

## Diary of Melinda Ray

The Diary is a detailed account of the events in a young girl's life during the war years, 1861-1865, in the small rural town of Fayetteville. Just prior to this period the town was growing rapidly, and one of the larger towns of the state; though still small in population. Six textile plants had been established.

To fully understand this young girl's heritage, first let us consider her pioneer ancestor -- Lewis Barge. At age 21 he bought land in Cross Creek around 1763. He came from Philadelphia, Pa., and his first deed describes him as "Lewis Barge the hatter". This business in his life is unrecorded otherwise. In time he was to own 1500 acres, business property on Old St., Barges Tavern on Old St. and a brick yard. He served as patriot, supplying material to the government and as a soldier with N. C. troops during Revolutionary War; is listed as a signer of Liberty Point Resolves; a signer of a petition to N. C. Assembly meeting in New Bern 1762 asking for charter for Campbellton, and the 1778 petition to combine Campbellton and Cross Creek.

The home of Lewis Barge is today the home of the late John A. Bates, possessed by his widow, Mrs. Phil Lindsey. Many changes have been made in the building.

Lewis Barge is buried in the old part of Cross Creek Cemetery. The epitaph on his stone, dated 1809, has this to say----- "He was from Philadelphia and amongst the earliest settlers of Cross Creek and by his industry contributed much to the prosperity of the town, within which he had filled some of the most important offices and discharged the duties with firmness and impartiality."

Lewis Barge married two times and there were ten children. In his beautifully written will still preserved in the N. C. Dept. of Archives and History, dated November 4, 1801, he provided well for each of his survivors.

The Ray home stood on the corner of Ray Ave. and Rowan St.. After the death of Miss Malinda Ray, the last of the Rays to live there, it was the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Tillinghast. It was torn down in the early 1950's. Their country home was "on hill" western part of town, believed on Oakridge Ave.

The Rev. Colin McIver, native of Scotland, teacher in the Fayetteville Academy, Sec. of Presbyterian Session and N. C. Pres. Synod. Minister, preaching at churches in area in Gaelic and English in certain churches, Chaplain to Masons, Phoenix Lodge. His minutes, written in longhand of Pres. Session have been laminated and bound. Located in the Vault of Presbyterian church.

Monday, August 12th, 1861

It was very cloudy this morning & I thought it was going to be a cloudy damp day but it cleared off & has been extremely warm all day. Ma & Sister & Mrs. Tillinghast's people have been busy all day making coats for the calvalry. I spent the morning with Emily & Eliza. This evening I was busy making me a scrapbook. Pa brought up some very nice grapes this evening. I went out to the gate to talk Joanna but it began to rain and I had to come in. It did not rain very hard. After a while we heard today of the death of Mr. John C. McLaurins son. He was wounded in the battle of Manassas in the arm. The arm was taken off so near the shoulder it caused mortification. His parents started to him directly after the battle so I suppose they got there before he died. To-night Ma & Pa went over to Miss Ann's & Sister and I went over to the Pearces. Alice Lilly came here this evening. They are getting up a box and subscription to send to the hospital at Yorktown. Jake Miller got home today. He was wounded in the Manassas battle. His mother went on and brought him home.

Tuesday, August 13th

It was very cool this morning. It has turned just about like it did this time last year.

Our reading circle met over here this morning. Joanna calls it our "Intellectual report." We are reading Robertsons Charles V. General Magruder has burnt Hampton as the yankees had driven the inhabitants from it and it only served as a resting place for them; I am sure I would not want to live in any place they had been in.

The peace sentiment in the Northern papers is very strong particularly one piece from the New York Times. I saw today that

Prince Napoleon had been over the battle field of Mannassas & had been spending his time with Gen Beauregard. I don't know what we are to do with all of the prisoners at Richmond. I don't think they ought to be kept idle. They ought to be put making shoes for our soldiers for they will need them this winter. I went over to see Emily this evening. When it was pretty late we came and sat out on the lumber and had a nice talk.

All the grown folks have been busy making coats for the cavalry.

Wednesday, August 14th

It is cloudy and cool today. We had our reading again today. We did not hear any news at all today. I went over to Mrs. Tillinghasts this morning and Emily and I commenced a book called "Nathalie." This evening I read a goodwhile to Ma and I then went over to see Joanna a little while. She lent me a book called "Legends of a log cabin."

Thursday, August 15th

I went over to Mrs. Tillinghasts this morning and Emily and I read some in our book. They had a letter from David. He is in New York going to school in the deaf and dumb asylum. They are anxious to get him home when they have an opportunity. This evening as we wanted to read some more I went over & as Mrs Tillinghast had just put in a quilt Emily quilted while I read. Dr. & Miss Hooper called. It has been very bright and pleasant all day but this evening it looks very much like rain. Mr. Jeff Robinson got home yesterday morning.

Friday, August 16th

It was rainy and cold this morning. A real rainy day. I thought maybe the girls would not come over but Emily & Eliza came over first & Joanna sent word she would come if they were here. I wrote to Buddy before Joanna came over. Ma & Sister went over to Mrs. Tillinghasts as their reading was there. Mary came home to dinner with Sister & this evening we all went back to quilt. We quilted steadily till dark. It was a very nice evening to quilt nothing to interrupt us. Ella came home with us tonight.

Saturday, August 17th

The sun came out this morning very brightly. Ma was fixing up a box to send to Buddy & I helped her some. About 12 o'clock I went over to help quilt some. We soon got it out & then Emily & I read some more. This evening Emily came over and we read all of the time. Joanna came over late this evening. We finished the first volume of Nathalie. We had a letter from Buddy today. He was well.

Sunday, August 18th

I went down as far as Aunt Jane's this morning with Pa and stayed there till time for Sunday School. Mr. McNeill was not at Sunday School as Rev George McNeill is very sick. Mr Sherwood preached this morning from 15th Chapter of Matthews from 21st to 28th verse. When we got up to Aunt Janes I saw Dr Henry and Dr Ben both going out to Mr McNeill's. When they came back Mrs. Wilkinson sent word over to Aunt Jane that Mr. McNeill was dead. He died about

12 before the Drs got out there; Mr Sherwood preached this evening from John 3rd Chap & 7th verse.

Ma & Pa went out to Mr McNeills after church this evening. Tonight Mr McMillan came over to go to prayer meeting with Sister.

I went with Pa; Ma did not go. We got there pretty late & I had to go up & sit on the first bench without any back to it. I felt very uncomfortable for I felt so conspicuous. Mr Sherwood was not there as he will have to preach the funeral sermon tomorrow. It has been extremely warm all day.

Monday, August 19th

Ma went down town early this morning to do some shopping. She got me a very nice parasol. I went over to Mrs. Tillinghasts as the reading is to meet over there this week.

We had dinner earlier than usual today as the funeral is to be at four o'clock. We went out to the home. There was a great many carriages at the house we got to the church a little after four. The church was very full. Mr Sherwood's text was the 5th verse of the 112 psalm. It was I thought a very good sermon. Dr. Hooper prayed. I was very much disappointed in him. I believe it was about one of the poorest prayers I ever heard. It would have done much better for a sermon. He is Mr Tom Hooper's father. The procession to the grave was a very long one. Cousin Annie Ray is in town and as Ma wanted to take her out tonight and I came with Mr Pearce. Tom came over tonight, & Mr McLean and Mr Warden. It is about as warm tonight as it has been this summer.

Tuesday, August 30th:

Early this morning about 5 o'clock Mrs. Martine sent for Ma as Mrs. Dr. Martine is sick. It was very warm all this morning. I did not do much except read. Ma came home this morning. Mrs. Dr Martine has a son. We got some coats this morning to make for the "Manchester Guards". They are staying down here at the McRae house. We can hear their drums very distinctly. Mr. James Williams is the Captain. Emily came over this evening and we read some in "Nathalie." It is a little cool this evening. Emily & I have made a promise to one another that we will tell each other \_\_\_\_\_ and for fear we will forget or perhaps deny it we have given each other a written engagement binding us to do it. I reckon it is very foolish but there is no harm in it and I would like to know.

We have heard no news for several days except a victory gained by the Confederate in Missouri. Beauregard must be advancing on Washington. I hope he is. Mr Jeff Robinson says they could, be scared out of Washington by a moderate army. They have only about 50,000 troops in Washington.

Wednesday, Aug 21st:

It was right cool this morning. I went over to Mrs Tillinghasts to the reading this morning, after we had read our two hours in the history Emily & I read some in "Nalthalie." When I came home I wrote part of a letter to Buddy. This evening I read some & then lolled about as I did not have anything to do. They have

got home with the body of young McLaurin. His parents live at Laurel Hill. I am very tired hearing of the battle of Manassas. I don't want to hear any more Manassas battles but I would like to have another such as one as Bethel so we would have some thing new to talk about. I saw today in a paper that a gentleman from Washington did that with those 50,000 hands cuffs the yankees intended handcuffing all the southern prisoners and putting in the front rank when they went to take Richmond so that if the southerners in Richmond made any resistance they would have to kill their own men first. It was horrible, but I believe they intended doing it the Yankees are mean & cruel enough to do anything. I don't know how we Southerners ever stayed in the Union as long as we did with them.

Thursday, August 22nd.

Directly after breakfast I came upstairs and studied my lesson. Sister & Cousin Annie went downtown this morning & Emily came over and spent the morning with me. This evening I layed down a while & then I went out in the garden & got up in an apple tree. When I came in I went over to Mr Pearces on an errand then I came home and washed and dressed. Willard brought me two apples. I went out and sat on the lumber with Joanna a while. The English papers have gotten an account of the battle of Manassas they are strongly in our favor. I think they will have to break the blockade as there is only 40 weeks supply of cotton in England. I wish the Yankees could get into a difficulty with England or France. They don't seem

to like Prince Napoleon's visiting the Confederates much. Every day we have some new instance of the cruelty of the Yankees. When part of Beauregard's Army was marching back to Centerville they found, two men hung upon a tree one of Creshaw and the other from some other S.C. regiment. Beuaregard has demanded the perpetrators of the horrid deed & if they are not delivered up he will hang four of theirs. Retaliation is dreadful but is the only way to deal with so savage a people.

Friday, August 24th

I went over to Mrs. Tillinghast's this morning to the reading. We read until dinner time.

This evening I read all the evening.

Saturday, Aug. 25th

I sewed all the morning. This evening Emily & I took a walk down to the old mill with Tom. We sat down on a hill & saw the most beautiful sunset I ever beheld. It was magnificent. Tonight we had Judge Ochiltree of Texas to drink tea with us he is a member of the Confederate Congress and is just from Richmond. We heard no news today.

Sunday, Aug 29th:

I went to Sunday School as usual this morning. Dr. Hooper preached for us this morning an excellent sermon. I went home with Mrs. Gilchrist to dinner. Mr Sherwood preached for us this evening. I went to prayer meeting tonight. Mr Yates preached.

Saturday, Aug 30th:

I have been sick all the week so I could not write as usual. On Tuesday we had a letter from Buddy in which he says the 1st regiment have been moved down to a place called Ships Point where it was thought the Yankees might attempt to land. It was about 11 miles. They started at 8 o'clock Saturday night & reached there about 12. It is a much pleasanter place than Yorktown. They are encamped in a grove of pine trees which seems more like home. We had news today which is very alarming Fort Hatteras has been taken by the Yankees & 500 prisoners (A. Co) among whom is Col Bradford formerly of this arsenal and 11 guns also. It was a very poorly guarded place & by the enemys having gained we have lost a great deal for they can almost entirely command the coast of NC & so many of our men too.

It is thought these vessels will probably attack Ships Point on their way back to Fortress Monroe as they will be so much elated by their success at Hatteras. I think our arsenal ought to be guarded now for it is no unimportant place.

September 1st

I went down to Sunday school this morning. Mr Powers came home this morning but we got no letter by him. The news this morning is confirmed. Mr Sherwood preached this morning from John 13th chap & 7th verse.

I came home to dinner & did not go to church this evening. Emily came over. I did not go to Prayer Meeting tonight.

Monday Sept 2d:

This morning I rode down with Pa and went to the church to see Miss Ann. Eliza Smith & Mr George Wightman. Mr Sherwood married them. Lieutenant Wightman was dressed in his uniform. He went off in the boat at 8 o'clock. They were married 7½. I spent the day at Aunt Janes. I sewed on my quilt all day. When I came home this evening, I went out & sat on the lumber & told Emily & Eliza & Joanna about the marriage. It has been right cool all day a real September day.

Tuesday September 3rd

It was right warm this morning it has got back to summer again. We had a letter from Buddy today telling about Ship's Point. I began a letter to him this morning. This evening I read some & then Cousins Annie & Martin came out but did not stay very long. This evening I went out to the front gate & had a had a talk with Joanna.

Wednesday September 4th

I got through my lessons & everything pretty soon & went over to Mrs Tillinghast to the reading. We had just begun when Ma sent for me to come home as Mrs Dobbin, Johnny Street & Kate Shepherd had come over to spend the day so I had to go. ~~Kate~~ & I talked about all the morning & did not do much. This evening I came upstairs & dressed & Kate & I were going to walk a little way but Miss Ann & Mr Warden came & then Maggie & George rode over. After they had gone Eliza & I walked over to Miss Ann's & then went down to see the

boys burn a yellow jackets nest. Miss Ann & Mr Warden stayed to tea. It has been one of the warmest days we have had this summer.

Thursday September 5th:

It was not our regular day to read but as we will have so little time to finish our book before school begins we continued to read this morning. We read until about 1 o'clock. The other reading circle met over here as Sister had a skirt quilting circle as they were to read this evening. All the girls and boys were going to walk this evening. Cicero called to ask me to go but as I was not well last week & as it looked like rain Ma said I had better not go. I wanted to go very much though.

September 6th

Eliza was sick this morning & could not listen to the reading but not withstanding we had it. Joanna read all the morning.--

Tuesday Sept 10th:

I have been sick with my eye for two or three days so that I could not see with enough to write or read. Mr Wright Huske oldest child had been sick for a week or ten days. She died yesterday. Sister & I went to the funeral after that we went up to Mrs Winnie Twigg. I went over to Mrs Tillinghasts this evening. I have begun a pair os socks for the soldiers. We had sad, sad news today from Yorktown. James Wemyess a young man from the town died there last Thursday. He was the first one from Fayetteville who has died. God grant that he may be the last. I went to school with him. He

was only 18. He was in the Independent Company. We had a letter from Buddy today they have moved the 1st regiment again now to a place 6 miles between Yorktown & Ships Point called Cockle town. The people seem to think will be an attack made at Fort Macon by the Yankees. Fort Macon stands at the entrance of Beaufort harbor & it would be quite a loss for the enemy to succeed in taking it but it is generally supposed it will be able to resist.

Wednesday Sept 11th

I wrote a letter to Buddy this morning. The body of James Wemyess arrived here last night in the boat. He was buried this morning from the Presbyterian church. We went down to the funeral.

Mr Sherwood preached a very appropriate sermon. The Clarendon guards turned out. It was a very solemn funeral the drums beating the dead march and the soldiers all carrying their guns reversed. They shot three times over the grave. The shooting frightened Dr Martines horse and he backed on Miss Colvin's horse and frightened her horse so that he broke one wheel of the carriage entirely to pieces, but did no other damage. After we came from the funeral we went to spend the day and quilt. Sister did not come home till after tea. Eliza came over and stayed all night with me. There were no mails at all today from Richmond.

Thursday Sept 12th

As we did not read yesterday we made it up by reading today. We went over to Mrs. Tillinghasts after we were done reading we went out to the grape arbor and ate some grapes. This evening I

came up stairs & laid down & read till about 5 o'clock. Sister staid over to Mrs. Pearces as they were quilting so I went over to see if I could help any. We all stayed to tea as Mary wanted get the quilt out as Ella & her Pa are going out to the red springs tomorrow to stay two or three days. I would like to go over very much.

I saw an account in the paper today of the daring exploit of a Captain of a Buncombe company & 20 of his own men & 20 of another company. They all belong to our 1st regiment at Yorktown. There was a light house off the coast in the Cheaspeake Bay which served as a guide to Lincoln's pirates & it was determined to destroy it, accordingly these men procured a boat set out & being guided by 2 loyal Va militia reached the place about 11 o'clock at night having started in the morning. They scared the man & his family he being a Va traitor engaged in Lincoln's service. They destroyed the lamps & after demolishing the house & everything about it returned to Yorktown the next morning. The man was carried to Yorktown as a prisoner, but his family was kindly provided for.

Friday Sept 13th

Mr Wright Huske, Charles Cook & Mr Dye arrived here this morning from Yorktown. Another man from Fayetteville is dead a Mr Clark of Capt Starrs company. We read this morning at Mrs Tillinghasts. As I was coming home I stopped got some grapes. I read till dinner time. This evening Pa & Ma went down town. Sister Mary went over to Mrs Martine's. Late this evening I went over to Emily & Eliza & I walked out the front way and rode back on behind Mrs. Tillinghasts carriage. Mr McLean came out here tonight. Mary is going to stay

here while Ella & her Pa come home.

We had a letter from Buddy today. He is very well.

Saturday Sept 14th

I studied my lesson & sewed & knit nearly all the evening.

Dr Henry Clay Robinson is very ill indeed today they did not think he could live this morning at one time they thought he was dying.

It would be a great loss if he were die both to the community & the Presbyterian Church. I went down with Pa this evening. I stopped at Mrs Martines & got me a pair of shoes and a pair of gaiters I wanted to get them because it will be very hard to get shoes at all here now. Mr Clarks body arrived here this evening from Yorktown in the boat & was escorted to the Methodist E. church by the Claredon guards & from thence to the graveyard where it was interred with the usual military honors. Until now the LaFayette Company has sustained no loss. I saw in a paper the other day the LaFayette Company was the only one in the whole 1st regiment which had lost no member. Dr Henry was no worse tonight if anything a little better. He has the liver complaint & it is affecting his brain; He has been delirious all day but tonight he has quieted down.

Sunday September 15th

We had a message early this morning from Dr Henry's saying he was decidely better. I went down to Sunday School with Pa as usual. Mr Sherwood preached from Matthew 20th Chap 28th verse. He prayed

for Dr Henry. I went to Aunt Janes to dinner. Mr Sherwood preached this evening from Isaih. This evening we drove up by the Drs & Pa went in. When he came out Mr Sherwood was with him so I drove on. Mc McLean was here when we got here. Mr Sherwood came in to tea with Pa. Tonight we all went to prayer meeting except Ma. Mr Yates preached. Mr Sherwood went down to the Dr's tonight after Prayer meeting. We had a message from there tonight. He has had a return of the delirium.

Monday September 16th

We heard early this morning that Dr Henry was dead he died about sunrise this morning. Mr Sherwood & Mr Worth stayed there all night. He grew worse after the delirium returned & was raving till a while before he died he quieted down. We felt very sad when we heard of his death. Ma went down there this morning.

This evening I went down to see the Moore county company come in. I went over to the depot & found Annie Lea so I had a very pleasant time. The company looked very well they had a beautiful flag. They did not get off of the cars but kept on to the river as they were going off in the boat tonight.

Aunt Jane just got home as I left. She had been up to the Doctors all day. Mr Pearce & Ella did not get home tonight.

Tuesday Sept 17th

It has been a very warm day indeed. Sister went down to the Doctors today this morning. I was busy all the morning looking over some of my clothes. We all got ready directly after dinner &

went down to the Dr's. It was one of the longest procession from the house to the church I ever saw. The church was crowded. Mr Sherwood preached the sermon from the 10th Chapter of Hebrews 34th verse "& look joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better & an enduring substance." The sermon was a very excellent one. Mr James McNeill made a prayer. While we were in the church it began to thunder & lighten & I thought we would have a bad storm: by this time we just got out of the church. It was raining right hard it stopped a little bit but kept a good many from the grave. If it had not rained it would have been a very very long procession but as it was it was just an ordinary one. The rest of the family are buried up at the house in the family burying ground but Dr Henry was buried in the graveyard, it being his wife's special request that he should. Mr Pearce got home this evening but not in time for the funeral.

Wednesday Sept 18th

The only news today was of a skirmish between 400 Confederates & a 1000 Federalists at Hill that is where Benny Robinson is. The Confederates sustained no loss but put to flight the Federalists after killing a goodly number of them. A second Bull run on a smaller scale. We had our reading at Mrs Tillinghast this morning. I worked on my quilt all the morning. This evening Joanna came over to see me & as Sister had gone down to the Doctors we got Emily & Eliza & walked down to meet her. It was dark when we got home. The days are getting so much shorter.

Thursday Sept 19th

We had our reading again today as we lost one day the first of the week. I did not do much work as I read part of the time. This evening I read some & then I fixed up. Sister & I started over to Mrs. Curtis' but they are not at home so we walked on & Sister went to Mrs Joseph Evan's & I went to see Julia Glover.

When I was coming home Julia walked some of the way & we saw several of the girls.

Friday Sept 20th

Mrs Tillinghast started up the country this morning in the cars. I went out to the gate to tell her goodbye. We read over there this morning. This evening Joanna and I walked over to Mrs Rose's to see Lizzie & Annie Lea. We had a very pleasant visit. They walked some of the way home with us.

Saturday Sept 21st

As we had only  $9\frac{1}{2}$  pages to read to finish our book we concluded to read this morning so we went over to Mrs Tillinghasts & soon finished it. We were very glad when we had finished it as we had accomplished a great feat to read Charles V through. This evening we went down to the Dr's & Sister went over to Mrs McMillians I stayed home & sewed some.

Sunday Sept 22nd

It was very cold this morning. I went down to Sunday School with Pa. Mr Sherwood preached this morning from Job 14th Chap & 14th

verse. I went to Aunt Janes to dinner. It turned colder about dinner time than it was this morning. Mr Sherwood preached this evening. Tonight I went to prayer meeting with Willard. None of the rest went as Pa was not very well. We had no preacher so Mr Martine read an address.

Monday Sept 23rd

Ma & Sister both went off this morning & as there was no reading I busied myself among my own things until dinner time.

This evening about 4 o'clock, Emily & I walked down to Mrs Egbert Halls we were going to see Dolly Jennings but she came over there. They all walked some of the way home with us. Mr Pearce came over here tonight. It is very cold we have a warm fire and it feels very comfortable.

Tuesday Sept 24th

When Ma came back from Mrs Martines after washing & dressing the baby she brought it with her & Mrs. Martine & Mrs. Ferguson came over afterward. I nursed the baby a good part of the morning. When they went for them in the evening Sister & I rode home with them & got some grapes. The grapes were so delightful ripe I ate as many as I could. We walked back home.

Wednesday Sept 25th

Ma & Sister went out to make calls this morning. I stayed home & sewed. We did not hear any news today, we have not heard from Buddys this week at all. This evening I went over to Mrs Tillinghasts.

Emily had gone over to Mrs Curtis, Eliza was busy sewing on her dress. Joanna came over for us to go to walk Eliza would not go but Joanna & I concluded to go & stop for Emily. We walked out to the front road where we met Lizzie Rose as we walked down a little way.

Thursday Sept 26th

This morning as they had a book to read Miss Sarah Ann & Bena came over it is called "The Household of Bowerie" it is very interesting, very well written. They came back again this evening I read some & finished our dress. It began to rain this evening a sort of cold rain. About dark Mrs Ferguson came over to see Ma. They thought the baby had landaman that somebody had given it to it. When they went to dinner they left the nurse with it & told her if it cried to dip the sugar rag in the catnip tea & give it to it. It went to sleep while they were at dinner & they could not get it to rouse up. Ma smelt the cup & said it must be Landamm & it there was more than seven drops in it. They sent for the Dr & Ma went over there she did not come back but stayed all night.

Friday Sept 27th

Ma came home this morning. It was not Landnam the baby had but some kind of seed was gathered with the catnip the Dr said it is out of danger but very drowsy still. I am glad it was not Landnam for they thought the nurse had given it to the baby although she denied it very firmly & certainly appearances were against her. The Landaman bottle had been left on the mantel piece and the tea smelt like

landaman. Miss Bena put in a quilt this morning & sent over to invite us to go over & help quilt. The quilt was very pretty it was worsted. We read the book as Ella & Mary were over too. Sister & I stayed to dinner Ma came home. The days are so short now that it was not long before it was too dark to see. We were very much interested in the quilt & both concluded to come back tonight & quilt. We quilted till 10. Mary came home with Sister.

Sept 28th Saturday

This morning we all went over again to help Miss Bena on her quilt & read the book Mrs. Worth came over & made a little visit & hindered us some so that we did not read as much as we wished. We got the quilt out, we read again this evening. Jennie Lilly & Augusta Myrover came to Mrs Tillinghasts this evening. They are going around with work for the Sinclair Company drawers, shirts, etc. We all took some of the work. They want it done by Tuesday morning, washed & ironed & sent to the Seminary as they want to pack them & send them off Thursday morning. We did not quite finish the book. It has been very cool all day. We have had a fire all day. We have enjoyed the fire very much today.

Sunday Sept 29th

I had a longer time to stay at Aunt Jane's than usual as Sunday School does not begin as early in the summer. Mr Sherwood preached this morning from Isaih 9th Chapter and 9th verse. I went to Aunt Jane's to dinner. We all went to church this evening. Mr Sherwood's text was from John 3rd Chapter & 30th Verse. I went to Prayer

Meeting tonight. Mr Yates conducted the services. It is very cool tonight and has been all day.

Monday Sept 30th

I helped Ma sew on some on the drawers for the soldiers and then I went over & got Emily to go down to the Dr's to see how they all were there. This evening they came over here to read, but Mrs Shepherd & Henry came over and then Annie Lea & Lizzie came. I think Henry is one of the handsomest boy's I ever saw. He has beautiful eyes and teeth. Emily & I walked some of the way home with Annie Lea. We went over to Mrs Pearces tonight & finished the book at last.

Saturday October 1st:

I dressed myself with great care this morning as we were to begin school. I rode down with Pa it was very pleasant to see all the girls again after three months separation. I was introduced to Mrs Hooper's sister, Emily Stevenson I admire her very much. I think she is very pretty she has dark eyes & hair, fair complexion, a very pretty mouth & beautiful teeth. She is very lady like & graceful in her manners. I was also introduced to the daughter of Captain Booth the Commander of the Arsenal. I was not so struck with her. We have all new books this year the junior studies they called us juniors last year but we were really only sophomores. At Aunt Jane's at dinner time I learned, Mrs Troy was in town. Mr Troy has volunteered. We had school this evening again. We will recite our lessons to Mr Hooper and Mrs McNeill. I know I shall like Mr Hooper because I have tried him. I imagine I shall Mrs McNeill

she is so gentle and kind and yet rather dignified. I am going to try to gey my lessons well & give her no trouble for of course she could feel very sad now. I walked up with Annie Lea & Emily after school, we had a very pleasant walk. I was just the least bit tired. I got all the books read this evening that I would need tomorrow.

Jennie Lilly did not come today. I had a letter from Buddy yesterday he was telling us about the election Lt Col Lee has accepted of another office. The election resulted in the election of Capt Joseph Starr. It is quite satisfactory to think of the Lt Col of our 1st regiment, coming from Fayetteville. We had only 34 scholars today, rather a poor beginning I think. Mr D B Cooper opened a small school today with 15, I believe he only wants 16 or 20. Mr McLean had 24 today.

Wednesday October 2d:

I went down with Pa pretty early to school but I amused myself studying my lessons till some of the girls came. We said one of the lessons to Mrs McNeill. I am certain I shall like her. We will study all the junior studies this session, Botany, Philosophy, Ancient geography, algebra & parsing. If Jennie does not insist on my keeping desk with her, I shall keep with Emily. I think we both would behave better if we were separated. The second division of our class are beginning with as now in all our studies but I don't believe they can keep up with us. When I got up here, with Pa I found Cousin Annie Ray here & Cousin Martin drove up just as we did. He is good looking, beautiful teeth. They are going to stay all night. Mrs. Pearce came over tonight. I wrote a letter to Buddy.

Every thing passed over very pleasantly with me today.

It has been acold, wet, gloomy day.

Thursday October 3rd:

Pa like to have forgotten me this morning, he drove off without me but I succeeded in getting him to stop before he had got very far. I got to school very early now but I don't mind that at all. Mrs McNeill came down this evening to look at our writing. She is going to take our copy books & keep them in her room & just bring them down for us to write in. Jennie Lilly came to school today. I walked up this evening with Annie Lea. I believe I like her better, the more I assoicate with her, to like her & I think that is the reason some people do not like her. I think she suits me exactly. I like her better than any girl in school. I said my french lesson to Sister tonight, she is teaching me & I am going to do my hair & get my lessons. I do not have much time for any thing now that school has begun. I am taken up with that entirely.

Friday October 4th:

(nothing written)

Saturday October 5th:

We had service in our church this morning. I went down with Ma & Sister. Annie Lea's little sister Jane Strange was baptized. She looked very sweet. She had such pretty hair. I went to Mr Hinsdales after church & got me a tooth brush. This evening I read a good while and then I went over to see Joanna. I stayed to tea with her. When I came home I closed a letter to Buddy. Dr. Martine

arrived here yesterday morning. He is not well.

Sunday October 6th:

I went to Prayer Meeting this morning. There was no Sunday School as it is Communion. Mr James McNeill preached for us this morning. I did not go to church this evening. I had a very bad cold so I went over & stayed with Emily. I went to Prayer Meeting tonight. Mr. Sherwood preached.

Monday October 7th:

I went down with Pa & went to Aunt Janes & knit some before school began. I studied my lessons before school. I felt very warm all day. Mrs McNeill praises our class a great deal for our good lessons & we do all have very good lessons but E. M. & I don't know whether it is laziness or whether she is so dull she can't get them but she had not said a perfect lesson since school began. Annie Lea and I walked up at the corner. Mrs Tillinghasts carriage came along & I got a ride home. I was so sick with my cold tonight I did not study any. Pa & Ma went over to see Dr Martine.

Tuesday October 8th:

It has been a gloomy kind of day. I don't like it, it is so uncomfortable. At recess we went up to Mrs McNeill & she showed me how to analyze the fuschia it was very interesting. Aunt Jane has got her quilt in the frame. This evening it brightened up & Annie Lea & I walked up, we never walk up with the rest of the girls, we either walk behind or before them. We stopped at Mr Beverly Rose's and he weighed us. Annie Lea weighed 102 and I, 83½. I like Annie Lea so much she agrees with me better in everything than anybody I

know. They say persons always like the person who is their opposite in character, but I don't think so, or perhaps I am an exception. I like Annie Lea better than Jennie now. Jennie has got to talking so much about boys lately. Sister stayed over to Mr Pearces tonight.

Wednesday October 9th:

It was very cloudy & cold this morning. I studied my lessons some before school. I like to say my lessons to Mrs McNeill very much. I believe all the girls like her. Our class are behaving a great deal better than we did last year but Mr Hooper has put us over by the Seniors & we don't get along as well. I say our class is behaving better but I don't think FT & MG are doing much better. Fanny is very curious anyhow. I don't know whether to like her or not sometimes she is very pleasant & then again she is very disagreeable. Mr Hooper says our algebra class is a little rusty it *needs* rubbing up after laying idle so long. It began to rain a little before school dismissed & it kept on till late this evening. Sister was down spending the day helping Aunt Jane quilt. I did not go to school this evening, it was so rainy & wet. I helped quilt some. Annie Lea's Aunt, Mrs Rockwell, came down this evening on the cars. All the girls are in a mighty humor of knitting socks for the soldiers. It feels like winter out tonight.

Thursday October 10th:

It was so wet this morning I went right on to school & did not stop at Aunt Jane's. I studied my geography a while before school. We had a fire in the stove today it felt very comfortable too it

looked quite like winter to see all the girls gathered round the stove. I was thinking today, that I was all the time thinking about the characters & all the little peculiarities I wonder if they ever think about me, that way. We had a very hard ancient geography lesson to get today so I studied all the time between school. This evening Annie Lea wanted me to walk up with her but Sister was in town and I rode out with her. Pa is sick tonight. I went over to see Joanna tonight.

Mary Pearce had a letter from Miss Sally Munn today & she told her of her brother, John Munn's death. He died last Friday at Manassas. His mother was with him. They would not allow them to bring his body away so he was buried there. Pa says it is right but it seems very hard that they cannot be allowed to remove their kin, but that they must be buried away off there in Virginia away from there home & friends.

Friday October 11th:

Sister went down with us this morning & I went down to some of the stores with her to get a hat. When I came up to school & went out to the rocker with Annie Lea she seemed as pleasant as usual but when we went in the house she did not sit in usual seat by me but went & sat with Jennie & everythime I would look at her she would turn up her nose & look contemptously at me. I cannot imagine what I could have done to make her so mad, but, I am certain I will not speak to her until she condescends to notice me. There was no one but Aunt Jane & me to dinner today. Emily & I went down street at dinner time. I got me some paper to have an herbarium made. I rode up all by myself as Pa is sick.

Saturday October 12th:

I went to work soon after breakfast & wrote my composition the subject was Queen Elizabeth after I finished mine I went over to see how Emily come she read hers to me. I read nearly all the rest of the morning. I went over a little while this evening & had a talk with Emily about Annie Lea. She advised me to go on as if nothing had been noticed by me she says that would be the true christian way & I suppose it would but I am too proud. I shall certainly not put, myself in her way. Emily thinks I may be mistaken that it may be my imagination but I know she does look very contemptously at me. I must have done something though unintentionally to offend her. Late this evening, Joanna Emily & I went over to see Miss Ann. Ella was over there. It has been very pleasant today.

Sunday, October 13th

I went to Sunday School this morning. Mr. James McNeill preached today as Mr. Sherrod has hone to presbytery. We has three ministers in church, Mr. Sinclair, Mr Colton. I came back to church this evening. I was very glad I did as Rev James N Colton preched. His text was from 1st Corinthians, 1st Chapter & 1st verse, it was a very good sermon indeed & he preached a great deal faster than I ever thought he would. I went to Prayer Meeting. Mr Yates & Mr Sinclair were both there. Mr Yates preached.

Monday, October 14th:

Mr Colton came to school this morning & opened it with prayer. Mr. Hooper just reads a chapter. He stayed and heard a class recite. It seemed like old times to see him in the school room again. He has improved a great deal since he was here last.

Annie Lea took no notice at all of me today. I found when I came home this evening that Ma was at Mrs McMillans so I went over there. Cousins Betsy & Deborah Baily came while we were over there.

Tuesday, October 15th:

It felt rather cold today, rather wintry & I was glad when I got to find Uncle Philip had a big coal fire. We have a new addition to our class Miss Ida Murchison, she seems very pleasant. I have felt like I would like to know very much what Annie Lea was mad with me about & I was very glad when Emily said she was going to ask her.

It was this Annie Lea wrote a piece of poetry last session gave me a copy but made me promise I would not show it to anybody but Lizzie Rose got hold of it & read it well I suppose the right way for me would have been to have gone & told Annie Lea then but I did not & the other night she began teasing her about it & of course she thought I had showed it to her. Now I think the proper way would have been for Annie Lea to have come & ask me if I did it as long as she did not I don't think it is my place to make an explanation. I told Emily so & told her she might tell Annie Lea if she wanted to. Emily & I walked out

this evening. I miss Annie Lea walking out in the evening.

Wednesday, October 16th-

I studied before school this morning as we had to say a lesson as soon as school took in. Emily explained it all to Annie Lea & she understands it all now but I do not intend to take any notice of her if she makes no apology.

It felt right warm to me today but I have been taking so much exercise. I studied my geography all the time I was at Aunt Janes & got it perfectly. This evening after school, we stayed a little while to analyse a flower with, Mrs McNeill, Emily & I walked up together it was dark when we got home.

Thursday October 17th:

It has been all day rainy & disagreeable. It cleared off enough for us to go out to the rocker at recess. None of us knew our algebra today, it was so hard we have never been over it before. I do not see any sense to the sums we had today. Mr Hooper could not explain the sums today but he will tomorrow. Mrs McNeill says some things sometimes that are very cutting but she says them like she did not mean it at all. Sister had a letter from Buddy today. Ma is looking forward to the time that he will come home as anxiously I am.

Thursday October 24th:

We got no further news from Yorktown today except the fight is still going on there. We have news though of a victory gained at Leesburg near Harpers Ferry on the Potomac but at a dear cost

Tuesday, October 29th:

The battle reported to be going on at Yorktown proved to be nothing at all but a false report but the Leesburg victory is said to have been a greater battle even than Manassas but it was a dear fought victory our 300 men were well worth 700 of their trash. They say after the battle the Confederates ran them into the Potomac & a Va regiment throwing down their guns rushed on them with their bowie knives it was horrible but it was just they were invading Virginia & her sons should drive them back even at the point of the bayonet. Gen Evans commanded Pa saw him at West Point he is from SC he told Pa that there never had been a young man that had gone through from his district but he was determined there should be one though he would rather be on his father's plantation picking cotton & now it has turned out very well that he did go. Some think our companies will begin to move today. Others the 3rd or 8th. They will begin pretty soon it is customary to begin to move a regiment 14 or 15 days before their time expires so that they will all be gone by the day their time is out. I am so glad their time is so short but if there is any appearance of a fight they can keep them 20 days longer. The papers today say the French chamber of Commerce has authorized Napoleon to recognize the Southern Confederacy & some think then England & France's recognition will settle all but I do not think so the North is ruined unless it can subjugate the South & (that it can never do) & so we will have just to fight it out. This war when will it end it is dreadful. The revolutionary war was nothing to it. If I live, though when I get to be an old lady it will be quite interesting to all the young folks telling them about the war how we made cartridges & knit stockings for the soldiers & our brothers & fathers had to go to drive back the invaders.

The Yankees say that in the battle of Leesburg one of their men, was shot in the knee, the other had his little finger shot off & that was the only loss they sustained. What a big One! !

Wednesday October 30th

We heard today that our regiment had been marched back to Bethel. Magruder is determined to give them a fight before they leave. They are expected an attack at Wilmington they telegraphed to Goldsboro to hold the troops in readiness there. Molly & Janie McDiarmid began school this week. Janie is very pretty. I like to look at her. Molly is not pretty but I like her better than Janie. We had a new Boarding scholar today from the south, Annie Wightman, she is not pretty, dark complexion, grey eyes dark hair some the girls think she is like me. I don't think I shall like she looks like she is proud & thinks herself above us. I don't yet whether she can go in our class or not. Mrs. McMillan moved down today.

Tuesday November 5th

Every body is counting the days now to the time the companies will be home some think they will start home tomorrow. I reckon they will be here next week. John Huske is very sick indeed at Yorktown with the typhoid fever. Jimmie Dobbin went on to see him but got worse so now his mother has gone on with Willy Anderson to him. A yankee vessel has been captured near Newberne & 73 of the prisoners went to Raleigh. The people in Wilmington are in great excitement they have 10,000 men there & are expecting an attack if there is any danger our companies will stop there perhaps.

Four young ladies have come up from Wilmington and are boarding

at the seminary. Doctor Martine got home Sunday morning. He has had chills ever since he went back. I had to stay at Aunt Jane's Friday night. Pa forgot me. It poured nearly all night right steadily. Mrs Tillinghast got home Friday evening. There is a cedar picking at the Donaldson Academy tonight they are going to make an arch of cedar over the street when the companies come with "Welcome Home" on it.

Wednesday November 6th

Some of the girls went up to the Donaldson Academy last night but they did not have very much of a cedar picking as they have not hauled much cedar yet. Annie Lea & I played a while with Sally this morning. She is a mighty sweet little thing. General Winfield Scott of the US Army has resigned his letter & the Presidents reply are in the paper, the Presidents in his reply deeply regrets his resignation. I believe they are all glad of it. It is perfectly disgusting. Gen McClellan is elected to take his place.

I walked down to the cedar picking with Eliza & Willard. We got there just as Annie Lea did. Mr. Cooper was there & he got Annie & me by him & kept us pretty steadily at work. I enjoyed myself very much. We got home about 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  clock when we got home I was very tired. I think the boys that were there were the rudest set I ever & they never pretended to do any work. Nearly all the girls were there. Ma has been down every day except Monday cleaning up this week I reckon we will go down next week.

Thursday November 7th

News came today of John Huske's death. The body is expected today. He was a corpse before his mother got to him. He died the 31st. It is so sad just as they were starting home for him to die. I never thought about the dying. I don't think they ought to have the arch now for so many of the men are connected with the family & of course all will feel sad & I don't think it will be showing proper respect to the family but I believe they are going to have it. Annie Lea & I walked out this evening.

Friday November 8th

We had school as usual this morning but this evening we went to the funeral. The services were in the Episcopal Church. It seemed very sad not to see any of his companions at all there. After the funeral, Sister & I went to prayer meeting. Tonight Miss Sarah Ann & Mr. William & Mrs Pearce & Mr McLean came here. Emily came over & stayed all night with me.

Saturday November 9th

I sat down directly after breakfast to write my composition it was a right hard subject, Poetry. After I was done it, I went up stairs & packed up my things as, if it does not rain, Monday we will probably move. Ma was making me a dress so I was engaged all the morning having it fitted. This evening I went over to see Emily & Eliza.

Sunday November 10th

Benay Robinson arrived here this morning from Manassas.

He says our companies will probably be in Raleigh this evening. Mr. Sherwood preached this morning from 13th Chap of Job. I went to Aunt Jane's to dinner. I saw Benny at church this evening he has changed a good deal, has a moustache and has a stern look. We went to prayer meeting. Mr Sherwood preached. It is right cold tonight.

Saturday November 16th

We have been kep in constant excitement for the last two days looking for the La Fayette & Independent Companies. The banks of the Cape Fear were crowded all Thursday & Friday. We went down yesterday evening. I never hardly saw such a crowd before. It grew very cold and we went up to Aunt Jane's to wait till we heard the whistle & the cannon but by the time we got down to the market house the soldiers were up there the town bell was ringing & tar barrels were burning and the market house had been decorated by the ladies there was "Welcome Heroes of Bethel" in large letters lighted with gas which looked very pretty. Judge Shepherd & Mr Wm McKay made speeches. Buddy has not changed at all perhaps he is a little taller. I had a present tonight of a tetin needle made of the boxwood from Yorktown. Dr Martine gave it to me.

Thursday November 21st

We are settled in town. We moved in Monday & Tuesday. Annie Lea has been sick all this week. I have felt right lonesome at school without her. We are nearly through Algebra. We are busy doing two or three pages in the back of the book after that we will be through it. Mr McNeill told us Sunday we ought all to get some scholars by next Sunday. I am going to get some if I can.

Saturday November 18th

I wrote my composition and did some work this morning.

This evening I fixed up & went over to Mrs Wilkinsons on my way I got Sunday School Scholars. I went down street to get me a mug to clean my teeth in. When I came home I read "Bride of Lamamoor".

Friday November 26th

I went Sunday morning for my scholars but they could not go. Annie Lea is back at school this week. I feel like myself now. We dance every day now. The girls are going to have some tableaux Christmas & wanted me to act, but Ma would not let me. I do not take, much interest in the war news now our boys have got home. Emily is sick.

Wednesday November 27th

It is very cold now the frosts have been very heavy these two or three days. They look more like snow. Emily is sick yet. Cousin Annie Ray came to town today.

Saturday November 30th

Yesterday was general muster day. Mr. Alexander McPherson's child was buried yesterday morning. We all went to church this morning. Mr Sherwood was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Mr James McNeil preached his text was from Romans 1st Chapter and 16th verse. Rev James C Sinclair deliv red the charge to the pastor & Mr McDonald the charge to the people.

Sunday December 1st

I went to church last night with Sister & Buddy. Mr Sherwood preached his first sermon as regular pastor of our church. Mr Sherwood preached this morning. His text was "for I determine to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ". I came home to dinner. Mr Sherwood preached from Matthew 18th Chapter from the 5th to 9th verse. I went to the Baptist church to hear Miss Leillias play but she was not there.

Saturday December 14th

We had bad news today from the south nearly the whole of Charleston is burnt. The fire broke out in three places about half an hour. After it began the wind blew violently. It burnt a mile in one direction. The fire was still raging the last accounts by some it is feared the whole city will be destroyed. A meeting was called this evening by the Mayor & \$1200 raised for the sufferers. Buddy went up the country about Moore last tuesday to recruit. He wants ten men to get a Lieutenancy. Lina came down on the cars Wednesday evening. She began school yesterday.

Friday December 20th

Wednesday night soon after tea we were alarmed by the cry of fire we felt rather excited after hearing of the big fire in Charleston. It was a very small fire but in a dangerous place arsenal grounds. The papers are filled with the most on the Mason & Tlidell case. They were two ambassadors sent out by the Southern Confederacy with dispatches to England. They took passage with their families on the British mail steamer went & sailed from Havana on the 7th on the 8th when in the passage of the old Bahama channel they saw a vessel coming towards them, it fired a shot across the Trents bow & showed the United States colors. This was contrary to all adknnowledged law as when a vessel wishes another to stop it is customary to fire a blank cartridge. A boat containing two officers & about twenty men armed with muskets, pistols and cutlasses then shoved off towards the Trent boarded it and demanded of the Captain, Capt Moir a list of the passengers which he refused to give. The officers commanding the boat stated that the frigate was the San Sacinto of which he was the first lieutenant and that they had received positive intelligence that there were certain passengers on board whom they would take. This was refused and then the

Lieut called out the names of the commissioners Messrs Slidell & Mason & their secretaries McFarland & Eustice, he said these were the persons he wanted & that he would take them at all hazards. The four gentlemen were standing near & requested to know what he wanted with them he said he wished to take them on board the Federal Man of War they replied if he did he would have it to do by force & turning to Capt Moir Mr Tlidell said, "We claim the protection of the British Flag". When the Captain again refused to give up the passengers the lieutenant said he would take charge of the ship. Commander Williams Royal Navy then spoke as follows:" In this ship I am the representative of her Majesty's Government & I call upon the officers of the ship, & the passengers generally to mark by words, when in the name of that government, & in distinct language, I denounce this as an idle gal act an act in violation of international law-an act, indeed, of wanton privacy which, had one the means of defence, you would not date to attempt". Mr Tlidell told the Captain as the boat shoved off that he would expect his government to resent this outrage & called on him to represent the case clearly. All the passengers on the Trent were indignant at the outrage. Mr Tlidell said as he took leave of his family on board the Trent. "It is true I amy suffer great personal inconvenience, but thank God, it is the best thing that could happen for my country", & it is indeed the best thing that could happen. England is justly indignant because of this gross insult & has formally demanded of the Federal government the surrender of Messrs Tlidell and Mason which has been refused & now of course England will be obliged to declare war against the Federal Government & that will be the very thing for the Southern Confederacy. They will be obliged to make peace when they have England & us both to content with.

Saturday December 28th

We had to go to school Monday & Tuesday, I think Mr Cooper might have given us those, two days. Tuesday night Sister, Buddy Line & I went to the tableaux. They were very pretty they had the Southern Confederacy, the bride morning & evening star & a great many others, 20 I think. The next morning Lina & I got up early & came down stairs & caught everybody. I got a book & a beautiful reticule green velvet & yellow leather. Lina got a purple velvet & black leather. We went to the Catholic church. I could not understand anything the priest said. Aunts Peggie & Jane & Cousin Jane & Uncle Edward dined with us. Aunt Jane, Lina & I went to walk for the evening. Sarah Goodman, a girl about 18 was very badly burnt Christmas morning & died that night. Thursday Emily, Eliza & Lina spent the day with me. I went over & spent the day at Aunt Jane's Friday. Today Ma & Sister were both sick. Miss Ann Warren spent the morning here. Aunt Jane has been over all day. Gen Scott of the Federal Army, went, to Europe soon after, his resignation has returned. He came back in the same vessel he sailed in so he could have only stayed two or three days. The papers seem to think that war is inevitable since he has returned. Prince Albert husband of Victoria, Queen of England died on the 18 of this month aged 41 he was three months younger than his wife. Mr McLean boys had a party Thursday night but I was not invited. Some think that the yankees now that they hear the roar of the British lion will back out of the scrape & on their knees give up Messrs Mason & Tlidell but if they do they will lower themselves as a nation, in the eyes of the world. Lord Lyons the minister of the Eli L has detained a vessel a mail steamer & he has orders if they refuse to deliver up Mason & Tlidell to demand his passports, France takes England's side. Seward wants war with England, I suppose the yankees have found they cannot "subjugate the South" & they think they can say if there is war with England that they could have subdued, the rebellion in the south if England had not interfered.

Monday January 12th 1862

I have been at home for the last week sick with the ear ache. The new year opened rather gloomily for us for the American eagle, hearing the roar of the British Lion has humiliated itself before it has agreed to give up the two ambassadors but Seward, the yankee secretary has done it in such a manner that the English cannot think of receiving it. He never admits once that they are in the wrong but even goes so far as to imply that they should have taken the vessel, also, Lord Russel's letter to Lord Lyons which he was requested to hand to Mr Seward states the incidents of the capture & calls it "an act of violence" which was an affront to the British flag & a violation of international law" & he adds "Her majesty's government, bearing in mind, the friendly relations which have long subsided between the US & Great Britain, are willing to believe the US officers, who committed the aggression, was not acting in compliance with any authority from his government, or if he conceived himself to be so authorized the greatly misunderstood the instructions which he had received. For the government of the US must be fully aware that the British government would not allow such an affront to the national honor to pass without full reparation & her Majesty's government are unwilling to believe that it could be the deliberate intention of the government of the US to force a question of so much importance between the two nations. Her Majesty's government trust, therefore, that when this matter shall have been brought before the US government, that government will of its own accord offer to the British government such redress as alone can satisfy a British government namely, the liberation of the four gentlemen & the delivery to your lordship, in order that they may again be placed under British protection & a suitable apology for the aggression which has been committed." Seward writes a very long reply which would fill 7 or 8 foolscap. He says neither Capt Wilkes or any other Naval Officer had

any instruction to capture the four persons named (he never once calls their names) on board any neutral vessel. But after this he maintains at length that they & their dispatches were contraband of war and that Capt Wilkes could have fully stop the Trent & search if for them & they found and that having found them he had a right to capture them. That is if he did it in the manner recognized by the law of nations and therefore the British government had no claim for reparation. He then goes on with a long argument to show that Capt Wilkes right to have captured the Trent and brought her in as a prize! And then he suddenly discovers that the surrender of Mason & Tlidell is in accordance with the most cherished principles of the US. He then tells Lord Lyons that the surrender is in conflict with the claim which Great Britain has heretofore maintained with the US & all other nations even to war. Yet he abruptly ends. The four persons in question are now held in military custody at Fort Warren in the State of Massachusetts. They will be cheerfully liberated. Your lordship will please indicate a time & place, for recovering them." But in all this long harangue it will be observed not one word is said about the suitable apology demanded by Earl Brussel. It is generally thought at the north that this mission & the threat of war in case of the recognition of the Southern Confederacy combined will leave the parties as far as ever from a friendly settlement. Gen McClellan the Commander in Chief of the Federal Army is very ill his recovery is doubtful. Col Lee, formerly Col of the 1st regiment NC volunteers was in town part of last week. Mary Pearce is very sick she was very sick Saturday evening. It seems the Yankees have got themselves in another bad scrape. Last Monday a French man of war approached Ship, Island for the purpose of transacting some business with French General at New Orleans. She sailed under a neutral flag. She was fired into by the Federal fleet & some what crippled. She did not return the fire. The yankees apologize but the French Captain refused to accept that apology.

Saturday January 25th

Last week Tuesday evening the 14th Mrs Tillinghast was taken sick over at Mrs Pearces. She was out there & they got her home Thursday. She was worse & Friday Ma went out there. She had fallen into a stupor & Saturday about 3 o'clock she died. She did not recognize any of her children and was insensible all the time. Emily was 15 the day she died the 18th. Sunday we all went out there. The funeral was Sunday evening from the house. I did not go to the grave. Her death was very sudden no body was prepared for it. Mary Pearce is still very sick Ma has gone out there today. Lina has been over here since Tuesday. She went home this morning. It has been raining so we could not go to school since Tuesday.

Wednesday February 12th

This has seemed like a month of reverses to us. The yankees have gained a decisive victory in Kentucky attended by great loss of life on either side. We lost one of our greatest Generals Zollicoffer. Gen Beauregard has been carried from Manassas to supply his place. Yesterday we heard sad news. The yankees with 53 vessels part of a great fleet called the Burnside fleet sent out by the yankees the greater part of which was lost in a recent storm attacked Roanoke Island which was defended by from 2800 to 3000 men. Roanoke Island is between Albemarle & Palmico Sounds. By the accounts yesterday 300 of our men were killed & some wounded only 24 escaped. I am not certain what the yankees loss was. Two of Ida Murchisons brothers are down there. There was a Georgia regiment, The Richmond Blues a company in the legion have only 7 men left. The people all along the coast are greatly excited and they reason to be as New Bern and Wilmington are both liable to an attack. No official account of the battle has been received. The accounts are contradicating but it is certain our loss is severe. How dreadful everyone must feel who has any of their family there,

for I knew how badly I felt when we heard of the battle of Bethel.

Saturday March 1st 1864

Yesterday was appointed by our President Davis as a day of fasting & prayers on account of the distressed state of our country & the recent reverses with which we have such. The day was universally observed all business was suspended. Mr Sherwood preached from Isaih 10th Chapter & 5th verse "O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger & the staff in their hand is mine indignation" He was assisted in the services by Mr James McNeill. The prayer meeting for the evening was very full. Dr Cooper made a prayer & a few remarks. Mr Sherwood thinks that we are becoming too much puffed up & that we are relying too much on our own strength and that God has sent these reverses to remind us that we can do nothing without his help. We had a letter from Aunt Malinda Wednesday which contained the sad intelligence of the death of Cousin Henry. He & Cousins George & William had reenlisted in the Confederate service for three years and had returned home on a furlough. They had gone over to Cheraw to see their friends there & Saturday morning after breakfast Cousin Henry was taken sick with a congestive chill and died by seven o'clock at night. We have been suffering some severe reverses lately at Roanoke Island and Fort Donnelson in Tennessee. They can easily take Nashville if they have not done so already. One of the Murchison's brothers now taken prisoner at Roanoke, but has been released on parden. Lieut K Murchison was not in the fight. May & Ella spent the day Wednesday with us & it rained so hard they had to stay all night.

Friday March

Last Friday when we woke in the morning we found it snowing hard and the ground covered. Emily was here but we did

not go to school. By evening it was all gone. It was the first snow we have had this winter. We have gained a great victory at Newport News with our great ship the Merrimac alias Virginian. She destroyed two of the federal steamers the Cumberland & The Congress & disabled another vessel. Gen's Floyd & Pillow the commanders of Fort Donnelson have been suspended by the President as their official reports were not satisfactory. We did not have any school this evening as Mr Hooper started to New Bern as report came here last night that they were fighting there. Mrs Hooper's family lives there.

Wednesday April 2nd

The yankees' have possession of Newbern & Washington N.D. Our forces retreated from New Bern & are now stationed at Winston some distance from Newbern. We would not have been as apt to have been beaten if we had had a General on our coast. Starr's artillery left here last week for Wilmington last week. "The Clarendon Guards" the company Mr W.. Tillinghast, Mr James McNeil & Judge Shepherd are in, left here Monday for Wilmington. Gen French had news that the Burnside fleet had left Newbern & that he had better look out for them at Wilmington. Our town looks lonesome not only our young men but our married men. We have no men left but our "Home Guard", & a few others. Gen Beauregard is calling for all the bells to melt into cannon. A good many churches are sending in their bells. I suppose we will have to send ours. Capt Booth at the arsenal is one of the agents for receiving them. For the past two days it has felt like spring. Since last spring it seems like three years instead of one; & we cannot tell now that the yankees have such a foothold in our State but that we may be driven from our homes before another spring. I feel so much older since last April & I don't see any chance of the war's ending. I believe it will last forever & if the men are all killed I don't want to live.

Wednesday April 16th

The greatest battle of the war was fought on Sunday 5th April near Cornith, Miss. The yankees under Gen Barell numbered 150,000 & the confederates under Gens Johnston, Beauregard & Bragg 90,000. The Confederates made the attack early in the morning. The battle raged allday & the enemy were finally defeated. The Confederates took eight batteries at the point of the bayonet. Many prisoners were taken. Gen Johnston with his men cut through the Yankee force & attacked them in the rear & Gen Beauregard & Bragg attacked them in front. "The fall of a military chieftain on the fields of honor & victory, at the head of his rushing column fighting for liberty is the death the soldier most covets & the country must lament. Luck was the fate of Gen Albert Sidney Johnston". He fell in the thickest of the fight while leading his soldiers on to victory. Gen Beauregard now commando of the army. He says this was a second Manassas fight one death of Gen Johnston is a great & irreparable loss to our country. Since the war we have lost six Generals & the yankees only two. On Sunday we heard of the fall of Fort Pulaski. Nobody hurt. Our men made an unconditional surrender. Savannah is in danger now & I fear it is not well fortified. The yankees are still at Newbern. The people of Beaufort ware very much pleased with Burnside.& seven men from Georgia who were in Fort Macon deserted & went over to the yankees. Our forces are stationed at Winston. Gen Holmes is in command they say he intends attacking Newbern. I do not know how true it is. Our church (the Presbyterian) has offered our bell to the church I don't know whether it will be accepted, Capt Booths artilley company left here today for Fort Booth on the Cape Fear at the mouth of the Rockfish. The "Clarendon Guards" are stationed below Wilmington at Confederate Point practicing the heavy artillery drill. They are doing very well & are very well pleased.

Saturday May 17th

Yesterday was appointed by the President as a day of Humiliation & Prayer. We had service in our church morning & evening. Our forces are evacuating Yorktown, McClellan is advancing, Monday 4th there has been one fight there in which the 5th reg of State, troops was engaged. That is the regiment in which Benny Robinson, Willie Anderson, Henry Mullins are. Dr Ben had a telegraphic dispatch from Benny Wednesday telling him Willie Anderson was killed. He was shot in the head, as he fell he called to Benny & said "I am killed". Benny got a man to carry him off the field but he was shot before he had gone any distance. Henry Mullins was killed too. Benny acted very gallantly & it was a miracle that he was not killed. Three ensigns of their regiment were killed when Benny seized the colors & waving it high in the air placed himself before the enemy about 50 men were firing at him & yet he escaped entirely unhurt. We felt very badly indeed when we heard of Henry Mullins death. He is the first one from this town that has ever been killed. As we were going to church I saw Maggie Anderson dressed in black standing on their piazza I felt very sorry for her. When we came out of church we learned that Mr Anderson had a dispatch from Benny saying Willie was not killed but only badly wounded. There is hope of his recovery but he has fallen in the hands of the enemy. But how much that is than death. Again our day of humiliation has been turned to one of Thanksgiving. The first one we had we heard our Bethel Heroes were safe then the next one they came home the next we heard of a victory in Missouri & how this news yesterday. We do indeed need to have a day of Humiliation and Prayer. The enemy is rapidly advancing on our territory. He has possession of New Orleans & Norfolk is in 16 miles of Richmond & is menacing Wilmington. We have had very heavy rain lately & our river

is very much swollen or if they do take Wilmington they will find little difficulty in ascending our river. The Clarendon Guards have returned & Mr James McNeill is raising a Company of Partisan Rangers for the defence of the Cape Fear. They will have a brave and noble company. I saw MaggieA rim off her black dress this evening she had to. On the evacuation of Norfolk the Merrimac the pride of the Southern Confederacy with provision enough to last 350 men 12 months was blown to atoms by our men to prevent her falling in the hands of the enemy. Many people think there was some treachery.

Monday June 23d

I have not written in a good while in my journal not in a whole month, but as the blockade has not been raised & consequently paper is so very scarce I will have to write only when I have something to say. Sister & Buddy got home from Cheraw the first of this month. They have been making Uncle Coit's family a visit. They had a very pleasant time. Cousin William & Julius home on furlough. Buddy got him a fine horse while he was gone. He has joined Capt Murchison cavalry the "Highland Rangers." We have had another battle nearer Richmond. We gained the victory but except the moral effect it has done us no great good perhaps it has kept the enemy in check. Benny Robinson was in that fight too. He is at home now. Mr McNeills company was mustered into service on Thursday the 19th & left for camp 10 or 12 miles over the river. Mr McNeill could not accompany them. The company were drilling Wednesday evening & his saddle gaith broke & he fell from his horse & hurt his wrist so that he will have to stay home till it gets better as it was his right hand. The Company will camp & drill for about a fortnight & in that time he will probably join them. I hated to see that company go worse than any other that has ever gone except the

Independent. If this war would only end. Every body who thinks or cares anything about it are beginning to look so old and broken. Our streets are nearly deserted except late in the evening when the Happers Ferryians come from the arsenal. In the day there are nobody but the older gentlemen some sick soldiers or those on furlough & some Wilmington gentlemen who I think ought to be seized & put in the army. Lina went home Friday. Charley & \_\_\_\_\_ came down for her. Cousin Jane went with her. It looks right lonesome at Aunt Jane's nobody but her & Aunt Peggie.

Saturday June 28th

I have been sick for the last two or three days so I could not get to school. Jennie Rose, Annie Lea's little sister, was buried yesterday. She died Wednesday she was just beginning to walk & talk. I could not go to the funeral. Ma & Pa went. Buddie got a fall from his horse Wednesday & was hurt right badly so he has been in the house for the last three days.

Tuesday July 23d

I intended to have written before but we have been busy moving & have just gotten settled this week. I am very glad to get into the country. Yesterday was the first anniversary of the battle of Manassas. We have had a battle near Richmond that has put Manassas far in the shade. The battle began the last Wednesday in June & lasted till the first Wednesday in July. The slaughter on our side as well as that of the enemy's was horrible. It exceeds the bloodish battle recorded in history both in length & the number engaged & killed & wounded. We had McMillian so surrounded that had one of our Gen's, Magee been faithful to the trust posed on him & come up in six instead of twenty-five hours we could have "bagged McClellan" & his whole army & now might be engaging the enemy.

on his own soil & instead of the invading he would be the invader. But by Magee getting drunk we have lost what might have been the greatest victory ever achieved. McClellan & his army escaped to their gun boat in the James River, Gen Magee is a South Carolinian. He has been relieved of him. It was through his drunkenness that we lost Roanoke Island & if he had been thrown out of office then we should not have to mourn a second, Manassas. Except giving the enemy a check in his "on to Richmond" course we have done no good. We are checking the enemy considerably in Tennessee. We have retaken Murfreesboro & are making preparations to retake Nashville.

Maj Ben Huske is dead. He was wounded in the battle of Richmond. His wound was not dangerous but while he was in the hospital he caught the erysypalis. He was at a private house when he died. His wife & his father in law and Mr Joe Huske were with him.

Friday August 1st

Nothing either encouraging or discouraging has been heard from our army. Our political horizon is still over cast. Not even a break in the clouds. I can see no reason to hope that we will have peace soon. Of course we will never give up and our enemies are still hoping to crush a bit the rebellion. Why will they have no reason? Buddy has gone. He left us Monday to join Mr James McNeills company. They are encamped below Warsaw. The house was so desolate after he left. I felt like I had been to a funeral. Nobody but those who have tried it know how hard it is to say "goodbye". I thought I would tell him goodbye without shedding a tear but when it came to the last & I thought perhaps I might never see him again I forgot all else- the tears, would come. Poor fellow & what could I do without him. I love him Oh so much. I can only pray. I do Oh so earnestly. This war this war if

it could only be ended & what is the use of shedding so much precious blood when it must come to an end by treaty at last. If the yankees could only see or know how many hearts & homes have been made desolate the hardest heart among them would be melted to pity & would be ready to cry for peace. I heard the other day of a most cruel thing that shows what a people we have to deal with & after it, I cannot see how we can fulfil that command to "Love our enemies". A young man was wounded in the foot in one of the battles near Richmond too badly to get off the field & while he was laying there a party of yankees came up & bayonnetted him to death!!! The cravens they only dared to do it because he could make no resistance. That is only an instance every day we hear of equal cruelty. No wonder our men rush on them with their bayonets, no wonder they fight as if they were crazed they know what our fate would be if subdued by them. We have received our punishment for our sins what punishment will a righteous God find to influz on them for surely our sin is not as great as theirs & if our punishment is so severe what will be the weights of things. It seems almost contradictory when I said some pages back that he joined Murchison's company & now that he is with Capt McNeill, but when I explain it will not seem so. He had joined Murchison's Co but Capt Murchison acted in such an ungentlemanly manner towards him that upon Pa's advising him, Buddy as he was not sworn to Capt Murchison joined Capt McNeill's company.

Saturday August 2d

We have an account today of one of the most daring & successful "raids" that has ever been or ever will be recorded in his tory of this continent. Col John Morgan was in command. He is one of our most gallant officers. He left Knoxville, Tennessee with 1000 brave men a portion only of whom were armed,

penetrated 250 on into a country in full possession of the yankees. He captured a dozen towns & cities, destroying the enemy's military stores & property, burning railroads bridges in all, amounting to 8 or 10 million dollars: took 1000 prisoners whom he paroled at Cynthiana encountered a force equal to his men who surrendered after a few hours fight; took a 1000 stand of arms, burned half a million worth of army stores; frightened the yankees out of all propriety & all with a loss of about 15 or 20 men and between 30 & 40 wounded & returned in triumph to Tennessee! Mr Worth and Mrs Worth got home this morning with Albert who was wounded in the leg in the last battle. One of the papers today think we may have hope of a recognition soon from England & France. If we only could. How can they stand calmly by and see this bloodshed, this horrible inhuman war!

Thursday August 28th

Buddy left us Monday week Aug 18th. He had joined Capt McNeill's Rangers but he had only been with them a week when he recd a letter from Capt Benny Robinson saying he had been elected 3rd Lt in his company. So he came home & stayed a week with us & went on to Richmond when he got there he found his regt (the 5th L. Lt.) had been ordered to Gordonsville to reenforce "Stonewall Jackson" as he had to push on after them. We had a letter from his this morning. Part of his letter was dated at Gordonsville. The latter part at New Hanover Court House. He says he is very homesick poor fellow! Gordonsville is no doubt the most dangerous place to be at. All our troops are being sent there & McClellan with his troops have gone some say to reenforce the yankee general Pope others say to guard Washington anyhow Pope is retreating and everything seems to be in our favor, except that we can hear nothing satisfactory. It is thought if Pope does give battle it will be bloodier even than the battles of Richmond. I am pretty lonesome for Emily & Eliza left for Chapel Hill last week on Wednesday's train so Joanna is my only solace.

Wednesday September 3d

We had good news today. Good news for our confederacy. and yet sad sad news it will be to many individuals when we hear the details. President Davis received a dispatch from Gen R. E. Lee as follows dated 30th August "Our army achieved today on the plains of Manassas, a vigoral victory over the combined forces of Gens McClellan & Pope. On the 28th & 29th each wing under Gens Longstreet & Jackson repulsed with valor attacks made on them separately. We mourn the loss of our gallant dead in every conflict yet our gratitude to Almighty God for his mercies rises higher each day. To him and to the valor of our troops a nations gratitude is dear." The battle was fought on the same ground exactly as the battle of Manassas & at the last account the enemy were fleeing & our forces pursing Gen's Stuart cavalry were as far as Vienna only 18 miles from Washington. The enemy have evacuated Fred ricksburg destroying a large amoun of government stores. The Potomac is fordable at every point so our army with be able if they have enough troops to pursue them & Oh, I hope they can & that it will not be as it was after the battle of Manassas. All will be over now. I suppose with McClellan the yankee Napoleon, Manassas seems to be fortunate ground for the Southern Confederacy. England has declared that she will preserve that strick neutrality she has observed from the first of this unhappily struggle. I went Monday evening to attend the funeral of an old school mate, Lucy Marsh, now Mrs Daily, who was very young, only 19 only married six months ago. It was one of the largest funerals I ever saw.

Thursday Sept 17th

I have been intending to write ever since Monday but I have become so indolent, I did'nt do it. Major John C Booth Commandant of the Arsenal is dead. He died Saturday and was buried Sunday evening. We had no service in our church.

Fa & Ma went to the funeral. Sister & I stayed at Aunt Jane's. We saw the procession go by. There more pomp & show about it than I ever saw as I never saw any thing of the kind before. First came the brass band & drums, then the company from Fort Booth and the arsenal guards. The company from Fort Booth which he has formed wore crepe badges on their arms. Next came Rev Joseph Huske in a baroniche, then the hearse and pallbearers who were those who held offices under Major Booth. They had crepe streamers from their hats. Then the family of the deceased after them all the Arsenal hands white & black & then the carriages of the friends and acquaintances. There was a great crowd. But I would not like so much show if one of my friends were to die. Major Booth's body was placed in a vault till it can be removed to Savannah. Our Army has crossed the Potomac and now on the enemy's soil stand (or more rather) an invading army no longer defending but offeding. President Davis has gone over to Maryland to issue his proclamation inviting all who wish to flock to this standard. Our Army crossed Saturday & Sunday. Various rumors have reached of what they are doing over there all we know certainly is the yankees are terrible frightened. Our sky is brightening, brighter days are dawning. Not a word from Buddy. We can only hope & pray that he is safe. We have gained a victory too at Richmond. They ragged 10,000 yankees!

Tuesday Sept 23rd

We have had good news from our army in Maryland & yet my heart mocks me as I say it for how can that be good news to me when a darling brother may be laying stiff and cold on the battlefield or what may perhaps be worse, severly wounded. I have a presentiment that I have seen him for the last time & everytime I gaze on that handsome face in the open case

before me I feel it more & more. I believe I have never described him in my journal. He is very tall & straight, dark complexion, large dark flashing eyes, white regular teeth, dark hair. From his face one would at once pronounce him (& truly too) quick tempered. In his eye lurks a merry mischievous dance. He is naturally quick tempered but he has a warm affectionate heart. Jackson the glorious "Stonewall Jackson" captured on the 15th left Harper's Ferry with 11,515 yankees, 2,000 negroes, 46 pieces of cannon, 15,000 stand of small arms & immense quantity of powder & other valuable stores. After that capture Gen Jackson leaving AP Hill to hold the position & guard the captured property recrossed the Potomac at Sheppherdstown Maryland on Tuesday At Harper's Ferry the fight began 3'0 clock PM and raged with fierceness till daylight. Monday Gen Miles the Yankee General in command proposed to surrend the proposition was accepted & our forces marched in and took possession of the place. Gen Jackson after crossing into Maryland joined Gen Lee who with the main body of our forces was confronting the enemy at Sharpsburg on Tuesday in the forenoon taking his position on the left, Longstreet was on the right and Gen O E Hill formed our centre. At 5 in the evening the enemy made a general attack with an attempt to turn our right flank but they were repulsed. The fight lasted till 9 PM and skirmishing was kept up all night. The troops on both sides slept on their arms. At day light the enemy renewed the attack on all our line at the same time again endeavoring to out flank our right wing. The battle the most furious of this war lasted all day. Longstreet drove back the left wing of the enemy three miles. Jackson had not encroached less on his right but Hill had just managed to hold his own ground. Our forces were about 60,000 strong commanded by R. E. Lee & the enemy 15,000 strong by Gen McClellan. Gen D Hill's Division suffered severely. Buddy is in that Division.

Gen Hills division was in a fight too on Sunday 14th at Middleton Va, the enemy had a large force the loss was great on both sides. Gen Hills held his position till Longstreet came up which was not till Monday. The Gen Garland of Buddys Brigade was killed. No doubt the heavy loss of Hills Division in this battle was the reason. He barely sustained his position in the battle on Tuesday and Wednesday. Gen Lee declares this battle of Tuesday & Wednesday a decided victory. Our loss in killed prisoners & wounded is said to be 5,000. The news today is that our Army had crossed the Potomac into Va bringing the wounded to Shepherstown. But that is supposed to mean the wounded of the last fight & those of Sunday & Monday will be left to the mercy of the yankees. The yankees fought well in this battle. We are in dreadful suspense but I am prepared I think for the worst. It will be days & perhaps weeks before we can hear anything from individuals.

Saturday Sept 27th

With how much lighter heart do I write than I did 4 days ago! We have heard from Buddy. William Horne arrived here yesterday slightly wounded. We saw a wounded man from Buddy's and Benny's Company who says he left the field Wednesday ( we don't know at what hour) & that they were safe having escaped through Sunday's fight and up to the time he left Wednesday. I am thankful Oh so thankful for that much but who knows what he may be suffering for they were in another fight last Sunday 27th. This has been a week of dreadful suspense only those who have felt the same can imagine how dreadful it is. Mr Horne says they were coldly received in Maryland that instead of flocking to our standards the men all hid, that the people hid their provisions & after crossing the Potomac our army subsided entirely on the corn they stole from the fields until two or three days before

the battle when they were fed on raw beef with no salt and no means of cooking it. I don't know how they could live. (Poor Buddy!) He says that the children were waving the "Stars & Stripes" and that he could see little girls in the windows spitting on our soldiers as they passed. He says he hopes they will let Maryland alone & let her fight for herself (I hope so too)). He believes when she does she will be on Lincol's side. Our army has not fought any since Sunday, I don't think they will fight anymore just now I think R. Lee will have to recruit his men. I do hope they will stop & now is we could only hear how Buddy came out in last Sunday's fight. I feel more hopeful now since he has escaped as far as we have heard from him. I don't know whether it is right though or not. The Yellow Fever is raging in Wilmington the people are & have been leaving the city and flying in every direction worse than when it was threatened by the enemy. Some have come up here. One young man a son of Dr Worth was brought up very ill from Wilmington. He was carried to a private house which was vacant. It was the first of this week. He was delirious and this morning he died. Mr Worth could get no druggan even to carry the coffin to the house they will bury him this evening. His Father & Mother are both here. How sad to think of having to bury him so soon & for people not to be able to even go to the funeral. I much rather have a friend to fall on the battlefield. I suppose now this case will spread a panic through our town & the surrounding country. The diptheria is prevailing in town for Emma Delanym a young girl nearly grown, age 14, died with it yesterday morning. I went to school with her winter before last. School begins Monday but there is so much sickness Pa says I had better not begin so I shall have to study at home.

Wednesday October 1st

We have had a letter from Buddy dated last Sunday we recd it Monday. He says the last month has been an eventful one to him. He has marched 300 miles & fought 4 battles during that time but he & Benny have escaped thro it all. This makes five battles Buddy has been in since the war began. The army has fought some since then so I feel as if a great weight had been removed from my mind & if I feel so now, how much better I will feel when the war is over. If I could only hear from the Coits & the Roses, now I would feel satisfied.. But while I am rejoicing how many through our whole land are mourning for kind fathers fond husbands & affectionate brothers. Everybody seems to think the army of Virginia will be quiet for a while. Lee & Jackson will have to give their men time to recruit & the yankees were so badly used up, they will not attack no town again & I am sure & I hope the soldiers will have time to rest. Some winter in one of the papers (a gentlemen recently arrived from New York & Richmond) says he has good reasons for believing that England will interfere & recognize our confederacy. I would like to have peace as much as anyone could, but England has acted so shamefully towards us if there was any way to have peace without her I would rather not have her to interfere. If she had cared at all for her honor she would not have accepted such an apology as the U S government made her after the Mason & Slidell affair. I never liked England & now I almost dispise her. I don't think she has any more courage or self respect than the yankees. To let our soldiers fight on for our liberty & let them propose terms of peace to enemy // let us accept it on no other term. The yellow fever is still raging in Wilmington & amother man who came up from there died with it yesterday. Mr Cooper opened his school with only thirteen scholars. A good many people I suppose think with Pa that it is not safe to send children to town. Lincoln

has signed a proclamation declaring all slaves free from their owners on or after the first of January/63. It is just an invitation for a general uprising of our slaves, & the Nother would be willing to have us \_\_\_\_\_ scared. Such a thing was never heard of among civilized nations. The subject was discovered in Congress yesterday. Some of the members think we should raise the black flag & kill every yankee that is found on Northern soil & tell our soldiers they must for their lives as well as their firesides & their liberties & not be taken prisoners. If we do raise the black flag the yankees won't be so anxious to be taken prisoners. The reason they are so anxious is they are parsled when they are taken & so they don't have to do any more fighting. One of the soldiers tells a story of a Yankee. Our soldier become so exhausted during a long march that he sank down by the wayside & was soon asleep. When he awoke he found a yankee SITTING quietly by him keeping the flies off him and waiting to be taken prisoner.

Thursday Nov 20th

Well I suppose I ought to apologize Mr Journal for neglecting you so long, weel, I could give you a long list of excuses for doing so but Dr Johnson says apologies are never of any use so I won't do it. But instead I will begin way back & tell what has happened since October, 2 months ago. First, Buddy got home about the middle of October he had been sick ever since he went to Pa. so he had a furlough. Of course he had a great deal to tell bout their march into Maryland & the battles he was in. He says he hardly ever saw a yankee dead on the field with a pair of shoes on, our men took them. He brought home a yankee sword & a likeness of a yankee girl out of a yankee's jacket. He did not take them himself he says he could not bear to touch them. He was throughly disgusted with Maryland at Boonesboro one of the

women shot at our cavalry from a window & wounded one man. As they were crossing the Potomas they sang "Maryland, My Maryland & he thought it sounded very pretty but when they were crossing back they sang "Carry Me Back to old Virginia Shore" & he liked that still better. He was commended for his bravery in the Sharpsburg fight. The prisoners that they took all say the yankees are as tired as they can be of the war. Would that they would put an end to it then. The yanks have become mad with McClellan because he won't fight & have displaced him & made Burnside Commander in chief & I suppose we will have to look out for our coast. I think they have done unwisely in displacing McClellan so far as it concerns themselves though I think it is better for us as McClellan is a superior man to Burnside & now we will have fighting. I suppose we may look for fighting in Virginia as that is what Burnside was put there for. I can see no prospect of peace everything is gloomy enough. The ladies are busily engaged making clothes for our soldiers & cutting up their carpets to make blankets for them. The young ladies have a knitting society which meets every Thursday & we school girls every Saturday evening in which we knit for the soldiers. I have nearly finished a pair of socks. Our society has only been in existence two weeks. Provisions are very high flour 20 odd dollars a barrel, corn \$3.00 a bushel, meat in proportion. I think England & France will suffer some judgment for letting this war go on between the North & South. We had a slight snow storm the first week of Nov but except that we have so far had a warm winter & I do hope it will continue warm for the sake of our soldiers. The fever still continues in Wilmington. Dr Worth died of it the first of this month. The cases are less numerous but whether it is because it is abating or because there are so few persons to take it, I don't know. We have moved in town & I have begun school.

Tuesday Dec 2nd

Buddy left us yesterday for the army. The house feels dreary enough without him. I felt that the last time he went away like I should never see him anymore but now I feel more hopeful. Poor fellow he hated to leave us. He had changed very much in his person since he was here last. He had grown handsome, taller & had a moustache & whiskers which improved him very much. We heard today of the death of Cousin Lauchlin Ray. He was in the army in Va and was taken sick none of his family could get to him. He was a fine young man and has fallen as many do a victim of this        war. The body of Miss Caroline Winslow daughter of Mr Warren Winslow came down on the cars this evening. She died in Pittsboro of sore throat after an illness of seven or eight days. I can see no prospect of the war's ending. Everything looks as gloomy as ever. We are all still busily engaged in knitting for the soldiers.

Monday Jan 5th 1863

I hoped this time last year that when our new year broke in upon us it would find us in peace & prosperity and sitting under our own vine & fig tree, but our brave men are still enduring the hardship and perils of a soldier's life. But still things wear a brighter aspect than when the year 1862 dawned. The last has been an eventful year to us altho' we met with some mishaps but they were beneficial to us. Burnside immediately on answering command orders marched towards Fredericksburg. If he had crossed the Rappahanack he might have taken the town & neighboring heights but lost his time by waiting for his platoon bridge about a week in the meantime Gen Lee arrived & selected his position on the south bank of the river but allowed the enemy to cross with just enought resitance for a show on the 17th of Dec. On the 18th he felt our position right and left and having

decided our front to the weakest point attacked attacked the Confederates determined to win Richmond but met with the bloodiest and most decided repulse. This was the fifth time the enemy has attempted and has been checked in his "On to Richmond march. Buddy and Benny's Co were in the reserve but were under heavy fire during the battle. When the enemy began to retreat, they were ordered to to pursue them & their Co captured 17 prisoners. Buddy says it was more exciting than any foxhunt he had ever been on. He took a sharp rifle and a sword. At the same time this battle was going on a series of battles were fought in N.C. In an attempt of the enemy to advance on Goldsboro from Newbern but were gallantly repulsed by our troops. Our loss was small. I had a very pleasant thro' not a very merry Christmas. I did not see a bit of candy. I have a little tiny piece put away & marked "candy" to remember how it looked not enough to even taste. Mr Sherwood has moved on our street but as Mrs Sherwood is in Raleigh. He takes his meals with us. Our society is getting on very well. We have a good many contributions and we have knit about 85 prs of socks. The girls of this generation will be quite expert with our knitting needles. Altogether we will make model women. Everybody has I believe given up all hope of foreign intervention but I hope and I believe better days are dawning for us, the yankees are tired of it, I should judge from the Northern press. The smallpox is getting scattered thro' the country by returned soldiers. One case has occurred in town. Mr Duncan Campbell's house has been taken as a hospital and the family in which the case occurred have been removed there. That will be worse than Yellow Fever.

Tuesday Jan 26th

Nothing of any importance has occurred in our army so far this month. No battle has taken place tho' from all we

can hear I am afraid there is a storm brewing about Fredericksburg. And the yankees are still menacing Wilmington. Gen Whiting is sending off all the women and children and says he is fully prepared for an attack. But still I think we will soon have peace to dawn upon us. One of the strongest reasons for thinking so is the North western states are beginning to be tired of the war and Lincoln & even Lincoln's native state Illinois has elected a Senator one of the bitterest men against Lincoln in their state. The small pox does not spread and I hope we will not have many cases. Mary Stedman died Jan 6th of diptheria. She was sick two or three weeks. She was twenty two. Libby is sick now with the same disease. She was taken sick about the time of Mary's death. Mr William McLaurin died on the 17th. He had been sick sometime with pneumonia but still his death was very sudden to me. Benny Robinson is at home now on furlough. His last campaign has changed him a great deal, he looks older. We are having a great deal of rain. The yankees are talking of sending Butler in Command to NC. I wish they would it would make our men fight desperately and then if they could only get him & \_\_\_\_\_ I was going to say hang him but that would be to good for him. The President has arranged so that all the officers caught shall be hanged in whatever state they are caught. NC & Ga will have a good many I imagine. It seems as if I am to have no adventure during the war but it was only over I should not wish for one. I think it will be over in spring.

Monday February 8th

We had a snow about 4 inches deep last Monday night. It was very cold and most everybody thought our ponds would freeze so we would get some ice but it turned into a warm rain and the snow & ice disappeared. Mr James McIntyre died with the smallpox Thursday. Misses Sarah Hadley and Annie

McIntyre nursed him. Dr Tyler McLean came over Tuesday and vaccinated Sister and me & some of the servants.

Benny Robinson and Celia Myrover ran away Thursday night & were married at the Dobbin House by JP Jones. It was a very good night to run away, dark & rainy. Mr Myrover went down & carried them up to his house and had them married over the next afternoon by Mr Sherwood. They stole out of one of the parlor windows. Ceclia is sick today with a sore throat. She was 18 last month and he is 19. The yankees are still quarrelling at home and their soldiers are deserting & mutinerring. I hope they will bring it to a close pretty soon.

Feb Tuesday 17th

Ma started today to Cheraw S.C. to see Aunt Malinda having heard today that Uncle Coit is dead. He died Friday night very suddenly altho' his health has been bad for some time truly a great man has fallen in Israel.

Sunday 23rd

Pa started to Cheraw today to bring Ma home. Danny McLean will stay with Sister & me while he is gone.

Thursday May 7th

I have a great deal to write many sad, sad things have taken place in the last three months Thro' of course all has not been sad. Pa had some business in Cheraw about the last of March & since Ma & sister had both been there since I had, he condescended to take me. We started the 25th Thursday and returned th 1st of April. We only spent two hours with Aunt Malinda but I passed the time delightfully. Cousin Sarah has grown very tall but has not changed at all. Cousin Julie I should not have known at all she is a great tall woman. Albert has grown tall too. Of course I looked

very small by them. Cousin William left Cheraw the day before we arrived there. I was so sorry as I had not seen him in such a long time. Cousin George visited us on his way to Richmond the week before we left home. Lizzie Rose died the 25th of Apr. She has been sick for eight long weary months. I think her death is one of the saddest things I ever knew of. Ten months ago she graduated full of health and beauty. She was pretty accomplished & few had brighter prospects, but she has been cut down as a flower of the field. Her friends are comforted knowing that she walked thro' the valley of the shadow of death fearing no evil. Last Thursday morning Mr & Mrs Lutterloh received intelligence that Jarvis had been wounded in a skirmish below Kinston. They started to him immediately and met a cortege bearing his dead body at Warsaw. He had fallen mortally wounded by a ball passing under one arm and out the other side. He was buried Sunday evening from the Episcopal Church. The congregation was perhaps the largest ever assembled in this community on a similar occasion. All the boys indeed will be sorry to hear of Jarvis' death as he was Universal favorite. Last Saturday the Baptist Sunday School had an excursion on the railroad they went up on flats and coming back they were pushing the cars with the engine behind as they did not see some cattle that were on the tracks, the cars ran over them & were turned over, nobody was killed one negro man was so badly hurt his leg was amputated & Mr P Taylor's son was badly injured. All the rest escaped with bruises and scratches but the town was kept in dreadful suspense from the time we first heard of the accident till the train arrived. When Pa came home to dinner he brought a letter containing intelligence of Cousin George's death. He was killed in a skirmish about Suffolk last Sunday the 3d. Aunt Malinda says their house is again a house of mourning.

Three times in the last 18 months have been called on to mourn. First Cousin Henry, then Uncle Coit's and now Cousin George but they should not mourn when we have full assurance that all three are now holy & happy. Cousin John Coit is now a prisoner at Camp \_\_\_\_\_ . There has been another bloody battle at Fredricksburg666\_\_\_\_\_

The yankees under Hooker attempted to cross the Rappahannock at several forks but were successfully repulsed by our army, and we captured 5000. Stonewall Jackson was so badly wounded in the left arm as to render amputation necessary. We are & shall be enduring the most agonizing suspense until we hear from Buddy. Willy Campbell a member of Capt MacNeill's company was taken prisoner below Kinston last week. The battle of Fredericksburg was last saturday & Sunda & we have heard no particulars as to the killed or wounded yet. The yankee army have been driven to fight this battle from the fact that their requirements are going home, now as fast as their time expires & refuse to reenlist & lodge the conscript in every possible way. A good many of their regiments time will expire this next month. But I am afraid that will not close the war. I am afraid it will not close until Lincoln's term expires.

Monday May 11th

We have again great cause to give thanks for we received a letter yesterday from Buddy giving news of his own safety and that of the officers of his Company. Benny, William Anderson & Marvin Smith. Buddy was not in the fight the three whole days. On the second day he was so weak having been & being sick that the surgeon ordered him to the rear. He is now in the hospital at Richmond. Nobody but those who have experienced it can know what a weight has been removed from our minds, how can we be thankful enough? Buddy has

been thro' so many battles & yet escaped thro them all unhurt. This has been though the dearest bought victory purchased. Jackson has been severly wounded & many gallant sons of our sunny south lay cold & mangled on the blood strained field.

Wednesday May 13th

The morning of the news of our victory brought news of Jacksons' wound but it was not considered mortal. But after the amputation he took cold & death ensued May 10th. The good, the brave beloved aliks by Earth & Heaven is gone. No wonder the nation paused in the wild joy and recoiled as if sting at the news of his death as wonder the army bowed its Cancelled head & wept. His exploits would not have tarnished the lustro of Napoleon's greatness & his knightly goodness was not even surpassed by Washington. His death was a great & terrible stroke, I thought Jackson was necessary to us. I never dreamed of his death. But that was it, we had begun to look to Jackson for that which only one could perform. The yankees are delighted. Jackson had ridden in front of the army Sat night to make some reconaissance & thro he had ordered the soldiers to fire on anything they might see in front he neglected to give notice when he rode out so our men fired & he fell, pierced by a ball from our own men. I am glad the yankees can not claim the glory of killing him, Thro his men who loved him so are exceeding grieved.

Monday July 27th

I have not written in such a long time that have a good deal to say. Buddy was so ill in Richmond that Pa & Ma had to go on to nurse him and they succeeded in getting home about the 1st of June. He was very weak & sick for several

weeks! After he came home; he returned to the Army last Tuesday tho' the doctor said he was hardly well enough but Buddy felt as if he had been home so long he must go back. I miss him sadly enough. It seems as if as the time approaches for him to leave us to return to his company that I love more than ever if it were possible to love him more than I do. General Lee had another terrible battle with the enemy about the second week in July at Gettsburg. And again invaded the enemy's country-penetrating as far as Harrisburg. And although he defeated the enemy (with a severe loss on both sides) he considered it most prudent to recross the Potomac and fight them on Southern soil. The Yankee General Meade is advancing & probably another bloody battle may take place about Winchester. The battle of Gettsburg is said to be the bloodiest battle of the war exceeding even those about Richmond. I am sure the army had enough of invasion. I think henceforth it would be to Lee's interest to remain on this side of the Potomac. General Pemberton commandant at Vicksburg ( of northern birth) made an unconditional surrender of the city on the 4th of July. His surrendering on that day was enough to render him worthy of being cashiered. New Orleans & Vicksburg commanded by men of Northern birth have been basely surrendered. Charleston now being attacked by the enemy is commanded by as true a Southerner as ever breathed, Gen Beauregard. Perhaps the fault does not lie in the Commander. \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>1863</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ We thought it would never do to let the glorious old fourth pass just like any other day so Mary, Ella & Cicero, Miss Ann Warden, Miss Sarah and Emily, Eliza, Willard, Joe, Walter, Jimmie Pearce, Mr A McLean, Mr William Tillinghast, Dan McLean, Buddy, Sister & I made up a picnic and went out to some falls beyond Mr John P McLean's some miles from town. Emily, Cicero, Sam & I went in one carriage. Miss Ann, Mary & Mr McLean in another.

Sister & Mr William together, Buddy drove the omnibus and mules with the rest of 'the odds & ends' as we called them. We had a delightful ride out there. Mr McLean, Esq." was so funny he kept us laughing all the time. "The falls of Lacquinda" were the prettiest thing of the kind I ever saw. The water fell from a great height over solid rock. The rock was jagged and had little ledges which added to the beauty. The whole bed of the creek was solid rock. The boys wanted us to cross the creek to see some place they thought very pretty. I could not cross without wetting my feet so Mr Lean offered to lend me his shoes don't think he had any idea I would accept but I told him to give them to me and I put them on & passed over dryshrod. The girls thought it was rather fast but we had named ourselves, the "Incorrigibles" and I was determined to prove myself worthy of the name. The boys went off on an exploring expedition up the creek & while they were gone, Miss Sarah, Ann, Emily, Eliza, Ella & I pulled off our shoes and began to take a good wade. Ella & I had not come out when Buddy, Mr McLean, Esq. and Cicero appeared so we had to make the best of it and the mean things would not let us come out but pulled off their shoes and came in too. But I did not mind them much and all together it was the nicest wade I ever took. About one o'clock we rode back to Mr John P McLean's and fixed our dinner to which we did ample justice. We stayed there until about sundown and then started home. Cicero and Dan drove very slow and it was about eight o'clock when we reached home. Then I rode up with Dan to take Emily home as he would have had to come home by himself. Altogether I think it was the pleasantest fourth I ever spent. I was tired enough and my dress did not look quite as neat as when I left in the morning. We came out in the country last week (thursday) We are later than usual. It was very well we

had our picnic saturday for good and soon Monday there came a courier riding full speed from Warsaw saying the yankees had sent out a cavalry raid which had burnt part of the Wilmington railraod and the houses at Warsaw. So all the arsenal companies and the militia were ordered out & all the boys, of Cicero & Mr McLean, Esgr's speed were sent up and down the Cape Fear as couriers. Some people were very much frightened but I enjoyed it very much. In the evening Sister and I went over town to the store. There were a great many ladies in the street. Our store was the principle rendevous. Sentinels were stationed at every corner it was amusing to see them halt every insignificant looking cart & yell for the corporal of the guard. Negroes were employed throwing up fortification at the Clarendon Bridge. Ella Pearce went home to tea with us and after tea we went back to the store where we found a good many still looking for the enemy. I think if the yankees had arrived they would have been led to believe from the number of ladies on the street and the "gala day" appearance the town was so presented (for I haven't seen the town so lively since the day the Arsenal was taken) that a strong Union sentiment prevailed.. As we were going home a little before eleven, I must confess, I began to feel as if they might be coming. We heard cannonading towards the east which sounded Buddy said as if the enemy might be putting our what they call feelers as he marched thro those deep swamps but, however we all went to sleep & the next morning a courier arrived bringing the news that the enemy had returned to Newbern. So although they continued to throw up the fortifications and to keep a few on guard the most of the men returned home. The couriers all returned with their horses looking worn and jaded enough. The horses were pressured in to service & belonged to persons in and about town. Buddy laughed and made fun about hearing the yankees were in Fayetteville when he saw them everyday.

Sunday July the 2nd was a sad, sad day, a thick cloud hung over the community. Death had been in our midst and snatched away one young and full of life and hope. Sat night the girls and boys went as usual to choir practicing. Among them there was no one ever gayer than Joanna Watts. The girls say she was in usually good spirits. While they were in the vestibule & waiting for Billy, the Sexton to light the gas, Joanna complained of her head, directly, she said "Oh, My Head" and fell fainting on one of the girls. They laid her down as soon as possible on pew cushions and dispatched one of the boys for the dr and the other for Mr McMillan. Mrs Archie Smith and Miss M.A. Potter got there in the meantime. They used every means possible but never succeeded in rousing her. About 11½ the Doctors concluded to try to get her home. So they made a litter & started with her but she breathed her last before they had reached Mrs McMillian's gate. Who dreamed when she left home so joyful and gay that she would return a lifeless corpse. She was in her 19th year. She graduated with Lizzie Rose in the class of June 1862 and like her full of life and health and hope. She was well educated remarkably intelligent. The funeral took place Monday morning from the Presbyterian church. Mrs McMillian was too to go out & Charley was up the country so Mr McMillian was the only member of this family present. All her old school mates walked next to the corpse. Buddy, Dan McLean, John Mallett, Willy McMillian, Gus McKiethan & George Rose were the pall bearers. The coffin was beautifully dressed with flowers. I never knew more universal sympathy manifested on a similar occasion. Mr. Sherwood officiated.

Janusy 16th 1864

We stand on the threshold of another year. God grant that it may be happier than the last. About the middle of last September, we received a letter from Aunt Malinda that

the house in which she lived had been bought and she could neither rent nor buy a house in Cheraw. She proposed coming over to Fayetteville. She arrived soon after and has been our guest till Monday the fourth of this month, she wen to house keeping in the house next to us. She is just living with what things she brought with her and some borrowed from us. The last week in September Buddy arrived home sick on furlough. He had again been sent back to the hospital in Richmond and succeeded in getting a furlough. He was very weak but grew a great deal better during his visit. He returned to his regiment the first of last month. Mrs John McKenzie died at Mrs Wilkinson's the 28th of December. I am not going to school this winter as there is no school but Mrs McNeills & she could not take our class. The government has taken the seminary for a hospital. Dr Hooper has gone up to Mount Vernon. I was very sorry. I could not enjoy his instructions for another year. We would have taken our diplomas next year. Last Thursday week the 8th it began to sleet (it has been raining ever since Monday) & that night it turned into a snow it was very cold, the coldest weather we have had this winter or even last winter.

Mr John P McLean was married last wednesday week (6th) to Miss Rebecca Breece. Mr Archy McLean had a party for them last Tuesday evening. Sister & I went. We all enjoyed it very much. John P started to his regiment, Thursday. Cousins Annie & Sarah Ray have just started from here for home. Cousin Annie came up to Mr McLauchlin's two weeks ago quite sick from Clinton where she has been teaching school.

Jan 18th

Friday night Dr Martine came down to get Ma to go on with him as Thedie his little son was quite sick. He grew worst all night & died the next day. (Saturday 16th) about 2 P. M. He was buried Sunday afternoon.

Wednesday Jan 27th

Mr Stuart came down on the train Monday afternoon & stayed with us till this morning he returned home for the train & took Cousin Jane Murchison with him. Sister went out to the Pearce's Monday & came home this afternoon. I went home with Emily yesterday afternoon & came home this afternoon. William Anderson arrived home on furlough Saturday, 23rd January.

Wednesday Feb 3rd

Pa has succeeded in getting a transfer to this State for Buddy. The papers have been forwarded to him. I hope he may be able to get home.

Saturday 13th Feb.

Pa succeeded in getting Buddy temporarily transferred for duty in this State. Col Mallett gave him a furlough of ten days after which he was ordered to report at Statesville. He arrived here Friday afternoon the sixteenth on the stage. Cousin William arrived the evening after from Cheraw. I have not seen him before in ten years. He has changed a good deal, looks might old. We spent a delightful week. Buddy left yesterday afternoon. His visit seemed like a dream. "a green spot in memory's waste". Cousin William is still here. We see a great deal of him.

Monday 22d Feb

Last week it was very cold all the week Wednesday & Thursday it was excessively cold. It snowed Thursday night very lightly. Everybody said it was the coldest weather we have had for 5 or 6 years. Today, Washington's Birthday was observed by firing a salute of 13 guns.

Friday March 3d

Cousin William left today in the carriage for camp.

It has been a very long day to me. We miss him almost as much as we do Buddy. He is so lively.

Wednesday March 9th

There was a slight snow last night but so much wind with it that by this morning it had nearly all disappeared. Cousin Jane returned home last week. Miss Bena is down here spending some time with us she is very weak and unable to sit for lunch.

Tuesday March 22th

It began to sleet Sunday night and has continued to snow & sleet ever since but is quite cold tho' not quite as cold as during the storm in Febr. The snow is quite deep & it still continues to sleet. It is the severest weather we have had this late in the season in a long time. I am afraid all the peaches will be killed & all the garden seeds. Buddy has been moved from Yadkin to Dobson Surry Co. Mr Dye's little daughter died Sunday night. Mrs Martine has been quite ill but she is considered better. Ma was out there part of last week.

Monday March 28th

News was rec'd here last week by the family of the death of Maggie F Nash. She died the 22d in Charlotte after a few days illness of pneumonia before any of her relatives could reach her.

May

Gov Vance spoke here Friday morning April 22d. He arrived Thursday evening about 8 o'clock having traveled through the country in his buggy. The Mayor & committee of Arrangements met him near the limits of the town & escorted him to the Fayetteville Hotel where a large crowd had gathered who welcomed him with cheers. The Mayor made a little speech welcoming him to our town in the name of the citizens to which he responded briefly and excused himself on the plea

of fatigue having spoken that day two or three hours in Harnett.

Friday was a holiday in our town reminding us a little of the good old times before the war. All business was suspended and crowds of ladies & gentlemen from our own & the neighboring counties thronged the streets. At 11½ the Governor appeared upon the stand & was introduced to about 3000 people by the Hon T C Fuller. The ladies stood in the windows and balconies of the neighboring houses or were provided with seats in the street. The masculine, Mr Hale syas, stood without weariness during the three following hours of intellectual entertainment. The lion of the day was a much younger man than I had expected to see: he appeared to be about six feet high; his hair was black & long brushed behind his ears, his eyes were dark grey sparkling with humor. He could not be called handsome & yet there was something very attractive about his face. The speech I shall not pretend to report. Without the Gov's inevitable manner it would be spared of much of its beauty & point. He presented his competitor Mr Holden in a most ridiculous light. I hardly think any of those who heard the speech will vote for Mr Holden. His speech was here & there & everywhere interspersed withan anecdote always exactly applicable. There were many very witty & some very eloquent things in the speech but of course like every political speech it was made to suit the crowd & consequently there were some very coarse things & he was rather inclined to be irreverent. The close of the speech was glorious. The day dawn will soon be followed by the full sun of blessed peace if the people at home would only be true to the army as the army was true to the country. He was grateful for the unammity with which the people had elected him to office & it he met with their approval next election he would endeavor

to do his duty but if not he would return to the army from which he was called. In the afternoon the Gov went up to the Arsenal to review the troops. Cousin Albert, Sally & I went up. I don't think there has been such a crowd in the grounds since the day it was surrendered to our forces by the Yankees. There were only five companies of Infantry and one of Cavalry at the Arsenal. It must have been a pitiful sight to the Gov who had just returned from a visit to Lee's great Army. Though to us it was quite an imposing sight, altogether I enjoyed the day finely. That evening a great deal ladies, and gentlemen called on the Gov to pay their respects. Saturday he went up on the cars to address the people at Egypt. He returned to F that night pretty well worn out & was confined to his room all day Sunday. He started to Raleigh Monday. Cousin William left here Saturday 14. He had been here a little more than two weeks. His health was so bad when he returned to the army after his visit in the winter that when the preparations for the Spring campaign began the surgeon ordered him to the rear. His sister, Mrs Malloy is very ill out at Gillopis & he has gone out there with her. Thus far this has been a glorious campaign for us. Everybody seems confident of success & though all those who have loved ones in the field are enduring the most intense mental suffering & anxiety yet the people as a body can rejoice with all their hearts. Washington & plymouth NC have been recaptured by our forces under Gen Hoke & although the yankees burnt almost the whole of Washington still the people and the surrounding country are freed from Yankee rule and then the productions of that fertile part of the state will be such a help to us. If all we hear from our armies is true it is such a victory as no country ever witnessed and the brightest day our confederacy ever saw & peace must be near. One of my old schoolmates Mary I Minor was married to Lieut Monroe 28th Sept. Another Virginia Hollingsworth died May 14th. News has just been received in town by telegraph

from some of our boys. There has been a great battle near Spotsylvania Court House. The loss was not great for us as in previous battles but the slaughter of the enemy was terrific. William Anderson, Charley Mallet & William Horne prisoners. Benny Robinson severly wounded and the Uncle of Charley T Haigh killed. This happened in the fighting of the 18th and 14th of this month.

May 20th

I am afraid I was rather hasty in my conclusion that peace was so near. For the yankees seem determined to remain blind and deaf to the fact that we will never give up; & a good whipping only makes them go to work with renewed vigor. We have every success and their defeat.

August 2 64

We moved out in the country last week. It is mighty pleasant out here but hated to leave Cousin Sally & all of them there right badly; but I hope they will spend a good deal of time with us. Miss Bena went to her own home when we moved out here. She was getting a great deal stronger & better but she was taken sick on going home & has been quite sick ever since. Benny Robinson got home last Saturday week 24th July. He is very lame & uses both crutches. I think he will probably always be lame. Neill Ray is here in the hospital. He lost his foot in one of the fights before Richmond. He seems to be getting on as comfortably as possible under the circumstances, but he is not well enough to go to his home which would be to far in the country to receive proper medical attention. Buddy is still in Yadkin county. That part of the state is in a dreadful condition. It is filled with tories deserters. They rendezvous in Tennessee, near the border and the 4th of July sixty of them entered Yadkinville at night and demanded the keys of the jail;

the jailer delivered them up and they released four deserters who were confined for the murder of two respectable loyal citizens. Then they fired on the Village and left it. After that they visited the house of the Capt of the Home Guards made him surrender his arms. The 18th of July the Home Guard and these deserters met at the Quaker meeting School house & were engaged in a fight two men were killed on either side. They swear they will take Buddy & carry him to Tennessee. They have an special spite at him because he is officer.

August 4th

This is the day of electing our Governor. No one has any doubt of Gov Vance's election but everybody is anxious for him to leave that miserable traitor the self made candidate W W Holden behind. Holden received 3% votes here. I am extremely anxious to hear from Buddy. The deserters announced their intention of returning to Yadkinville and controlling the polls. And I am afraid it will be a stormy day. I wish Holden could be choked.

August 9th

Mrs Charley Cook died Aug. 5th. She leaves three children, one infant of a few weeks. Her funeral took place from the Methodist church Sunday morning. Marion Jones Sandford died Sunday 7th. She was buried yesterday afternoon. Her death was a great shock to the community a great grief to her mother. She was only sick a week or two with typhoid fever. Aged 19. She had been sick for several weeks. Tommy Hybert died Sept 16th at Smithville. He was with the 17 year old boys-the <sup>JUNIOR</sup> Survivor Reserves. His mother was with him during his illness and brought his body home. Miriam Worth & Duncan O'Hanlon were married the 22d Sept. Mr Martine died Oct 9th aged 63. James Huske was killed near Petersburg Oct 27th. He has been in the war since the

commencement of it. His mother, a widow, is left desolate. She had two sons three years ago, now they are both gone. We moved into town last wednesday, Nov 9th. I was right glad to come down. News has been received Nov 13th of Lincoln's reelection. I know not whether to be glad or sorry. McClellan would probably have conducted the war more humanly, but perhaps Lincoln may be wearied out and make peace in the next four years, tho there is little prospect of it now.

March 1865

Fort Fisher fell 15th January of course the entrance of the Yankee troops into Wilmington followed as a matter of course. Friday the 10th day of March showed us more of the war than we had seen since commencement. On that day Hardee's army passed through here on their retreat before Sherman to form a junction with Gen Johnson. Cousin Sally & Lind went over to Aunt Jane's that morning and spent the day ministering to the temporal wants of our brave defenders. I never fully realized before the truth of that declaration of our Savior, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." It was so much more satisfactory to deliver the socks we had knit into their hands than to send them by express. We had a great many to tea that night. Some stayed all night. The next morning a crowd came to breakfast. How I dreaded to see them go knowing the yankees were only waiting for that to rush into town. Between nine & ten the cry rang thro the streets, "The yankees are coming." I ran up stairs and threw on two suits of clothes. Cousins Sally & Albert & Aunt Malinda were over here & we were all at the gate directing our calvary who after skirmishing with the enemy in our streets were dashing by to reach the river; while we were at the gate Pa discovered a blue coat down street & exclaiming, "there's a yankee now" hurried us in the house. We had hardly entered the sitting room when the front gate

opened. The miserable WITCHES rode round through the flower garden to the back door. There the ruffians dismounted and then began four hours of such mortal agony as I never endured before. They ransacked the house from garret to cellar every little pasteboard box of work basket included. They entered Sister's and My bedroom, opened every bureau drawer and trunk. Our most private concerns were open to them. Ma followed them about to beg them to leave her something All the meat in the smokehouse and all the flour of two barrels and a sack except a few quarts that Ma begged them to leave us. All the coffee, tea, sugar, wine, Ma's writing paper Pa's tobacco and so many little things that can't be replaced during the war were taken. They took the nicest linen pillow cases for bats. Pa's best clothes and his boots, and several articles from Sister, Ma & me. They took no notice of us in the sitting room except one who came in and demandd to know why we kept the room so dark (all the blinds were closed) Pa told him the ladies preferred it so and he marched out; another as he walked through said, "Are you scared?" Sister said, a little. After they had ordered their dinner & were still searching the house a captain arrived with a guard and dispersed them in five minutes. I never was so glad to see anybody without a single exception as I was to see that Capt. After the guard was posted, we were not troubled again. We had the pleasure of eating the dinner that the wretches ordered, as the guard interrupted them before it was done. Aunt Malinda suffered very much but less than we. Uncle Edward was robbed of everything like provisions and had not a single change of clothing. He came to us that night with tears in his eyes and told us "he had nothing left and had had not a mouthful to eat since morning. He has been sharing our provisions since then. Should I attempt to tell the suffering through around town it would fill volumes.

Surgeon were regularly detailed to destroy Dr Ben's medicines and surgical instruments in the most scientific manner. The factories were all burnt except Beaver Creek, nobody can understand why that was left. The foundries and Kerosene factorys destroyed. The arsenal the pride of the place burnt and battered down. The State Bank Mrs Banks house, the tall house, & Mr. W. B. Wright's house were burnt by accident. Altogether it looks quite desolate. I was surprised to meet such cultivate men in the yankee army. I thought the army was made up of such creatures visited us in the morning. I suppose the privates were. I had no intercourse whatever with the common soldiers. We had a surgeon & a Capt quartered with us and several others called during their sojurn here. I suppose they wished to learn something of southern customs. They all behaved like gentlemen; we treated them with politeness although there was no concealment of our setiment. A regiment was quartered in our churchyard and a union flag planted on the steeple. The Observer office, Presbyterian printing press were destroyed. The provisions and crockery in Pa's store were given out to the white trash and negroes about town while he was kept ten feet from the door by an armed soldier. Sherman proved himself to be a fiend incarnate." when besought to spare the factories for the sake of the women and children, replied they were the very ones he desiered to make feel the war, had it not been for them, this rebellion would have been crushed long since. Coward! The men are invincible in the field and he turns the war on the women, may prove themselves as unconquerable as the men! He told an old lady acquaintance here that this time he came with pillage. Next time he would come with the firebrand and the third time he would come with massacre. I feel as if this last struggle must be for life or death. Sherman has been allowed to march from Georgia to NC unmolested. Our

armies are concentrated in NC and Virginia and it must be settled. I hate the yankees ten times worse and am a greater rebel than ever before. Our soldiers burnt the bridge over the river in their retreat. The yankees crossed on pontoons. While our houses were being sacked Saturday morning, the town was formally delivered by the Mayor into the hands of Gen Baird who commanded the town during their stay. The officers who were quartered on the families in town as a general rule behaved as the "bummers or wretches, feeling no delicacy in helping themselves to silver, books, or any other article they particularly fancied; & acting in a most disagreeable manner. We seemed to have entertained the exceptions. For the room occupied by them, nothing whatever was disturbed. and we were treated with all due respect. A Capt Todd, one of the most odious among them was quartered in Pa's store. Pa went over to the store the morning the yankees were to leave (wednesday) hoping by his presence to save what they did not take. Instead of that he was forbidden to enter the store and ordered to stand back ten steps while this white trash and negroes were allowed to enter and take what they chose. The poorer class were a most delighted people during the reign of the yankees and went caroling the streets exclaiming "God Help the yankees." If the yankees imagine in depriving us of our clothes, jewelry and even our food, they are taking away our spirit they are greatly mistaken. They say when we see our country desolated ruined, if this is war, give us peace STRANGE DELUSION: On the contrary we will say, "if this is the people whom we are to live with when we are subjugated, give us liberty or death; let us conquer or die. Blair a yankee General boasted while here that he had all the silver belonging to Col McFarlane of Cheraw, S. C. in his possession. Families in the country & suburbs suffered far more than we in town. Gentlemen were hung up and shot at to extort from them where their imaginary

treasure was concealed. Mr J P McLean was hung up twice, shot at once & finally his house was burnt. Some vacant houses even those where the ladies had left were burnt. And yet in the midst of this misery we were told it was tender mercy and were bid to look at South Carolina. Any body who had never experienced the treatment of this people could imagine what they were. If my voice could reach our brave soldiers in the field, I would tell them as some writer says "to die there in honor, yea in revenge rather than come home in subjection to such a foe."

April

This is certainly a dark hour for our beloved land but I hope its 'een a most day! Charleston that nest of secession was evacuated two or three weeks ago. Richmond (our capital) & Petersburg were evacuated April 3rd. About the time of the evacuation Lee had a terrific fight with Grant. Among the many other brave & good who fell was Col James McNeill who was shot the breast. His servant arrived here Sunday with his two horses.

April 17th

We have heard today news which makes our hearts ache. General Lee has been by overwhelming numbers forced to capitulate. His army was paroled. One of them says it was a most affecting success when Gen Lee attempted to read his farewell address he went like a child. His officers & men joined him and Grant the yankee Gen himself was moved to tears. He must be more of a gentleman than Sherman for it is said when Gen Lee surrendered his sword he returned it telling him he was worthy to wear it. No doubt Sherman would have broken it or been insulting in someway. Soldiers paroled are returning home every day. Poor fellows I feel so sorry for them.

General Order No. 9.

After four years of arduous services, marked by unsurpassed courage & fortitude the Army of Northern Va has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources.

I need not tell the survivors of so many hard fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to the result from no distrust of them; but feeling that valous and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that would attend the continuance of the conflict, I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those, whose past services had endeared them to their country.

By the terms of the agreement Officers & men can return to their homes & remain till exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed. I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you his blessing and protection.

With an increasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration for myself. I bid you and affectionate farewell

(Signed)

R. E. Lee  
Gen'l in Chief.

The surrender was made at Clover Hill. Gen Lee and his staff were allowed to enter Richmond Gen Lee's family resides there.

May 1st

Mr George McNeill and his daughter, Miss John M Rose died Sunday morning, April 23rd within a few hours of each other. They were buried from the church Monday afternoon. Mrs Rose left an infant a few weeks old. Cousin Alec Ray was killed in Lee's Army by a stray shell a short time before

the surrender. Cousin William has passed thro it all safely and is on his way home, but we cannot hear a word from Buddy. The yankees are all thro that country and those raiders are so much like fiends. We are I am afraid smothered FOR THE TIME Johnson czn not, because of the scarcity of troops, make any stand before Sherman & is disbanding his army. They pass thro every day on their way home. A few disloyal men from interested motives made a trip to Wilmington and begged the yankees to send a boat load of provisions up here which they accordingly did. The boat arrived yesterday and all today this poor white trash that have enough in their houses to last for months to come that they stole from us have been going by with meat & corn & flour. All true Southerners are in the lowest depths of despair and who can wonder. That we should have fought so nobly for four long years & so much precious blood been shed for what to go back & live with a people we hate with all our heart, mind, sould and strength is one of the mysteries of Providence. And then to see so many of our brave soldiers with wooden legs & empty sleeves as it now seems for nought. Sometimes I sink into a sort of apathy & I feel as if I could live under yankee rule but I am soon aroused by reading those abominable Southern yankee sheets the Standard & Progress or by dwelling on the conduct of the Yankee Army in our midst. Abraham Lincoln President of the United States was assassinated the night of the 14th of April in a theatre at Washington by a man named Booth who as he fired his pistol repeated the Virginia motto "sic temper tyranis" Having twenty accomplices who all pretending to arrest him aided him he managed to escape & at last accounts had not been caught. Lincoln lived till the next day at 10 O'clock, without being able to utter a word. The same night an attempt was made on the life of Seward but the assassinator succeeded only in firing his gun. Andy Johnson was sworn in as President

of the US the day of Lincoln's death. Lincoln was harmless wort of man. I imagine & perhaps it would have been better for us if it had been Seward or Sherman but their time will come for the Lord saith Vengeance is mine, I will repay" & they have constracted a heavy debt. Gen Johnson was forced to surrender to Sherman on the 29th April. Buddy reached home the 4th May. He looked soiled and war worn having been travelling through the woods for a month to avoid Stoneman's raiders. He was in the fight at Salisbury the last engagement in N. C. Stoneman captured him once but he manged to escape. Our President Jefferson Davis was captured by the yankees in attempting to escape from the country. They pretend to believe him concerned in the assassination of Lincoln & have decided to have him tried on that charge by a civil court next September. He is confined in a dungeon at Fortress Monroe. At first he was put in irons but they found he would die so soon if they were continued to manade him that they took them off. I hope he will die before Sept. For of course the yankees can get plenty of witnesses in their own country ready to swear anything and they will either kill him or subject him to some indignity worse than death. Gov Magrath of S C & Gov Vance are confined at Washington & are sure to be tried for treason. Holden has been appointed provisional governor of N. C. We are subjugated.

June 29th

Fayetteville is garrisoned by a regt of calvary. Every one seems to think the Col commanding inclined to be as lenient as possible and from what we can hear from other towns we think we are remarkably favoured. A few of the citizens have payed some attention to the officers. But as a general thing altho' almost all are disposed to treat them with civily there is very little disposition to extend hospitality. Two

or three yankees have opened dry goods stores here. Benny Robinson has started a paper here the first number of which was issued yesterday. It will be a relief to see something besides those abominable yankee sheets that are constantly taunting us with our downfall.

The yankees are slowly releasing our prisoners. Olly Pearce got home last month. I suppose their idea is to keep them in prison as long as possible and kill so many of them that they will have less reason to fear another rebellion. I should like to see another begun tomorrow. Janie McDiarmird and Marshall Williams were married Thursday 22 June. No lady can be married till she has taken the oath of allegiance to US government. Booth the assassinator of Lincoln was found in a stable in Maryland and was killed by the guard in attempting to capture him. I am glad they could not have the satisfaction of hanging him.

October 30/65

Synod met here last week. I enjoyed it very much indeed. We had the Rev Dr. Alexander of Ginford & Mr McIntosh to stay with us. The weather was delightful & the house full of company all the time so every thing passed off very pleasantly. It was the smallest Synod that has met for many years. Re. Mr. Atkinson of Raleigh preached the opening sermon. Mr Caldwell, Mr Rumble, Mr Jordan, Mr Harding, Mr Hill, Mr Phillips and Mr Smith preached during the meeting. Rev Colin Shaw was Moderator. During the session the questions of reunion with the Old School Assembly at the North, was discussed. Rev. Messrs Fordan, Atkinson, McKay, Smith, Hill & others participating. The Synod decided to let the question stay where it is, without any action in the premises. Cousin Julie came down with the ministers Wednesday as she was here in time for Synod.