

Sunday 5
fine, warm

After dinner the boys suggested a drive, I immediately acquiesced and off they went for a long, but came back with dejected look - all were out. -

We then played croquet together - Otto & Rufus joining us, - the Dorothea has come down.

After tea we played Weib's Dis - + the paper game + I our usual Sunday game of Crittop, in which she latterly holds the field.

Monday 6
warm

Busy in office. After 2 P.M. Marie, Julius, Oscar & I drove to Ball, there we picked up Max & drove down the west river road for an outing + to gather wild flowers, - returning we came by the Plain road enjoying the drive very much. The trees are bursting forth and numerous flowers are out.

Tuesday 7
very warm

Busy in office. I am beginning to feel somewhat unsettled as I have not as yet received any word from Ottawa relative to my season's work. - King I think is acting a little shabbily towards me; twice I have now written him and with letter has to be answered. Especially as he has been my confidant during the past two years do I expect some consideration at his hands.

After tea Marie & I went out for a drive to Dishon's Hill + Hepster. The evening + night were delightful. Later we sat on our veranda in the wild moonlight + sang I accompanied by an the guitar. Such bliss occurs to me rarely as I am seldom at home in the evening when the warm weather has set in, + hence I enjoy it the more.

Through the exact building question was so far settled that the plans were adopted + readers asked for. - G. C. left the Board because he couldn't withstand father to retract what he had done - what he had done was

May

that Clare was a liar. He had written a letter to the chairman G. Pattinson complaining therein that Smead, Dowd & Co's agent at North Bay, had stated to the Board of Trustees there that Smead & Dowd were putting in their furnaces in Preston, while Clare was himself a trustee there," while Clare's agent was also at that meeting (North Bay) and advocating the Clare furnace for the North Bay school. — This whole affair father showed by letter to be a bare falsehood & was induced by Clare to accuse the Secretary of the Western Board in his favor, which it did too, save father.

Wednesday 8
very warm
80° F.

Buz in office & garden. In afternoon Maie & I drove to Galt & returned (for a drive) via Kespeley. —

Thursday 9
very warm

In forenoon busy in office. In afternoon Maie & I drove to Berlin; the Dr. is probably going to Ann Arbor to treat a patient who has written to him. — We returned at 9:30 P.M., having a delightful drive in the pale light of the moon — enjoying the mild air with Maie at my side as much as in the balmy days of '72. —

Friday 10
rain fore.
after. fine

A most beneficent rain fell today — nature is everywhere bursting in verdure and bloom. — Buz in office. — Attended it in evening.

Saturday 11
pleasant
little cool

Buz in office, reading proof &c. In afternoon Maie, Lulu Oskar & I drove to the woods near Dawn to gather wild flowers & birds eggs. The boys enjoyed their outing. — After tea & cut the grass on the lawn. I am proud of the lawn & take more interest in it than in anything else in the garden. —