

**Louis H. Wagner's Diary**  
**Berlin, Ontario**

**Sunday 15 December 1872 - Sunday 3 March 1878**

**Sunday 15 December 1872**

We were all in church as usual and also in Sunday School.

Grandmother (H) came out and wants to stay till tomorrow.

**Monday 16 December 1872**

Grandmother (H) went home again. Aunt Goetze came out again in the evening. Aunt Breithaupt is gaining in health very well.

**Tuesday 17 December 1872**

Aunt Breithaupt was up nearly all day. We were in Singing School this evening. Uncle Breithaupt went to Toronto today.

Catharine came along out from Singing School.

Aunt Goetze bought some things for Christmas.

**Wednesday 18 December 1872**

Uncle came home again this evening.

**Thursday 19 December 1872**

Sleighing is very good. I went in to the Bible Class with Catharine and staid [sic] with Grandfather's overnight.

**Friday 20 December 1872**

We had our last day of school for this year today and also the Central School.

There were no prizes given this half.

**Saturday 21 December 1872**

In the forenoon I [jored?] around. In the afternoon I took the grey team and took some leather in the store, and brought out some Christmas things & Mr. & Mrs. Schwartz who wanted to talk about keeping the tannery boarders and took them in again and then brought out a box of oysters and a pound of Oyster Briskets.

**Sunday 22 December 1872**

[We?] came in church very late this morning. In the afternoon we went to Sunday School. The roads are nearly drifted shut with snow.

**Monday 23 December 1872**

Louis J. B., Wm. Graff and myself went with "Jule" and the little sleigh out behind Bridgeport on Mr. Potter's farm to fetch Christmas trees. We brought four, one for the S. School, one for Aunt Goetze, one for Mr. I. Anthes, & one for Aunt Breithaupt.

In the afternoon we distributed, & I went to Waterloo for hides but got none. In the evening there was a festival in the Market house held by the Central School so we all went in.

**Tuesday 24 December 1872**

We four boys trimmed & dressed our Christmas tree this evening, we were at it till 12 o'clock. The ram does not work now, because there is not water enough to drive it.

**Wednesday 25 December 1872**

Christmas.

We were in church this morning. Rev. C. A. Thomas preached. We had a festival this evening in our church. There were several dialogues said, of which L. J. B., W. H. B. & myself had one called [**written in German**]. I got a cravat from Ma & Aunt Bn.

We had a splendid turkey for dinner. I got 25 cts from Grandmother B.

**Thursday 26 December 1872**

We staid [sic] at home till two o'clock in the afternoon and played A. B. C. &c, cards, in the afternoon we went to Grandfather and got our Christmas gifts. We boys got each of us fifty cents. L. J. B., J. C. B. & myself staid [sic] in town & went to the Babtist [sic] festival, there were several preaches held, by Mr. Isaac C. Bowman, Mr. Isaac C. Bowman M. P. P., Mr. Isaac C. Bowman [sic?], & Rev. C. A. Thomas, &c.

**Friday 27 December 1872**

The weather was pretty fair. Johny and I [jored?] around all day.

Mr. D. Bean hitched the big colt "Jim" beside his blind mare "Tan", by order of Uncle Breithaupt, it was the first time he was put in the harness. The colt will be three in Spring.

**Saturday 28 December 1872**

Mr. Philip Young from Hamburg came this evening and stays overnight. The weather is pretty cold.

**Sunday 29 December 1872**

Were all in church & Sunday School. Otto Schmidt made a speech in Sunday S. this afternoon. We had a turkey for dinner.

**Monday 30 December 1872**

I went with John [Erexon?] to Bridgeport to fetch horse feed.

**Tuesday 31 December 1872**

Louis J. B. went to a party by Aunt Goetze's. The weather was pretty fair. The doctor was here today. Aunt B. is very weak. Aunt Brahler & her two youngest children Johny & Catharine B. came to Grandmother's this afternoon from Michigan.

Goodbye 1872.

**Wednesday 1 January 1873**

We boys went in to Grandfather and fetched Aunt Harriet and family out, we also brought Aunt Goetze and family along. We put the lights on the Christmas tree this afternoon. There was quite a house-full of visitors here this afternoon. We lighted the Christmas tree this evening.

**Thursday 2 January 1873**

I had to go along to Preston with the teams to fetch hides today. It rained the greater part of the day.

Aunt Breithaupt was very weak this evening. Johny and I had to go and fetch Doctor Bowlby. We brought Aunt Brahler along out. When we came home Aunt Breithaupt had given them all a farewell in this world, she thought she had to die, but she got better again.

**Friday 3 January 1873**

Rev. C. A. Thomas and wife were here today. Also Mrs. Bowman from Waterloo.

Aunt Harriet, Aunt Goetze and Grandma (H) are going to stay here overnight. Aunt Breithaupt is a little better. It snowed some today.

**Saturday 4 January 1873**

Aunt Goetze and Grandma (H) went home today.

The ram works again.

Aunt B. felt pretty well all day but in the evening she had a pain in the bowels.

**Sunday 5 January 1873**

The weather was pretty rough. We were in church and Sunday School as usual. Lizzie Schmidt & Mary Senfleber were here for supper. Aunt Breithaupt is very weak.

**Monday 6 January 1873**

I [jored?] about all day.

Aunt Breithaupt is getting [better] a little.

**Tuesday 7 January 1873**

Our school comenced [sic] today again. Aunt Harriet went to Grandma's (H) again & Aunt Goetze came out [&?] Bean's & a lot of others went to the Poor-house today. William & I had to go to the Doctor for medicine this evening.

There is no Singing School now because there is evening meeting in Waterloo.

**Wednesday 8 January 1873**

The weather was not very rough today. Aunt Breithaupt feels pretty good this evening.

**Thursday 9 January 1873**

Aunt Harriet came out today. The weather was pretty cold.

**Friday 10 January 1873**

The weather was almost as cold as yesterday. Aunt Breithaupt was up part of the day because her bed-room was so cold, (because the steam coil was fixed).

**Saturday 11 January 1873**

Aunt Breithaupt was up the greater part of the day.

Mr. Alletre [sic], Uncle's bookkeeper happened to lose the safe keys the evening before last. L. J. B. shaved me this evening.

**Sunday 12 January 1873**

We were in church & Sunday School. The prizes were given in S. S. today.

**Monday 13 January 1873**

The weather was pretty fair all day. It rained some. Aunt Harriet was out, Aunt Bt. was up part of the day.

**Tuesday 14 January 1873**

I fetched Aunt Goetze out this morning.

Mr. Yaeger (Mason) butchered nine pigs for Uncle today, four of which Uncle sold.

Grandfather (H) was very sick the last few days, but he is well enough to be up now.

The roads are very sloppy.

**Wednesday 15 January 1873**

It rained again today. Ezra has got a bad cold or rather the croup.

Aunt Bpt. was up again to-day. Albert is also a little sick. Aunt Harriet stays by Ma's tonight.

**Thursday 16 January 1873**

It rained all day.

We intended to [got] to the Bible Class this evening but the roads are too bad. Mr. D. Bean strained his leg today so that he can do nothing.

**Friday 17 January 1873**

It was very cold last night. We (boys) went skating this evening.

Uncle Breithaupt, Aunt Goetze & Aunt Brahler went to Galt today with "Kate" and the "big" cutter.

**Saturday 18 January 1873**

I sharpened my skates today, in the afternoon Johnney & I helped to load bark at the Station.

**Sunday 19 January 1873**

We were in church and Sunday School as usual. The Sunday School is held up in the church now.

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Aunt Harriet was here, stays here yet tonight. **(This sentence was inked out on original page.)**

**Monday 20 January 1873**

We brought Aunt Harriet and Aunt Goetze out this evening to give "Good Bye" but had to take them back again.

Louis E. & Johny Brahler slept here tonight the latter slept by John C. B. & myself.

**Tuesday 21 January 1873**

I gave Aunt Brahler & the three cousins "adieu" this morning by Grandfather (H), sending my best respects to the relations in Michigan. I went to Waterloo this evening for feed.

Including Louis E. Brahler.

**Wednesday 22 January 1873**

Aunt Breithaupt does not feel very well today. She has a pain in her bowels.

**Thursday 23 January 1873**

It stormed very very hard all day, I heard say it was the worst storm we had this winter. Louis J. B. & myself got our supper by Grandma's (H) and went to the Bible Class.

**Friday 24 January 1873**

I went in town early this morning to help Grandpa shovel snow on account of the storm last night. It was not quite so stormy today as yesterday.

**Saturday 25 January 1873**

Johny & I went for hen-dung in Lexington with "Kate" & the little sleigh; in the afternoon we took a load leather to town and helped to roll-up leather.

It was not very cold today.

The doctor was out today because Aunt B. is a little the worse, he says she has the ulcer.

**Sunday 26 January 1873**

The weather was pretty fair. Aunt Breithaupt is not much better.

Louis J. B., W. H. B., J. C. B., Catharine (W) & myself went to Heidelberg [sic] to the dedication of an Evangelical church with "Frank" and the large cutter.

Rev. Dubs, editor of the "Rotschafter" was present.

For dinner we went to a shoemaker by name of Mr. Brendly and we started for home at half past four o'clock and came home at seven.

**Monday 27 January 1873**

Mrs. Schwartz and her daughter Angeline were here this evening.

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The weather was pretty fair.

**Tuesday 28 January 1873**

Rev. C. A. Thomas and family were here today.

It is very cold but not so very stormy.

Aunt Breithaupt is getting better again.

**Wednesday 29 January 1873**

Mrs. Aldous & Mrs. Debus were here today.

It was very cold today. It also stormed some.

**Thursday 30 January 1873**

Aunt Goetze and family were here today. L. J. B., W. H. B., J. C. B., Catharine were in the bible class this evening.

We rode in.

**Friday 31 January 1873**

The weather was a little warmer today than usual.

We had our monthly examinations in school today, which was the first this year. We got a letter from Aunt Harriet to-day.

**Saturday 1 February 1873**

Aunt Breithaupt did not feel very well today. Mr. John Gelz son of Mr. Franz Gelz from Shakespere [sic] brought a load of hides to-day. I helped a little in the tannery to-day.

**Sunday 2 February 1873**

We did not go to church today because we did not have any because there was Quarter Yearly meeting. We went to church in the evening.

**Monday 3 February 1873**

Mrs. Bowman from Waterloo was here today and intends to stay over night.

It is not very cold.

**Tuesday 4 February 1873**

It is getting a little sloppy because the weather is very warm; but this evening it is getting colder. Mrs. Bowman went home today.

**Wednesday 5 February 1873**

William & I were in church this evening. Aunt Breithaupt is recovering again. It froze very hard last night.

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**Thursday 6 February 1873**

Aunt Breithaupt was out on the front verandah in fresh air today for the first time over two months.

The weather was very mild today.

Mr. & Mrs. Galley (who make soles of skivings) were in Galt and took Samuel Bean along to get his photograph taken.

**Friday 7 February 1873**

We were in church this evening, Mr. Thomas preached.

The weather was pretty fair today.

**Saturday 8 February 1873**

It was a little colder today than yesterday. I jored around all day. I was at the market today. One of the glass windows in the downstairs hall (stained glass) fell out yesterday and brok [sic] all to pieces. A steam pipe also burst in the house.

Twenty years ago today Uncle & Aunt Breithaupt were married.

**Sunday 9 February 1873**

We were in church and Sunday School as usual.

It was pretty cold today. L. J. B., W. H. B. & I were at Grandpa's for dinner.

**Monday 10 February 1873**

I was in church this evening. The weather was not very cold.

**Tuesday 11 February 1873**

We had some good fun at snow-balling in school today.

We were in church this evening.

**Wednesday 12 February 1873**

Aunt Breithaupt is getting better every day & we hope she will soon recover her former strength. Doctor was out today.

I was in church.

**Thursday 13 February 1873**

It was very cold today but not very windy.

I was in church this evening. Rev. Harlang preached.

**Friday 14 February 1873**

It was not very cold today. I was in church this evening.

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Mr. F. Fisher, Uncle's fireman, fell sick today and could hardly walk.

**Saturday 15 February 1873**

It was very pleasant today.

I jored around all day.

Mr. Kastner, from Sebringville, was here today.

**Sunday 16 February 1873**

We were all in church and Sunday School as usual.

**Monday 17 February 1873**

The boarders get there [sic] meals here because Mr. D. Bean is going to move to Blandford tomorrow. The weather was pretty fair today.

Aunt Breithaupt was out today for a cutter ride, for the first time since her illness. Louis J. B. & William H. B. drove out the two colts today with Bean's "Fan" first Jim then Bob. I was in church this evening.

**Tuesday 18 February 1873**

I helped D. Bean to drive down his cattle with Eusebius & Malcarm Smith. We arrived on his farm in Blandford about 5 o'clock.

The rest of the teams arrived about 9 o'clock.

**Wednesday 19 February 1873**

Blandford.

I helped to set up some beds an [sic] get the house in order. The weather was tollerably [sic] fair all day.

**Thursday 20 February 1873**

I jored about nearly all day. It is getting a little colder towards night.

**Friday 27 February 1873**

We intended to go back to Berlin again today (Mr. D. Bean & I). We had the horses out already, intending to hitch them in the sleigh, but it was awful stormy so we changed our minds and staid [sic].

**Saturday 22 February 1873**

It continued storming all day. I also jored around today.

**Sunday 23 February 1873**

I staid [sic] in the house all day. It was very cold and stormy today, some say this was the one of coldest day [sic] we have had this winter.

**Monday 24 February 1873**

It continued as cold today as yesterday. I tried my best to get off today but could not get Mr. Bean to go.

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**Tuesday 25 February 1873**

Berlin.

We left Ratho (or Mr. Bean's farm) this morning and came home about 4 o'clock. I helped Mr. Bean to load his sleigh with what he had here yet.

I went to church this evening.

**Wednesday 26 February 1873**

I went to school again today. I was in church this evening. It was not very cold today. Mr. D. Bean went home again today.

**Thursday 27 February 1873**

It was not very cold today. I was in church this evening. John C. B.'s birthday was today; he got an Albium [sic] and a pocket knife from Uncle & Aunt Breithaupt.

**Friday 28 February 1873**

I was in church this evening.

**Saturday 1 March 1873**

Mr. D. Bean and Ma arrived here about noon from Blandford. The Quarter Yearly meeting commenced this afternoon. Aunt Breithaupt attended it for the first time since her illness.

**Sunday 2 March 1873**

We were all in church today except Aunt B. & Grandmother (B) who are both ill. We were in church three times.

**Monday 3 March 1873**

Mr. D. Bean thrashed for Uncle (B) today.

I was in church this evening which was the last of the evening meeting. Mr. Finkbeiner preached, he is from Steuben (Tsp.) Huron. Louis J. B.'s birthday was today, he got a nice pair of slippers from Aunt Breithaupt.

**Tuesday 4 March 1873**

Mr. D. Bean and Ma went home today. It is very cold yet.

Rev. Mr. Smith was out here today.

**Wednesday 5 March 1873**

It was pretty cold today. I was in town this evening intending to go to prayer meeting but there was none.

**Thursday 6 March 1873**

It was more pleasant today than yesterday.

Grandmother (B) is very sick yet.

We boys and Katie (sister) were in the Bible class again this evening.

**Friday 7 March 1873**

The weather was very pleasant today.

Katie went to a party this evening in town, by Mr. Weber's so I went [sic] along with her as far as Schmidt's where I stayed till she returned which was not till midnight. (I stayed with William Graff).

**Saturday 8 March 1873**

It was rather stormy all day. It snowed some. I got a singing book bound by Jacob's which I got today. It cost me 40 ¢ John C. B. & I went for hen dung this forenoon.

**Sunday 9 March 1873**

We all went to church and Sunday School today except Grandmother (B) who is sick yet.

I was also went to [sic] church this this [sic] evening. We practised singing this evening after church, because the mourners of Mrs. M. E. Weganast, who died yesterday morning, wish our choir to sing at her burial tomorro [sic]. The weather was pretty fair.

**Monday 10 March 1873**

I did not go to school today, because I went to the funeral of Mrs. Weganast. She was 30 years 10 months & 13 dys. old, her illness was Consumption, she was sick over three years.

I did not come home till till [sic] four o'clock. Louis J. B. went with Uncle Breithaupt to the church trustee meeting which was held in the basement this evening.

**Tuesday 11 March 1873**

The weather was pretty agreeable today.

It snowed about four inches deep last night.

**Wednesday 12 March 1873**

Mr. F. Fisher the fire-man is very sick again, he has got the Inflammation on the lungs. Dr. Bowlby tends him, he does not work. I was in the prayer meeting this evening.

**Thursday 13 March 1873**

The weather was pretty agreeable today.

I was surprised this evening, when I came home from school, in finding out that a friend of mine from Buffalo, Mr. E. Duerr was here. He came with the afternoon express from Sebringville. I took him down in the tannery and showed him around a little. In the evening my sister, E. Duerr, Louis, Willie and myself went to the Bible Class.

**Friday 14 March 1873**

The weather was rather soft all day. Louis & Willie hitched the big colt "Jim" and Fly in the large cutter

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& drove Mr. E. Duerr around in the afternoon. In the evening Louis, Johney, Mr. E. Duerr and myself went to town to Grandfather's, Mr. E. Duerr is going to stay by Grandpa's overnight so as to be ready for the stage in the morning & we went home.

**Saturday 15 March 1873**

I was at home all day.

I helped J. [Crexon?] to clean wheat. It rained all day, which makes it very sloppy.

**Sunday 16 March 1873**

Rev. Mr. Schmidt preached this morning.

It was pretty cold today.

It was also very stormy.

**Monday 17 March 1873**

Aunt Breithaupt was at Grandpa's today.

Mr. Doering, tanner of Philipsburg whose tannery burnt down not very long ago, died today of Inflammation on the brain.

**Tuesday 18 March 1873**

Aunt Breithaupt was not well today, she had a pain in her bowels.

**Wednesday 19 March 1873**

Aunt Breithaupt was in town today and in several stores.

**Thursday 20 March 1873**

We were in the bible class this evening.

Mr. P. Cress was here today.

Grandmother (B) is getting better.

**Friday 21 March 1873**

Aunt Goetze was here today.

The weather was pretty fair.

**Saturday 22 March 1873**

I was in town this morning at the cattle market.

Johney and I went to Lexington this afternoon for hen-dung.

**Sunday 23 March 1873**

We were in church and sunday school as usual.

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It was very cold today.

**Monday 24 March 1873**

I was in school this forenoon in the afternoon I went to an auction sale, with Louis, back of Henry Giller's place. Louis intended to buy a colt but they went too dear.

It was very agreeable this afternoon.

**Tuesday 25 March 1873**

It was cold and stormy all day. Grandmother (B) is getting better.

**Wednesday 26 March 1873**

It snowed last night. Aunt Goetze went to Toronto yesterday with Mrs. Gaukel, who keeps a milliner shop, and came home this evening with the 9:30 or so called "Dutch Mail". We were in prayer meeting this evening and when we came home we went around by the station and took her along out here.

**Thursday 27 March 1873**

The weather was pretty fair today. Aunt Goetze and Aunt Breithaupt were in town to do some shopping, and also by Grandfather's.

**Friday 28 March 1873**

Aunt Goetze went home this evening. Weather was warm.

We did not have any school this afternoon because Mr. I. W. Connor B. A. had to go to Toronto to the parliament on account of a High School bill which is before the house; but this bill dropped through and postponed till next year.

**Saturday 29 March 1873**

Willie & I [went?] worked at some belting again today; we cut and squared off about 300 ft. It rained some today.

**Sunday 30 March 1873**

We were all in church & S. School today except Grandma (B) (we took the sleigh). The weather was pretty fair today.

**Monday 31 March 1873**

I was in town this evening, thinking the court would sit, as this was court day, but there was nothing up at all.

It snowed some last night.

**Tuesday 1 April 1873**

It was rainy and sloppy all day.

Uncle was in Georgetown today about some lumber.

Peter Lingelbach, our night watchman did not come this evening.

**Wednesday 2 April 1873**

It rained nearly all day.

I was in prayer meeting this evening.

**Thursday 3 April 1873**

I was in the bible-class this evening. The weather was pretty fair.

**Friday 4 April 1873**

Aunt Breithaupt was in town today. Uncle and Mr. Fleishauer the travelling agent were in Hespeller [sic] today about a [weel?] sewing machine.

**Saturday 5 April 1873**

We had quite a thunderstorm mixed with rain and hail--as large as a small marbles.

At noon at dining it was nessessary [sic] to light a lamp.

I worked at the belting today.

**Sunday 6 April 1873**

I was in church and sunday school as usual.

It was rainy today.

**Monday 7 April 1873**

Uncle ordered flower seed and vegetables from the firm Vick in Rochester.

Weather was foggy.

We got a new fireman Mr. John Berns from Waterloo because Mr. Fisher will not come any more.

**Tuesday 8 April 1873**

Our school ended today for this term. We are going to have a week free.

It rained this afternoon.

**Wednesday 9 April 1873**

I worked at the belting today.

**Thursday 10 April 1873**

The weather was damp.

I was in Bible Class this evening.

**Friday 11 April 1873**

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This is Good Friday and also my sixteenth birthday. My sister gave me a [sic] ivory tablet with the initials of my name and date carved in it. Aunt Breithaupt gave me a very fine purse. I was in church this forenoon. Louis, Willie, Johny & I went for a ride to Bridgeport this afternoon; Louis, Jony & I had the large buggy with "Lady" & "Jim" (the large colt) & Willie had "Jule" a riding. We were in Singing School this evening. While in Singing school Katie got a letter from Ma, stating that she was very sick (sickness erysiples) [sic].

Milvina brought the letter from Grandpa's.

### **Saturday 12 April 1873**

I worked in the tannery at the belting today; I cemented some.

Weather pretty fair.

### **Sunday 13 April 1873**

I was in church today. This is Easter Sunday. Some were taken up in the community and chrisined [sic].

Grandpa was in church today.

Rev. Mr. Derlam preached this evening. The weather was fine.

### **Monday 14 April 1873**

Katie went to Blanford around by Stratford, to Ma. Grandfather was out out [sic] here today.

Uncle and Louis went to Preston to an auction sale to buy a carriage, but they did not buy any. Weather fine.

### **Tuesday 15 April 1873**

I cemented today.

Peter Lingelbach is on a spree again.

Otto Giller & Joseph Schrank, two aprentices [sic], ran away last night.

### **Wednesday 16 April 1873**

I went to school this morning but the school house was locked up, so I went home.

Weather was damp.

### **Thursday 17 April 1873**

William and I finished two sides upper leather today.

Weather damp.

### **Friday 18 April 1873**

I got a letter from Katie, she says ma is better. I was in the Bible Class last night.

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**Saturday 19 April 1873**

I [blackened ?] and finished 1/2 a doz Kip today.

We four boys bathed in one of the leaches this evening.

It snowed today.

**Sunday 20 April 1873**

We had no church today for Rev. Mr. Thomas was at the conference. The quarter yearly Sunday School was this forenoon. Louis, Willie & I went to the Babtist [sic] church this evening.

**Monday 21 April 1873**

The weather was fine this forenoon, but in the afternoon it snowed.

I was in School today. I caught a cold somehow or other. I was by Grandpa's Grandpa's [sic] today for my dinner, he gave me my Pa's watch, to take to Mr. Yuch's to get it repaired for my use.

I also received three shillings from Grandma for my birthday present.

**Tuesday 22 April 1873**

The weather was fine today.

**Wednesday 23 April 1873**

I was at one of Mr. John H. Thomas' auction sales this evening. I also went to prayer meeting.

**Thursday 24 April 1873**

Willie, Louis and I were in town this evening.

We drive the large colt "Jim" single sometimes.

**Friday 25 April 1873**

It snowed today.

I went to singing School this evening.

**Saturday 26 April 1873**

We had School this forenoon, so I went, but it only lasted two hours.

Katie came home this forenoon.

There came a telegram from New York into the store this forenoon stating that Uncle should come down immediately about some hides, so he went home and got ready and went off with the 10:30 train to Buffalo, whence he intends to start for New York on Monday.

Grandpa went with me to Mr. Yuch's and I got my watch, it cost \$1.50 to repair and \$.25 for a new key and chain.

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Louis, Willie, & I got ourselves new hats this evening.

**Sunday 27 April 1873**

I was in church this forenoon and this evening.

Rev. Mr. C. A. Thomas preach[ed] both times.

His sermon this forenoon was 1st Samuel 12, 23, 24. This was his parting text.

I was also in Sunday School this afternoon.

**Monday 28 April 1873**

We had very fine weather today.

F. Fischer died yesterdayed [sic], he used to be fireman for Uncle. Aunt walked to town today.

**Tuesday 29 April 1873**

F. Fischer was burried [sic] today, Aunt and Johny were at his funeral. Louis was in Galt today.

**Wednesday 30 April 1873**

I was not in School today. I helped to unload a car-load of lumber today.

**Thursday 1 May 1873**

I was in school today.

Two of the boilers in the tannery nearly bursted [sic] this morning, there being no water in them and fire below them.

**Friday 2 May 1873**

Rainy today.

C. J. Fleischauer returned from his trip today.

**Saturday 3 May 1873**

Uncle came home from New York last night by stage from Preston.

I measured a car load lumber at station today.

**Sunday 4 May 1873**

Rev. J. Anthes our minister for this conference year preached this morning and evening. Text this morning being 1 [Corintian ?] 4.1 & 2. I was in Sunday School today.

Mr. Wm. H. Graff was here for tea.

**Monday 5 May 1873**

Weather was very fine today. Louis & I were in Waterloo this p.m. with "Jim" to fetch feed. Wm.

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Graff who used to go [to] the High School left last Friday.

**Tuesday 6 May 1873**

Weather fine.

**Wednesday 7 May 1873**

We were in prayer meeting this evening.

**Thursday 8 May 1873**

We were in the Bible Class this evening. The weather was very moist and damp today.

**Friday 9 May 1873**

Uncle and Louis were at an auction sale today, and on their way home the [sic] bought a doz. of topped duck eggs.

**Saturday 10 May 1873**

Johnney & I turned some lumber this a.m.

In p.m. I went to town.

**Sunday 11 May 1873**

I was in church & Sunday School as usual. Mr. J. H. Thomas our S. S. Superintendant, who intends to leave us and go to Mildmay, made a last speech today during which time many tears were shed.

**Monday 12 May 1873**

I was not in school this a.m.

Weather fine.

**Tuesday 13 May 1873**

Weather fine, but cold.

**Wednesday 14 May 1873**

I helped grandpa to haul his dung and pick the stones off his hay field, Grandpa had "Kate".

Mrs. Stroh, of this town who died on Monday morning was buried today. Uncle & Aunt were at the funeral.

**Thursday 15 May 1873**

I measured lumber at station in forenoon. I was in the Bible Class this evening.

**Friday 16 May 1873**

Weather fine.

As Uncle Breithaupt allowed [sic] all of us boys as much land as we could keep clean, so I took a piece and planted some onions, & popcorn and mellons [sic].

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**Saturday 17 May 1873**

I was in the tannery this forenoon and measured a car-load lumber in afternoon. Uncle went to Toronto.

**Sunday 18 May 1873**

Waterloo 1/4ly meeting.

No church here.

**Monday 19 May 1873**

Weather fine.

J. H. Thomas moved today.

**Tuesday 20 May 1873**

Johney set set [sic] a hen on topped duck eggs, 1 doz.

While playing & knocking about today in school, I happened to get a severe blow on my watch, in my pocket, which broke the glass instantly.

At noon I went to Mr. Fox and got a new one put in which cost me 35 ¢.

**Wednesday 21 May 1873**

I was by Grandpa for dinner.

Louis got an order for ten pair pigeons @ 40 ¢ which he will send tomorrow. Louis took two young kittens in the store today.

**Thursday 22 May 1873**

This is Ascension Day so we had church. In the afternoon we four boys went a fishing [sic]. In about four hours we caught about 120 good sized fish.

I was in the Bible Class this evening.

**Friday 23 May 1873**

Our monthly examination for this & last month begun.

C. J. Fleishauer (travelling agent) came home yesterday, "Lady" is very stiff.

**Saturday 24 May 1873**

Queen's birthday today. We had "Jule" by "Donald Dinnie" an imported Scotch horse, and "Kate" & "Fly" by Young Perfection Rainbow.

Willie & I were in town this afternoon to see the new Chemical Fire Engine.

**Sunday 25 May 1873**

We were in church & Sunday School as usual.

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The weather is very warm.

**Monday 26 May 1873**

I sat a duck with 17 eggs this morning.

Planting potatoes today.

**Tuesday 27 May 1873**

It rained last night.

**Wednesday 28 May 1873**

Weather fine.

Uncle, Aunt, Grandma, & Katie were in Galt today.

**Thursday 29 May 1873**

It rained today.

I was in Bible Class this evening, Louis was chairman.

Aunt Breithaupt & the gardener were up in Mount Hope Cemetry [sic] fixing up the graves.

**Friday 30 May 1873**

Uncle & Aunt ordered a gravestone for Daniel's grave, by Meinkie & Duglas, which is to cost \$23.

**Saturday 31 May 1873**

Johney & I went for hen dung this afternoon.

We had the three mares Fly, Lady & Kate by the stallion Young Perfection Rainbow. The two former took him, the latter did not.

**Monday 2 June 1873**

We were off fishing today, we had bought us some rhodium oil, but the fish did not bite, we went as far as Breslau. We crossed the river at "The curve" in a boat, the pole with which we guided the boat slipped out of the boat so I jumped out, & as I was bare-footed, I cut my foot severely.

**Tuesday 3 June 1873**

Nothing in particular.

**Wednesday 4 June 1873 - 30 June 1873 entries are written in German.**

**[Tuesday 1 July 1873]**

**[Dominion Day]**

We boys made an old cart out of an old waggon [sic] and trained "Bob" to drive single this afternoon.

**Wednesday 2 July 1873 - Monday 7 July 1873 entries written in German.**

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**[Wednesday 9 July 1873]**

I raked hay with horse rake this p.m.

**Monday 14 July 1873**

I raked hay today with "Jim".

Aunt Goetze came home from Detroit today.

**Tuesday 15 July 1873**

Louis & Willie came home this morning from Detroit with the 2:30 train.

Our Sunday School had a Picnic today.

Rev. Mr. Hallacher from Illonois [sic] one of the first missionary's [sic] around here attended it.

**Friday 18 July 1873**

Aunt Breithaupt's baby was christened by Rev. Mr. Hallacher with the name of Catharine Louisa. Aunt Goetze's children Emma, Carrie, & Oscar were also christened; there were a number of visitors present.

**Saturday 19 July 1873**

Caroline, Milvina, & Ezra left for Sebringville to visit Rev. C. A. Thomas.

**Thursday 24 July 1873**

Uncle & Aunt Breithaupt with Grandma & Johny went to Blandford with the buggy yesterday & came home today. Katie & Misses Gallie with the little girls went to Blandford today.

I slept by Grandpa's last night.

Louis, Willie & I had "Bob" over to the river to wash him. I rode him in the water. Louis threw a stone in the water which scared him. He jumped out a side threw me and run away by which he stepped on my right hip which swelled very rapidly.

**Saturday 26 July 1873**

Katie & Misses Gallie with little girls came home today.

My hip is a good deal better.

**Tuesday 29 July 1873**

Rev. Mr. Hallacher preached here in English.

**Monday 4 August 1873**

Franklin J. Brahler came from Mount Clemmens, Mich. this afternoon.

**Saturday 16 August 1873**

Miss C. Raquet came from Detroit today.

**Monday 18 August 1873**

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Franklin Brahler went home today.

**Wednesday 20 August 1873**

Uncle, Aunt & John (B) started [to] go to Buffalo this morning with "Lady" & new top buggy from Hamburg.

**Berlin Ontario.**

**Friday 4 August 1877**

Recalling the principle events which happened within the last four years, it is quite probable that I may miss some very important occurrences [sic], for which though I am myself to blame, since I neglected to keep a diary until the beginning of the present year.

In the Fall of the year '73 I quit schooling, bargained with my uncle to learn the tanning trade to which Grandpa would not consent, since the term I was required to serve--being five years--would take me some months longer than my 21st birthday. This afterwards proved a benefit to me. The bargain was made, as Uncle today certifies, on Grandpa's back porch. Of course all orally. It was as follows: That I was to stay in the tannery three years--being taught there in that time everything that was to be learned.

The remaining two years I was to serve in the store. I was to receive my board at his house and either an annual pay of \$50.00 or annually \$30.00 the remaining \$100 at the end of the term of five years. This was left to my option. Of course, I decided for the former.

Grandpa said: do as you please; but I'll not consent.

I consequently went to work on the [blank].

But there remained the old story: I had to do anything & everything. Was to do this & was to do that, never set to work at anything to be learned at the trade. I complained. Uncle told me to work at anything I liked in the tannery. I did so as well as I knew how, but being a boy of 16, so I failed the object I sought after. As matters stood, I was perfectly discusted [sic] with Uncle and my apprenticeship.

I was therefore heartily glad when Will went to Toronto on the 17th March 1874, and gave me a chance to get into the leather store. I therefore took that position, to which Uncle did not even say a word, knowing full well that I would earn him more there than in the tannery. Here I remained until the Fall of 1875.

In the meantime Will had taken a "B" certificate in Day's Commercial College and returned. Being not always needed in the store we were sometimes sent to the tannery to make belts--something we hated to do more than anything else.

As it had been granted me in the bargain to go to some college during the term of my apprenticeship, & as I was perfectly sick of being at home, so I insisted on Uncle that I would like to go to the N. Western Cross College at Naperville Ill. in the fall of '75. As he could do nothing else, so he gave me always a mute reply, which I took for his consent.

I consequently took leave of Berlin on or about the last day of August, together with Mr. I. K. Devitt. In Baden Mr. M. L. Wing joined us; and stopping in Detroit a few hours we had the good luck of meeting on the train we left Detroit with, Mr. J. Morloch & Cousin Fred. So we were in all a merry company of five. Before leaving D. I bought me a brown checkered hat, for \$2.50 Gold, which lasted me to this Fall. The car we were in had also some niger occupants, who created for us no little pleasantness. We arrived in Chicago, the great metropolis of the west, next morning at 8 o'clock. Fred & I remained there for the day and the others proceeded to Naperville, about 30 miles West.

Arriving at N. in the afternoon we found Mr. Manbeck our host waiting for our trunks at the depot.

We boarded with him that Fall at \$3.00 pr. wk., we furnishing wood & light.

My studies that term were Latin, Algebra, German Grammar & Arithmetic. With the exception of the last they remained the same throughout the year.

Towards this end of the Fall term I embraced true religion which afforded me unspeakable happiness.

The Winter & Spring term I boarded in Students Home Club, kept by Rev. Dickover, rooming with Mr. Wing, through the kindness of Ike D.

On the 5th of Jany. 1876, I had the pleasure to welcome Will to the N. W. C. He had brought me my Christmas box from home. He took up his abode at Mr. Ditzlers, rooming with J. [?]. Hockey, [?] of the institute.

We went skating on the pond considerable that Winter. In the Spring term he took my place with Fred at Manbeck's. In the Winter term I joined the Y. M. C. A. of the college & also the Philorhetorian Society. In the Spring I joined the Natural History Association, the name of which was afterwards changed to Natural Science Society.

As I had altogether changed my plans for the future when I arrived at Naperville, so I left College about the middle of June with the determination to return and take up the studies of Latin Scientific Course in the Freshman Year, if circumstances would permit.

We had scarcely been at home a week when Aunt, Uncle & John went on their Centennial trip to Philadelphia &c. They staid [sic] about a month during which time I worked on the farm, in the tannery & in the store.

They were at home about a week when Louis, Will, Katie & I went on the 2nd Aug. 1876 on our Centennial trip. We were obliged to get off the through train, which did not stop at Lyons, at Newark, 5 mls west of L. & had us driven down by a livery costing us \$1.50. Next day Fred was kind enough to give us a ride into the country. For supper we stopped at Uncle Long's. Next morning, the 4th we left Lyons and took our course to Troy & Albany, changing cars at Schenectady, a very delapidated [sic] depot we there found. At Troy we stopped several hours, Will desiring to see the tecknical [sic] Institute. At Albany we took the Hudson R. getting aboard the excelent [sic] steamer "Drew". We left Albany at about 9 o'clock & arrived in New York at 7 next morning. We at once procured State Rooms--the four in one--paying \$1.00 pr head. Will & I staid up on deck until one o'clock it being moonlight & enjoyed some enchanting sights. On the way we noticed West Point & Poukeepsie & some other places of interest. This was one of the pleasant parts of our Centennial Tour.

Arriving at New York we at once proceeded to 30 Jay St. which was not far from our landing. Here we found Uncle Jake busy sweeping Mr. Goetze's store. We took him a little by surprise. This was Saturday Aug. 5th. That same day we had the pleasure of meeting Aunt Goetze & Mr. F. A. Goetze's.

On Sunday afternoon we visited Central Park & some other places. We remained in N. Y. until the 10th.

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Thursday. We also visited Greenwood Cemetery [sic] & Coney Island. At the latter place we took a Sea bath--something worth having. In N. Y. we had many grand sights, too numerous to mention, among which are Woods museum [sic] & theatre, the Elevated railway, bear Gardens &c. &c. Catie [sic] & I staid [sic] at Uncle Jake's & Louis & Will at Mr. Goetze's.

Thursday, Aug. 10th. We all took the Phila. Road to the centennial City. Miss Susa Goetze accompanied us. Katie returned to N. Y. the following day. Miss Goetze staid [sic] some time longer with her relatives.

Our crew lodged at the New England House & got our meals at restaurants.

We were all very much pleased with what we saw at the Exhibition, the Art Gallery & main building being our chief attraction. On Sunday the 13th we went into the city to church & also to John Wanamakers Sunday School, said to have enlisted 2500 scholars. As felt rather sick I soon returned to our lodgings at Fairmount Park. We also found opportunity while at Phila. to visit Girard College, which is a large & massive building--even the roof being stone. Girard took the Greek Parthenon as a model in building it. We also visited the Zoological Gardens.

We left Philadelphia on Friday morning Aug. 18th on the Reading R. R. from which we were afterwards transferred to the Lehigh Valley. On this Road we had most excelent [sic] scenery passing at one time on the top of a mountain and looking down the valley about 50 mls. At Elmira we were taken up by the Erie R. R. & proceeded to Buffalo, arriving at about 2 a.m. Katie arrived from New York the same day & staid [sic] some weeks.

On Sunday the 20th we were to Rev. A. Leuscher for supper & also to his church in the evening. On our way to Duerrs we took some refreshments in a grocery.

Monday Aug. 21st. Ed. Duerr procuring a huge Spring waggon [sic] took a large company of us to the Buffalo Park. We had a very pleasant time.

Tuesday Aug. 22nd. Louis, Will & I took the morning train for home and arrived in Preston at 5 p.m. We had to wait there about an hour before John came with the Spring Waggon [sic] to fetch us. John Lang whom we met at Buffalo & also at Philadelphia, was also one of our party.

On the whole we had a very pleasant Centennial tour.

My expenses did not quite amount to \$50.00. My only regret now is that I did not spend more on relics &c.

### **Monday 28 August 1876**

Our school opening on Wednesday the 30th, (Will & I) we were this day obliged to leave home & again direct our course to the North Western.

Between Stratford & Port Huron we met [?] Powell & his father, the former from N. W. C. We met Estella in Detroit. At Detroit we left Grandmother B & Willie Racquett [sic], who accompanied us so far. We staid [sic] overnight here & to the 10 a.m. train for Chicago where we arrived at 9 p.m.

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We soon left Chicago & arrived at Naperville at 11 p.m.

We took with us to Mr. Wing's lodging a new student Mr. Kehler, whom we met on the train & there also found Mr. I. K. Devitt.

In a few days we had ourselves very comfortably arranged in two rooms owned by Mr. Yundt, opposite the college. They cost us \$60 the year in advance. I. K. Devitt & Mr. F. Shupe were our roommates.

My studies this term were Ceaser [sic] & Ovid, Geometry & General History in all of which I stood very well.

In the Winter Term I took Algebra Reviews & Quadratics, G, History & Ovid.

On Christmas we had a few days vacation, as also at New Year. Will & I were very agreeably surprised on Christmas morning by an invitation to come to Prof. C. F. Rasoweiler. The fact was: Rev. Hallacher had been in Canada & had brought us our Christmas box from home.

Since Jany. 1st 1877 I have kept a diary; but since that is just full, so I will continue in here from this day.

### **Saturday 11 August 1877**

J. Morloch who was here last night left for home on the 10:30 a.m. train.

Miss Susa Goetze of New York arrived here on the 4:10 train. She had been in Buffalo about a week. Mr. Will Huenguerer, accompanied her from the latter place as far as Stratford. She in company with Auntie Goetze & family took a walk out here this evening. I had the pleasure of escorting them back again.

Miss Martha Bowman together with Menno Devitt & his sister "Louisa" were also here this evening.

### **Sunday 12 August 1877**

Today I went with Ike to Waterloo, visiting at his friends the Devitt's. We had started at 8:30 a.m. intending to go to St. Jacobs and Elmira; but since it rained rather heavily when we had gone as far as Waterloo, so we betook ourselves to Ben. Devitt's.

We went to church in the forenoon and her [sic] Lr. Winkler preach. When we came back we also met Ezra Bowman & family at Devitt's.

In the afternoon Ike went with the girls Ida & Emma to S. School; but I believe he did not enjoy himself very well.

Menno & I had a walk but soon met the rest coming from S. School. We then took a walk with Ida D. & Martha Bowman. Ike took Emma & "Louisa" out riding.

The company I was with took supper at Bowman's, the others at Barny Devitt's.

After tea we all met at Ben Devitt's & spent the evening there. At about 10 p.m. Ike & I started for Berlin. I staid [sic] with him and came home next day. I am very well satisfied with our visits.

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**Monday 13 August 1877**

When I came to the store this a.m. from Mr. Devitt's with Ike, I was rather agreeably surprised to find Moses & Christ Fry awaiting us. They had arrived yesterday & are going home today again. I understand M. L. Wing was here yesterday also.

**Wednesday 15 August 1877**

My aunts, Katie Breith., Harriet & Caroline together with Will, John & myself went to Galt today with Bob, Flora & the Spring waggon. Miss Susa Goetze was also along.

On coming home we were almost caught in a shower--only had time to drive into the buggy shed, by driving very hard.

I got me a scrap book pc. 70 & Bell's standard Ellocutionist [sic]. The latter is the best work I have come across [sic] in that line.

Before we left for Galt Andrew Miller from Wallace gave us a call. When Pa was living yet he used to be one of Pa's best friends.

Driving around in Galt Flora was smart enough to trample a dog lying in the street. I was driving.

**Saturday 18 August 1877**

With the 10:30 a.m. train Mrs. Will. Henguerer with Anne & babie & a girl, all from Buffalo arrived. They had stopped at Sebringville for some time.

Ma with Euphemma & the babie also came, but with the 4:10 p.m. train from Hamburg. Ma went to Grandma's.

**Sunday 19 August 1877**

There being no church here today, so a load of us went to the Manheim bushmeeting. We had Fritz Hopp's team. The load consisted of Fritz, Katie, Albert & Louis, Uncle & Aunt B. & Ma, and Mrs. Louisa Henguerer, Aunt Harriet & myself. We had supper & dinner at Mr. Clemen's, Maggie Isreal's husband. There were seven teams there at noon. We got home in time for church in the evening.

**Tuesday 21 August 1877**

Yesterday and this forenoon Will and I were working at the belts we commenced soon after we came home. We also had to turn peas yesterday a.m.

This afternoon the whole household even Grandmother B. & Grandma H. included were over to the river having a private picnic. The two Misses Staebler were also there.

We had borrowed an ice cream freezer, and made a lot of icecream over at the river.

Taken altogether we enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

**Wednesday 22 August 1877**

A company of us folks from the tannery took tea at Aunt Goetze's this evening.

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**Thursday 23 August 1877**

We had a "taffie pull" out here this evening. The folks from town were present. A week ago today was Aunt Breithaupt's birthday--43 yrs. This forenoon Louis, Will, John & I had our photo taken at Lundy's on cabinet size card. 75 cts a piece.

**Saturday 25 August 1877**

Yesterday Mr. John Morloch was in town. A whole load of us went up to Waterloo that p.m. We were too late for the races.

I packed my trunk this morning. Going to town, I had another tooth filled and running around I bid as many friends "Good Bye" as possible then went home. It was then 10 a.m. and the train for the west left at 10:30 so I had to choke down as much as I could in a few minutes and hurry to the depot. Will took John & my baggage to the depot. We just got it off under the curses of the baggage man Louis Hide. In the hurry Louis, who brought us our money, failed to give us as much as he said. When we came to count it over at at [sic] Mt. Clemens we noticed it, and were not a little disturbed about it since we did not know where the missing \$50.00 were. On Monday we received a letter at Detroit, which made it all right. My trunk being put off at Sarnia, I was obliged to wait for the next train to have it examined at Pt. Huron. John & Clara (R) went on. I arrived at Mt. Clemens at 10 p.m. and found John, Estella, & Miss R. Otto waiting. We went to Uncle Brehler's & talked til midnight, then retired.

**Sunday 26 August 1877**

Eddie Tromblay, Frank, John & I went to the river for a bath this morning.

This p.m. some of us went to see the excursion boat from Detroit leave. Frank & Mr. Tromblay left with it. We also heard a temprance [sic] lecture. The evening we spent partly at Uncle's and partly at Mr. Otto's.

**Monday 27 August 1877**

Miss Otto, Stella, John & I took the first train a.m. for Detroit.

We took dinner & supper at Mr. Racquet's. We met Frank & Mr. Tromblay at Racquet's. In the afternoon we took ferry-boat rides to Windsor & back. John & I took the 9:30 p.m. sleeping coach for Chicago.

**Tuesday 28 August 1877**

After a nice & pleasant drive and a good night's rest we arrived in Chicago at 8 a.m. this morning.

Since it rained, we did not feel like staying, and took the 9:30 a.m. train for Naperville.

We arrived here late enough to be welcomed by Mrs. Yundt & family, who had just returned from Campmeeting. We took our dinner and supper at Manbeck's.

**Wednesday 29 August 1877**

John and I got up too late for breakfast so we finished up our lunch.

College opened with a very poor show this a.m. at 10 o'clock. We could not as yet find a boarding place

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for John.

**Thursday 30 August 1877**

My studies this term will be Cicero, Trigonometry & German Logic.

Ike & M. L. Wing arrived here this a.m. They had given Henry & Geo. Schneider a call at the "falls" and stopped a[t] Cleveland. This evening Bishop Yaeckel formally opened the Biblical Institute. Prof. Huelster addressed the audience in English.

**Friday 31 August 1877**

I did no reciting today yet.

Since John could find no suitable boarding place in a private family so he concluded to try "Club" this term. He rooms with Messrs. Dreisbach and Woodside at the President's.

There were held this eve the elections for officers in Societies [sic] this term. Wing is Pres. of Philorhetorian, Nickels of Philollogian [sic], & Woodside of the Clio.

**Saturday 1 September 1877**

This forenoon Ike & I washed our bedroom carpet & scrubbed sidewalk. This afternoon the ladies of the house viz: Mrs. Yundt & daughter & Miss May Knudson helped us sew our carpet which cost us 42 ¢. It took 21 2/3 yds.

**Sunday 2 September 1877**

I sent to chapel S. School & church this a.m.

Went walking with John & Ike this p.m.

**Tuesday 4 September 1877**

Two new ladies joined our club today. We have now 26 members, nine of which are ladies--family not included.

Mr. Arlin, from Buffalo N. Y. graduate of last year is my teacher in G. Logic. He is in the Theological [sic] course. Mr. Wing also teaches two classes this term.

**Tuesday 26 February 1878**

Since I last wrote in my diary I have been putting off writing until now. I will commence as far back as Sept. 4 '76 [last date is actually 4 September 1877] the last date and give occurrences [sic] as they seem important. During last Fall Term I enjoyed myself very well. I had my abode in the W. C. N. Quarters together with Messrs. I. K. Devitt, M. F. Shupe, and M. L. Wing.

One night after Society, I remember, about half a dozen of us went down town, treating ourselves to a basket of peaches. I also recall the peach-peeling [sic] and pitting bee we had with Mrs. Yundt.

Very well do I also remember the evening, I proposed to Miss C to accept me as suitor and all the circumstances connected with it.

My standing in several classes was as near as I can remember as follows: Trigonometry between 99 & 100, German Logic 96, Latin (Cicero & Virgil)--.

The Term closed Nov. 28, 1877. The next day Ike, John and myself commenced to board with Mr. Yundt. As it happened to be Thanksgiving Day, so were lucky enough to begin at noon with turkey. We pay \$3.75 pr. wk. have two rooms and a hard coal stove to keep us warm.

**Friday 30 November 1877**

This was Clara's birthday. Ike and John presented her with Milton's works, I with a photo. album.

Winter Term began on the 5th of Dec. We three boys had rented a pretty fine book-case with close drawers. So we were very comfortably arranged. I had intended to take three studies but as I was requested to drop for good Eng. Literature to accomodate [sic] Miss Jennie Goodrich on account of conflictions, so I had but two: Conic Sections and Virgil, neither of which are at all easy. Sometimes I remember I spent three hours on each. I had joined the Clisosophic Society last term. On election eve I stood a fair chance for Chorister, but happily Miss Clara Wood got ahead of me. The next evening she resigned and while I was absent they elected me. I thought and said if the singing members would help me through I would keep it, which I did. It is no pleasant office. Once "our male quartette" made a laughing song of a very earnest piece.

Just before Christmas John went home, being partly called home by his father's sickness.

Christmas and New Year Evening we had appropriate festivals in German church and chapel respectively. Good success.

We were also favored with very good protracted meetings in chapel.

About the first of Feby. 1878 May Knudson & Jennie E. Ashton paid us a visit. While with us Jennie received company from Kansas Mr. F. Fikhy.

**Wednesday 16-18 February 1878**

I left Naperville for Berlin to be here at Uncle and Aunt B's Silver wedding.

Uncle pays my expenses to B.

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Clara accompanied me as far as Chicago, where we met her father. She will stay till next Monday. I left C. with the night express and arrived here Thursday p.m.

### **Friday 8 February 1878**

Silver Wedding. Guests were invited to be here for dinner at four p.m.

The guests present were all relatives in vicinity, Ma & husband, Mr. & Mrs. M. Anthes, Messrs C. S. Anthes, Staebler, Dr. D. L. Bowlby, C. Kranz, Mayor of B., Revs. Spires & Thomas with their wives, Mrs. M. Bowman, Schwartz, Whiting, Thompson, Galt, Uncle and Aunt Burkely.

Presents came with every guest as: an elegant butter dish from Louis, a cup f. Will. Flower vases [sic] f. John, J. Kaechele & Mrs. Thompson, napkin rings from Katie, Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Anthes & myself, pickel receiver f. D. L. Bowlby & wife, Uncle and Aunt Burkely & Mr. & Mrs. Staebler card cases f. Grandparents & Mrs. Schwartz and several minor articles not now remembered. Dr. Bowlby & Mayor Kranz on request gave toasts. Rev. Smith conducted services by reading chapter & praying. About eight o'clock tea or rather coffee was served. We did not get to bed until late.

Next morning when we got up to our glad surprise we found we had sleighing. In the evening all of us went out for a ride.

Monday evening the 11th Feby. we four boys together with our three girls, the two Misses Staebler, the two Misses Devitt and Miss M. Bowman took a ride to Mr. Bingaman's farm. John took the cutter and had as his companions Katie and Miss Martha. We did not get home until after midnight. Next day both John left for school: John for N. & Will for T. I took Will to Preston. From there we went to Galt.

One evening this week we had a "taffie pull". Uncle and Aunt B. helped.

### **Saturday 16 February 1878**

We took Uncle and Aunt Burkely to Preston. This evening Louis and I took a load of girls out riding. The ride was chiefly intended for the Schwartz girls.

### **Sunday 24 February 1878**

We went to Waterloo to Q. Meeting. Took dinner at I. Hoffman's. Louis & I went home for tea but walked up again for evening services. Fritz Thomas in the S. School taught the infant class by his new method. Going home in the evening from church I happened to fall in with Miss Anna S. Louis with Miss Carrie W. We did it only "for company's sake". Louis was relieved of his charge at the Railway. I had intended to do so the same, but Miss Anna understood the game too well. "She went right on".

### **Monday 25 February 1878**

This p.m. Louis went off on the Eastern Trip. He will not return till two weeks hence. It seems rather strange for me to be at home without any of the other boys being here.

### **Tuesday 26 February 1878**

We young folks went up to Waterloo this eve to church. After services it happened to be me that kept Miss Ida D. from slipping & falling.

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### **Thursday 28 February 1878**

Through Katie's persistency we all undertook to tramp to W. again this evening.

By the by, yesterday Mr. John Bean and lady arrived her[e] from Toronto. They had their photos taken today and left for Hamburg this p.m.

Wedding. John Bean and Susannah Bean in Blandford on the 20 Inst. by the Rev. Mr. Herlan. Witnesses C. Fry, L. H. Wagner.

Louis, Katie, Caroline & I went to Ratho from here to the above named wedding. The girls went a few days before the specified day.

Mr. C. Fry & R. Bean, Louis J. B. & Katie, John Ziegler & S. Bean, Dave Bean's daughter. Mr. Reckoner & Miss Kiel. I and Miss M. Anne Ziegler were the young couples invited there. The ceremonies took place in the parlor at about 11:30 a.m. After dinner we--the young folks went out riding. Those that thought sleighing good took cutters. Louis & I had buggies and were glad of it too. We went to Innerkip & Bright stopping at each place to take a rest and [bib] a little wine and smoke. Be it stated, that the bride-groom & I took nothing. We were stopped but once on the road & that was by Eusebius, when we started. After tea the whole crowd went into the parlor. The young folks before this always retired to the "Spare bedroom" before this. Games and songs were proposed and played. Mrs. Abe Bean favored us with a Scotch solo. About one a.m. we retired. I took my "**Written in German here**" home and got to bed about two a.m.

I renewed acquaintances with Miss Susannah Bean, who used to be my school-mate and had been in Missouri [sic] 10 years. Next day Thursday we went home through rain.

Louis had Flora & Grandpa's "proper buggy". I had Bob & Grandpa's "proper harness".

### **Sunday 3 March 1878**

Louis' 24 birthday. Rebecca Schmidt, H. R. Bates, the Kaechele boys and their friend Mr. Schrein from Germany were here for tea.