Olive Rush Diary, 1886

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Thursday.


I thought I would write a daybook. I went to school today, didn't get my lesson, and copied off of Linnie Overman's slate. At noon Maggie H. and Ollie M. and I went up to town, I got a scratch book, we had a nice time looking through a magnifying-glass and then went back to school. Janice Sathurn is my pardener. When school was out I came home, got pretty cold. After supper I got my lessons, and then went to bed.
Fryday Jan; 8th 1886.

It was a cold day today. I went to school. We played "spat" at recess. I got my lessons good today. It didn't take me long to get home this evening, and then I got real cold. Tommy Carter came here this evening. Calvin and him are gone to the pond to skate. After getting my lesson, I went to bed.

Saturday, Jan. 9th 1886.
I worked most of the forenoon. This afternoon I pasted some pictures in my scrapbook, then I tried to slide down the hill but the snow was too deep. It has been a stormy day today. Snow is a foot deep. I was invited to a taffy-pulling at Maggie Bollwig[[guess]] today, but it was too stormy,
and so, I couldn't go. I got a hole burnt in my scrap-book this evening, and that made me mad. I was sleepy this evening and went to bed early.

Sunday, Jan. 10th 1886.
I staid at home all day today. I pasted some pictures in my scrap-book, and wrote a letter to Ella Newby. Mira and Emma's fellows have come, Edgar Baldwin and Will Beasley, they seem to be having a nice time in the parlor now. I slept with ma tonight.
Monday, Jan. 11th 1886.

I could not go to school today, because of the severe coldness of the weather. I worked most of the forenoon, as we were washing. This afternoon I pasted pictures in my scrap-album. Bill Frazier was here this evening.

Tuesday, Jan. 12th 1886.

I went to school today, although it was as cold or colder than yesterday.

Ollie Mittank was my partner today. Linnie Overman sat with Purley Hastings today. I sat by myself. I did not get much cold coming home from school. Cora Brooks was here to stay till bed time this evening. Pa was gone to Jonesborough tonight, so I slept with
ma again.

Wednesday, Jan 19. 1886.

It was warmer today. I had a lots [[sic]] of fun today. Siussie O. did not come till noon. Maggie Hollingsworth came home with me tonight. We wore Allie Frazier's silk handkerchiefs home. We played "I-spy", after supper, and we would climb up, and look over the transom and see where the thimble was hid, once Maggie fell down. Then we played "Pussy wants a corner", and had fun then. It was real late before we went to bed.
Thursday, Jan 14th 1886.

Maggie and I hurried pretty fast this morning to get to school in time. We had fun today to [[too]]. At noon when we were all playing out in the yard, and Linnie Overman was just coming back from dinner, she walked straight [[straight]] out to where we were playing and handed Pearl Hasting some Hickory nuts and candy, and didn't [[didn't]] offer any body else any, Maggie and I got mad. Pearl cried and we made up with her, but we were mad at Linnie. This evening when we were coming home from school, Pearl put her books in my dinner-basket to carry, and we both forgot them. And I brought [[brought]] them on home. I made her a picture and put in side it. I didn't [[didn't]] go to bed till ten tonight.

[[left margin]] Ma visited the school today. [[left margin]]
Fryday, Jan, 15th 1886

When I came in the school room today Pearl was laughing fit to kill, she said that she hunted the house over and could not find her books, and did not think of them till she started to school. Maggie didn't go to school today. As we were coming home from school we found a dead dog that had been hung.

Pa and Ma are gone to Jonesboro. It rained today, and the snow is melting fast.
Saturday, Jan. 16 1886.

It turned colder today, rained and snowed both. I worked most of the morning, and in the afternoon I read. After supper we (Walter, Clint and I) played "Authors", and then went to bed.

Sunday, Jan 17 '86.

I staid [[stayed]] at home all day today, didn't [[didn't]] do anything but clean up this morning. This after noon I sat and listened to the girls read, although I was aiming to learn to skate on Calvins skates. I had fun just after dinner, cutting up with Emma. It has been moderately cold today. The girls fellows came here this evening, they went to church tonight but it was crowded so that they couldn't [[couldn't]] get in, and came back home, that is what they said any-how.
that thy [[they]] couldn't [[couldn't]] get in, and came back home, that is what thy [[they]] said any-how.

Monday, Jan. 18th '86.

I went to school today. At noon we went down to the water-tank, to skate. I fell down, once, and like to broke my back. It snowed today, although it wasn't [[wasn't]] very cold.

Tuesday, Jan. 19th 1886

I went to school today. Ollie Scott was my pardener [[partner]] today. I went up to town at noon, and got a jersey cap. There is a revival [[revival]] meeting going on at the Wesleyan church, I went tonight. I went with Emma and [[Clarisa ?]]. I believe this is the prettiest and lightest night I ever saw. I wore my cap to church.
Wednesday - Jan 20th, 1886.

I went to school today, had lots of fun. Ollie Mittank rubbed a dirty old slate-rag in my face, and that made me mad. Ora Winslow Emma Philipe and Ella Winslow visited the school today. It has been considerable [[considerably]] warmer today. We were aiming to go to church tonight, but it rained, so we couldn't [[couldn't]]. Calvin is sick today.

Thursday, Jan. 21st '86.

I went to school. Nothing very eventful happened; although I had fun. The girls went to church tonight but I was too [[too]] tired to go.
Fryday [[Friday]], Jan. 22st [[sic]] 1886.

I went to school today. Joseph Batliff visited school today, and talked about "the girls chewing their cud" which of course was chewing-gum. Mr. Nelson was here tonight and staid [[stayed]] all night. It is dreadfully cold this evening.

Saturday, Jan. 23th [[rd]] '86

I worked most of the morning, ma made some doughnuts today. This afternoon I practiced on skating, I am learning fast. We skated on the branch. Then I came up and made my largest doll a jersey cap.

It was real cold this morning, but has moderated this evening. Walter and Calvin are both sick today. Emma fell down this evening and spilt a bucket of milk all over her.
Sunday, Jan. 24rd [[th]] '86.

I went to church today. Lisie Scott and Etta Haisely were here for dinner. This afternoon I skated on skates. This evening I wrote a letter to Verna Bush. The girls fellows are here.

Monday, Jan. 25th '86.

I went to school today. Dr. [[Hariy]] was here this morning, the boys are much worse, he said it was the typhoid fever. The baby is about well. I poped [[popped]] some corn tonight.
Tuesday, Jan 26th, '86.

I went to school today, and was late, of course, like common. Purlie Hasting is my pardener [[partner]]. At noon we went to town. Purlie put on her new skates for the first time. Linnie H. put her pa's skates on, and we had a lots [[lot]] of fun.

I wore Emma's "gold" "brass" chain to school. This evening, Purlie and Linnie H. came a piece home with me, on their skates. Good skating today.

Wednesday, Jan 27th '86.

It rained today and spoiled the skating, a little, all the same I took Calvins skates to school. I sat with Purlie all after the first recess, without asking the teacher, he hasn't said anything to me yet.

At noon we went to town to skate on the sidewalk,
Thursday, Jan 28th '86

I went to school. Took Calvin's skates. At noon we went to skate on the sidewalk, and then again this evening, we had a lot of fun. Pearlie and I fell down, and as we were getting up Pearlie's foot slipped, and her skate hit me in the face. Dr. Wright put some flesh plaster on it. I got home just in time to see Mr. Dickey, my teacher, leave, but soon enough to see him fall. He fell on the porch and slid clear down hill.
He came to see Calvin. Royland Rattliff came here late this evening, to see Walter. He nearly fell. We have had to set up with the boys, for the last night or two.

Friday, Jan 29th ’86.

I went to school. didn’t take Calvin’s skates, but went to town to watch Pearlie skate. Sisie Scott and Emma Suther visited school today. Walter Rush and Mary and Clark Wilson and Frank Presual came here to set up tonight. We didn’t need all, and Frank went back home.
Saturday, Jan 30th, 1886.

Aunt Ceila and Thana came here this morning. Tommy Carter came when we were eating dinner. This afternoon Tommy and I skated. I put on Calvin's skates and Tommy put on Clint's boots and skates. Then we came up and played first one thing then another. Tommy missed Calvin a lot. Thana said maybe she would sell me her skates. I want them. Thana and the girls sat up tonight.

Sunday, Jan 31st 1886.

By the scolding and hissing of Elmira, I got off to Sunday school, with her secretary books. We had quite a crowd here, this afternoon. Aunt Ceila, Thana, Dr. Henly, George Butler, Grandpa, Grandma and Sedova,
[Crasau/Crasan], Nixon Winslow and Cynthia. Myrtle Carter came home with me from church. We popped corn. She was aiming to go home this evening when we went to church but there didn't none of us go, so she staid till morning.

Thana went home this evening but Aunt Celia staid.

Monday, February 1st '86

Myrtle and I went to school today. Linnie H. is my pardener now. Purlie is Linnie O.'s pardener. We went down to the Children's meeting at noon, or it was announced that way, but when we had missed our dinner and got down there, they wouldn't have it. Mira and Emma went to Marion today, Elmira to see Seta, who is sick, who I will not try to over - and Emma to get her picture taken. We had several visitors today.
Tuesday, Feb. 2nd 1886.

I went to school.

At noon we went to the children's meeting, were late back to school, and made the teacher awful mad. There were several visitors here today. Aunt Hannah and her husband staid [sic] till after supper. Aunt Ciela went home this evening. Frank Presnal came to set up tonight.

Wednesday Feb. 3rd. 1886.

I went to school. We had sub. of Decimals, and, my! but they made me mad. Etta Haisly came here this evening, and staid [stayed] all night. Uncle Robert Carter and [Aminias?] Frazier came here this evening. Uncle Robert went back, but [Aminias] staid [stayed] all night. Elmira, Emma and Etta sat up tonight. Uncle Robert brought the boys some oranges.
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Thursday, Feb. 4th '89.

I went to school, had the blues all morning. Some of the girls were mad at me. Ollie Scott was awful good to me today. I believe she is the best girl that goes to school.

I have got my feet froze and, my, how they hurt. Denny Winslow and Marry Davis were here this evening. I borrowed [borrowed] Linnie O. book to read, today.

Freday [[Friday]], Feb. 5th 1886.

I went to school.

Had the blues again. Ollie Scott and Tina Arnett were my best friends. I cried nearly all morning, and wished I was dead. But things soon came out better. Linnie didn't [[didn't]] come till noon. The first "Academy lecture" is tonight, they gave every one that were twelve
and over, tickets to go in free. Of course I went. I went with the girls. We had a nice lecture on "scientific truths [truths]". Pearl Hasting Lizzie Davis and I walked home together as far as they went. Pearl found out Lizzie's and my nicknames which was "Becky". I came the rest of the way with Elmira, Emma and Will Bearly. Aunt Ciela came here again tonight. P.S. we were examined in geography today, I got 99½.

Saturday. Feb, 6th 1886.

Charley Night came here today. We didn't know him for a while. I guess he must have thought that we treated him kind a funny. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were here this morning. Ona Mendanall and Hattie McNeal were here this afternoon. I pasted a picture in my scrapalbum. Aunt Mollie and Ray and John Bogue were here this evening. The girls
have quit school on account of the boys being sick. I left with aunt Ceila tonight.

Sunday. Feb. 7th 1886.

I had a good deal of scolding this morning, but managed to get off to Sunday School.

As Emma and I were going, we met a drunk boy, saw him take a drink. Elwood Davis, Mickey Baldwin and Walter and Mary [[Ru--?]] were here today, together with Viola Winslow and Mida [[Winely?]]. Mida is staying at grand-pa's. The boys are better today, or at least Calvin is, the fever is broken on him. The doctor comes every day.
Monday. Feb, 8.

I went to school.

At noon we went up to town. Pearlie and I, we took back every girl we met. Pearlie and Linnie H. put their skates on.

I had the blues again this afternoon. I have them so much lately. I dont [don't] aim to have them anymore if I can help it. [[C--ckles?]] had a free lecture tonight, for the purpose of [[Norton?] Fair. I didn't [[didn't]] go.

Tuesday, Feb. 9.

I went to school. It seems so much like spring the snow is all melting off, and dear me, how muddy it is! At noon all the rest of the girls went to town but one, and I was there by myself. I went into Rylands [[sic]] room and staid [[stayed]] with the girls in there. I was sick this afternoon, and the girls thought sure I had the typhoid fever.
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Wednesday, Feb. 10, '86.

I went to school. at noon Pearlie and I went to town we met Ollie S. and she went back with me. We walked in the deepest mud and water we came across.

The mud is still deeper, I had to wade home almost.

Calvin is getting well fast. Walter is better.

Thursday. Feb. 11 1886.

Through mud and rain I managed to get to school, today.

At noon, Pearlie and I went to town. I wrote in Pearl's autograph album. It is dreadfully [[dreadfully]] bad, muddy weather. Calvin was up nearly all day today. Clint and I popped [[popped]] corn this evening.
Fryday [[Friday]]. Feb, 12. 1886.

I went to school in about the same manner as yesterday. I took some popcorn to school. I wrote in Mary Bowgill's and Linnie Overman's albums. I do wish school would close, it will, in about a month. I [[It]] rained this morning and didn't [[didn't]] clear of [[up]] this evening, it is still dreadfully muddy. I copied some verses for albums this evening. The boys are better.

Saturday. Feb. 13, 1886.

I worked most of the morning. This evening I first done one thing and then another. This evening we went to the lecture although it took some crying on my part. Prof. Denice lectured. The boys are so they are up nearly all the time. The doctor dont [[don't]] come, anymore.

I went to meeting. Dory and Narcissie Luther came home with the girls. Aunt Mollie, Uncle Robert and the children came here to [[too]].

I had a lots [[lot]] of fun with Myrtle this afternoon. I went to meeting this evening. [[Prof. Deomis?]] preached.

Monday. Feb. 15:

I went to school. Hen. Rattliff burnt my face with a hot poker, and I burnt him. It turned colder today. nothing very eventful happened today, although there did to [[sic]], but I cant [[can't]] name call, onely [[only]] that Clint, Emma and I popped some corn this evening, and that I didn't [[didn't]] get to bed until after all the rest had gone.
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1886.

I went to school today. This evening Uncle "Tom's Cabin" troup paraded the streets, as they passed the schoolhouse the teacher let us all go to the windows and see them. The play is to be tonight, of course I couldn't go. There was not many at school today, I wish it was that way all the time. Emma and Elmera quit school when the boys got sick, Elmira has started again but Emma is not going any more this term. This evening I had a nice time looking at the rainbow, made by Emma's prism. Emma went to see "Uncle Tom". Today is Calvin's birthday. He got a bible and two oranges. He is ten years old.

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Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1886

I went to school. Iona Satham is my partner. We had to write a letter about "picking walnuts" this evening. I waited after school for Iona S. The baby is fat and sunning, although he is crying just now. I had the "stiff neck" today. And my feet are froze, although it is not near cold enough to freeze them.

Thursday, Feb. 18th, 1886.

I went to school today. We played "blackman" and "drop the hankerchief" at recesses. Linnie O. and Pearlie H. got mad at me this evening, at nothing. Pa and Ma went to meeting this evening, and left the baby here with me. He is crying now.
Friday, Feb. 19, 1886.

I went to school. Ollie Scott was my pardener [[partner]] this morning but I didnt [[didn't]] have any this evening. At noon the boys tore up their rubber football, it was made out of India rubber. I had the blues part of the evening. It turned real cold this evening. Hattie McNeal was here this evening to borrow the baby's knit cloak. We went to the lecture. Prof. Parsons lectured on the subject of literature, he was to [[too]] deep for me, none of us scolars [[scholars]] could understand much of it. I had to come home with Elmira and Edger, Will and Emma. Thy [[They]] found a dirty house to come in, they could not go in the parlor, of course. I staid [[stayed]] up, till Elmira told me that there was "a light up stairs".
Sat. Feb. 20, 1886,

I didn't do much of anything this morning. Hattie McNeal, John Bogue and Uncle Robert was here this evening. I pasted pictures in my little book this evening. We popped popcorn. The girls went to the library tonight. John stayed all night.

Sun. Feb. 21, 1886.

I didn't go to meeting today. Spent most of the morning in cleaning up. Mr. Greenleaf and his wife came here for dinner and stayed until night meeting. I made pictures this evening. Mr. Greenleaf is an artist. The girls went to meeting tonight, I didn't.
Monday, Feb. 22, 1886.

I went to school. Elmira had the headache and couldn't go. I had the blues again today. I had bad [luck?] all evening, and had to go to bed before I had got my lessons or any - thing.

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1886

I went to school today; John Bougue came here this morning to work. I came pretty near having the blues this morning, but didn't [didn't].

I had bad luck all day though, didn't [didn't] get half of my lessons.

I popped some corn this evening to take to school.

It has been a nice day today, and looks so much like spring, It is drying up, fast.
Wednesday, Feb. 24 1886.

I went to school, and took some popcorn. Didn't have the blues today. Purlie Hasting got hurt real bad today, when playing "Drop the handkerchief". Ollie Scott and I went to town at noon.

I got sick this evening, all at once, nearly, and had to come home.

Thursday, Feb. 25. 1886.

I went to school today, although I was sick, but they took us over in the buggy. I was sick most of the fore noon, but am about as well as ever now. At noon Tim Arnett and I went to Ollie's. I am Tina's pardener. It has turned severely cold, today, it is snowing now. I could hardly get home from school the wind was blowing so hard. I fixed Calvin's motto pictures, this evening.
Fryday [[Friday]], Feb. 26, 1868.

I went to school. Linnie wasn't there this morning and so Ollie Mittank sat with me. At noon we played "serade" and other games, in Rylands room. We was playing again at recess and the teacher made us "cheese it up", so we went out and played "drop the handkerchief". I nearly had the blues again this evening. I went to the lecture to night. Mae and Calvin went tonight. There was two of the funniest mashes there tonight. Mollie Bealls and Will Davis, and Dell Smith and Glen Henly.

Pr. T.J. Brown gave the lecture, whose subject was "A happy old age".

Sat. Feb. 27, 1886,

I worked most of the morning. John Bogue quit working here today. Nan Winslow came here this afternoon. We popped popcorn and one thing and other, this evening.
evening.

Sunday, Feb. 28, 1886.

I staid [[stayed]] at home all daye [[day]]. Ma and Pa went to Upland this morning, and left the baby, as it was too awful cold to take him. I staid [[stayed]] at home and took care of him. The girls went to Sunday school. We popped corn this evening. Ma and Pa did not come home till about ten o'clock tonight. Carley and Anna Ward were here all this evening. It is real cold today, the wind is blowing, like as if it had to. Edgar and Will came tonight, and I had to take care of the baby, and stay in the room where they were, of course [[course]], as they couldn't [[couldn't]] go in the parlor, for we are cleaning it up. I was very tired when I went to bed.
Monday, March 1, 1886.

I went to school, Calvin had a notion to start today, but didn't. I took some pop corn to school. We played "surade" [charades?] at noon, and again at the last recess. Simmie and I sat in single seats this evening. I had a lot of fun today. It turned warmer this evening. As I look over north tonight I see a large light. I suppose some poor persons house is burning down. It looks like it might be at Jonesborough or Marion one.

John Bogue stayed here tonight for the last time, he is going to Iowa.

Tuesday, March 2,

I went to school, Calvin started to school today, and Walter visited it, this afternoon. Although it is freezing, we call it warm weather, as it is so much warmer than
usual. I went to the party for Ada Milliner, a little crippled girl, it was her birthday. We took her presents, and gave her a piece of our hair. We had a lots [[lot]] of fun. That house that burned, belonged to some Fords, living at Jonesborough.

Wed. March, 3rd, 1886.

I went to school. I had a lots [[lot]] of fun today. Purlie H.’s bustle came off, in time of school.

The girls got mad at Ollie Scott today, but of coarse [[course]] I dident [[didn’t]] get mad, and I staid [[stayed]] in-doors most the noon, with her. I just love her any how. I had some visitors this evening - Fraziers children - . - Nothing uncommon. This is the prettiest day, so sunny and nice, and yet, a little cold. The baby is learning to walk, fast.
Thursday - March 4, 1886.

I went to school. Had lots [lot] of fun until late this evening. I had some troubles. Ollie Mittank is my pardener [partner]. It has been the sweet, sunniest day today. I commenced reading "The worst foe" this evening, it is real nice. Ma and Pa went to church today and left the baby here for us to tend to.

Friday, March 5, 1886.

I went to school today. At noon Ollie Mittank and I went to her house, to see if she could go home with me.- she could. I had to stay in at recess.

Ollie came home with me, we went to the exhibition at Sack creek, to night.- We started to walk,- Ollie, Emma, Clint and I,- but Ratliffs over took us, at the tool gate, so we rode, we rode back with them. It was very

[[left margin]] This is Clints [[Clint's]] birthday, [[/left margin]]
back with them. It was very good, about as good as a theatre.

[[left margin]] He got a gold collar button. ma got it for him! [[left margin]]

It was in the meeting house, they had a stage, and curtains. Nate Thornis came home with Ollie. I slept with Ollie tonight. Twelve o'clock before we went to sleep.

Sat. Mar. 6, 1886.

We was [[were]] real sleepy this morning and dident [[didn't]] get up till after six o'clock. Etta H. came home with Emma, from the exhibition, last night, but went home early this morning. We played most of the morning. With the dolls, in the swing etc. etc. Ollie staid [[stayed]] until after dinner. This evening I read. We went to the lecture tonight. Prof. Pearson lectured on "Strident life in Germany". Emma went home with Etta.


I went to meeting. Linnie O., Attie Jones, and Lizzie Davis, came home with me, we played with the dolls before dinner, played down to the farm, made taffy etc. etc.
Etta came home with Emma. They made taffy and popped corn too. Dr. Henly and his wife came here today. The girls went home at four, after a good time. I forgot to say that while we were making taffy, Ollie M. Ida Smith and Lizzie Brady came, but we did not let them know that we were making taffy. Will came this evening, Edgar has gone to Oll's. Calvin had got the croup.

Monday, March, 8, 1886.

I went to school today, took some taffy for Ollie Scott. At recess Ollie S. and I went to her house to see if she could go home with me, to my great pleasure, she could. Her sister - Silva is married, only 14. It snowed this evening.

We came home and played one thing and another. After supper we popped popcorn and played theatre, we played "Little Red Ridinghood". We had a lot of fun. I just love Ollie Scott, any how. They commenced revival meetings here tonight.
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Tuesday, March, 9, 1886.

We forgot our lessons last night, and had to get them this morning. We went to school and took some popcorn. I am Ollie S. pardener [[partner]]. We played "serade" [[charade]]at noon. I wish Ollie would come home with me again tonight. They all went to meeting tonight, but Elmira, Calvin, the baby and I, the baby had a crying spell. It has been snowing nearly all day, although it isn't very cold.
Wednesday. March 10, 1886.

I went to school today.

Had the blues this morning. Ollie Scott had them this evening. I guess it is a blue day, anyhow. We played "serade" at noon. The teacher takes pr. on our lessons, he says that there will not be time for us to be examined, as school will be out in about a week. It turned warmer today, and the snow has melted fast. I wrote a note to Ollie S. today, and Linnie O. got it and read it, she got mad at me, although there was nothing in it, about her, to amount to anything. I dont [[don't]] think she is very [[smart?]] for reading my letter, anyhow.

The girls went to meeting tonight.
Thursday, March, 11, 1886,

I went to school today.

Nearly had the blues this morning. Sat with Pearl part of the time.

On the last day of school, I am going to be in some [[king ?]] of a
dialogue or some-thing. It rained this evening. We went to meeting to-
night. I slept about half of the time.

Friday, March, 12, 1886.

I went to school. At noon we went to Tina Arnett's to practise on our
dialogue, and we went again this evening after school. A whole lot of us
girls have got small, funny verses, and we are all going to say them
together, not all the same time, though. And then four of the girls have
got a dialogue. Ollie S. Linnie O. Tina A. and Purlie A. were going to say
it but I had to take Ollie's part. I went to meeting tonight.
Saturday, March, 13, 1886.

I worked most of the fore-noon, this after-noon I went to Lizzie D's to practice on our dialogue, all of the girls went. We went down to Linnie O's. I wrote my part of the dialogue, down, and learned about half of it tonight. We kept the baby while ma went to meeting.

Sunday, March, 18, 1886.

I didn't get to Sunday school, this morning but went to meeting. I went to Hastings for dinner. Ma and pa went to uncle Roberts. After dinner; Ollie Scott, Lizzie Davis, Purlie Hastings and I came to our house, we were going to practice on our dialogue, but so many of the girls couldn't come, that were in the dialogue, that we didn't do any thing but play. Ollie S. has taken my part of the dialogue. We played in the barn and one thing and another.
then we played theatre up stairs, then swung. Just as the girls were about to start home, we found out that Purlie had lost her breast pin. We hunted and hunted for it, but could not find it. I went home with Purlie. I wore the babys knit cloak, as it made a shoulder cloak for me. Purlie had hers on; and Lizzie had Gracie's cloak on. We all went a piece with Ollie S. Then Pearl and I went to her home and stuffed our pockets with cookies and crackers, and went to meeting, we wore our shoulder cloaks. I left my mittens at Hastings, and we had a boss old time. The girls fellows came this evening, of course, like common. It was real warm today, the sun shone hot, an awful day for tanning.
Monday, March 15, 1886.

I went to school this morning. Linnie went to the train to meet her cousin who was going to come up and stay till the last day of school, but she didn't come. At the last recess we went in the closet room and practised our dialogues. But the bell rang before we got through with all of them. We staid again after school and practised. Ollie Scott and I went and got Silvie's long dresses for the girls too put on. It was pretty late before we got home. I wore my little red coat to school. We had to keep the baby tonight. It rained this evening.

Tuesday, March 16, 1886.

I went to school. It was a little cool this morning but is considerable warmer this evening. Maggie Hollingsworth came to school this evening, she had been going to the country school. We said our dialogues this evening, just
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