



PLAYMATES' WRITING
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Ada, O. Jan 1, 1892.

Am attending school here having been here about eight weeks room-mate went home to spend the holidays I am alone am working at Mrs. Perry's I sat up last night all alone to watch the New Year come in. Came in rather blustering but when I bowed myself in prayer and asked God to take care of me during this year I also promised Him that I would be more earnest in my Christian life and that I would follow Him wherever He would have me go.

I arose at 7-30 this morning went to the P.O. and there to breakfast at Mrs. Youngs. Spent the forenoon in writing went to the telegraph shot got my hair cut @ 20 cts. then went to my meal ate a hearty dinner came to my room and spent the time in writing until 6 P.M. went to the P.O. spent the evening in literary pursuits retired @ 10 o'clock thanking the Lord for this kind care.

Jan 2: colder, blustering, sunny, not much stir in town spent the day in literary work, writing etc. took two meals I read Galmage's German text to this end was I can. It inspired me to more earnest work and that I should ask God to direct my pursuits in life. I put my working shoes on this eve. and went to the P.O. It is snowing rapidly and the wind is rather disagreeable, purchased some writing materials for 35 cts. spent the evening in writing on quotation Subject - Opportunity. Retire 10 P.M.

Jan. 3, A cool but bright morning,
go to Sat. School at the M. E. Church
recited the lesson. "The kingdom of China"
Bible Class met in my room in afternoon
studied the 5th Chap of Daniel
Spent the evening in reading the Golden
Verses of Life wrote two letters Retire 11 P.M.

Jan 4, Snowing pretty
heavily in the morning but
ceases about 9 o'clock go to the
writing recitation of the
Holiday Class have a few hrs.
recitation which closes the term.

School begins tomorrow and
the students are pouring in
heavily. Mr. Smith returns
and we spend the evening in a
pleasant visit.

Jan. 5, cloudy, rather cool
school commenced today with
good interest. I am running with
J. C. Smith I have seven branches
this term Higher Arithmetic Higher
Algebra, Grammar, Analysis,

Military drill, Teachers having c. 10 before
Class Vocal music will
have plenty of work on hand.
My program is arranged to retire
at 10 P.M. and rise at 5 A.M.
we have altar service in our rooms
and also at our meals. I realize
the great importance of clinging to
Christ who is the Author of our faith.

Retire 10 P.M.
Jan. 6 Bustering students
pouring in rapidly there
is a constant stir. All our
rooms are full at Perry's
We have fifteen (15) students
in our boarding club.

Jan 7 Snowy, bustling;
Mr. Smith and I are together
and enjoy each others compa-
ny very much.

Jan. 8, Cold snowy school
goes on with good interest.
I receive an express package
of medicine Go to the P. O. in
the evening get a letter from
Father containing \$15-

which was very acceptable.
I am wearing my working
shoes now and observing
the rules of rigid economy.
Go to the Phil. Literary
Society have a very interesting
time. The question of Prohibition
was debated with great interest.
get home 11³⁰

Sat. Jan. 7, rise 6³⁰, cold,
thermometer stands at 50.
below zero. go to the P. O. and
get my order cashed.
Go to the reading circle at 4⁰⁰
read and study until 3³⁰
go to the library get Dodd's
lectures to young men
go to the vocal class at 4⁰⁰
Go to the Y. M. & Y. W. C. A.
prayer meeting at 6³⁰
spend the remainder of the
evening in my room.
retire 11 O'clock.

Sat. Jan. 10, 1892. Cold & foggy
Go to the Y. M. & Y. W. C. A. Bible
class meet at 2-30 P.M. 11 Present

study the sixth Chap. of Daniel
Go to the Y. M. C. A. at 3-30
address by Prof. Fess. subj.
purpose in life discussed
under three heads Character,
Culture, Critical power.
Come home spend the evening
in writing retire 10³⁰

Jan. 11. Getting warmer
I drop my Arithmetic recitation
will devote more time to literary
work get warmer and rains
the ground is covered with ice.
I go to the P. O. but find it
rather difficult to get about
Mr. Lamping visits us a
little while

Jan. 12, 1892. Snowy.
J. Chapel have separate meeting. Prof. Lih
gives good advice
Jan. 13. Stormy, I take my first
lesson in drawing

Jan. 14, Snowy, pretty fair sleighing.
I have my expenses paid now
for ten weeks but after buying
a book which it will be
necessary for me to get I will
come out — No young man
should be in debt but as I
have money which I can not get
hold of I will be obliged to borrow
a little. I think these little trials
are good for me even if I do have
to wear my working shoes in a
school among 1200 students.

Jan. 15, a beautiful day the
sleigh bells are ringing and all
seem merry and gay recitations
are interesting and every thing
seems to move off quite nicely.

The rudimental class in vocal
music is very interesting indeed
and conducted by an able instructor.
J. Philo Hall in the evening heard
the question debated "Resolved, That
wealth exerts more influence than
knowledge" did not stay for
rehearsing class came home 7-30
Jan. 16, A lovely morning, clear
and the first crop all the bushes
and trees giving them a glorious
appearance go to military regulation
9 A.M. Reading Circle 11 A.M.
Bible Class 1-3 P.M. some home
study a short time when Mr. Smith
& friend of my roommate comes in
We go to Y.M.C.A. meeting 6-30
Lunch - 11-12 P.M. Opportunity. Our
debating club then met organized
and debated the question Resolved,
That Science has done more for
civilization than religion. I came
home spent with another student
in another room.

Jan. 17, Sat. A beautiful morning
the weather is moderating some.
Breakfast 7-30 A.M. at M.E. Church
Lunch 11-12 P.M. Dinner 12-1
Bible Class 2-30 Supp. Joseph
Y.M.C.A. 3-30, Bible reading which
was a great help to me. Supper
5 P.M. spend the evening in writing
I read today in a holiness book

and I believe it will be a
great benefit to me. I realize how
weak, sinful, and unworthy I am.

From Jan. 18 to 26, 1892.

In school; cold thermometer
ranging from zero to 22° below
zero, sleighing and many of
the students are taking
advantage of it, but is one who
has no money and but little time
for school. It is not the advisable
course to pursue. I am doing
the best I can, although health
is not the best yet. I thank God
for his manifold blessing to me
and I can honestly say, that
amid the stir of school, that
my duties to God is the one that
holds the scepter in my mind.

I realize that not so much will
be required of me as will be required
of some, yet I know that there is
a work for me to do, and the first
is to know and understand

myself just as God sees me.
I do not desire to be made prominent
before men. I do not crave worldly honor.
I desire to be among the hidden
part of God's people. I desire a pure
heart and a meek submission to
the will of my Redeemer.

From Jan 27 - Feb. 4, 1892

School is going on with good interest.
I have seven recitations which keep
me very busy and owing to ill health
I will have to drop some of them.

I am taking a course of medicine which
if it does its work I hope to be in better
condition for study. I think also that
there will be a turning point
in my career either for a Collegiate
course or outdoor work perhaps
a mechanical line of business.

I receive from letters from friends
all of which are very encouraging indeed.
I do not know yet how long I can
remain in school perhaps only five
weeks longer. I want to get humble
before God and do his will each day.

Feb. 5 to 12.

Busy at work although still troubled in health, many new ideas rise before me now. new scenes. I have been thinking seriously of my relation to God and of my negligence concerning the privileges of the Christian professor. It seems that I can not decide in what line to direct my energies for life. This question has caused me many an anxious hr. I can see plainly what for money would be the best plan to pursue but that is not the question. I regard money as a secondary affair only as it is directed to the Master's use. I have thought seriously of the teachers profession and that seems rather foremost in mind but whether health will permit this I can not say. I want to feel that God doth lead me in all acts in life.

Feb. 12. 1892. rise 7. O'clock, a beautiful day the very atmosphere seems to speak forth praise to the Creator of all things I study until 11 O'clock when I go to the Reading Circle from thence to dinner come to my room, read a load of words go to the bible class 1.30, from there to Phils Hall get Holbrooks Manual Methods come home study until supper time go to Y.M. C.A. at 6.30 and then hold our debating club have a very interesting debate on Chinese immigration, come home take a bath and retire 11 O'clock. A person will get caught sometimes in a financial way and thus it proved with me today, purchasing a half gal. of oil I found I had only six cts. to my name the oil being worth 8 cts. I offered a postage stamp which he declined to accept but said he would wait on me for the 2 cts. and I am quite sure I do

not know just when I will be
able to say him. The Northern lights
shone brilliantly this evening.

Feb. 14, 92, rise at 7 o'clock
fixing the rain down I go to
Lab. S. and Church at the Disciple.
Prof. Parke gives a grand lesson
about starting in life aright.
The balance wheel or what we
read and think of. If we read
and think of something good
we have a balance wheel. But if
we spend our time on the sheet
and do not read or cherish good
thoughts we have lost our balance
wheel. (A grand illustration)

Services by Rev. Smith text.
Ps 119-18, go to dinner
come to my room and read
until time for our bible class
Lesson Story of Joseph. I then
go to the Y. M. C. A. Come
home write a letter to Bro Leonard
and one to my sister

From Feb. 14 to Feb. 20,
I am enjoying only moderate health
yet I praise God for so many rich
blessings bestowed upon me.
My progress in school work is
rather slow, owing to a great extent
to ill condition of mind, yet I
am doing the very best I know.

I receive encouraging letters from
home very often and it is a great
solace and comfort to me to read
them. But Feb. 26, I receive one
from father which has caused
sadness in my heart ever since.
It contained the news of the death
of Dr. Cummings, Young Armstrong
My father, also father has sold
the home place, and quite a change
is taking place all round in the
old neighborhood, added to this
quite a change has taken place
within the family circle. as father
after more than four yrs of loneliness
has chosen a new companion
for which I am glad indeed.

Feb. 15 - 19

Better cold, fluctuating, all the week
School going on - begins Feb. 15 -
with good interest - I take up
Gen. History, Botany, Physics,
Adv. Analysis, and Military Drill.
get a catalogue from Athens, and
much pleased with the school.
would like very much to
attend it.

Feb. 20, 92. A beautiful day, attend
S.S. Bible Class, Y.M.C.A. Lambert calls
at our room in the afternoon, I spend
the evening in writing
Feb. 21

Feb. 22, Stormy rain, attend young
men's prayer meeting in the room
Mr. Hall is the leader.

Feb. 23 Cloudy receive a kind letter
from my bro. Jordan Bill City Kansas.

Feb. 24 - 92 A lovely day, such
a glorious morning the sun kindles
every thing into a blaze of splendor
and beauty Who can doubt but that
some Divine hand has given us all
these beauties My classes are all very
interesting this term, we have a
good boarding place, only six boys
in the club now but no disease
nearly every topic that can be
thought of. I get a letter from Cousin
Ollie and Mark Harris, announcing

the death of one of my old school mates
at Bartlett, O. Miss Minnie Heald.
Mph. 24 to April 1, 92. in school at Ada,
nothing of importance takes place, my
studies keep me very busy at work.

April 1, all is well, my roommate
tried to fool me by fastening a writing of
April Fool on my back but failed.

I go to society (Lit.) in the evening
The members of the program failed to
come out - hence exercises were poor.

After society I go with Mr Lambert -
to the train to meet his sister Bertha
The rain forces down the train does
not arrive until 1/30 after midnight -
meet Miss Lambert

Sat. April 2. Study all day go to
prayer meeting and debating club
in the evening my last evening
with the Knickerbocker Club go
to the Adelflian Lit. Society
April 3, go to church services as
usual Prof. Harst addresses the
Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon

April 3 - 7, 92 Busy with
my books and thinking of
leaving school

April 4, I did not recite, gather
up and pack my trunk. see Miss
Lambert in the evening go with her to
her room both are late to supper.

After dark I call on Mr. Rogers,
Mr. Lanning, and Mr Lambert, have
a parting talk with Mr Lambert

April 5, ^{Friday} Lanning, meet as many
of the students as possible and take
the train at 10:30 change cars at
Upper Sandusky buy 5¢ worth of crackers
for dinner arrive at Athens 7/10

stay with my aunt wed Sunday
take examination and go home mon.
Carlos, Nestas and C. W. go with me, get
home a little after noon C. W. makes
a flying visit - goes home the next evening
Carlos and I go to Amesville to Uncle
G. H.'s Carlos goes to Lodge we have a
splendid visit - get home about 11 o'clock PM
Tues. April 12, 92. Meet father Howard & Seth
as they were not at home Monday when we
came,

Vesta & I go to Uncle Mills a little while.

I then go to Frank's and back home with Carlos in the evening. We then go to John's a little while in the evening.

Wed. we go to Geo. Hanson's take dinner stop at Uncle Emmers a short time and then go on home. Vesta and Uncle C. W. have gone home. Carlos starts home I go with him a short distance. It seems hard for him to go. I enjoy my visit with him immensely and feel greatly benefitted from the visit. He is a young man of noble character deep thought, sympathetic, thoughtful, whole souled and far seeing, clear cut judgment.

I pray that he may immediately make an open and forward step in the Christian life, for his influence is needed in that direction.

I could not help feeling that he must make this start.

I spend the evening at home and have a splendid visit. Now my heart runs out to the three boys at home. Now I wish they might see life just as it is and that they unlike myself would make an early start in the walk of life.

Thursday April 14 rainy, at home all the forenoon, have a fine dinner after which Leonard and I start for Frank's stop at Uncle Emmers a few moments also at L. M. Hanson's take supper at Frank's have an excellent visit with them, go to Mt. Vernon finger meeting very few out, walk home through the mud.

April 15, this finishes my visit which was excellent I certainly feel more like starting out in life, can see more in life than ever before.

They are pleasantly situated at home our new mother is striving to make home very pleasant and cheerful for father and the boys, and I can not help but feel that their union is one that will be a blessing to both of them.

At 7 o'clock Leonard and I start
for the Station on horseback

Meet Willard Rardin on the train,
stay in Marietta about 3 hrs. see
Prof. Ellis take train at Williamstown
arrive at Ravenswood 3.58 find

Uncle C.W. then go to church at night

April 16, take the train for Spencer
find everything all right.

Sab. April 17 go to S.S. once and church
twice Easter services heard a
missionary preach.

April 18, commence work but are
rained out in an hour

Mr. Green and Son & Mr Taylor
come at noon

April 19, work all day Murphy and
I ~~will~~ start on Bay windows

April 20 work three hrs. rained
out again.

April 21 work 3 hrs. rained out
again

April 22, rain all day, I study
in the forenoon, Murphy comes in

a few moments. Spend afternoon
in writing

April 23, Sat. A beautiful day. we
work all day on the west corridor
wall first-building it uses me pretty
roughly but will try to do my best -

C.W. Harris, J.W. Taylor, Max Murphy,
Park Ferguson, Howard Green,
Mr. Green (The contractor) and myself
perforce the crew John Phillips
will join us soon. We quit at 5 PM
and spend the evening very pleasantly.

April 24, Sab. A beautiful day
We go to church and S.S. Lesson 23 Psalms
heard Rev. Fox preach text was Rom. 3-24

Rom. 5-1 subject - Justification,

C.W. falls asleep and misses part of sermon.
We partake of an excellent dinner
after which the little ones Elsie, and Inez,
and I take a walk after flowers.

I did not go to church in the evening
I thank the Lord for He is keeping power
and I pray that He may keep me from
sin and temptation through the coming week.

Aug 7, 1892, I worked April 25, 26 and
part of 27 was taken sick of typh-
oid fever. Stayed at Spencer until
May 4 when my uncle took me
home. The night of May 5 I had
a severe chill and vomited much.
I was confined to the house six
weeks and was then very slow in
recovering strength. I came to Spencer
Aug. 2 after having visited with Mr
J. S. Lambert Sunday and Monday even-
g. July 31, and Aug 1. My stay at
home, aside from my illness, was
very pleasant indeed. I shall always
feel grateful to them for their loving
& tender kindness to me. I commenced
work again with the old crew
Aug. 3, having made up my mind
to attend school again this winter.
My career must be marked with
rigid economy both in time and
money. I feel perfectly resigned

and should ill health prevent me
from meeting all my engagements
I shall rest easy and content -
believing that in the end all will come
out right -

Aug. 11, '92. We finished
the first story of second building
this morning will commence second
story tomorrow. Am feeling moderately
well think by being careful I will
get along all right. I am too weary
in the evening to study much
but will try to review some of my
studies. I feel so very thankful to my
heavenly father for his tender mercies
to me. The question is now "what
shall I do in return for these blessings?"

Sept. 11, '92. Still at Spencer
working on third story, am
feeling first rate now. Have worked
quite steadily since Aug. 3, @ \$2.25
to \$2.50 per day. Think by rigid
economy I shall be able to attend
school this winter. This is a lovely
day, was at S. S. this morning

, had a very pleasant chat with Mr Max Murphy, a fine little Irish lad about my age, ~~there~~ is a brick-layer and deserves great credit for his march upward thus far.

We take a good dinner at the Chapman Hotel and spend the afternoon in reading and writing.

Sept 11, - 29, busy at work nothing unusual occur up to 26, when cousin Wals comes in and stays until 29. Sept 28, Elmer Runnion a carpenter on the building gets killed by a timber falling on him which he was attempting to carry, was buried today. 29, by the H. O. O. F.

Wals seemed to enjoy his visit very much and it was highly appreciated by us. He is feeling much better than when I saw him last.

Adas, 1892. quite a length of time has intervened since my last writing. On Oct 14, I left Spencer arriving at home in the evening found the folks well. Oct 15 I went to Amersville made a short visit there and went to Geo. Kanes. Uncle Emers & John Kuffmans in the afternoon spending the evening at home. Sun. Oct 16, 92. Carlos and I went to S. S. took dinner at Bro Franks. Carlos & I then went to uncle Wm's and made a call. I then called on Miss Lambert and had a very pleasant evening. Oct. 17, Seth and I bid farewell to our friends and took our and took the train for Ada arriving here about midnight. Time & space forbids me giving any detailed account of the trip.

Three weeks of the trip have now passed away and we now stand as the recipients of God's mercy

Nov. 27, 1892. working away
busily Nov. 22 heard Jos. Cook
lecture on Love and friends of free schools.
Today I attended S.S. preaching
class meeting and Y.M.C.A.
The class meeting was full of
spiritual life. I enjoyed it very
much. I was invited into the
parlor and spent awhile very
pleasantly with the family and
their guests. spent the evening
in writing and reading may
the Lord keep us by his power.

April 11, 1893. Alexandria, Ind.
Seth and I finish up the second
fall Term of school at Ada, and
then go home and spend the
Holidays, John Huffman has
gotten his leg broken.

On the second of Jan. Leonard
Seth Charley and I go back
to Ada and stay the Winter
Term when Seth and Leonard
go home, Walter Embree then
rooms with Charley and
I stay in with them three
wks. of Spring term work
for Prof. Lehn the fourth wk
and stay with the boys at
night. Seth Leonard and Charley
all three made a good start
in school. On Friday April
7 I took the midnight train
changed cars at Lima and
got here Sat morning Apr 8,
have taken lodging in the
private family of J. E. Gooding

a kind christian family

I am not feeling very well and have not for some time hence I feel somewhat discouraged and worried, have been very much embarrassed financially and do not know what the outcome will be. I have the opportunity of trying work as soon as the weather clears up a little if I can stand it.

But I am trusting in God and I know that He will lead me.

I think I am learning some valuable lessons in the spiritual line. I am still trying to decide what my life work shall be.

I would that God might show me just what He would have me do. Anything for His sake.

I have given up all desire of wealth and earthly honor. They are secondary, but I shall

keep on trusting, keep on striving to know what end in life I should direct my energies. May God help me to see the way. May God bless my brother and sister and bring them all into the fold of Christ.

April 11-28, Still at Alexandria went to Summitville April 17 but found no work and came back here the next day.

