

December

fair, there being about 175 present. The views shown
 were of Egypt and were pronounced good although I
 saw but few of them. - Mr. Cheyne's assistant is a
 Mr. Strong from Colborne Ont., and in conversation with him
 I learned that he had been with A. C. Webb M.D. in '81 working
 on the 4' bed lime shale & on the 3rd, furthermore that
 he is a brother of Mrs. H. S. Casey of St. Edmundton whose I
 spent some pleasant hours last July at her house,
 Otto Ogden is with us.

Friday 7
mild

Busy at report.

Saturday 8
mild
misty

Busy at my report. - Poor little Oskar looks quite
 thin from his illness & confinement to the house. -
 Tonight the boys were experimenting with the magic lantern.
 I may truly say that I am entrinnally dead in love with
 our three good boys. They are of course not faultless,
 but I have never seen any bad trait about them &
 my constant association with them leaves me no choice
 but to love them most dearly. I almost wish that they might
 ever remain at their present age and be always with us.
 What a sad home it must be where no such love dwells.

Sunday 9
mild

Busy at my report. Oskar is quite cheery again today,
 after tea Marie & I play various games with the boys
 & have music.

Monday 10
mild

As forewarned busy at reports. After dinner Marie &
 I left for Berlin to attend the concert by the Hungarian
 Band. The afternoon was devoted to house shopping.
 Dr. D. W. H. & I went to the concert. There were
 12 Hungarians in the orchestra all in uniform. There
 6 violins, 1 cello, 2 bass violins, 2 clarinets & 1 Cymbal.
 They used no notes. The opening piece "Wilhelm Tell"
 showed them to be musicians of the first water. -
 Musicians who moved their audience & well themselves.

visibly moved by their playing. - Then followed
 a "Mexican Jurf" peculiar & beautiful. - The next
 piece a waltz faintly lifting one from his chair.
 The Hungarian violin solo by Ferencz Yassy the
 leader was plaintive and sweet. - The Gaidos
 - the national dance - was a most peculiar piece
 of music - it was a succession of paroxysms
 and finally followed by harmonious swinging
 strains. It is one had to imagine a courtship
 where the suitor with utericated ardor sup-
 plicates his adored, but she for a long time
 appears obstinate till finally they blend in
 one blissful harmony. - The old leader
 not only spoke ^{with} his violin but also with his eyes
 to his men. All seemed deeply absorbed in
 the emotional music. - The concert wound
 up with the Rakoczy their national war song.
 We all enjoyed the music most thoroughly. -
 Mr. Reiner a well bred Hungarian in Berlin was
 so delighted with the concert of his countrymen
 that he entertained them and the Berlin Glean-
 ers to luncheon afterwards at the Sanger-
 Halle. Dr. von Schäfer & I being invited also
 remained to the hall leaving our ladies at the Dr.
 There were spread three tables at the top sitting
 the Hungarians in front of them Major Breit-
 haupt, A. Müller & myself. Only one of the
 musicians spoke German fluently, and this being
 most of our conversation had to be carried on.
 We learned a few Hungarian phrases & words
 the most important for the occasion being
 "Isthan Eltashay" equivalent to "Istis."
 Literally "Gott segne dich." After a
 hearty & excellent luncheon of which
 "Paprika" (stewed chicken) was the first
 course the ladies were pleased & removed
 & they gave us some more music. Old

Dinner was in ecstacy of delight as host. The strains of
 a schottische could not be resisted so some of
 the younger folks were even kneeling around
 the room. Then a Hungarian dance was struck
 up. A Sicilian altho' with crippled foot jumped
 to his feet & with his daughter danced
 a Hungarian dance to our delight. - The house was
 passed. When the German air "Ich will unter die
 Haer" was played I sang with song - using the words of
 the Franco-German war adapted to that melody. -
 It was 2-30 a.m. when we left having spent a most en-
 joyable evening. - We found our ladies still chatting.
 It was 1/2 to 4 a.m. we got to bed. - I had intended returning
 home tonight but now it was pitch dark the room having
 set & the sky overcast that I concluded to remain over night. -

Tuesday 11
 cloudy, misty
 pleasant

Awaking comparatively early we got up & got away be-
 fore nine o'clock for home. -
 Busy with the office. - The st. workers were down in the after-
 noon & to tea.

Wednesday 12
 cold

Busy at my report. -

Thursday 13
 cloudy
 cold

Today I got a telegram from S. Deville to send in my report. -
 It's a pity that I am not a musician to be able to have ready made
 reports tumble out of my sleeve. Scarcely am I from the field ere my
 report is wanted and as this is the only report I can make for the year
 it should contain more than a few general remarks on what was done.
 But it is impossible to make computations etc in time for the report, &
 besides the report I generally have other work to do that is required -
 - all at the same time. Pages of German I translated for Mr Deville altho'
 he did not ask me for it directly yet I knew he was glad when I did it for him;
 King presses me to get up the examination questions for Preliminary
 & Final Examination for B.L.S. All takes time.

Friday 14
 morn. 4° F cold

Busy at my report, commenced copying it. - In evening attended a, I in-
 tended going home immediately after routine business, but on account of absence