

Acc. #2014-21 Diaries of Lettie Barber

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Thursday Jan 17th

Mr. Thompson; German; brick layer

Mrs. Monroe; took sleighriding; kind

Arthur's birthday tomorrow

Jan 18th

Had Bessie over to Arthurs birthday dinner Friday night

Jan 21st

Irritable with George – shovel of ashes in the sink

Jan 22nd

To Moline to see Sister Bailey; prays for her and Ray

Nightmare about Elmer

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“We {Mr & Mrs Hayes, Lillian, Hazel and I} went to see an old colored couple on Tenth St. He is badly crippled with inflammatory rheumatism and she is partially blind caused from a blow over the head by a slaveholder when she was in the South. They seemed very glad to see us and after we sang and prayed we left for home, but before leaving they thanked us for coming and said they enjoyed it very much. The old Aunty prayed. Another colored man came in while we were there and he showed great respect while we prayed etc. ...”

Jan 30th

Darling little Laurel left yesterday for NY; misses that little girl; little atic bedroom ; keep her from the evils of that wicked City

Prayed with Lillian, Laura and Verne

Took groceries to the old colored couple on Tenth Street.

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March 8th

Mr. Jackson came over with little girl, hand bleeding; wife went insane and bit him; warrant out on her at police; Lillian & Lettie went to see her; policeman came and threatened to arrest both of them. Jackson came over again in eve and said wife gone; Lettie kept baby while he went to RI to look for his wife; gone for week; husband brought before Commissioners of Insanity; acquitted her

Mrs. Peterson died a week ago Sunday. Ill for one week; house quarantined on account of Olive having scarlet fever

Lydia Ransom and Alva went to Denver. Harry Hamilton had consumption and Lydia had gone to help care for him. Poor Jessie and Harry.

March 18th

Yesterday was our wedding anniversary. We have been married ten years but I cannot realize it is that long. [married March 17, 1897 per Scott Co. Iowa records]

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