

August to make wreaths & garlands for tomorrow for  
Marie's Birthday. —

Friday 19  
fine

## Marie's Birthday

Æ34. IVc. 142 lbs.

Clear and bright the sun arose this morning to usher in the festive day. The boys and I got up early to make the decorations which we had prepared. It is ten years since I was at home on this anniversary and it's maybe many a year yet I will have the pleasure again, hence the more do I enjoy & appreciate the opportunity. At 8 o'clock Marie arose and was greeted upon entering the dining room with music and four happy beaming faces, and received from us our hearty congratulations. The room was decorated with garlands wreaths & flowers. The table was sumptuously laid. On it was Marie's gift - a drawing, Julius' also a drawing, Oskar's a bouquet, Mrs. W.'s a book, and for me a complete set of Dr. Kneiss' works, which I knew she desired to have. Gretel the servant had contributed the customary *geburtstags Bockel*. — Augustha had put a piece of "lada" work - her own make. — All were happy. Lamented room Dorothea, Dora, Gustchen, baby & Dave arrived. In the afternoon Father mother Augustha & all the preceding were with us "ghen Kaffen", when the time flitted with lively chatting. The Berliners remained with us for tea, then returned save Dora who remained with us.

Saturday 20  
fine Augustha's Birthday. She was unfortunately very ill in the morning & thus received her own pleasures. — Good came in the



August  
 evening. Marie, Donna & I took tea & spent  
 the evening at Mrs. Patterson's. —

Sunday 21  
 rainy  
 Today the corner stone for the new Lutheran  
 church was laid, father being the principal  
 participant as superintendent of the building.  
 It seems a little incongruous to me to see  
 him in his old age take so active part in church  
 affairs, being an agnostic, but I know  
 he does not do it from any motive to further  
 religion but simply because he is fond of  
 building and his time is not occupied by his  
 office work, and thus has found an outlet  
 for his dormant energies. —

— After tea Marie, Donna & I played "Authors" with  
 the boys, later we three played cribbage, and then  
 Marie & I packed, preparatory for my departure  
 tomorrow for Port Arthur again.

Monday 22  
 little rain  
 cloudy  
 Mrs. Lulu & Oskar accompanied me to the early train  
 when I left for Toronto, Levil going as far as  
 Hamilton. Arriving at Toronto I found that  
 Mahony was not there, but a telegram informed me  
 of his arrival in the evening. During the day I  
 did some shopping; in the evening I met J. Clagson  
 of Ottawa & we went to the theatre, being the  
 opening night it was crowded & I could only ob-  
 tain standing room. The play "Michael Strogoff"  
 was poor in every way, we remained only for four acts,  
 then returning to my room & waited for King (who  
 had arrived) till after midnight. Just after Clagson  
 left he came, altho' King & I then visited Clagson's  
 room there was no further pleasure.

Tuesday 23  
 pleasant  
 King & I see Foster - instrument maker - relative  
 to a testing machine for stoves and chimneys. —  
 We met E. Bray. At 11 AM. King & I arrived