

conscientiously squelched his eyes so as not to see the breakfast table (which would otherwise have been inevitable) before reaching the library, where he stumbled into Marie's arms. - Most duly had decorated the table with evergreens, and a present lay there from each of us. - What a voluminous smile surrounded her and beamed from his countenance as Marie & I led him into the dining room. He lifted the serviette and then hurriedly scrutinized his 4 presents & then made the round of the table thanking each with a kiss. - What delight what joy can be greater than that of a child. What delight what joy can be greater for the parent than to enjoy with him. - *Herbert kommt bei dem Alter mit seiner Zahl schreiben jetzt gebraucht Du aber zwei - sage ich ja Oskar, als er gleich darauf erwiderte "Jetzt kann ich auch noch ich mache ein X." - Not so bad.*

In the afternoon the three had "Chocolade" together.

— Busy at computations.

- Sunday 22 Busy at computations, &c. James & Maria  
cold with the children in the evening.
- Monday 23 Busy at computations,  
snowy
- Tuesday 24 Busy at computations. In afternoon Marie & I  
cold drove to Galt.
- Wednesday 25 Busy computing. In evening Father & I go to train  
snowy to meet Dr. May - Superintendent of Education who  
cold comes to visit our new mechanics' institute. He is a guest of Father's. After tea Marie & I go to Father's where I introduce her to Dr. May & then we all go to the desti-