

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. —