisted by Russian Symphony Orchestra of NY & a quartette of soloists gave an evening of Tchaikovsky Music at Music Hall. Mother Hayes, Frank & Lucretia went with me; I went home with Frank afterward. [First mention of the famous Music Hall in Troy, part of the bank downtown. NBSLCH]

FRI. Nov. 20, 1908- Cloudy. Arthur came in for a half hour before prayer meeting; which was a Union Service of 1st & 2nd Churches with ones addressed by Miss Rogers, Missionary from Fateyarte, India who spoke interestingly & searchingly. [She spoke "interestingly and searchingly"- hmmm!]

SAT. Nov. 21, 1908- Beautiful- cloudless. Wanted to be out of doors all day- but was not at all. [Why not?]

SUN. Nov. 22, 1908- Beautiful- mild. Rev. Dr. G.B. Stuart of Auburn Seminary preached for us, from John 9:38 "Lord, I believe," very good & helpful. S.S. at noon. Dr. Stuart lunch with us. Lu & I walked up on South St, then over 15th to call on Montonys; then to Aunt Cynthia's. C.E. meeting at 6:40 led by Marvin- Subject 'Nattitude.' [?] NBSLCH

MON. Nov. 23, 1908- Beautiful, mild. Chun [?] taken ill this P.m. in office. I went to Dr. Berry's office with him & missed Gym. Callers came in this evg- the Knowlson & Rosses. Mother Hayes went to New Haven via NY at 7:40 Am to return Wednesday.

TUES. Nov. 24, 1908- Still fine- even warm- streets sticky. Very foggy early. Father Hayes came on Empire State, & we met him at Station at 7:25. Not seen us since the wedding. NBSLCH

WED. Nov. 25, 1908- No rain yet- but very damp- pleasant, though cloudy [?] South wind. Mother Hayes returned, with Frank, from NY about 5 P.m. Roger came at 7:30 from New Haven. So the family all united again, except Harold & Agnes. [So Roger was attending Yale in New Haven]

THUR. Nov. 26, 1908- Thanksgiving Day. Sunshine in Am- Strong South-East wind blew last night & t-day. To Church at 2nd Pres. where 1st & ours united. Mr. Wyman preached most excellently & suggestively. Lucretia & I had the three families to dinner at the Caldwell this afternoon- 16 persons- Hayes. Raymond & Sherry. After dinner in our apartment a short family visit; & we told my family of our canoe upset at Twitchell this fall. Roger left for New Haven just after 6 Pm. Lu talked more of my going to Yale at the Junior festivities next Jan'y with her as chaperone for Roger. [Their first big family get-together on Thanksgiving! Chaperone? NBSLCH]

FRI. Nov. 27, 1908- Colder & quite a NW wind. About 10 Father & Mother Hayes, Frank, Lu & I went in carriage to Prospect Park for the view; then over 15th St. to Beman Park, called on Raymonds & visited Climbers Rest- first time I had been in the old home since we moved out 1 ½ years ago. Early lunch at 12- & Father & Mother left about 1 on trolley for Albany train & Buffalo. Frank left for NY about 1:00 Pm & Lu & I are together again, after a pleasant visiting & reunion time. Prayer meeting 7:45. After it, S.S. teachers met for business. [This pinpoints when the family left Climber's Rest, John's old mansion on the hill opposite RPI- so when did John buy it? NBSLCH]

SAT. Nov. 28, 1908- Fine, bright- beautiful. Lu & I took dinner (a second Thanksgiving) at Raymonds at 1:45. At 6 we went by trolley to Albany & at 7 dined at Jones- Rev & Mrs. C.G. Sewall the other guests, & I had a talk with Mr. S about Dr. Sewall who was taken to Philadelphia this week. He puts his restoration off till next June [?] [This does not make sense. These are the Sewalls he met in Philly? NBSLCH]

SUN. Nov. 29, 1908- Beautiful, mild. Dr. Stewart of Auburn again preached for us- from Acts 13:1-3.- how the Christian Church should work in the world of t-day- a good sermon. S.S. at noon. I took class Mrs. Chase has given up, which has been much on my mind recently. In P.m. Lu & I walked thro' Watervliet to Fairview Home hill [?]- back across B'dway for C.E. meeting at 6:40. [A long walk! NBSLCH]

MON. Nov. 30, 1908- Cloudy; sprinkled in Am. Strong South wind blew part of evg. Mr. & Mrs W.J. Kennedy were the evening callers.

TUES. Dec. 1, 1908, Pm 60 degrees!- At 2:00 went to Dr. Roarke by appointment & he operated in left side of nose; the supposed flesh adhesion contained bone too. Eight years ago he operated for me, more extensively than this. Went for few minutes back to office, then home to stay- & take things easily. Gave up lecture on Japan by Miss Todd, & rested all the evening; the reflex action of nerves made eye & face pain some. [What kind of a medical condition is this? This must be family surgeon.]

WED. Dec. 2, 1908, A.m. 24 degrees- Big drop in mercury. Snow squalls during the day- & in evg. one that lasted hour or two & covered ground. Lucretia & I called at Galushas, seeing only Mr.; then at Squires, & found only Mrs. Squires at home. [Two key contacts through the family business, Norman Squires and the Galushas NBSLCH]

THUR. Dec. 3, 1908- Snow on ground & on the hills t-day. Perfectly beautiful. Cold. Lucretia had picture taken in wedding dress & veil- the whole affair carried out with many obstacles. Sara attended her, & lunched with us. Worked on prayer meeting topic this evg- varied with sleepiness. NBSLCH

FRI. Dec. 4, 1908- Snowed some this Pm. – alte. a strong & cold S.E. wind all day. I was the leader of the Prayer Meeting t-night- & took as topic, "Fellow-workers with God," 1 Cor. 3:9, small attendance, an a/c the weather.

SAT. Dec. 5, 1908- Beautiful day- cold, Walked up on South St. late this evg & see about our wash [?].

SUN. Dec. 6, 1908, about 10 degrees early- Most beautiful- clear- cold. Prof. Hoyt of Auburn preached from John 4:35, Good sermon. To Dinner 1:30 at Galushas. Afterward we walked around Washington Park. On return (3:45) found regnest [?] to lead C.E. meeting to spend rest of Pm preparing- only to find that another had been asked too- meeting at 6:40. We had supper t-night in our apartment. Mr. & Mrs. Lansdale called on us this evening.

Mon. Dec. 7, 1908- Snowed in night & rained from early till Pm & turned it to slush. West wind in evg & soon colder. Mr. & Mrs Sybrandt called this evg.

TUES. Dec. 8, 1908, about 20 degrees- Fine. Colder & bracing air. Lucretia & I talked of future home & life this evg. NBSLCH

WED. Dec. 9, 1908- Mr. & Mrs Scofield called this evg.

THUR. Dec. 10, 1908- Went to Concert of Emil Sauer, Pianist at Assoc. Hall. Very enjoyable Cold.

FRI. Dec. 11, 1908- South wind, warmed up. Snowed off and on. Prayer meeting: "The Gospel in Isaiah." Sara's birthday today.

SAT. Dec.12, 1908- Dinner at 7 Pm Ludlows with Mr. & Mrs Lansdale as the other guests.

SUN. Dec. 13, 1908- Snowed from South most of PM. Rev. Prof Hoyt of Auburn again preached for us. Text Ezek 2:1. S.S. at noon. Choir came up to help on the carols. A busy hour & over for me with many details. Mrs. Sewall came up to supper in our apartment. C.E. at 6:40- Prof. Cox leader, Subject "Books that influence us & strengthen," Lu & I walked by P.O. & up to Grand St. afterward. NBSLCH

MON. Dec. 14, 1908- Fine, sunny. After lunch Dr. Becker changed plugs in my nose; then walked to Poestenkill, whose mother attempted suicide Sat. night, as I learned in prayer this Am- but none of family there. Lucretia ate dinner alone t-night for first time since our wedding; she went to a lecture to

Emma Willard School, & I to Waterford to Pres. Union. Topic "Religion & Medicine"; the Immanuel Movement". - & it was a very interesting meeting. NBSLCH

TUES. Dec. 15, 1908- Arthur went to G'wish this P.m. & found Foster was just in bankruptcy- large loss for us, to a sale of fancy articles at the Church early this evg. Rather mild. Been sleighing in the country, but must be poor t-day.

WED. Dec. 16, 1908- Pleasant. Rev. & Mrs Babesok & Dwight Marion called this evg.

THUR. Dec. 17, 1908- Cousin Belle & Charles Ward called this evg; we worked on home made X'mas presents too. NBSLCH

FRI. Dec. 18, 1908- Prayer meeting 7:45. Parable of Talents led by Mr. Ross. South East wind- some snow. Changed late Pm with West & blew hard in gusts.

SAT. Dec. 19, 1908- Mrs. Buell gave tea, & guests used our rooms too; Lucretia poured tea. Gardner at office & had conference with Arthur & I about Forest Pk Cemetary matters. NBSLCH

SUN. Dec. 20, 1908- Rev. Mclearr of Auburn preached for us, Matt 28:10; brief, but very good sermon on the prayer of the downright Christian life. S.S. at noon. This Pm Lu & I took car, called on Montonys; then walked up on ridge east of Burdett Av, where Lu & I had been together once before- last June- ; called on Arthur & Frank on way down then on Aunt Cynthias. Had to see Dr. Roarke about 6, as plug in nose bothered me; to C.E. later. After it Lu & I went by car, & took supper with Lansdales & spent rest of evg. there. (Check last June to see when and where this occurred. Here is another doctor, third mentioned. NBSLCH)

MON. Dec. 21, 1908- Fine-; warm, & ice in streets melted. Busy this evg, turning up Christmas packages. Lucretia & I thinking & talking of apartments & houses. Lottie is ill- some pleurisy, but not more serious. NBSLCH

TUES. Dec. 22, 1908, A.m. 24 degrees- Cold, pleasant. Finished tying up Christmas packages. Frank fell at 7th & Fulton this noon & broke her wrist (left)- on icy crossing. (Is Frank a woman?)

WED. Dec. 23, 1908, Grew cold- fine air. Choral Concert t-night- the Messiah; Frank could not go on her ticket, so Mrs. Halley came & went with Lu & I; a fine performance & I do not tire of its repetition. (Frank is a woman! NBSLCH]

THUR. Dec. 24, 1908, (Writt 12/28- To Buffalo)- Cloudy. Saw Dr. Roarke again & he put no new plug in my nose when taking out the old one. Left about 3 on trolley to Albany. Was to take 2nd Empire there, but found our seats were on 2nd section which proved to be 20 minutes later in leaving; engine worked poorly, a train was let to pass us & when left Utica were over hour late; this worked further delay & 1 ¾ hours later into Buffalo at 12:30 Am; reached the Hayes home about 1 am. We room at 530 Lafayette, across Ashland Ave. NBSLCH

FRI. Dec. 25, 1908, (In Buffalo)- Christmas Day- rather dark & cloudy, some rain. Lu & I called on the Harold Hayes about noon. Dinner at 536 Lafayette with all our branch of the Hayes family- light at table, had good family visit in Pm. Lu & I called on the Bishops about 6. Played "500" with the family in evg. NBSLCH

SAT. Dec. 26, 1908, (In Buffalo)- Lu & I were to Dr. Hinkel about noon- to examine her nose passages. To Tonawanda in Pm with Mother Hayes, Harold & Agnes & Lu- saw the Hobbies & All through their house, with its memories for Lu; & the relatives there- Late in evg. Harold & Frank went with us to the University Club; did not get away till after 12- Walked to Lafayette Av by 10 o'clock. Fourteen years ago my dear father left us. (She had nasal problems too...This a very touching memory of his Father John- when did he die? NBSLCH)

SUN. Dec. 27, 1908, (In Buffalo)- Blustery S.W. wind here; low-ery [?] To 1st Cong Ch 11 am Dr. Fitch preached. After Church Lu had quite a reception. Stayed to S.S. & sat with Men's class last part of hour. In Pm Lu & I called on Mrs. Davidson, her music teacher; on the Fitch's & Harold Hayes. Mother Hayes in bed all day; this evg. the family gathered in her room & Father Hayes read to us; Little Adelaide awake & there too- NBSLCH

MON Dec. 28, 1908, (In Buffalo)- Bright & pleasant. Into city, to Station; then called on Sears ('99) & Loran Lewis Jr. (Alpha Delta Phi). Met Lu at Dr. Hinkers; found nothing special to be done to her & glad. Some callers on Lu this P.m. & early evg. Final visit with the family & left at 8:45. Took 8:28 Fast Mail this evg for home. NBSLCH

TUES. Dec. 29, 1908, (Writt 1/1/09, To Troy)- In Albany 4:15 Am, Arose before 7 & in Troy (by trolley) before 8. Morgan in to see us about giving up & sub-letting his apartment; may mean our moving into it soon. S.S. X'mas Ent. 7:00 in Church, only carols, helped by Choir; then presents distributed. Then home & Lu & I got ready for the first Assembly, which we had decided to go to- there 10:45; stayed until nearly 1- a half hour after the supper. Letter from Carl Sewall about resignation of Dr. Sewall- as latter cannot recover for a year, it is thought. NBSLCH

WED. Dec. 30, 1908- Missed the Gym exercise, as Messrs Sherman & Ross came in about 5 & talked church matters over with Arthur & I in the back office.

THUR. Dec. 31, 1908- Pleasant; wind into West & colder. Bicycled around doing errands- streets quite clear of ice. This closing day brings to an end the year which brought me Lucretia & the great happiness long wished for- we have thought & talked of it t-night. Did not get to bed till new year had come. Miss Davis called this evg. NBSLCH

Note to try to sort out how Norman first met Lucretia, linking the Sherry's & Hayes together-

The timeline seems to be this, June 11, 1906, NBS attended the wedding of Chas. & Miss Raymond who lived in Lewiston, NY, near the Hayes' summer homes on Niagara River. That was their first meeting. The second meeting was June 18, 1907 at the wedding of Pliny Harold Hayes II to Agnes Adelaide Meyer held in Auburn, NY. They settled at 536 Lafayette Ave in Buffalo, where Norman & Lucretia had dinner after the "engagement luncheon" held at the home of Lucretia's best friend Julia Michael of Lockport, NY (July 7, 1908), where Chas. Raymond and his wife were present. Agnes on a June 11th, 1908, phone call with Norman on one of his trips to Buffalo reminded Norman of his first meeting Lucretia, now his fiancé. A Prof. Lowe whom Norman met at a Philly Men's Convention (Feb 12, 1908) knew Agnes well. So the link between the Sherry's and Hayes' seems to be the Raymond family, assuming the Lewiston Raymond's were related to the Troy Raymond's, where Lewis Wasson Raymond married John Sherry's daughter Charlotte Elizabeth Sherry on September 21, 1882, settling at 8 Tenth Street, although Lucretia on her first visit to Troy on June 24th, 1908, stayed with the Raymond's on 12th Street. On the other

hand, the connection could just as well have been through Agnes Meyer, who was obviously a good friend of Norman's. I have Lewis' father as George Raymond on my Ancestry.com Tree. The Lockport Raymond's stayed with the Birge's family on a vacation trip through Troy, and the Troy Raymond's left for Norman's September wedding for Lewiston, which does not establish a connection, but still this seems to be the best explanation. Norman's July 5, 1907 trip to Alaska on the Canadian Pacific RR figures into this, too, since he stopped in Buffalo and saw Niagara Falls on about July 15th, and probably saw Agnes & Harold, the Raymond's, and possibly Lucretia at that time, arriving back in Troy on August 2nd. Lucretia invited Norman to Twitchell on April 28th, 1908. He arrived there by train on May 18th and stayed until the 25th. It was on a hike lost in the woods that he proposed to her on the 18th, she accepted at the Twitchell Lake Inn the next morning. Norman showed Lucretia, Julia, and Dr. & Mrs. Hayes his Alaska pictures in their Inn cottage on the 19th. A beautiful love story unfolds at that point, Lucretia becoming Lu, her parents becoming Father & Mother Hayes, and letters exchanged daily, with five or six visits between Troy and Lewiston, NY. He immediately takes a train to NYC to order a diamond from the most prestigious Jeweler in America the morning after his return from Twitchell. The only "Black" I find in this Diary is President Cliff Black of that company, "Black, Star & Frost," with Norman later referring to his best man as "Black." It turns out that Mr. R. Clifford Black of NYC is listed as Norman's best man in the September 27, 1908, account of the Sherry-Hayes wedding in the *Buffalo Express*, so this hunch is correct. The Raymond connection introduced Norman to Agnes whom he may have had an interest in until her marriage where he met Lucretia for the second time. The curious diary entry on January 12th of this year, may refer to a vow to remain single the rest of his life, which his meetings with Buffalo gals challenged: "Been thinking many days about renewing efforts after nearly a year's exile; & longed for guidance." Then on January 17th he quipped: "Enjoyed seeing old friends- was with Freemans and Julia Bush; had my petition for release from 'exile' granted indifferently." Translated, he had decided to seek a marriage partner again; though he frequently pays visits to Julia, she is probably not the one. The absolute amazement and gratitude he expresses after his coming May engagement to Lucretia probably does answer to this "release" from exile, which had become a very sore point in his life. That is my "read" on what becomes a real intense love story in this 1908 Diary.