

## *Hattie's Journal 1876*

*In 1876 20 year-old Hattie Moffat Wright (she was born a Moffat but raised by the Wright family) was being courted by Charles Bird, the new Saugatuck druggist. He gave her a journal in which she faithfully recorded the social events of her young life which give interesting insights into daily life, courtship and school teaching in Saugatuck of that era.*

Tuesday, August 21st I have not written in my journal since Wednesday,

Thursday, 19th night I went to prayer meeting and Charlie came home with me as usual and we took our walk

Friday 20th afternoon Mama was at Horace Moore's and Papa went to tea Charlie and I were here alone.

Saturday 21st We were going up to help Lena in the library. We went downtown to find her although we waited for Lena quite a while so we took a walk and then came home.

Sunday 22nd Everything as usual. Henry and Charlie Bird were here a few minutes after S. S. [Sunday School] Mr. Dunn came in the afternoon to say Mr. and Mrs. Stocking were both sick. There was no evening service. Charlie and I thought of going to the Dutch meeting but we didn't go, as he spent the eve here. Yesterday mamma went up to Mr. Stockings in the morning. I went over to the Teacher's examination in Douglas. I walked. When I got there found no one to be examined but Mr. Walker came back about half past twelve. Rode with Si Galdersmith for the barber's shop. [?] Chadbourn overtook me there and came home with me to borrow my drab dress waist. I sewed all the afternoon. After tea called on Miss Comstock and on Charlie's mother. Coming home Charlie overtook me. Washed this morn. Charlie was here just after noon to bring me some volumes of Scribner and this little book, also a note.

Wednesday, 26th Ironed this morning. Sewed this afternoon. Charlie was here this evening and we took a walk.

Thursday 26th Sewed today. Mamma went up to Stockings this morn and again this afternoon. Papa and I went to prayer meeting. Charlie came home with me. Mr. Jewet and Henry Bird came for Charlie to get some money out of the drug store safe cause he was going off to get the coffin so I went to the store with them.

Friday, 27th Very warm yesterday and today. Last Saturday and Sunday night we had frost. I sewed all day. Charlie and Callie Pride were here on an errand. Mrs. Horace Moore stopped at the gate and asked me to call on a young lady friend of hers from Chicago she had with her in the carriage, introduced her as Miss Williams. I feel lonesome and blue tonight because I have not seen Charlie today. If I do get a school, what in the world will we do for we can't see each other every day then.

Saturday 28th Did up the work this morn sewed this afternoon. Charlie came to ask me if I would go on an excursion given by the band tonight. Mrs. Smith was here to call. We went this evening, had a real nice time.

Sunday 29th Everything as usual. Mr. Pipes preaching, Wrote to Lizzie this afternoon. Charlie and I went to Dutch meeting tonight. We called for Mr. Pond and he went too. Charlie came in tonight for the first time on Sunday.

Monday 30th Washed. Florence Snyder came to invite me to a party at Dwights. Charlie came up in the afternoon to ask me to go with him. He brought me a note. We went this eve. Mr. Taylor was here before we went. Had quite a nice time. I did not dance, only to waltz with one or two of the girls.

Tuesday 31st Ironed. Mamma went to Mrs. Stockings but she wasn't needed there so she and Papa went up to Uncle Harveys to dinner and Mamma spent the day. I was at Mrs. Fred `s this morn a few minutes. She came to the fence with some corn for us. Before noon Henry Bird brought a note from Charlie. Mrs. Fred and I went to Mrs. Moore's to call on Miss Williams, but they were not in. Afterwards Mrs. Moore came by and said she was sorry and that we

must come up this eve. So we went. While I was gone Florence Snyder and Belle Shores came to see about the picnic tomorrow. Mrs. Fred came in with me when we came from Mrs. Moores.

Wednesday, 1st September Went to the picnic today. Had a glorious time. Nobody but women invited so we could cut up as we pleased. Charlie was here this eve. I met him at the gate and he kissed me. He invited me to his house tomorrow.

Thursday 2nd Went to Mrs. Prides this morning and ironed for her cause her baby is sick. She gave me a chemise that was too small for her. Annie Taylor called this afternoon, also Mrs. Moore and Miss Williams. Went to Charlie's to tea, from there to prayer meeting. We went to Prides before we came home to see how the baby was. Some girls serenaded me with tin horns.

Friday Sewed most all day. Charlie Pride and Collie brought me a note from Charles saying he couldn't come tonight but would come tomorrow and wanted me to meet him at the gate. I went over to Maxon's [with ?J some tomatoes this eve. Have just written to Charles.

Saturday 4th Did up the work this morn. Recca Cheesen was here after dinner. Mrs. Grant called shortly after she left. Mamma was up at Mrs. Taylors to get her to help her mend papa's coat. Grace and Mable came with their father to bring mamma home. We gave them our kitten, Robbie. The band played this evening and met Charlie at the gate and we went walking to hear it play. It is quite cool this eve. Mr. King caught a man in one of his apple trees tonight.

Sunday 5th Marcia was at church today and Tedmon was also home. He was there with Jennie Smalley tonight. John Underwood was there tonight. I have lost that little pin of Charlie's again and must go and look for it in the morning.

Monday 6th Went and looked for Charlie's pin the first thing this morn, but did not find it. We washed this morn. This afternoon Mrs. Frank Johnson and her mother, Mrs. Hilbrook called. Mr. Pride brought me a note from Charlie saying he was going out on the lakeshore to Mr. Gill's to get Mr. Prides rag carpet and would take me. So this evening we went. Had a glorious ride. When we came back we called on his cousin Lillie. Then Charlie stayed here a while after we got home. Received a letter from Lizzie tonight.

Tuesday 7th Ironed. This is Papa's birthday. Mamma canned tomatoes. She was invited to Mrs. Skinners this afternoon. I fixed my corset. Mrs. Fred invited me here to [??] afternoon. so I went. Spent part of this eve. That pin of Charlie's is found. Moses Nash gave it to Dr. McRae and he showed it to Papa today.

Wednesday 8th Cloudy today. Mrs. Fred was here this morning. Charles was here just before noon and brought me some apples and pears. Walter was here this eve. Mamma called at Mrs. Stockings. Little Robbie was here this morning to get a book for his father to read. Charlie was here this eve. We took a walk and talked at Mr. Pride's gate with him a few minutes. He was putting down carpet.

Thursday 9th Sewed all day. Papa fixed his harness. went to see about a school for me this afternoon. Mrs. Stocking and Robbie were here this morn. Mrs. Comstock this afternoon. I finished my dress, all but the pocket and hooks and eyes. Wore it to prayer meeting. Ed Tedmon was married to Jennie Smalley on Monday and they were at prayer meeting tonight. Charles came home with me as usual but it was raining so we didn't have our accustomed walk and he didn't come in when we reached home either.

Friday 10th Cold this morn. I went over to Mrs. Freds to show her some our morning glories. Afterwards went over with a melon. Sewed this morning and helped mamma with her ironing. Mrs. Bird and Lillie were here today. Papa and Mamma went up to Uncle Harvey's before tea. Afternoon went to call on Miss Comstock. took her a bouquet. She was not at home but I laid the bouquet on her table and went in to Mrs. Bird's. Charlie came home with me and

stayed a while. Mamma made crabapple preserves today.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Did up the work this morning. While I was mending Charlie's canoe to see me. He wanted me to go over Baldhead this afternoon with his mother, Lillie and himself. So this afternoon we went. had a very pleasant time. Was at tea at his house. Came home when he didn't know it so he wouldn't leave the store.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> A beautiful day. Charlie was here to lunch. Went to Episcopal service this eve. Did not take any walk, only to mail a letter to Lizzie that I wrote this afternoon. Lovely moonlight but cold this eve. If Charlie can leave the store he and I are going to the exposition.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Washed. After dinner Emma and Florence came to ask me to a party at Stimsons. Mr. Stimson got it up for a surprise on Allie. Afterwards Charlie came and asked me if I would go and pretty soon Lillie came and then wanted me to help her dress, so I went down there to help her. Then she and Charlie and I went to the party. Had a real nice time. I did not dance only to waltz with one or two of the girls. Got home about half past twelve.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Ironed, was very tired and went to sleep after I got the ironing done. Judy had some kittens tonight.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Churned and baked cakes this morn. Papa started for Chicago to the Exposition tonight. Mrs. Fred went away and left her birds with us. Charlie was here this eve and he held me in his arms nearly all the time. Mr. Ensign has come to see about selling the drugstore to Charlie.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> It rained last night. turned cold in afternoon. Mrs. Dunn was here this eve before prayer meeting. I wove hair for mamma all afternoon. went to prayer meeting this eve. Kitt Hibberdine was there. She arrived yesterday. Mr. Ensign was there. Charlie came home with me and stayed a while, watered the horse for Mamma.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Wove hair all day. Went to the post office and got a postal from papa and Burns store after tea. Charlie was here this eve, we went to Henry's for a little while.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> There was a hard frost last night and it is cold tonight. I wove hair nearly all day. went down town just before noon to get some rice and ceding wax. Went down after supper to the pie and meat shop and to Birds for a minute. Jessie House is here to stay the night.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Papa got home this morn. Brought a half dozen knives (a present from Uncle Harvey) and some broken candies. Very rainy and disagreeable. I wore my old black hat. Mr. Dunn was here before church time, also Charlie. Very few out to church this eve, it was so stormy. I gave one of the bouquets to Mr. Pride and one to Charlie. We went up to his house and left the bouquet. It rained before we got home. When we reached home mamma and papa were in bed and Charlie stayed till a quarter before eleven.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Washed. Very windy all day., Papa and Mamma went to Uncle Harveys this afternoon. Dr. McRae was here this eve for papa to go in his place to Singapore. Uncle Harvey was also here.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> This morning Mamma and I went out to see about my school. I engaged it. When I got home went to see [?] Miller about the examination but he wasn't at home. This afternoon made twelve calls. Charlie was here this eve. Lillie House came to show mamma how to knit a scarf and stayed all night. Charlie stayed till eleven o'clock.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Ironed this morn. Lillie spent the afternoon and Charlie came to tea. I went down with Lillie and was weighed at the drug store (weighed 110 lbs) We went to the P.O. and after a while Charlie came home with me and stayed a little while.

[September] Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Finished ironing. This afternoon mamma and I went out trading and we called at old

Mrs. Bird's. Mamma went in and looked at Charlie's rooms.

Friday 23rd Last night I stayed at Mrs. Pride's cause her husband went to Chicago. I went to prayer meeting and Charlie came home with me as usual. I came home this morn before breakfast and did up the Saturday's work for tomorrow I must go to the examination. Went up to see Marcia who is sick and called at Mrs. Stockings. Afterwards went to Burns and got a gray overdress. Mrs. Pride wanted me to stay there again tonight but I could not. I heard Charlie go by about eight o'clock whistling "Ask the Saviour to Help You." He is going to stay with her.

Sunday 26th Saturday the 24th waiter and Lillie Miller and I went to Graafschap to be examined. Mr. Dunn came here for supper. I ran over to tell Mrs. Pride I could go there to stay all night. then afterwards went to choir meeting. Charles came up there and we both went there and stayed all night. I came home after breakfast yesterday morn. There was no evening service at our church but we went to choir meeting and then we went to Prides, found Henry and Ella there, went home to ask mamma if I could stay cause Charlie couldn't. Went back and stayed all night. Came home this morn about half past five. Washed. Lillie was here after dinner. also Mrs. Pride to say she had got Charles to stay there tonight. Charlie was here this afternoon on an errand for paper. Mr. Barber was here too. Charlie was here a few minutes before he went to his sisters I met him at the gate, he showed me a letter from Phelps.

Monday 27th after dinner. Lillie came and wanted me to go downtown with her and we went just a few minutes. Mrs. Fred was here this afternoon. I sewed all this afternoon. I heard somebody passing this eve whistling "The Home of the Soul."

Wednesday 28th Sewed all day. mamma and papa went to Uncle Harveys before dinner. Mrs. Fred brought us some watermelon this afternoon. I went up to Mania's to get her black basque and took it to Mrs. Drakes to have it cut. Charlie was here this evening.

Thursday 29th worked on my dress. Marcia called before prayer meeting and went up with papa and I. After prayer meeting we (Charlie and I) went home with her.

Friday 30th Sewed all day. Mrs. Fred was here this afternoon. This evening went and took Mania's basque home. Mrs. Plummer gave me some large apples to bring home. Bisha Jenkins walked part way with me. Sewed in the eve.

Saturday 1st Oct Fair day. Papa and mamma went but I didn't. I did up the work except the baking and then sewed until dinner which we had about half past two. Mr. Hubbard and his son were here. Allie N was here also. Charlie was here in the eve and we stamped envelopes. He stayed til half past eleven.

Sunday 2nd A beautiful day. Wore my new dress, went to Pride's to dinner. Charlie went to Douglas to church in a boat this eve.

Monday 4th School commenced. Charlie brought me out. Only seven scholars today. I am to board at Mr. Paris's this week.

Tuesday 3rd I had nine pupils today, quite stormy.

Wednesday 6th Only six pupils today, and it was very tedious. The days seem so long it seems ages since Monday morning.

Thursday 7th A cloudy day. Nine pupils. Lay awake last night thinking of home.

Friday 8th A cold day. papa came after me tonight. Charlie came to see me this evening. Mr. Wallin was here before

Charlie was.

Saturday 9th I was mending this morn. this afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Stocking and Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were here this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Wallin were invited but it rained so they didn't come. Charlie was here this eve too.

Sunday 10th Went to church and S. S. Phelps got home last night so he was there today. I was asked to Charlie's to dinner today, but I wouldn't go. There was concert this eve. Not very many out. Charlie gave me a little white silk handkerchief to wear around my neck tonight. Phelps brought it to him for a handkerchief but he gave it to me. I didn't like to take it but he was bound I should. He is so generous. He didn't come in tonight.

Monday 11th Papa brought me out this morn. It is very cold. The boys were building a fire when I came, had two new pupils. Mary and Elsie Renneda(?), one 18 the other seventeen. Sent word to Paris' tonight that we must have some one to build a fire. Am going to board at Hoadleys two weeks.

Tuesday 12th Found the fire made this morn. Did not feel very well today.

Wednesday 13th I did not feel at all well today, did not sleep good at night. I do feel so sorry for the poor little girl at Mr. Hoadleys named Alice. dear little thing, she suffers so. I was fearfully homesick today. There was but one boy at school today and that was Avart Zwemer, but there were nine girls.

Thursday 14th Was not quite as homesick today as I was yesterday. It rained quite hard this afternoon. Willie Hoadly met us with some umbrellas. I am glad I'm going home tomorrow.

Friday 15th Closed school at four o'clock and as no one came I started to walk home. I rather expected Charlie although he had said nothing about it. But I met him on the road a little way and he took me home. He had a note from papa telling me to stop at Aunt Jessies and get some butter, so I did. When I reached home found Mrs. Harry Moore and Mrs. Wilson and Stella. Mr. Moore came to tea. Charlie came in this eve and stayed til twelve o'clock.

Saturday 16th This morning Lillie Moore was here. She is to be married next month so she is going home in two weeks. I went down town and got a new felt hat and some velvet for my cloak. Came home and trimmed my hat. Kittie called in the afternoon, also Mrs. Sutton. I went down town with Kit, afterwards up on the hill on an errant. This eve Charlie came. afterwards Phelps and Kit. had a very pleasant time. It rained so Kit is to stay all night.

Sunday 17th Kit and I went to church together after SS I went home with Wallins folks. Came down to choir meeting with Lizzie and her father. It was quite stormy, but there were a food many out. Charlie came home with me but didn't stay but a few minutes. Found Marcia at our house, is to stay all night.

Monday 18th Charlie brought me out. had one new pupil today. I had the ague quite hard today. Lizzie and her aunt stopped. here this afternoon for me to go riding but it was only three o'clock so I couldn't go.

Tuesday 19th A beautiful day. Had a slight headache all day, was very tired when I reached home.

Wednesday 20th Another lovely day. Felt splendidly all day. Had two new pupils.

Thursday 21st Another beautiful day. I feel very well indeed, never felt better, have not been homesick yet this week. like my school very much.

Friday 22nd Closed school at four as usual and started to walk home. met papa at almost the same place that I met Charlie last week. Charlie was here this eve. brought another volume of Scribners. Papa went to lodge but came home very early. Charlie stayed til eleven.

Saturday 23rd Mamma stayed at Mrs. Names all day. Addie Names is very sick. I did up the housework. sewed this

afternoon. Mamma and papa made some calls this eve. Charlie was here also Mr. Phelps and Lillie Moore, who is going away next Tuesday. Loella [or Della?] Shaw died this morning.

Sunday 24th Everything as usual. Charlie and I went up to see Lithe a minute before church to bid her goodbye. Bade Mr. Phelps goodbye after church. He is going away this week.

Monday 25th Papa brought me out this morning. It rained this afternoon. I am to board at Zwemers this week. I think I shall like it there very much.

Tuesday 26th The wind blew fearfully last night. I hope Phelps did not cross the lake last night. Very cloudy and dismal all day. Blew very hard about two or three o'clock so I let school out early. About half a dozen trees were blown down in sight of the school house today.

Wednesday 27th The wind blew several trees down last night between school and home. When I reached home tonight found a letter from Charlie at which of course I was rejoiced.

Thursday 28th Quite pleasant this morning. Warm all day. Didn't wear anything around me tonight coming home. Found Mrs. Zwemer gone to the tannery.

Friday 29th Very warm. this afternoon it thundered and there was a great fog. About half past three o'clock it grew so dark that we could not see to read in the schoolroom. So I let the children go, when we had got our things on, it began to rain and we had a terrific thunder storm, just as if it was summer. A large tree was struck right opposite Tidd's house. In town the teachers and scholars were so alarmed at the darkness that they all fled in confusion. Charlie was late tonight. It was raining when he came.

Saturday 30th Mamma and papa moved the kitchen stove this morning. I did some mending. this afternoon I went to Burns to get some zephyr etc. to Mrs. Adams to get her to come to our house next Saturday to sew on my new dress. Charlie was here tonight. Very stormy tonight.

Sunday 31st Cold. I wore my cloak and the little silk handkerchief on my neck that Charlie gave me.

Monday Nov. <sup>13<sup>th</sup></sup> Papa brought me out. I was rather late. I am to board at Zwemers again this week.

Tuesday Nov 2nd It thundered last night. Very cold this morning.

Thursday 4th Lizzie came after me last night and I went home with her. She brought me out to school this morning. We had a very pleasant time.

Friday 5th A lovely day. Mr. Dwight came to paint the blackboard just after school was out. Papa came for me. Charlie and I went to the society in the eve.

Saturday 6th Mrs. Adams was at our house sewing all day on my new dress. It is going to have a long shirred overskirt and shirred trimming and a bisque with a plaited back. Charlie was here this eve. It has been a beautiful day.

Sunday 7th Another lovely day. Mrs. Johnson told me that Kit Hibberdine's mother was sick so I went up to see her this afternoon. She is raving crazy and talks nearly every minute as fast as she can. They are afraid she will die or else have to go to the insane asylum. Poor Kittie! I am so sorry for her. Charlie came *for me* at Hibberdines and we went to Henry's to stay till church time. Jimmie Underwood came here last night and he and John were at church this eve. Jimmie, I think, is handsomer than ever and John is uglier. I am so glad and thankful tonight that I have such a lover as Charlie. Instead of that blackeyed one that I used to admire so much. How could I have loved him so I don't

see. Why. I despise him tonight from the very depth of my soul. I do not hate him though I sometimes say I do, and I pray for him every day of my life. And I hope that God will some time touch his heart and make him a man in Christ Jesus. Charlie and I went up on the hill to look for my handkerchief which I had lost on my way to church when we came back we went to his house and he lent me a novel entitled "For Just to Earnest." he also gave me a chrysanthemum blossom. I can't help saying once more how happy I am tonight.

Monday 8th I am to board at McClair's this week. Will Hoadley came to school today, He makes me think of John so much. and yet it does not make me dislike him, but I feel as if I wanted to do him good. He is just about the age John was when I first knew him, but I cannot realize that John was such a boy five years ago.

Tuesday the 9th Rather cloudy and disagreeable.

Friday 12th Walked as far as the grist mill last night and rode with Mr. Hamilton from there to Uncle Harveys. went down to prayer meeting. did not see Charlie. went home with Wallin's people and stayed all night. Lizzie brought me out this morn. Papa came after me tonight. Charlie came to tell me he could not come for me. Mamma went to Mrs. Freds and I begun to dress and just as Charlie came to tell me he had changed his mind and could go, so we went down town to meet the team but there was no room for Charlie so he had to walk. We had lots of fun. Charlie rode home because Linea stayed there all night and he took her place beside me.

Saturday 13th Worked hard this morn., Aunt Jessie was here. I made some cookies. Jimmie Underwood spent the afternoon here. He is a great deal nicer than he was the time before. Charlie was here this eve.

Sunday 14th Jimmie and Johnnie were at church and SS. There was a concert this eve. they were there too. John keeps his eyes on me all the time. Watches every move I make. He did so at the party the other night and he did so today when I was any where near him. I guess he thinks it will embarrass me, but I guess he finds he is mistaken.

Monday 15th Cloudy this morning. Papa brought me out as usual. I have almost recovered from that terrible nervous spell I had yesterday.

Tuesday 16th We had quite a fall of snow last night. Charles stopped here about half past two and inquired the time of day and then went on. It was aggravating to see him only so short a time, but so it must be.

Wednesday 17th A long dreary day. the boys had a quarrel and I had to settle it. Except that school went off very pleasantly. I think these children love me, I would just as lief John Underwood should see this journal as not. It is so full of Charlie, oh how could I ever have thought as much of that John as I once did.

Friday 19th walked down as far as Skinners last night and George Arnold and Sue Breuckmann came along in a carriage and took me the rest of the way home. Went to prayer meeting with papa. Did not see Charlie. Papa brought me out this morn. Jimmie Underwood came about half past one or two oclock and spent the afternoon. then we went to McClairs to supper and then came home. Charlie came for me to go to the society at Chadbourn's. We had a splendid time. Lizzie came home with me to stay all night.

Saturday 20th Mamma went calling this afternoon. Charlie was here this eve.

Sunday 21st. There was confirmation at the Episcopal church and we had a very small congregation this morn. there was choirmeeting at five tonight. Charles and I went. There was a large congregation and we had a good sermon about truth. Mr. Dunn made me sing a piece I didn't know and it made me angry.

Monday 22nd Pleasant but cold. the town superintendent visited the school this morning. He said he was perfectly satisfied with the school. Oh, I'm always so tired Monday nights.

Tuesday 23rd Nothing of consequence to write.

Wednesday 24th Lay awake last night and thought until eleven o'clock. And woke again in the night and thought. I was trying to think what to give Charlie for a philopena present. I guess I will give him a book on Christmas.

Wednesday 24th Papa came after me tonight. had a fuss with Will Hoadley in school. Charlie was coming this eve, but I had to go to choirmeeting and I met him on my way to the church and he went up with me. Mr. Taylor was here when I left, Charles and I went up to his house after the choirmeeting and ate some apples. then we went home and he stayed til twelve oclock.

Thursday 25th Thanksgiving. Charlie came after me this morning. Went to church and from there to Uncle Harvey's to dinner. While we were there Charlies and Mr. Pride went by from Laketown hunting. Bert threw a can up and Charlie shot at it and hit it. Charlie was here this evening.

Friday 26th Went out to school this morn and came back again tonight. Mrs. Adams has been sewing on my dress all

day.

Saturday 27th Did up the work while Mamma and Mrs. Adams sewed. Went down town this afternoon. Charlie was here this afternoon just after dinner to bid me goodbye. he went to Chicago on the Heath this afternoon. Is coming back Tuesday. Mrs. Stocking and hr little boy were here too. Mrs. Adams and Mamma sat up till twelve oclock to finish my dress. Belle Shores and Mr. Henry were married tonight.

Sunday 28th What a dreary day. It snowed some last night after church, went up to see Mrs. Bird about what to make Charlie for Christmas. I had papa send for a copy of Tom Moore by Charlie by himself but he don't know it is for himself now thinks papa is sending for it. I want it for a philopena. I am going to make him something for Christmas. it is very cold and disagreeable tonight. And I am so lonesome without my dear Charlie.

Monday 29th It is very cold today,. We suffered in the schoolroom unless we kept close to the stove. I am to board at Kennedy's.

Tuesday 30th Rather pleasant day. Johnnie Zwemer brought me a letter from Charlie this morn. Papa stopped here on his way to Bush's to tell me that Charlie was at home all safe.

Friday 3rd I got so homesick I had to go home last night. I walked to Wallins and went down to prayer meeting. Mr. Lock walked from Perry Goshorn's to the tannery with me. Lizzie and I went around town some before prayer meeting to Johnson's and to the drug store. The Underwood boys were at the church. Lizzie took me out this morn. Papa brought me home tonight. Charlie and I went to Johnson's to the social. We went to his house first and waited for him to dress. I flirted with Jim like fury tonight, and apparently enjoyed myself hugely I suppose, but in reality I would have preferred to have been at home with Charlies.

Saturday 4th Charles was here this afternoon. I walked downtown with him. Stopped and looked at his stereoptic views and then went calling. Called at Linas and Eve Johnson fixed my hair a little. Called on Mrs. Philbrooke, also Mrs. Coates and Mrs. Henry. Went and told Will that the social might be at Mrs. Coates. then came home. Charlie was here this eve.

Sunday 5th Charlie was here to oysters after church. Came after me to go to church in the eve. Only Emn, Mr Pride, Mr. Dune and myself in the choir and no organist. very few out. Received an invitation to Jessie Morrison's wedding.

Saturday 11th I forgot to take my journal out last Monday so I shall have to write from memory. Monday the 6th Walter went to see about his school and rode right behind us. When he came back in the afternoon he stopped at the school house and after school he took me to my board place - Mr. Doanes. Wednesday the 8th was Jessie's wedding day. I expected to go, but papa brought me word in the morning that Charles was not invited so I would not go.

Friday 10th I came home with papa as usual. Charlie was here in the eve, brought some cider and a letter for me. I was busy all this Saturday morning. This afternoon Jimmie Underwood came before I was dressed and stayed to tea. Then after he went away I went down town to get some things to make Charlie a Christmas present. He got to the house before I got back and came down again and met me at Linns and then we came home.

Sunday 12th Sloppy and slippery and windy today. Charlie came after me this morning to go to church. Also in the afternoon to go to Lira Chadburn's to practice some Christmas songs. Afternoon called at Lina's far me to go to church. A goad many out but "the Underwood boys" were not there. I wrote to my own father and to Aunt Katie this eve after returning from church.

Monday 13th Windy this morn when we came out. I commenced a handkerchief box for Charlie. Ida Weaver is at Mrs. Doane's.

Saturday 14th Busy all the morning. Lizzie came to tell Papa to see Mrs. Perry who is nursing Mrs. Wallin and who



is sick. This afternoon Mamma and Papa went riding. Mrs. Barber called. Afterwards, I wove hair. Charlie was here.

Sunday 15th Rainey. I put my SS class with Mamma's and I taught Miss Ensign's class. Rainy this eve.

Monday 15th Warm I am to board at McClair's again.

Tuesday 16th I pulled my tiddy all out. I had one side of the border done and commenced it all over again.

Wednesday 18th I have boxed the ears of three or four boys today. Mr. and Mrs. McClair and I went over to Paris's last night. We sang and danced &c. papa went by the school house this morning with a spotted dog following him.

Thursday 19th School went off pleasantly. Quite a pleasant day.

Friday 20th School rather noisy. did not have any recess this afternoon. Charlie was at our house.

Monday 24th Saturday was cloudy and gloomy. Papa and Mamma went riding. I wove hair. Marcia and Allie called. Mile stayed all night. Charlie was here and we had some butternuts. Yesterday we had a very full congregation, both morning and evening at our church. Mill Johnson was home for a day or two but returned to Grand Rapids last night.

Tuesday 25th had a call from Miss Collins from Douglas today. she wants to engage their school for next term. And as I told the director some time ago that I would not teach in the summer, I presume they will hire her.

Monday 31st Last Friday, the 28th Papa came after me, as usual and he said I was invited to a party at Lizzie's. In the evening Charlie and I went, we had a splendid time. John Underwood was there and that was the first time I have had any thing to do with him since he returned from Ohio. I only did that because it would not have been polite to do otherwise at Lizzie's. It snowed Saturday the 29th. Charlie was at our house in the eve. I went down town in the afternoon. Yesterday everything as usual. I have taken Mrs. Henry Bird's class permanently. Most all the pupils sick. A beautiful morning. O how happy I am this winter. compared to last or any other time in my life. God is so good to me, and yet I do not please him as I might. May he forgive me and help me to do better for Jesus' sake. I ? singing "O Praise the Lord" this morning. I wrote to Kittie Hibberdine today. Poor girl. She and I have been such friends and I have cruelly neglected her lately, she looked so sad in church that today I wrote to her to forgive me for [?]. I am to boxed at Mr. Doane's this week.

Tuesday 1st Feb. Mr. McClair went by Doanes this morning and I sent nice letter to mail to Kittie Hibberdine. It is cold weather now.

Wednesday 2nd Cold and stormy. I have caught cold.

Thursday 3<sup>r</sup>d Mr. Doane was going by the schoolhouse this morn so I rode with him. I gave my note to Charlie to give to him when he went to town this afternoon. he did not go, but Mrs. Doane went and brought me a letter from Charlie. this eve Mr. and Mrs. Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Estabrooke were to call at Doanes.

Friday More pleasant than yesterday. Not so cold.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sick all day. I had such a cough last night papa gave me some morphine and it made me so sick that I vomited two or three times.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Better, but have still a headache.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Headachey. It rained last night and all day.

Thursday 10th Received a letter from Charlie. Mr. McClair arrived home from the lumber woods.

Friday 11th Fred McKnight brought the news this morn that Johnson's Store and Wilson's saloon were burned last night. And when I reached home I found it was true. the town greatly excited over it. Charlie of course was there. Mr. Pride came up for him to go down and put up a prescription. I went down with him. Afterwards we went to see the ruins. Afterwards home.

Saturday 12th Wove hair. Mamma went calling. Mrs. Hanchett called while she was gone. Also little Jessie House and Marcia Scovil and Alice. Mr. Underwood came for papa to go and see John. He is very sick. I guess it is consumption. Poor boy I'm sorry for him any way if he is hateful.

Sunday Jessie stayed all night. Everything as usual. It rained in the eve.

Monday 14thg A little snow today. I feel very well today considering it is Monday. I most always feel miserable on Mondays.

Tuesday 15th More snow. I am so nervous I can hardly be still a minute and have been very cold in school in consequence.

Wednesday 16th Almost sick. I don't see what I should be miserable so much of the time this winter. I felt so well in the fall and forepart of the winter. have written three sheets to Charlie this week and expect to write one more. I have been reading Dickens "Oliver Twist and "Christmas Stories" this week.

Thursday 17th *Had a fuss* with Fred McKnight this afternoon at recess.

Friday 18th Fred sent a note this morning saying he was sorry for what he had done, and would do better if I would let him come back, so I sent him word he could.

Friday, 18th (cont) About ten of us went up and called on Mr. Bowen and his bride last evening. papa and I stopped at Uncle Harvey's as we came home and Marcia came down with us to go to the choir meeting. Charlie came from me and we went but they didn't have any, but we all helped number the SS books. Charlie went to writing school.

Saturday 19th went to prayer meeting in the evening down town in the afternoon to get some zephyr. Was weighed. My weight is 120 pounds.

Sunday 20th Everything as usual, had ten boys in my class. We had choir meeting at five oclock.

Monday 21st Same snow today. Fred McK came to school. Tuesday 22nd More snow.

Wednesday 23rd Mrs. Paris and I went over to Mr. Estabrooks last night and stayed all night. Mrs. Estabrooke lent me her ring til the next time I see her.

Thursday 24th A beautiful and sunshiny day., Mr. Hock[?] and his son and daughter spent the eve with us this evening also Mr. and Mrs. Estabrooke. I gave Lillie her ring.

Friday 25th Another nice day. Mr. Paris engaged me to teach here next term. Mamma and Papa were invited to Mr. James Williams to tea and they went just after I got home. Mamma spent the eve. Papa went to Lodge and brought Mamma home with him. Charlie was here with me.

Saturday 26th Went down town this after noon to get some samples at Johnsons for a dress but could get none to suit me. Then went to Burns to ask Jo to show me how to make a scrap bag for Mamma. My eyes trouble me so that I can't work on my tidy any more at present. Called on Mrs. Barber to borrow her afghan needle then went over to

Josie's again to borrow her scrap bag. then to Barbers to get some yarn and then upstairs again and took Mrs. Barber's afghan needle back because it was too small and went home with Mrs. Fred and looked at her scrap bag &c and their home. Charlie was there, of course. they have had great times in the church lately. They all turned on papa last Sunday (the 22nd) and abused him, the minister with the rest, because he said that Mr. Taylor ought to be more spiritual. Mrs. Hibberdine went away Sunday. Kittie is living at Henry Birds's Charlie and Papa and I went to prayer meeting this eve led by Mr. Taylor.

Sunday 27th Sleety and disagreeable. Went to church and SS and evening service as usual.

Monday 28th Papa brought me out in the cutter this morning. I am to board at Zwemer's this week.

Tuesday 29th Snowed all day very hard. Mary Dennis and Maggie Donald came to see about getting this school.

Wednesday 1st March There is deep snow on the ground.

Thursday 2nd Mrs. Doane was at Mr. Zwemers tonight. Also Mr. and Mrs. *Adrian Zwemer*.

Friday 3rd Mrs. Doane, Mrs. Paris and Mrs. Estabrooke came to see the school on Friday. On our way home Papa had to stop at Mr. ferry Goshorns and at Mr. Dunns to see Mrs. Ellis, Then we came out from there we met John Underwood. He was riding because he thought it would do lion goad. Poor boy. He looked very pale and miserable. Charlie was here this eve.

Saturday 4th John brought Nellie here to see me this morn and about dinner time he came after her but she had eaten dinner yet, so he went away and came again about two oclock. he looked as if he would faint he was so pale. I feel sorry for him and yet I can't help despising him. While Nellie was there Uncle Harvey came to invite me to their house this afternoon. So I went up with Bert and Louise Breuckmann. Miss Ensign and Mr. Martin from Graafschap were also there. After tea Charlie cane up there for one to go sleighriding. It has been so warm yesterday and today that the sleighing was very poor but we rode till prayer meeting time and then again after it was over. Then I went up to Charlie's house to borrow his mother's overshoes while Charlie put away the horse. then we went home.

Sunday 5th rainy, it was communion. Jennie Tedmon and Mrs. Mason joined the church. Concert in the evening. "I'd tell them to be true."

Monday 6th warm but cloudy. Rainy toward evening. There was a cousin of the Zwemer children here named Dolman.

Tuesday 7th Colder. Received a letter from my darling this eve.

Wednesday 8th Sent a letter to Charlie this morning. finished Mamma's scrap bag today and commenced one for myself. Mine is famed with blue and hers with red yarn.

Thursday 9th Another letter came from Charlie tonight Also a patent lead pencil. Mrs. Zwemer was away visiting today.

Friday 10th Very warm today. Papa came far me as usual Charlie and I event boating in the eve, afterwards went home and Charlie spent the eve. It thundered and rained very hard while he was going home.

Saturday 11th I went down town *this afternoon to get a new dress and same other things*. Went to Mrs. James Williams to get an apron pattern on the way net Kit and she went down there with me and then home with me afterwards. We went to Barber's for *my dress and then bought same oranges, and we went* home, mamma and Papa went up to Uncle Harvey's and came back before tea.

Charlie and Kit and I went to prayer meeting but were late, we called at Prides when went to take Kit home. Went up home with her and stayed a few minutes then we went to his house and had some custard pie. then home again but Charlie did not come in, we almost had a spat tonight at Ed's,

Sunday 12th Everything as usual. Choir meeting at half past five. quite a large congregation in the eve. Some fellows from Douglas over.

Monday 13th Pretty cold. Y wrote answer to some of the children's letters. I am going to board at Mr. Hoadleys a weeks.

Tuesday 14th Sent a letter to Charlie today. Oh. How I would like to see him tonight. I cannot wait three days *longer*.

Wednesday 15th rainy and sleety and windy

Thursday 16th it sleeted all night and this morning. this afternoon the wind blew the ice off the trees in most places.

Friday 17th Snowed all night and nearly all day though the sun shone some this afternoon. Charlie was here this eve.

Saturday 18th went to Mrs. Williams this afternoon and took that apron home to the drug store to get some reward cards to Emma Johnsons store to see about a costume for our centennial tea meeting that is to come off week after next, from there to Johnsons from there to Johnsons store to get a paper cambric then to Mrs. Drakes to get her to make my dress. went in the evening to the prayer meeting and after that to Charlies to eat maple sugar. they were selling for the benefit of the Methodist church.

Sunday 19th went to church and SS to choir meeting at half four and stayed to evening service. I lost one of my gloves tonight. This morn Lou Breuckmann Fan Upham and I were alone in the choir.

Monday 20th somewhat stormy. I commenced my dress for the Centennial.

Tuesday 21st Very stormy. I worked on my dress before came to school. Papa came for me to go home to practice for the concert- Charlie came for me to go to church and came for me there to go home again.

Wednesday 22nd Came out to school. We had visitors at school this afternoon. Miss Emma Hock and Miss Lora Young, a niece of Mrs. Paris, Anson asked me up there to a candy pull this eve. so I went.

Thursday 23rd A beautiful day. All the snow is going. I stayed at Paris all night. Am sleepy today.

**The journal stops here. Hattie and Charles were married later in 1876 when both were 21 years old. They lived above the store in. Saugatuck then moved to a small house on the square and then to the old Samuel Johnson home (later Frolic Resort) on. Allegan Street The couple had seven children. Charles died in 1941, Hattie in 1944.**

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