

Tuesday 18
fine

A bright sun a picturesque autumn landscape greeted us on arising from our beds, & after breakfast we were in that busy ~~smoking~~ picturesque city of Chicago. I registered at the Palmer House but was soon sorry to have done so for the crowd in the portico typical of the Emerald Isle & of Jerusalem was not the society for which I leave, in fact the faces of many would make our throats. I had intended to visit the Reservoir but as I learned it was about to be removed to Waukegan I did not go, so I cut my visit short & after some shopping left for home at 3-10 P.M. I found in the train a companion de voyage from Winnetka Mrs. E. E. Lyon from Manchester Bay. Her husband going South today to Texas to visit his parents. She had not gone for when she came to the smoking room & called me - she was in trouble - her husband had her ticket - forgotten to return it to her when checking baggage, - the conductor told her she would have to get off.

To make a long story short I arranged matters - she again & again thanked me. During the remainder of the journey I gave her my assistance and showed her every courtesy. — A hearty journal

& a hot/cold can't us to be down from our bath at 4 1/2 a.m. & put into the ordinary car a very undesirable change.

at 7-30 a.m. fall was reached & arrangements were in waiting for me for my baggage etc. — I then & went on the way to school to Galt.

Maria, Duke & Oscar were awaiting me at the gate, & welcome me home with a hearty kiss & gladly did I

Wednesday
very fine

reiparate the same. Later was unwell
for school & other I gave a holiday which he
joyfully took. It is always great pleasure
for the boys to help at unpacking of my
numerous trunks, boxes &c.
Busy unpacking & arranging matters.

Thursday 20
fine
no rain
Busy writing - ordering lumber for observatory
&c.

Friday 21
cloudy
snow
blustering
Busy in my office. Have packed my battery
working in which the children find great amuse-
ment. Got my lumber in evening and I
carry it to the place, which is inaccessible
for the waggon.

Saturday 22
cloudy
cold
In forenoon I was in Galt on bank & other business.
In afternoon began erection of my temporary observatory,
& by evening had it under roof; M. A. Abbey helped me.
In evening unpacked the case of Encyclopaedia Britannica
which I bought in Chicago the other day. This treasure
I had purchased myself for some years and now feel
happy that my wish has been gratified. The intrinsic
value of this work we may truly say to be priceless. Here I
have the brains of the whole world present and past.
Who could ever be lonesome with such a companioning -

Sunday 23
raining
night high wind
Busy in office writing. - Yesterday brought from
the Custom House Galt - the book "Stammbaum"
made & compiled by our late uncle Cecil - Father's
oldest brother. The work is elaborate and the idealistic illus-
trations show great labor and to some extent art. -
Pedigree in America is of little consequence or im-
portance - here the individual worth of the man alone
is recognized, irrespective of who his father was & far
less who his grandfather was. - The book is to
pass as heirloom to the oldest male child