

December of the N.W. had to take his place & as there was one inhibition and two raisings I was near midnight when it was over.

Saturday 15
pleasant
little snow

Julius Birkhaug ^{#13} The event was made very pleasant for Julius by presents, Breyer and Chocolate. —

Bury as a matter copying my report, having received a telegram that if my report is not in by Monday it will be left out of the annual report. — Rather strong language

Sunday 16
rainy

Bury at my report. — Marie got quite ill this evening, intense headache, fever & cramps in her legs. I gave her two good doses of quinine thereby reducing her pulse from 100 to 80 and after rubbing her legs she got into a slight perspiration & obtained relief. —

By midnight I finished my report and felt a relief to have that off my mind.

Monday 17
mild

A spring day. — Bury in office. —

rainy foggy
snow at night
Tuesday 18

Bury at transit computations. —

cold
Wednesday 19
cold

Bury at transit computations. — In the evening I was at the mech. inst.

Thursday 20

Bury at computations.

windy
night snow, high wind

Friday 21
cold, snow
windy

Bury at computations. — Today would have been a fine cold blustering winter day had we had enough snow for sleighing. —

Saturday 22
cold

Bury computing. — Emil, Lila & Stabile arrives tonight. —

Sunday 23
cloudy

Bury computing & spent some time at Mother's. — The boys prepared a programme for tomorrow night's musical entertainment. —

December

They were in a high state of excitement about their "dresses" for that occasion, Marie & I getting them out of bed to try them on.

Monday 27
fore. fine with
after cloudy
eve. rainy

In forenoon I was in hall on various errands. Marie & the boys were busy building the landscape with fountain &c for Lucas, besides fixing the linear tree; as I was troubled with hemorrhoids in the afternoon I could assist but little.

Although the hours sped rapidly yet for the boys they apparently they only crept along and slower & slower the nearer they approached that supreme moment when the ring of the bell is heard the doors thrown open and the light from dozens of candles show out their jagged beacons inviting to mingle with them on this hallowed festival eve.

— Carl & Marie arrived at 7 P.M. from St. Catherine's their train was late 1/2 hour, — this caused somewhat of a delay for the beginning of the festivities. However shortly after 8 Mother & Father, Jacob, Auguste, Carl & Marie, Emil, Luise & Gustav were at my house. — Everything was in readiness, the hallowed spot being my library, which was shortly to emerge from darkness to light. Emil assisted me in lighting the many candles (18 Chinese lanterns & about 100 small candles) the bell rang, the doors opened, music was pouring from the music box, — now came the long procession headed by Beatie the rest following in ascending process of the linear function. — The landscape & pretty fountain attracted the most attention on entry. Mrs. Julius & her son found their places as shown by the cards bearing their respective names. Max's chief present was to him (and to Marie & me too) more than a present it was an event — with the suit of new clothes — he graduated from knickerbockers to long trousers. All were happy and everyone received something. Max had drawn many names paired with pen & ink, & some special ones for Emil, Father, Carl & Jacob — they were comic & illustrative of the expressive business or calling. These cards were much enjoyed — To Marie I gave