Clara Congdon’s Diary entries for 1911

About this transcription:

Clara Congdon kept a 5-year diary covering the years 1911-1915. At the top of each page in the diary the date (month and day) is printed. Below that each page is divided into 5 sections with 19__ at the top of each section. Clara filled in the year 11, 12, etc. In each section there are 5 lines to write on. If Clara had more to write than would fit in the 5 lines, she would squeeze some between the lines or turn the diary sideways and write across the page. When she did this it became particularly hard to read. [I counted the characters in one longer entry. It came to about 140, so basically she was recording a tweet a day.] I tried to use the same abbreviations and spellings she did. She used either a period, a dash or the edge of the page to separate phrases. I did the same, substituting a / (forward slash) for the edge of the page, when it seemed that some punctuation was needed. When I had trouble reading the names of places, I looked them up on a map and then used the correct spelling from the map. That is the only time I corrected her spelling. If I guessed at some letters I added a question mark in square brackets [?]. If there were several letters I couldn’t make out I used several ???’s, but always in square brackets. Any ?’s without square brackets are Clara’s. Also ( )’s are Clara’s. Clara later summarized her many diaries in another notebook which she referred to as a “chronology.” This document was transcribed years ago by someone else. It contains highlights from each year and repeats much of what is in the diary, but occasionally Clara added a bit of explanation in the chronology. When the chronology contained information not included in the diary, I added that in square brackets and in italics, stating that it came from the Chronology.

I highlighted in red when she mentions something relating specifically to Glensheen, entertaining at Glensheen or to items that might be found in the house—purchases, art, furniture, etc. I highlighted the place that she was or places they visited on that day in blue. I added links to more information about some things and people, when I could find it.

Inside the front cover of this diary she made a list of the servants working for them and the corresponding dates. I recorded that information. Then, I believe she started making notes for the Chronology. This part was particularly hard to read and I think it is repeated in the diary and also in the chronology, so I didn’t record it again.

Cecelia Riehl April 1, 2014
From inside front cover:

Servants

Mary - left Jan 1911 _ Essie 1911
   / _ Anna in laundry 1912 Jan/
Sigrid 1912. Mar. Ath. 1912 /_
Lottie[?] m[?] Apr. 27 1912- Ragda here awhile/
Lena Anderson May 2 1912 _ Annalie Cornelinson [?] /
May 8 & Anna left 27 - Rena came – June/
3 Sigrid left – Anna Swenson came/
Barney[?] in 1912 – Essie[? ?] Amelia[Ursula?] Nov 1[?]/
1913. Atherton – Rena – Sigrid – Anna/
Essie__ Mar. 1 Barney[?] left. Williamson came /
Ned (Johnson) Ellie left April 1914/_
Lottie[Gertie?] in[m?] Ap. 1912 Kenney in[m?] Ap. 1913 /_
Anna Peterson May 17- 1913 _ James – left June/
27 – Ann – parlor maid 1913_ Fred Wilson./
Will Shannon – Ap. 8 1914[?] Essie & Geo married/
Ap. 23 Etta Danielson laundress ____June 7/
Chas.[?] Harry May 12 – June 2 _ Anna Swenson m. May 14 /
Anna Thompson – Harrietta Olsen June 17[8?] - /
Alvelda Olson June 23rd[?] 1914- Anna Peterson/
left June 30. July 10 – Anna Bloore[?] /-
July 22 Atherton left- Leonard – {??????}/
engineer 1914. Frank – Aug. Florence left /
Harry French –[Came?] - houseman till Dec. 17 then/
Frank. ________ Then[?] Tom[?] - Sheppard Aug. 1915/
Tom left (fired) Nov. 1915/ New stove 1915- Arthur Lettergren came Nov. 28. 15- Library Chimney burns[?] out[?]//
JANUARY 1911

January 1 – Sunday

Mr. Dudley\(^1\) here. So many watching the year in and others out so much last week- all sleepy- Ned brought 3 to sleep here after Yale dinner- Mr. Sands staid. Chester left at 11 P.M. for St. Paul. 4 at church

January 2 Monday – about -10°

Busy mending & packing. Miss Hanson\(^2\) here half a day- Blustering & cold. Lakeside cars not running regularly early- Helen E & Alfred left on 3:30 train. Mr. Morehous called & I had supper to get for him & Mr. Sands (feverish & aching with cold) & Robert. Ned & M. at a dinner of Seth & Jessica at Clu[b?]?

January 3 – Tuesday (some say -30°) -22° here.

Staid in all day- Miss Hanson came- Keep her all night. Mary is to leave in a week- Says she is to be married. The Bridge Club met here. Mr. Sands left this A.M. better / Mrs. Gray left for N.Y. & Swarth[?]

January 4 – Wednesday – Snow in night 10° & up

M. & I went down town in electric. Not as bad weather as I expected.

January 5 – Thursday - -18° up

I went to the point to Mrs. Osborne’s about 3 had to leave early- Not bad weather- Chester came home this evening- Miss Hanson finishing up.

January 6

January 7

January 8 - Sunday – Blizzard

So stormy this A.M. no one went to church, but M. had sore throat and headache & lay on lounge all day. Got up about 6. & we with C. took 7 o-clock train for Chicago Soo road.[?]

January 9 – Monday

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\(^1\) Marjorie married Harry Dudley Dec. 31, 1917.

\(^2\) Seamstress
Chicago about 11. (Mrs. House on train last night) Went to Marshall Field’s (a hurried trip) & took 12:30 train to Chat. Via Nashville. M. feeling pretty well. Left C. to stay overnight in Chi.

January 10 – Tuesday – Mild- Fair


January 11- Wednesday – Mild

John took M. & me for long auto ride to Missionary Ridge & Chickamauga P. Wore furs but hardly needed them. John read to us this evening. Katherine very nice.

January 12 – Thursday

(Let fire out) Alice gave lunch today. Mrs. Mason Mrs. Barnes, Fletcher, Miss Barnes Mrs. Anderson. M’s birthday- Gave her pillowcases – little pillow.

January 13 – Friday – about 70°

Took lunch at the Patten[?] hotel. Mrs. Arnis[?] & Mrs. Anderson there. Others staid to ladies Aid, but John took M. Kath. & me for lovely auto ride up dry valley road to Daisy. Oratorical contest this evening- Pattens won

January 14 – Saturday – Cloudy- still warm

M’s lunch at club- Dinner at Fletchers’ Mrs. Patten gave lunch for young people- dinner gay. Sore throat.

January 15 – Sunday – Fair

First fire in dining room grate. To church/ Heard Fred B. Smith. Then dined with the Barnes family very pleasantly. Wrote some letters. Telegram from C. -10° in D.

January 16 – Monday – Furnace lighted again

Alice had Mrs. Perry with Alice Emeline and Miss Fisher, at lunch. John- M. & I down town about tickets etc. M. should have left today to reach Paris for Ella’s birthday. Not M’s fault.

January 17 – Tuesday – Rain
Mr. Mason- Mrs. Atlec called yesterday & Mrs. Anderson. Marjorie left on 10:30 train (late-11:30) We went to Mrs. Atlec’s lunch- Prof. & Mrs. Winder & Prof. & Mrs. Agnew called this evening- John & I leave via Cincinnati at 10:30 P.M. Headache all day.

January 18 – Wednesday – Snow again at Cincin.

A Mr. Thomas on train- delegate to “union of Methodists” meeting. John left me at Indianapolis. Headache dreadful. Reached Chicago 6. left 7 out of same depot. Soo Road.

January 19 – Thursday - sun[?] 0° snow [home]

(Telegram from M-arrived safe.) Arrived about 9:30- My telegram not delivered, but walked up to office & found auto. R. not well. up- but has been in bed two days. Feel pretty well.

January 20 – Friday 30°

Much milder- C. home this evening. Saw Mrs. Bummell about taking fur to Mme Prado. Is willing. Let R. go to dancing school

January 21 – Saturday -10°

Lake freezes – thin ice flows out. Took fur- Called at D. Home- Mrs. Kreidler far from well. Plenty of flowers these days.

January 22 – Sunday – about zero & lower

C. & I at church, then wrote letters at office. Ned dined with the Marshalls/ Kept R. home. Greenhouse lovely.

January 23 – Monday – Clear zero & upward-

Essie sick. Robert back in school. Chester left this evening for St. Paul/ Mrs. Heermans writes of Ruth’s engagement to Mr. Milton Bealy.

January 24 – Tuesday – Clear 25° & up

In spite of good ice on creek, R. skates somewhere else. Essie’s throat sore now. The kettle from Chattanooga by freight came today.

January 25 – Wednesday 32°

Working about house- linen room/ mending etc. Bad walking so do not go out & feel the lack of air.
January 26 – Thursday – Foggy- 32°
Bad going in auto. Was down after school with R. for skating show. Trying to sort out & place table linen. Essie at work again.

January 27 – Friday – Lovely- 30°
Freezing some. Anna washing curtains third floor & lunch cloths- Helped stretch them. Went to Miss - bee (devotional) at Mrs. Moore’s. C. home tonight.

January 28 – Saturday - -4°
Went to Barnard’s early- C. & I rode down in sleigh- very cold- Went to lunch at Mrs. F.L. Gibert’s- pleasant- Took Mrs. Jamar home & got auto stuck on 60th Av.

January 29 - Sunday – about 30°
Mr. Morehous & son-in-law McDonald were here at dinner. Lovely in Greenhouse. C. & I rode home in sleigh- windy.

January 30 – Monday – 10°
Chester left on afternoon train. I went down & got table scarf for Mary. Birthday. Mr. Field-(Thorvald or Beary) came this evening- with bad cold. Mrs. J.C. [Hunte?] died yesterday

January 31 – Tuesday – Fine. about 20° - 32°
Mr. Field better. In house all day but does not cough very much. Miss Shellenberger[^3] here. I was at Albert Lee’s with Ned five minutes. Mr. Bradley sick.

[^3]: Seamstress
FEBRUARY 1911

February 1 – Wednesday – Blizzard- 25°

Miss Shellenberger came, spite of storm Mr. Field leaves for Coleraine. Ned did not go today- Miss. meeting postponed. M. school this afternoon.

February 2 – Thursday – 0°

Had Miss S. stay overnight. Mr. F. did not go to Coleraine- staid with Geo. Suffel. Seems to dread cold. Ned goes this evening east. Using horses/except this evening.

February 3 – Friday 10° - 25°

A great deal of snow is on the ground. Went down town with sleigh- Atherton out every night for week or more. Not very pleasant. Had him [???] flowers-

February 4 – Saturday - Fair- Sunny – 0°

Marjorie’s room cleaned yesterday- C. came this A.M. Said he was glad to get here alive after auto ride. Thinks Rudolf may take vacation while snow is on.

February 5 – Sunday – Wind- 0° & up

C & I rode to church. Very cold coming home. Wrote letters in office. C. sent $[?]200 to Mary Wallis instead of loan for Europe trip. C. left tonight for St. P. tired. Black calla in bloom [from chronology: C.A.C. in St. Paul much of the time, member of Legislature.]

February 6 – Monday – Clear 18°- 28°

Miss S. here but had hard work getting through drifts which blew up overnight- Sent blankets to North Star Wool Mills to be cleaned- Going to call Mrs. Dickinson- They leave for Cal. Tomorrow.

February 7 – Tuesday – Snow 10°-18°

Miss S. stayed all night & will tonight/ R. gone a great deal. I did some shopping & got mail-bad going. Streets narrowed by snow. Got my electrophone back-left at needlecraft.

February 8 – Wednesday – Clear & still 4°

Went down town & to Miss Meetings/ Sent electrophone to be mended up-
February 9 – Thursday – 10°

A lovely afternoon. Went to Mrs. Florada’s. R. proposed to send flowers to Mary Baldwin who is very sick so we did. Miss S. stays every night.

February 10 – Friday – 0° & up

Very chilling this A.M. but warming this afternoon. Talked over M’s brunch[?] with Atherton found him very suggestive/ Was down to see Huofs[?] etc about it. C. comes tonight

February 11 – Saturday

C. home last night. Warren Moore at dinner- Miss S. left. Thinks Miss Ha

February 12 – Sunday Lovely early, cloudy at noon with some wind

C. & R. at church with me. At office after & wrote letters. Mr. Morehous came out about 3 and C was very busy all the time he was here- till nine[?]

February 13 – Monday - Fair – 20° - up

(Engaged Miss Peterson for Mar. 1) C. left on 3:30 train- Sent H’s birthday box but fear it did not leave town today. R. skating on lake. I went to an A.C.A. business meeting a short time.

February 14 – Tuesday – Soft snow wind 32-

A Blizzard morning, but not very thick- Staid in most of day- Went to Mrs. Florada’s before dinner- & with Margaret & Mr. Higgins to Hartley ball- Stay at hotel tonight-

February 15 – Wednesday some wind 32°

(M. gone to dinner at Kitchi Gammi- Jessica/ she[?] has headache-) Marjorie came this A.M. 8:25- & I met her from hotel- Also John came down- finished up errands for party- Tried to go to thimblebee- came back- too slippery

February 16 - Thursday – Cloudy- 32°

11 girls here- Worked hard over decorations- hope they look pretty to others- M’s head still bad.

February 17 – Friday – Cloudy- about 32°

Lunch at Mrs. Florada’s- very pleasant- C. came home this evening M. gone to Esther’s dinner.
February 18 – Saturday – Clear afternoon- 10°

February 19 – Sunday
Quiet day- All at church but R. Marjorie staid with Esther last night. Think Miss Hanson left for Cal. yesterday.

February 20 – Monday - 20° about
C. left on 9 A.M. train. Deaconess Home meeting this afternoon. M. & I bought silver basket for K. Richardson this A.M. Went down in auto. R. skating on lake.

February 21 – Tuesday – Windy & cold
Was down town early- to see about altering glasses which did not fit eyes well. Very windy- Ned writes he will come tomorrow.

February 22 – Wednesday Clear- windy- 12° up
Atherton was sick this A.M. Calls it Laryngitis & wants to go to St. P. Was out last night. Miss S. staid overnight. School holiday. Katrina Richardson’s wedding tonight. Went to thimble bee at Mrs. Merrill’s

February 23 – Thursday - 40°
The wedding was very pretty. I really thought Marjorie looked the best (of bridesmaids) on the whole. Ned came home- & went with me. The weather fine but roads bad. M. out all night at Esther’s

February 24 – Friday – 30° & up
Thaws a good deal every day- Too wet this afternoon for auto. C. home at 9:55 P.M. M. at Boys’ Club. We were shopping this A.M.

February 25 – Saturday 28° & up- cloudy
Miss S. not here today. Talked over flower garden with Kenny- M. away all day at Boys’ club. The play this evening was a success. R. at snow shoe party- Turle & all night with Warren.
February 26 – Sunday – Clear- 20°

We none of us went to church- I have felt a little “under the weather” lately. M. & R. to S.S. C. goes back to St. P. tonight.

February 27 – Monday –10° to 20°

Sigrid Peterson came soon after lunch. Explained her duties to her. Miss S. here- I called on Mrs. Hartley & girls- Mrs. Gilbert & Mrs. Peyton away. I go to St. P. tonight.

February 28 – Tuesday – Cold clear wind

I arrived comfortably- C. was in the lobby of the St. Paul- His cold is worse- I got him to see Dr. Davis- who says he has grip & his lungs have a good deal of thickening up- The pain is bronchial/ He is going to stay away from Capitol a while. I went to Mpls. but it was vacation at Boyd’s.

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4 Mme Boyd - dressmaker
MARCH 1911

March 1 – Wednesday – Sunny Cold

Did some shopping & ordered shirtwaists- C. is better. Pain leaving chest.

March 2 – Thursday – Warmer - some wind

(First boat of season yesterday saw no ice bet. Two Harbors & Duluth.[word order confusing here])

Went out to shop some- took lunch with May & Mrs. Morehous at Field & Schlicks / [?]
went to Orpheum with them. C. better. Left fox fur at Chas. Albrechts-

March 3 – Friday – Colder

Went into French’s store- did not accomplish much. We leave for home on 2:30 train.

March 4 – Saturday 6° to 25°

C. hard at work- everything quiet here. Annie White’s engagement to Mr. Gillette
announced. Atherton back.

March 5 – Sunday 23° – 35°

Snow last night. Auto broke ball bearing on way to church. Carriage came after me. C.
left on 3:30 train/ Does not feel very well- but Dr. Lynam thinks not serious

March 6 – Monday – Cloudy 28°

R’s vacation begins. Mr. Dudley at dinner- left about 9:30- Unusually talkative but would
say nothing about S. America.

March 7 – Tuesday – about 36°

Down town with M. this morning- starting at dressmaking- Lunch at Mrs. Hartley’s for
Miss Walker of Huntsville, Ala.

March 8 – Wednesday – Cloudy 35° - 45°

Wet. Does not freeze at night. M. busy packing- left on Soo road at 7. R. made her some
fudge. Ned at a dancing party.
March 9 – Thursday – Fair- 60° outside my window

Down town for R’s shoes- etc. & folding chairs. Very wet & bad in streets. C. home tonight bringing James Gilbert[?]/ C. much better. Mrs. Wanless, Florada, Tomp[?]son here to tea

March 10 – Friday – 32°

Ordered stocking through Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Anderson brought napkins done.

March 11 – Saturday – Fine

In all day- don’t seem to really accomplish much- Robert complaining tonight of sore throat.

March 12 – Sunday - Lovely 45°

Mr. Dudley at dinner. He leaves for S.A. in a few days. Senator Gum here at supper (a very light supper). Kept R. in bed all day- Seems to have cold.

March 13 – Monday – Bright- warm

R. up- but coughing & not feeling weak. Let Warren come this afternoon. Got carpenter to fix a few things & locked the storeroom in basement – Atherton mad / (looked at M’s bed)[?] [word order?]

March 14 – Tuesday – Partly cloudy- pleasant

Keeping R. home though he is not really sick. Ned gone to Virginia- C. goes to St. P. at 1:55.

March 15

March 16

March 17

March 18 – Saturday – 32°

Mrs. David came with l[?]aces. Sent flowers to Mrs. Whyte & to the hospital. Mrs. Shurick called up. Was at Palme’s office [but?] most of day here-
March 19 – Sunday – Fine- 34°

To church- Ned came home. Mrs. Shurick called with sudden hard luck story- gave her 30-

March 20 – Monday – Clear- 45°

D. Home meeting- Started the order for E’s pin etc

March 21 – Tuesday

Left at 1:55 with C. for St. Paul. Have seen no more of Mrs. Shurick

March 22 – Wednesday – Fair-

Went to Minneapolis & arranged about suits at Boyd’s- Mrs. B. on crutches. Wrote M. & sent samples. Was at French’s store. C. left this evening for Chicago

March 23 – Thursday – Warm

Tried on waists- shopped a little/ went to Minneapolis – met Mrs. Munro & lunched with her at Handicraft Guild. She had appendicitis in N. O. Tried on at Boyd’s

March 24 – Friday – Fair- 50° wind

Elisabeth arrived at nine this A.M. with C. We went to tailor’s dentists etc this afternoon I came home last night on Soo [?] line.

March 25 – Saturday – Cold

Mostly clothes.

March 26 – Sunday – Fair-rain-wind

R. looked so pale at breakfast, I had him stay home all day- but he felt much better at noon- We went out in rain & wind- late C. took 3:30 to St. P.

March 27 – Monday – Cloudy-wet

May Jeffery came this afternoon & we had tea – R. had Dwight Sanford. Mrs. Wilson brought stockings- E. & I down town this afternoon. Packed & sent Helen’s box.

March 28 – Tuesday – Dark & cloudy

May Jeffery here to tea this afternoon/ Robert & R. Tinkenstand[?] also – Robert Dwight Sanford also.
March 29 – Wednesday – Snowy all day

May Jeffery took dinner with us today- & Edward Bannister appeared after dinner last night- Going to Coleraine today to pack up & move to Yakima (Mrs. Lungsten[?] sewing[?] here.)

March 30 – Thursday – sunny 32°

Snow going off fast. E. & I [?ing?] hats & dressmaking. R. came home at noon with pain in stomach & I put him to bed- Think now it was indigestion. Enjoyed his fire. Tea in his room.

March 31 – Friday – Sunny- 25°-32°

Down town to try on & E. at Barnard’s- Wrote to Mrs. Hinckley- M- Miss Cooke etc. Feel anxious about E’s health. Chester comes tonight- R. all right.
APRIL 1911

April 1 – Saturday – Sunny – 3° last night

E. at lunch at May Jeffery’s & to Orpheum- Was[?] there last night awhile too. My waists came from Ringold’s. Brought home tea set - Italian/ Bad headache. Lottie fussing because I said we used too much coffee-

April 2 – Sunday – sunny- windy

Robert Noyes here for the day, also E. Bannister. Bob Congdon burned with winds- A Dr. Patterson of Madison preached- good sermon. C. left for St. P. on 3:30 train.

April 3 – Monday –

Ed. Left on 8:15 A.M. He nearly worked himself to death packing up.

April 4 – Snow last night

Busy as usual - dressmaker & dentist- M. Kantoos showed embroideries this aft. I bought some.

April 5 – Wednesday – Fair- 26° - 34°

Busy with E’s packing- She went to dentists for 11th time. We had about two hours to spare after work was done & trunk gone. She gets well but says her leg aches- knee- R. & I went to church to supper. E left 6:15

April 6 – Thursday – Fair- 20° up

To Barnard’s a little while- Took ring measure to Bagley’s. Went to see a washing machine this afternoon & called at the D.H. (Mrs. Kreidler) & on Mrs. Krentzer (not in)

April 7 – Friday – about 32°

Down to Miss Lambert- Dr. Rice called this afternoon about the D.H. Telegram from E. saying she arrived safe & Rennie was on train. C. home 9:55-

April 8 – Saturday – Cloudy

Quiet & busy- in all day-

April 9 – Sunday

Palm Sunday. C. goes tonight to St. Paul & I go with him. All at church this A.M.
April 10 – Monday – Fair

Morning at Historical Library- Afternoon at Mme. Boyd’s- Met Miss Geggie on street-

April 11 – Tuesday – Fair

Morning at Historical library– Lunch with C. Mr. Paige there yesterday- Saw Miss Laintor & was in store. [She?] arrived Thursday from England

April 12 – Wednesday – Slight rain day- Storm at night

Made calls on Mrs. McDavitt (out) May & Grace- Mrs. Fairchild & family and Mrs. Snydam- C. out late every night I see him breakfast & dinner.

April 13 – Thursday – Windy

Went once more to Hist. Library. Called after. on Mrs. Palmer.

April 14 – Friday – 32 & up

Chester & I came home on Great Northern & I went right to Dr. Barnards- then home-
All right- Place raked & neat-looking spring like- bulbs coming up. French’s men at work.

April 15 – Saturday – Fine

Left flowers at 12 places this afternoon. & went to Lambert’s- also paid Mrs. Weston 20 of the 23.50 M owed her. Ned brought Bob Noyes & Mr. Field to dinner.

April 16 – Sunday-Easter – Fine- slightly hazy – 23°- 50°

C.R. & I went to church- large congregation- Mr. Noyes left before breakfast/ Mr. Field stays till tomorrow. C. left on 11 P.M. train- Mr. & Mrs. Morehous called. Alfred’s birthday flowers

April 17 – Monday – Fair

Deaconess Home meeting & business all the afternoon- They seem to think the Home is deceased, as a home.

April 18 – Tuesday - 40° a little rain

The man in charge of work in the hall (wood) is Mr. Pagle- Lunched at Mrs. Florada’s after a fitting at Miss Lambert’s. The new runabout is here. [Small Pierce [I think this note must have been added later.]]
April 19 – Wednesday – 40° rain

Dinner at Men’s League- got Ned to go & we sat at Dr. Gillies’ table, so had to stay through his speech (a good one) & could not leave to meet C. on 9:55 train. He took street car. Ned did not enjoy the evening.

April 20 – Thursday –

Sent E’s box to her with dress & the turquoise pin & ring.

April 21 – Friday – Chilly riding but lovely weather

C. & Ned left 6:15 for Bisbee etc. Mr. French here at lunch. Robt had Irving & Warren to dine etc. Showed them his radiometer pictures. I tried to To dress maker’s this morning.

April 22 – Lovely- 32° - 50

It was today that Irving & Warren dined here- I went to make a few calls- everybody out. Mrs. Smith’s maid would not come to door. Dressmaker’s this A.M.

April 23 – Sunday – Sunny- lovely- about 55[?]°

R. & I to church- R. really enjoyed sermon- Quiet day- walked on beach- The lake the lowest ever- Wrote 6 letters (one to Mrs. Hulst)

April 24 – Monday – 32°

Another lovely morning. R. out on Dexter. Down town – dressmaker etc. After noon took Mrs. Wanless in Auto to New Duluth- boulevard extension first. Roads good-)

April 25 – Tuesday – Lovely- 52°

Sewing. Must go out this afternoon/ Saw Mrs. Morehous She has been having grip- I judge.

April 26 – Wednesday – Fair 50°

Sewed hard- so foolish. Went this afternoon to thimble bee at Mrs. Morton’s[?] Very pleasant-

April 27 – Thursday – Fair morn.

Wrote Mrs. Shurick before breakfast. Went down town errands & then to Lodge, a short call- Afternoon took Mrs. Morehous out cemetery road.
April 28 – Friday – Showery- but little

Headache- Opened E’s present- little pins, Ruffling came from Mary.

April 29 – Saturday – Cloudy- 45° ?

A pleasant day except that I have sharp neuralgic headache on left side. R. & Rudolf have taken the 2 Moores & Eugene Rice to Sucker river for day. Called on Mrs. Sebenius- Dinner at H.M. Bradley’s (Mrs. Dickinson called)

April 30 – Sunday – Cloudy- rain last night & this A.M.

To church with R. He is very good lately about going. Had Mr. & Mrs. Morehous to dinner. She really seems rather weak & sick.
MAY 1911

May 1 – Monday – clear- windy 40°

Fountain playing. Down town on errands- At Deaconess Home etc- Helen’s table fixings for my birthday, hdk. from Bertha & letters came. Frosty last night.

May 2 – Tuesday

Feel worried about Atherton’s evenings out etc.

May 3 – 50°+

Marjorie home on 7 P.M. train. Looks well. has cure for headaches- Mrs. Gray here at lunch-

May 4 – Thursday – warm- 70°

Physick[ing?] horses- so I took auto to make calls on Mrs. Ensign[?] etc Craig & Green[?]. Saw woman who canes chairs- across 3rd Av. From Pres. church- upstairs- yellow house.

May 5 – Friday – Fair

Assembly tonight- M. went with Maurice d’A- She took Julia Hunter & her friend Miss Johnson to ride this afternoon. Mrs. Gray’s birthday- Gave her thimble & flowers

May 6 – Saturday – Wind-Fair- smoky-

The brush[?] fires around Fond du Lac & Pike Lake make heavy smoke. Much alarm for cottagers. M. out all day

May 7 – Sunday – A shower 70°

To church. Hear Mrs. Morehous has been having [crysipelas?] – is better- Men work Sundays at boat house/ Death of Mrs. Clelland in paper

May 8 – Monday – Fair 46° & up

Mrs. Dickinson coming to spend day. Later- She staid till about 5. & we rode out through Lester Park etc for an hour. Called on Mrs. Moore after dinner.

May 9 – Tuesday – Cloudy

Man (Mr. Pagle) doing the sun room. M. & I bought hats- She & Julia went up to Mrs. Cluzinsky’s (their protégés) I called at Miss Shellenberger’s.
May 10 – Wednesday – Rain & thunderstorm last night – 45°

M & I walked for an hour this A.M. & then inspected the garden- Things look very well indeed- Maurice d’Autremont & Fred Ruck called

May 11 – Thursday – Cloudy- thunderstorm last nt.

M. & I downtown this A.M.- Nap this afternoon- nothing much doing. Mrs. Dickinson leaves for East.

May 12 – Friday – Fair

Carroll Steele came out on Ashley’s Motorcycle- a short call.

May 13 – Saturday – lighting last night rain

The days are rather pleasant- rain at night- Tulips out. Down town this A.M. Scrimmage among servants because of unanswered bell last night. Good thing?

May 14 – Sunday- Steady rain at 7 A.M. Fair- Thunder night 50°

We went to church- Very uneventful day- R. sleeps in my bed tonight on account of lightning.

May 15 – Monday – 55° Cloudy- rain last night

Deaconess Home meeting & a tea at Mrs. Wylie’s. She announced Maes[?] engagement to Mr. Bostwick.

May 16 – Tuesday – Rains at night – 60°

Going with M. to Mme Boyd’s- Later- Man wandering around grounds in front coatless & hatless & in his stocking feet. (probably drunk) trying to “go to bed.” We telephoned to police station & Rudolf brought up policeman.

May 17 – Wednesday – in Minneapolis- hot

We arrived home on 7 P.M. train/ so glad to cool off & be comfortable. Got on pretty well with our fittings. The intruder last night taken by policeman. without trou??

May 18 – Thursday – Rain last night & lightning

Got R. to go with me to Prayer meeting. Great excitement today was announcement of engagement of Helen Ostram & Seth Marshall- Everyone surprised, even Mrs. Paine for whom ostensibly, tea was given
May 19 – Friday – Warm Thunder & l. in night

So pleasant M. rode after dinner & took the Morehouses. R. at Boys WMCA banquet very fine. I went little while to district miss meeting. Miss Listman here this A.M.

May 20 – Saturday – Lovely- about 70°

Sent auto to take deaconess & their visitors including Mrs. Cotton Mather, to ride. M. busy with juvenile court & Boys Club. R. picknicking with the Moores.

May 21 – Sunday – Lovely

To church After dinner had Rudolf take us to cemetery with some flowers for John’s grave. Took car to Congdon Park & walked down- Beautiful.

May 22 – Monday – Rainy

Went to meeting at Y.W.C.A. to plan for musicale Friday- The cherries & service berries are out & lilacs beginning to open in Woodland & warm places- Plenty of water in streams

May 23 – Tuesday – Rainy

May 24 – Wednesday – Cloudy-rainy

Chester & Ned came on 7 P.M. train. M & I took lunch at the McKay with Mrs. Gray.

May 25 – Thursday – Fair

Am getting things in shape for tomorrow- Takes time.

May 26 – Friday – Fair 2 showers

(Y.W.C.A.) Got pretty comfortably ready for the musicale. About 211 here- Seemed to enjoy it- If anything program short/ The showers wet two people & kept some in.

May 27 – Saturday – Rather threatening but warm

Mr. Field came this evening. M. & I went to Apple Blossom Festival at the Ron Hunter’s. It was so pretty I took C. after dinner. Mr. & Mrs. Buck came home with us.

5 John Adgate Congdon b. 5-21-1891 d. 5-19-1893
May 28 – Sunday – Lovely

To church except R. His neck is bad with boils. Lovely outdoors this afternoon/ All out- 
& calls from Mr. Adams & Mr. Marshall & friend outdoors.

May 29 – Monday – Fair

It would have been pleasant to ride- but we had other things to do. Mr. Field left this
A.M. Mary writes Mrs. Buckman Sr. died recently. Also Irving Newcombe

May 30 – Tuesday – Rain- cold about 48°

R. went to picnic with the Moores- but they came back when rain began. Rest of us in- I 
worked most of day in store room etc.

May 31 – Wednesday – Fair warmer

Mrs. Paull’s tea for Mrs. Everhardt & Miss Hegardt. Then Mrs. Moore’s for Lucy 
McClure. Mrs. Lundsten here- Essie asked to have her stay overnight & sleep in [?]’s 
room. She is to sleep in Essie’s room

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6 CBC’s sister Bertha married Elmer Buckman, lived in Wilkes Barre, Kingston, PA.
7 Robert Congdon married Dorothy Moore in about 1922
JUNE 1911

June 1 – Thursday – Fair- 28°

Seems very warm. Got Mrs. Sager into St. Luke’s hospital. Dr. Tuohy attending. She felt so bad, was glad to go. C. went to St. Paul.

June 2 – Friday – Cloudy


June 3 – Saturday – Cloudy- about 50°

The NorthWest steamer burned in Buffalo. I’ve been in all day- M. at 2 of concerts of Spring festival- Lightning tonight.

June 4 – Sunday – Cloudy- Chilly- Fair

Rudolf away so used horses- seems cold- Mr. & Mrs. Morehous here from about 4 to 8:30/ Azealeas blooming out doors. Many cherry trees in blossom.

June 5 – Monday – 60° Cloudy

Mrs. S. T. [?] Harrison died yesterday. Miss Gustafson (dressmaker) failed to come this A.M. Chester starts east tonight. Lucy McClure here for tennis & lunch.

June 6 – Tuesday – Fine

Miss Gustafson here, tho’ late.

June 7 – Wednesday – Lovely- warm- then cool

Saw Mrs. Sager & bought a present (picture S. Paul Venice) for the Fee- Elstons. Mr. Goodhue (architect) here at lunch yesterday Miss G. staid late & finished M’s dress- Does well- (A[^?]llen[^?] & Cuyenehope[^?] for dinner)

June 8 – Thursday – 50° & up Fair- rain last night

June 9 – Friday – Chicago Warm

Arrived Soo road. 9 A.M. Left Mich Central 10:30 Breakfast at Blackstone/ Have written 3 letters- Very warm on train- Julia’s car leaves us tonight.

June 10 – Saturday – Po’keepsie Very warm.

We three arrived about 11[?] A.M. & Helen met us. Lunched with her at Woman’s Exchange, opp. Nelson House & she staid awhile. Afternoon we went to Coll. Rained so T[F?]ree Ex were postponed. (Found Chester at hotel on return in evening)

June 11 – Sunday – Warm

Baccalaureate- We all went- scattered seats- I could not see well but saw Helen. Met a number of people. Dined with H. at Inn/ walked about- supped on Sunset Hill. Went to souf[?] hour[?] at chapel

June 12 – Monday – More or less rainy- warm

Bertha & Alice arrived bet. 8 & 9 P.M. in violent thunder storm With auto we went about & got them to cottage. Today we called & saw Club house Mrs. Taylor’s reception & Helen- & May day dance- class parades etc.

June 13 – Tuesday - Thunder storms every night.

So wet they thought Class Day ex. would have to be indoors- but after all it was pleasant enough to have them out- Very pretty Helen always looks pretty. None of us at reception- Poured during dinner/ Harry Heermans here. John & Alice came. Rode this A.M. & lunch at N[?]. Side tea rooms.

June 14 – Wednesday – Fair- (1 shower)

We all went to the Chapel about 10 to graduating exercises. Scattered seats Mrs. Chambers by me. Very pretty scene- gowns etc. John made rhymes about Helen for “the family”. Visited together this afternoon. Took 6:15 train for N.Y. Separated then

June 15 – Thursday – Boston – Cloudy- Cool

(We four )Arrived 7:15 about- After breakfast Marjorie went to Wellesley to L.K.D. reunion. R. & I did shopping & R. found laces[?] for me- very good at it.

June 16 – Friday – Boston- Cool- Showery

Helen came while I was dressing, took a nap first thing. Kit Hammer & Eleanor Remy were here at lunch. We leave H. at hotel for good night’s rest & take 7:55 train.
June 17 – Saturday – **Buffalo** 10:30 Warm

Lunched at **Iroquois**- Took **Octorara** at 2- The Adams family on board- Good boat. **Erie** this evening- walked up town got books & films.

June 18 – Sunday – Beautifully calm- warm

A very quiet day. At **Cleveland** 7 hours. Went ashore & tried to telephone the Warwells, no answer. Fog when we entered port- Left at 2-

June 19 – Monday – Fair- cooler

At **Detroit** this A.M. but none of us went ashore- Interesting & warm in St. Clair flats & river- **Lake Huron** calm too. Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Campbell on at Detroit.

June 20 – Tuesday – Lovely- slightly hazy

At **Mackinac** late. Had ride of 1 hour or so before leaving at 11- Wrote to Mary & Mrs. Hinckley. Will mail at the Soo. Later- Walked at **Soo**- R. could not take picture. Too dark in locks Not another steamer in sight.

June 21 – Wednesday – Still warm & fair

At **Marquette** about 8- staid longer than schedule time. Arrived late at **Houghton**- Very warm in Portage Entry- Left there after six- Mild evening.

June 22 – Thursday – **Home** – 60°

Arrived after seven- So warm on water & calm- Helped the Adams family over to the depot- They dreaded the hot ride to Fergus, but a cool breeze met us as we turned home- House & grounds lovely.

June 23 – Friday –

All feeling well after a good sleep- Called on Mrs. Richardson yesterday at Mrs. Britts. She is up for the Elston-Fee wedding.

June 24 – Saturday – Variable- 45° up

**Mr. French came**- said it was 98° in Minnepl’s this morn- & a cloudburst.

June 25 – Sunday – **Rain**- clearing

Changeable weather. We went to church tho’ late, because of rain.
June 26 – Monday – Rain- Warm

Called on Mrs. Steele. Saw Dr. Mr. French left. He had two good sleeps anyway.

June 27 – Tuesday – Cloudy- pleasant this evening. N. W. wind

R. on picnic with the Moores- Rice’s etc. & E out at dinner- Also C. Called at St. Lukes to see Mrs. Sager & with Miss Trimble to see Mrs. Johns- also saw Dr. Boyer. Saw Chicago boat[?] Minnesota, come in.

June 28 - Wednesday – Fair- cold. Wind

Went to Thimble bee at Mrs. Watterworths/ C. went to Negaunee. Took E. to Dr. Mary McCoy. She says the summer will be none too long to cure E.

June 29 – Thursday – Cloudy- some rain- 45°

Had little furnace fire. Dull sort of day- E. out at lunch- Got Miss McKenzie to make waist for me.

June 30 – Friday – Fair- wind 50°

Chester returned but was on the Alvina for lunch & Com. Club at dinner
JULY 1911

July 1 – Saturday

Walter came at about nine A.M. Looks well & is very cheerful. Enjoys home. We rode a little between five & six & found it hot on the hill but cool down here.

July 2 – Sunday Very warm- 95°

W. went to church- but hated to. We rode a little after & he called on Mrs. Morehouse-then took Jessie to Fond du Lac in auto about 4- & spent evening with her till 11:30. Rained this evening.

July 3 – Monday – Hot- P.M. 87° or 92°

Tea this afternoon for Mrs. Steele & Mrs. Richardson- about 16 or 18 here in spite of heat- & seemed to have a fairly good time. Mrs. Bywater came. Walter left 6:15 P.M. M. & Ned came 9 A.M.

July 4 – Tuesday – Hard rain early- again at night- Cooler

A disappointing day for most people- We scattered. Three at Country Club for dinner. R. had Irving & Warren to supper on subway. I made coffee for them- C. & self on play room [crane?] 

July 5 – Wednesday - not hot. Fair – rain this eve-

Met E. down town to try linen suit. Mr. & Mrs. Turle called this evening- dropped in/ E & Ned at Wolvin dance- Country Club. M. at Irma’s all night.

July 6 – Thursday – Lovely

Saw Dr. Tuohy & Mrs. Sager. He thinks her a little improved. Tried the baking treatment buy she thinks it makes her worse. Hazel[?] Mitchell telephoned last night to ask for change of doctors.

July 7 – Friday

July 8 – Saturday – Lovely day

Saw Mrs. Sager this A.M. She was sitting up & cried with weakness.

July 9 – Sunday – Very warm

Helen arrived safe & sound- some of us went to church- a quiet day reading on West porch.
July 10 – Monday

Saw Dr. Tuohy again. He thinks best to let Mrs. Sager go home for a while at least & have visiting nurse. She never is encouraged.

July 11 – Tuesday

July 12 – Wednesday

July 13 – Thursday – Fair & warm

Called on Mrs. Peyton as there was some doubt about invitation to her tea. Lunched at the Lelands’ very pleasantly. Hard headache- At dentist’s this A.M. Fire at G.P.C’s store[?]

July 14 – Friday – Lovely warm

Miss Hanson finishes. Mr. Paige at lunch. Also Jessica. I called on Mrs. B- & Mrs. Staples & went to tea at Mrs. Peyton’s for Miss Brown- then to tea at Mrs. Florada’s

July 15 – Saturday - Showery- warm

Slept late- [?rvas? cross?] Head still aches- Went to Dr. Lum for glasses- H. has Harriet & Susan Stryker & Katherine Hunter here.

July 16 – Sunday – Cooler Fair

I did not go to church- Worked on D.H. report. C. went to Minp’l’s yesterday & returned today. H. & I took a walk in Park before dinner. Ned & Elis at Frank Paine’s to supper

July 17 – Monday – Fair- 50 & up

It is hot in the sun but rather windy/ told Dr. Tuohy that Mrs. S. wanted Dr. Boyer. She has been at Hazel’s several days/ Miss Weller goes every day- Mrs. Leland & Ray, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Steele & Helen at lunch/ (D.H. meeting)

July 18 – Tuesday – cloudy 60°

Mr. & Mrs. Morell at lunch after C. gave them a ride. First time I’ve met her. Tried to resign as treasurer yesterday, but they wanted me to put it off.

July 19 – Wednesday – Fair- 60° light shower

Saw Mrs. Sager- called at D. Home- Mrs. Kreidler there. Tea at Mrs. Spellman’s- Calls this eve from Mr. & Mrs. Billson- Mrs. Staples, Mr. & Mrs. Peyton & Mrs. Brown- Mr. & Mrs. Morehous, C. out at law banquet
July 20 – Thursday – Cloudy- some wind

Not a very auspicious day for Carnival opening but not very bad. Julia Lovejoy here. I took Mrs. Robinson for auto ride this afternoon. Mr. French came at 7 & we went to Boat club. Took 11:10 train which was fortunately late as it was 1 h. 40 m. from gr/stand[?] to train. Waited in crowd six bridges.

July 21 – Friday – Fair- some wind

It was pretty windy for the sailing race this afternoon but they went out- The[?] Banshee won in its class. Fred Farmer sailed it. Water low in bay. I took nap- staid in all day except for errands.

July 22 – Saturday - Charming, Rain about 7 P.M.

Rudolf left on 7 P.M. train for Buffalo- The Hesperia came in about 4. Looked very pretty/ Alfred’s knees hurt by fly wheel this A.M. Geo. & Ashley enjoyed trip. Boat is about 2000 m. from Maine. [From chronology: Hesperia arrived. Crew- Alfred E. Bannister, George Hiscock, Ashley Dickinson. Fog bad one day – Otherwise they enjoyed trip. Boat is about 2000 miles from Maine but they sailed from the Hudson.]

July 23 – Sunday – Steady rain. 50° & up

No one at church- Dr. came to look at A’s leg. Says water on knee & has him use cold compress. R. has boil on back for several days.

July 24 – Monday – Fine day

Mr. & Mrs. Billson at breakfast with us. I knew nothing of their coming till Essie spoke of it incidentally. Can’t see why Chester did not tell me. He went for them.

July 25 – Tuesday – Lovely night

C. & I took dinner at Mrs. Dickinson’s, with the Billsons (Mr. B. came afterwards) Always pleasant- R’s boil healing nicely- Girls coming & going at all hours- all sorts of visits. A’s knee improving.

July 26 – Wednesday

Mrs. Billson called early to ask us to lunch tomorrow. & afterwards again for a moment.
July 27 – Thursday

The great Jappyland\(^8\) came off & I let all the children go- Said it was pretty- was not so very late. C. & I took lunch at the Billson’s very pleasantly. Miss Hanson fixed my dress this evening-

July 28 – Friday – Warm

Mrs. Hinckley came this A.M. I went to tea at Mrs. Litcomb’s, saw a good many I knew. Dr. McCoy thinks E. is much improved- but will do wisely I think when school time comes I packed nearly all day with interruptions. (Miss Welter[?] called)

July 29 – Saturday – Fine

Not out all day- So many interruptions, was busy to last but not so bad as sometimes. E. & R. seem to feel lonesome already but I think will be happy. Train at 7. Katie Houg[e?] on board. (Mrs. Hartley & daughters called)

July 30 – Sunday – More comfortable than we expected

Arrived Chicago about nine- got breakfast and left 10:30 Penn. route. Not so dusty as we expected last night was warm. Miss Campbell came as far as Chicago. I sent card to R.

July 31 – Monday – Warmer day, Comfortable night

We arrived in N. Y. about 9 or 9:30 For once did not take long to settle in Holland House & we went to shop right off. Got M. a steamer coat at Simon’s etc. & Mme. Boyd & Hattie here-

\(^8\) A comic opera performed to benefit the Children’s home. Local talent filled out the chorus.
AUGUST 1911

August 1 – Tuesday – Warm but comfortable in our rooms

Girls had Lille Rossiter, Ella Wade, Florence Culbertson & Peggy Chambers at lunch & Helen Currier at dinner. Father & I called on Mary Torrey in evening. Took so long to go & come. Sent night letter to Elisabeth.

August 2 – Wednesday – Warm-Fair

Helen Currier staid overnight with M. & went with us to the Cunard dock, 8:45 where we went aboard the Mauretania/ Good rooms- A 18 & next- but no bath- Nice looking company/ (Crochet cotton[?] bought yesterday forenoon did not arrive.) [From chronology: CAC, CBC, Marjorie & Helen left for N.Y. sailing on “Mauritania” for Europe – Mrs. Hinckley staid at Glensheen to look after house and children (two). We visited with the Pierce Automobile and Rudolf (Miller) England north of Wales, Scotland, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France (especially southern France) Italy, till Nov. 5 when we finished Italy and France (Paris) by train and sailed from Cherbourg on the “Geo. Washington” arriving N.Y. Dec. 7. At Windsor Sept. 10 we saw Hamel’s First Aerial Post and mailed cards on it.]

August 3 – Thursday – Some rain

Don’t feel very fine- but manage pretty well. Could not have been in a very good state to start- C. feels bad headache & H. weakens.

August 4 – Friday – Warm- partly cloudy

Very uncomfortable day _________ Miss Lander spoke to us- said John Greenway told her to- her sister married his brother.

August 5 – Saturday – Pleasant weather

Better- but have not been to a meal since breakfast- dinner on deck very simple/ Music tonight. H. feels well (she says) but keeps me company on deck. C. very well

August 6 – Sunday – A very lovely day

Am much better, no breakfast- wrote a letter to Mrs. Hinckley, attended prayers. Think I could stand a long voyage now. C. says hasn’t felt so well for long time.

August 7 – Monday – Fine day- good air

No reason, but I don’t feel fine. In sight of Ireland for hours- About 7 PM reached Fishguard. Took a good while to lighter passengers & luggage. Wrote Mrs. Heermans- Saw sunset & moonrise at [???]
August 8 – Tuesday – at Chester – Clear- warm

Spent most of forenoon in Liverpool, landing about 8 Reached Chester before lunch- Grosvenor rooms 61-62- Fine walk about walls on top hot then rode a little dined, M. had headache- [link to Google map with these locations pin-pointed]

August 9 – Wednesday – Chester – Clear-warm

Starting for Wales- M. allright. Stopped many places. Lovely ride & good car (Gregoire) & chauffeur- All sorts of scenery. Met many motor cycles & bicycles & pedestrians especially near Betws-y-coed and Llandudno

August 10 – Thursday – Fine cooler

(Moon about full) Ride back to Chester very fine & varied. 214 m. in 2 days- despite long stops at rate of about 20 m-an hour- seldom more except on lonely hill roads bet. Beddgelert and Bala- Walked in town to warm up after dinner

August 11 – Friday – Fair- not hot for August at home

(Saw old Stanley house- & Cathedral) C. has gone to Liverpool for Rudolf & car which arrived on Cymric yesterday- Riots there & in London because of strikes- May not get car. C. returned about 5 said car would be here tomorrow morn.

August 12 – Saturday – Clear- warm

Packed & sent off trunks & got all ready to leave by 2:30. but Rudolf did not come till 5- or thereabouts. Rather stupid waiting. We rode a little then[?] & took (hand[?]) baggage back to rooms for night.

August 13 – Sunday – Warm

So warm we left about 10 for the hills of Stafford & Derby- Found a lovely place Mr. Turle spoke of in Dove Dale- So cool and quiet. M. has headache. Good meals.

August 14 – Monday – (Matlock Baths) Still very warm

Hottest between 2 & 4:30 P.M. but not so bad riding- Trees are very fine- grass is dried. Flower gardens gay- I’m trying to feel better. No dinner tonight. Thermal baths here but we did not try them.

August 15 – Tuesday – cooler
No lunch— but tea— plenty of walking in Duke of Portland’s gardens— medicine & I feel better. We have nice hotels in watering places. Thanks to Chester All feel fine this evening Ilkley

[From Memoranda pages at end of diary: Aug. 15 – passed through Aberford an old grey village near Otley or Leeds - had a nice looking building on left as we entered ecclesiastical looking. [Gascoigne Almshouses]

August 16 – Wednesday – Fine weather

A short distance from Ilkley is Bolton Abbey & there we unexpectedly saw the king who is visiting D. of Devonshire. Came to Windermere – 72 m. rode about W. & Coniston Lakes afternoon/

August 17 – Thursday – Fine- warm

Windermere to Glasgow- 142 m. Lovely ride interesting country- did not go very fast & are not as tired as last night. Stopped lunch – tea & 2 short sights/ (wrote Alfred & Alice)

August 18 – Friday – Pleasant- cloudy

Shopped in a desultory way in forenoon/ saw Cathedral also. After lunch went to University picture gallery & Exhibition Amusing?] historical part very interesting. [??] Dined here (first letters from E. & R.)

August 19 – Saturday – Cloudy- sprinkles

A storm followed us all day but we kept ahead of it. 175 m. from Glasgow to Inverness by the Locks & Caledonian canal- Charmingly interesting.

August 20 – Sunday – Cloudy- sun shining feebly

Rather cold last evening, but all went to bed early & woke feeling well- Went to Gaelic service, interesting- mostly old or elderly people. Helen gone to English service this evening.

August 21 – Monday – Clouds- some blue sky – 84 miles

(called on Mr. Thompson’s sister) The average of rain here is low for these Islands but the sun never seems to us bright. Pleasant for riding. Country to Beauly, Strathpeffer & Fortrose, lovely.

August 22 – Tuesday – Cold
Inverness left behind- Lunched at Huntly- went 103 to Aberdeen- about 5 P.M. Enjoyed a walk about & bus ride. Met the Probassos

August 23 – Wednesday –

Have turned 2 pages & written on Aug. 25 & so on.

August 23 Wednesday - cold & wet

To Callander- The first part of way by Balmoral pleasant but not striking, but the afternoon fine by Locks Tay, Earn, Lubnaig.

August 24 – Thursday – Rain

Came to Stirling & saw Castles & E. & W. churches in the rain- got wet. Glad to have ti[r?]ny fire in Edinburgh to dry us. Inhabitants call it hot day.

August 25 – Friday – Showery

Seeing Edinburgh with some disappointments but the castle was all right. Have to wait till morning to see Holyrood. Not open today.

August 26 – Saturday – Wet

Otterburn – Four Abbeys on our way to Otterburn (over the Cheviots) & 4 punctures- 1 blow-out. Hard on Rudolf- the rubber seems rotten. Unexpectedly staid for night here.

August 27 – Sunday – Showery

We look on our stop here in the light of an adventure- a pleasant one tho. Rudolf has to spend the day getting a tyre from Newcastle.

[Apparently Clara didn’t write anything on August 28 and 29th. She picks up August 30 on the correct page of the diary. They had covered 262 miles in the two days]

August 30 – Wednesday – Fine weather

Cambridge – Yesterday we were at Sleaford, just past Lincoln and the day before at York- 5 cathedrals & one Abbey- Enjoy Cambridge very much.

August 31 – Pretty warm

Girls like the Shakespeare hotel- Spent morning seeing Stratford- Am seeing so much- can’t remember it well- get tired.
SEPTEMBER 1911

September 1 – Friday – Warm- hot walking

Shakspeare hotel- (Stratford) Avon to Mitre, Oxford. Thro’ Warwick, Banbury etc. Pleasant time in Avon- but we loitered- so were too late for more than an hour’s sightseeing in Oxford- I am pretty tired.

September 2 – Saturday – warm clear

Surprising how the weather lasts. Came from Oxford to Lynmouth- between 10 AM & 7 PM. Pleasant ride. Last part a little alarming- certainly surprising. High, hilly, crooked, narrow.

September 3 – Lynmouth – A lovely Day

Took it quietly- read, wrote- met the Cranfords, also Mr. Trump of Syracuse & son- Went to the Doone Valley. I did not go all the way. Very comfortable here.

September 4 – Monday – Lynmouth – Cloudy

It cleared later & became very warm/ C. & I took a walk to Valley of Rocks & it seemed to me I should never get cooled & rested- Came on to Bude this afternoon

September 5 – Tuesday – Lovely

To Exeter. Did not care for Bude, but the rides were fine. Saw Arthur’s birthplace & Dartmoor. [King Arthur according to legend was born at Tintagel Castle, Cornwall]

[September 6 and Sept 7 missing from pdf file]

September 8 – Friday – Hot

At Canterbury after seeing Rye, Hythe & Sandygate. Much delayed by punctures – 3- the tubes seem rotten – not worth patching.

September 9 – Cloudy- cool

A drop from 94° to 66° highest yesterday & today. Left Canterbury nominally at 6:30- Stopped to take picture at Bethersden & Pluckley – 86 m. to Richmond Hill

September 10 – Clear & warmer

(good views) Spent yesterday afternoon at Windsor & Hampton Court- Saw Hamel’s first Aerial Post at W. Today lunched in Kew Gardens under tree. Went to Hampton again.
September 11 – Monday – Hotel Savoy – Hot

Came to London by 9:30 A.M. Pleasant ride, no trouble to get in. Like the Savoy- Lovely rooms looking on Thames. The Heroys[?] are here. Walked about Regent St. C. was busy all day. Took tea at Gallery tea rooms.

September 12 – Tuesday – Still very warm

Went to Westminster & St. Margaret’s. Dorothy Crawford lunched with us. Stopped at Liberty’s for M’s evening coat etc. Took tea – no dinner went to Macbeth at Haymarket taking the 2 Heroys. Supper at Savoy

September 13 – Wednesday – Rain


September 14 – Thursday –

C. & I tried to shop some- poor work- got very tired/ bought grate & firedogs- Liberty’s & some small things. Girls shopped by themselves. Afternoon bought chamber set, Minton & large vase. Saw Guild hall & rode- we went to/ Many pictures of Coronation

September 15 – Friday – Cool, but pleasant

I spent most of day packing all the various trunks. C. seems tired but I don’t see why- mostly mental. I think. Girls & I rode buses, shopped late- dined at Holborn[?] restaurant – Called on Crawfords

September 16 – Saturday – Sunny- cold wind

(Girls enjoyed new leather coats- “Constable’s Country” [something more in crease-unreadable] Sail from Parkstone Quay) Just leaving London & rather glad of it. Later- Arrived Harwich 5:30 after lunching at Colchester & seeing museum in tower/ Looking at Langham Hall & buying coins at Dedham

September 17 – Sunday - Fair- mild

Rough part of night, I felt dreadfully- twice, but did not actually vomit. Felt faint & weak. All night this A.M.[??] can not land till about noon. Hook of Holland not very interesting. Arrived Hotel des Indes, Hague about noon. To Scheveningen this afternoon- some rain today.

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9 George V and Mary's coronation took place at Westminster Abbey on 22 June 1911.
September 18 – Monday – Fair- cool

Went to House in Wood- Mauritz House [Mauritshuis] to see pictures. Rode all about & to Scheveningen where we lunched. Took chocolate on Gravenet(?) Bought Helen a coat-C. has made an acquaintance for Mr. Shepherd

September 19 – Tuesday – Cloudy- chilly

Took guide & spent day going to Delft, Rotterdam & Gouda. Saw potteries & bought articles- Saw church & prince’s house where Wm the Silent was assassinated at D. also church at Gouda- Very interesting ride.

September 20 – Wednesday – Fair- rain

Forenoon about the Hague- Mesdag gallery & panorama- prison/ wedding- Lunch at Melk salon¹⁰ fine. Left 2:30 or 3 for Amsterdam supped Leiden

September 21 – Thursday – Some rain- chilly

Amsterdam Hotel Amstel – Went about with guide this A.M. & went to Haarlem before noon. Saw town hall- lunched- saw church & heard music, bought brass etc- rode back another way- Helen met friend-

September 22 – Friday – Fine day- not windy

This morning started 8:30 for _________ Alkmaar- cheeses & lunch- Melk salon 3rd/ Vollendam- Broek (cheese factory) Very interesting day- Wrote Miss Smith last eve- Rec for her & Elisabeth-

September 23 – Saturday – Fine

After a morning in Amsterdam we left for Arnhem- Quite a change of scenery after a few miles- drier & more like other countries- even a little hilly- one moor near Arnhem with heather.

September 24 –Sunday - (Germany) Fine

Mornings are cold but it often gets warm later. That is warm for walking- Tried to go to church- 3 churches- 1 empty, 1 closed, 1 full- Came on to Xanten this afternoon. Rudolf pleas[??]

September 25 – Monday – Warm walking. Fine

¹⁰The restaurant has everywhere a powerful rival in the melk-salons or melkinrichtingen, where milk, coffee, chocolate, eggs, sandwiches, and cakes are served. They are cheap and excellent places to frequent at luncheon-time From Things Seen in Holland (1912) by Charles Émile Roche
Came to Xanten for the night- Saw the church & walked about town- peach trees with fruit on. Church has much carving- some very grotesque. Old hotel but clean- fine meals- Rode to Cologne with two or more hrs at D da[??] [could be D.dorf?Dusseldorf?]

September 26 – Tuesday – Clear morn- cloudy- sprinkly late - (Cologne)

Our room (215) has a balcony which gives a good near view of the south side of the Dom. Went through the Cathedral and some other places, walked & rode.

September 27 – Wednesday – Cloudy- thick

Finished up Cologne and came on to Königswinter. Pleasant riding but can’t see mountains well, so stopped here. Somewhat clearer a while this afternoon. Nice ride on R. Rhine steamer Undine

September 28 – Thursday – Rainy especially 4-6

The rain did not spoil first part of ride- Very interesting. Had a panorama of valley which helped us look for castles etc. Good thing/ Frankfurt before 6.

September 29 – Friday – (Frankfurt- Heidelberg) Cloudy

Spent part of day seeing Frankfurt, then came to Heidelberg – Saw castle illumination this evening & walked about town C. told me he bought me an etching, so I said I had a jabot for him

September 30 – Saturday – Cloudy wind, rain about 5

A fine eventful day. Castle. University at Heidelberg, Vineyard & balloon (at Oos) on the way- Delightful scenery & a rather adventurous ending- closed hotel, sent to another at Freudenstadt. (almost knocked a man down in a town)
OCTOBER 1911

October 1 – Sunday – Rain all day – Freudenstadt

Nice, comfortable hotel, warmed. Girls in peasant costume. Saw a church with two [?]oors one for men, one for women. C. not feeling first rate- a little cold possibly.

October 2 – Monday – More rain

They finally told us it had been raining for a week, so when it let up a little about 11- we started on & found pleasanter weather along the way to Freiburg.

October 3 – Tuesday – fair – Freiburg –

(Titisee hotel cold) Arrived so late last night could not see, tho’ it was pleasant for once to ride after dark- Looked about this forenoon & after lunch came onto Rhine Fells then Titisee & up the Feldburg. Lovely views but cold.

October 4 – Wednesday – Cloudy- very little sun

Left Titisee early- Delightful riding, even though cold. Some gardens have been frosted. High in hills. Saw the beautiful Rhine Falls & stopped for night at Zurich- The comfort here was delightful.

October 5 – Thursday – A little rain- cloudy, think

Looked into the Nat. Museum here (Zurich) yesterday afternoon & also today. Saw exhibit of modern furnishings also. Shopped- walked about, took [??] to see mountains so came to Lucerne-

October 6 – Friday – Low cloud – no rain – Schweitzerhof (Mail from home)

The Pilatus was said to be clear today & probably the Rigi but we would not risk it C. says he will stay till there is a sunny day so we shopped & walked & saw what there was to see/

October 7 – Saturday – Bright- rain, clearing. Wonderful sunset

The hotel is as nice as ever but C. wants to move on. Day was fine when we woke but just as we were to start for the Rigi it began to rain- However we risked it this afternoon & had a lovely trip.

October 8 – Sunday – Fair

Are leaving for Interlaken- Reached (10 m) Hergiswil, road closed, staid there for night. Afternoon went up Pilatus, found rain.
October 9 – Monday – Misty

Started off early- Weather poor for sight-seeing. Reached Interlaken for lunch- Could travel faster after lunch, Aigle after dark, in lightning but no rain till a little later

October 10 – Tuesday – Cloudy

Went on to Geneva in a leisurely way/ Stopped to see Chillon & enjoyed it- Looked at Neckar house in Coppet. Walked about after reaching Geneva.

October 11 – Still heavy weather

Can not see mountains at all- worse than yesterday. Had some pleasure shopping- especially for music boxes. Lunched at [an?] outside lunch room.

October 12 – Thursday – Mist

No hope of going to Chamonix or seeing mountains so we go on to Chalons-sur-Saone, reached there after dark. Got views of mountains when high on Juras.

October 13 – Friday – Fine then rain

The fire in our fireplace at Chalon did not heat up much- Did not start very early, reached Bourges about 6:30. Put[?] watches back an hour yesterday or rather this A.M. Lunched in rain near Centrum[?].

October 14 – Saturday - Lovely- warm


October 15 – Sunday - Fair – Tours

Went to French protestant church & walked a little- Afternoon went 69 miles & visited Langeais, Azay-le-Rideau, Ussé, & saw in passing Cinq-Mars-la-Pile, Luynes, then to Chinon.

October 16 – Monday – fine

Started about 8:30 & visited Amboise, Chambord and Blois, besides seeing in passing Chaumont, Beauregard and Cheverney. Lunched at Chambord, on a porch, Hotel St. Mi[chel?]/[Hotel St. Michel]
October 17 – Thursday – 79 ½ miles

To Poitiers- stopping at Loches & buying knives at Chatellerault/ Lunched in woods near Loches- This is pleasant- interesting place. Shall not see enough of it.

October 18 – Monday – fine

Came to Bordeaux, a handsome modern city & busy, but with churches etc. that go back to the 4th century at least- & Roman remains older- Interesting place.

October 19 – Thursday – fine- some wind

Very pleasant ride- much fine forest & oaks- people gathering acorns chestnuts & walnuts- especially first- Cork trees also- Came 157 m. to Biarritz.

October 20 – Friday – Fine weather- 75°

Lazy & not feeling first rate- any of us- Stomachs- perhaps ptomaine poison- or perhaps warm weather & long rides. Quiet here- but quite busy on beach- not very large place.

October 21 – Saturday – Cloudy- warm, wind

Have done some cleaning up- here- & resting. Leave after an early lunch- Arrived Oloron about dark- Full of [??ins?] 

October 22 – Sunday – Fine

Nothing to do at Oloron so rode on to Cauterets- fine mountain scenery high road- Very good to us at the Angleterre- We the only guests.

October 23 – Monday – Fog & drizzle- partly

Lovely ride in spite of drizzle- kept top down much of the time. Came to Girons- a truly French town & hotel- No English or Americans in sight.

October 24 – Tuesday –

To Carcasonne, where we had an odd sort of rambling hotel with much stone floor, a court entrance, but clean rooms. Spent afternoon seeing the Cité

October 25 – Wednesday – somewhat cloudy To Avignon

Another interesting ride, through Beziers, Nimes & near Mediterranean. Rather cold- Avignon well situated and interesting
October 26 – Thursday

Looked at Avignon sights this A.M. Left about 10:30- Lunched by way side/ Stopped at Brignoles rather than ride 40 miles to Fréjus- Town nothing but hotel excellent.

October 27 – Friday – rain

Arrived before lunch at Nice, from Brignoles, Good mail this afternoon- Shopped a little & arranged for my hat. Not many here but pleasant hotel (d’Angleterre)

October 28 – Saturday - Wind, dust, in even - Nice

We enjoy this place. Got my hat this evening as promised & all like it. We spent from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. going to Menton & San Remo- Corniches road & back by little Corniche At Monte Carlo saw gaming tables

October 29 – Sunday – Warm & bright

To church at Holy Trinity- C. staid in our rooms & lounged. After lunch we rode about town & up the Var valley & across to Utelle & Levens[?] Turned at St. Jean de la Rivière- toward Nice/ Very picturesque-

October 30 – Monday – Clear

October 31 – Italy
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November 12 – Sunday - Rome

M. & I went to M. E. American church- rather disappointing- Had to shake hands- I hadn’t my phone. Rode this afternoon some.

November 13 – Rainy

Left Rome last night- arrived Venice this morning- St. Marks & Doge’s palace- Bad headache

November 14 – Fairer

Had gondola ride- & hasty glance at church of St Giovanni – “Zanipaulo” – Leave about dark for Munich.

November 15 – Wednesday – Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten

Munich artistic stores very attractive- but linen shopping not successful- got nervous over it too. Went to Royal theater tonight- Have pains-
November 16 – Thursday – Earthquake

We find Munich a fine progressive city/ Guide says there are not enough manufactures- too much art- I say too many breweries- but they don’t seem to injure it Dinner [at ~ ?] restaurant – He said so too. [this is hard to make out]

November 17 – Friday – Cloudy

All day from Munich to Dresden but arrived for late dinner- Linen/ in D. fine.

November 18 – Saturday – Cloudy

Busy in Dresden till six or seven- then took train for Berlin- Arriving about 10 or 10:30 Took long drive in Dresden- both sides of river Elbe.

November 19 – Sunday – Cloudy

To St. George’s church with H. M. feeling sick for a couple of days. The Veiles\textsuperscript{11} came about one & staid till after dark- We walked-

November 20 – Monday – Cloudy & cold

Have been out- but the pictures in gallery & church interior were hard to see- so dark- fine Labradorite(?) pillars in royal church- “Tead” with Vieles at department store. Windows trimmed up wonderfully for Xmas. Crowds out.

November 21 – Tuesday – Tried to clear at midday

By auto to Charlottenburg- Potsdam, etc. all sleepy- the Vieles called this evening- then we packed. Mr. V. looks well- no older than when I first knew him- but C. says he is older- Mrs. V. not so well- wants to go home.

November 22 – Wednesday – Cloudy & rainy

En route to Paris- 8 A.M. to 12:20 A.M. next morning (we put watches back an hour at Paris) Pretty comfortable ride but tiresome through Hanover, Hagen, Köln, Aix(?), Liège, Charleroy, but dark ½ the time.

November 23 – Thursday – Rainy

Getting dressmaking etc. started. Letter from E. Says Prof. Meigs died recently. E. vexed at our delay- M’s cold bad-

\textsuperscript{11} The Congdons visited with the Vieles in Rome in 1910.
November 24 – Friday – Dark

Shopping still – fitting- don’t find what we look for but get other things that tempt us. Mr. Gross made pleasant call.

November 25 – Saturday – Paris – Dark & rainy

More shopping- with some sightseeing for Helen & Chester. Black trunk here at last-Expensive.

November 26 – Sunday – Paris – Cloudy- cold

A pretty busy day for Sunday- late breakfast- woman with lingerie waists- (had to receive her) Notre Dame- Muriel Prindle, Louvre tea now quiet- I did not go to dinner- cold & raw throat.

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December 3 – Sunday

December 4 – Monday

December 5 – Tuesday

December 6 – Wednesday

December 7 – Thursday – Fair (fog on harbor)  [New York]

Passed Ambrose light soon after midnight, at quarantine about 4. docked about 10:45 or later- Left with luggage 2 P.M. for Holland House. Met Mr. McKenzie- no trouble, but delay about trunks. (Letters from Ned- Bertha, Alfred, Mary for me & from Elis to Chester/ Julia Freibeger, Beth Heroy & Dorothy Crawford met Helen-

December 8 – Friday – Fair- rather warm

M. Torrey lunched with us- nice visit- Helen went to P’keepsie last evening to meet us at Albany- We leave at 5:30 for home- (John arrives tomorrow here)

December 9 – Saturday – Cloudy- misty

Very comfortable ride, but seems long- Reach Chicago about 4. Later. Mr. Dyche met us. I got new battery. Girls talked over phone with May.

December 10 – Sunday – Cloudy- snow on ground

Arrived a little ahead of time- After all our glowing anticipations no one was at station to meet us. John soon came with station wagon & we met others in car. All well & charming at home.

December 13 – Wednesday

Mrs. Hinkley left this evening.

December 14 –

C. went to Chicago this evening. Walter will meet him there.
December 15 – Friday –

Elisabeth came this morning/ Looks well- has plaster on back for lameness.

December 16 – Saturday

December 17 – Sunday

To church- Chester & Ned came in later. C. & W. arrived from Chicago.

December 18 – Monday

D.H. meeting

December 19 – Tuesday

Lunch at Mrs. Winton’s(?) Downtown this A.M. & borrowed $100 for the D.H. at Bank.

December 20

December 21 – Thursday

Alfred came this A.M.

December 22

December 23 – Saturday

December 24 – Sunday – Very cold

Eight of us went to church. (all but Alfred) two loads- Sent some flowers cards & flowers to parsonage.

December 25 – Monday – Fair- Sunny- cold

Had breakfast- marched down to amusement room. Did not have to wait for anybody- All happy & easy. About one C. took Ned, M. & H. & me to ride- Horses hard to hold. Very cold coming back McDonalds came after 5- Staid to supper. Ashley & D. Dowde also. A. & E. out at [Orpheum??]

December 26 – Tuesday –

E goes to the Dight party at Country Club with Eben Spencer

December 27 – Wednesday –
Lunch at Mrs. Leland’s – Mrs. Steele & Helen there. E. went to subscription[?] party with Fred Wolvin.

December 28 – Thursday

Assembly is to be dropped because of death of J. Morrow-

December 29 – Friday – Snowy all day

The Steeles to dinner- rather quiet. Mrs. Dickinson was out half the afternoon. Ashley here two nights. Alfred off somewhere- (Ski party) E. also. Thought Mrs. D. might like to visit with Ashley but he did other things. (Walter dines at the Hartleys’)

December 30 - Saturday – a great deal of snow fallen- about 20°

To tea at Mrs. Walbank’s for Mrs. D. to entertain Mrs. Steele- Very pleasant- about 6 there besides family. E. out at informal dance, country club- home at 10. (W. gone to Coleraine)

December 31 – Sunday – cold

So much snow the roads were hard even for the horses & sleigh- Three of us at church. A. spent night at Mrs. Walbank’s & to ch. With Mrs. D. & Ashley- he is out at M. McKindley’s to supper-

MEMORANDA  [The following notes appear to apply to 1911]

R. & G or J. tires?

Mixture in tube for sore muscles etc. including peppermint 79384 Tredway – 108 W. Sup. St.

E’s birthday- jewelry- book rack thin dark kimono

H’s commencement June 11-14

Aunt Mary Heath died March 19- seven A.M. at Deme’s[?] in Flatbush- internment at Woodlawn.

Lawrence Banister – Easington Yorkshire son of Nicholas of Lancashire by Maury 1578

Get 4 yds lace 5 to 7 “ wide for white lingerie dress. grate- Linen Miss Haven [Hanson?] & cloth 3 ½ to 4 yds Grate for 35” X 28”(back) X 22 ½ (drop)

At Vollendam bt. Lace 20 [or] 90 (gulden) 
  “ bead bag – 90 
At Broek lantern 2.40 
  “ Frankfurt jabot $5.00 20.00 Marks

Lamp – scarfs – slippers.

Artists – Berlin picture gallery- Franz Defregger- Tyrol Salon
Lenback portraits
Bantzer – Abendsmalfier
Hausmann’s small pictures – Villa d’Este
Stanislaus – Graf von Kalckreuth
(Canigaital – Pyrenees)

Black Forest hotel china Sarreguemines

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12 Lady Henry Somerset was active with the British and American Temperance movements.
13 Dutch currency