January 1870

1st

It was very unpleasant today. Went over to York to spend New Years with Mary. Left Batavia at 9:30 by the train. Jessie Toward went as far as the Roy with me. Arrived in York at 10:10. Left for Genesee at 10:30 where I arrived at 10:40. Mary met me at the depot with her horse and buggy, and we drove to York—very muddy.

Gave Mary her engagement ring. All thought it an elegant one.

Mr. Stotting and I had a long talk at the hotel.

Her cousin and his wife, cured with us, and spent some of the evening after they went home and I had a visit. She gave me a very handsome pair of worked slippers.
1st. It was very pleasant here today. We did not deny us to go to church. Mary and I had a little visit this morning, and this afternoon we took a walk after we returned. I gave her some silk handkerchiefs and scarfs. This evening, brother Hough had a visit together.

2nd. It was a splendid day, but very muddy. This morning Mary and I took a walk, and after it came home, she packed her trunk. We had dinner about one and about four. We went to the Seminary; then went to the house. Found Adelaide had gone to town. Had my tea, then went down and got the mail, got a handkerchief, came back, played backgammon, and had a talk with bro. Heard from Pegay and Jim Hough.

3rd. It was a splendid day. I went over to Buffalo at 9 to see them all good bye. Went to the office first to see hide about my accounts. Then took Mary's room to Rochester to have it marked. Then went out to Engen and found he had not returned from N.Y. I was there to dinner. Saw Frank, Mr. Blais went down in the city with me. Gave me a box of cigars. Returned to Batavia at 6:30. Adelaide got home at 7:30. This evening went down to see many. Gave her her ring and a neck-scarf.
only marion - called at mrs Bradish- said mrs & bradish. met maggie millburn and took her to ride. went down for maria at 5.45 as she was coming up to tea. we took a short ride. she had to return to the seminary a little after eight. as one of her guests were going away. found alie and sarah wilkinson at the seminary when i went down with maria.

This morning it was very pleasant here. but this afternoon it rained. this morning i went down to see eugene. but he did not go through. saw fred terry of chicago. this afternoon i called on mrs bryan's baby at the seminary or maggie millburn. tootie and on he tish and lillie bell. also at mrs spalding. this evening went down to see many had a long call as it was my last evening here. went down to the 11.40 train to meet eugene. paid me $60. sold my horse for $350.

It was very pleasant here today. this morning went to church. gat up with me. after church took a short walk with the boys. he had dinner at one. had a farewell visit with mother and adelaide, and then went down and took many good bye. and at 3:15 left for new york. god bless you all. uncle art blank. train leave thirty two and took sherman came down to see me off. got supper at synacore and went to bed after i had taken a smoke.
Arrived in In at 7 pm went directly to American Hotel - found Miss Spences and Dan and his wife had not got home. Had breakfast then took a bath and got cleaned up after which I wrote a long letter to Mary. After lunch Dan and I went out in the boat and were given a large basket of fruit. Alfred and Rosie drove over to Jersey City with me had to go aboard tonight. Received a long letter from Mary.

12th

Left New York for Liverpool on the Howard Steamship Algea. Left Jersey City at seven this morning. Paid Charly's bill. Arrived here at 9:30. Got acquainted with the captain - Mr. Steer of Cincinnati who knows Charlie Ross and the Balls - also met Mr. Bratty who gave me a pair of wooden stockings.
Fast at 8:30 - we saw a sailing vessel this morning bound for New York. Got acquainted with Mr. Engleman and Adler both prominent men from Milwaukee also met Mr. Hustman of England, Captain Clark of the Irish Brigade and Godly from Yorkshire yesterday morning till noon today we made 557 miles.

14th. Had quite a heavy sea last night. This morning we saw a Sibamet. The Engleman and I had some backgammon with this morning and evening. I met Miss Tomard and Mr. Hensley by and Mr. J. of Montreal who has been Secretary of Legation for 30 years. I met Mr. Delphi. Run 309 miles. It was very cold.

15th. It was very pleasant today and much warmer. Played shuffleboard this morning and beat also beat Engleman at backgammon. This morning came near getting wet through. Had a good deal of fun with Godly as he said he had a face run over his face. Everybody wanted to know all about it. Run 247 miles.

16th. Had the Episcopal service at 10:30. The Captain read it, and Mr. Douglas, a foreign missionary gave a discourse. There was only a few there attended. As it was very cool. This afternoon I was invited with Mr. Johnston's wife to smoke. This evening a heavy storm struck us and in a few moments blew almost a gale. Some of us went in the smoking room and had to stay there some time. Run 287.
17th. The storm continued all night and it blew very hard. We passed the Devil's Hole at midnight (last night). This morning the storm abated somewhat, but this afternoon it struck us again about 3.30 and in about ten minutes it blew a heavy gale. Had one of our sails blown all to pieces. The dishes etc. played caius and the water came down into the cabin. Mr. Huntington was thrown from his berth but not hurt much. A stowaway here shooked up. It continued all night. Five of us were in the smoking room and had to play there till quite late. Run 292.

18th. It rained and blew very hard all night but was somewhat quieter at noon at 7.30 another gale struck us and it was fearful. They were afraid at one time that the steamer would get in the trough of the sea. She rolled and pitched fearfully, one could not keep his feet a minute - a great many were sick. The waves ran over a hulked deck high. Run 319 miles. "Geothy"

19th. The storm abated about eight but the sea was very high. Had a foot of time Mr. Blake here. He saw a sailing vessel this morning. Played shuffleboard, fleche, and 8-ball against Beatty and Kristin. We beat. I made the last average made during the trip 24 1/2. Listed beat me at jütte 10 to 9. Played whist. Contrast at backgammon. They took up a collection today for the Sailors' Orphans. Run 320 miles.

20th. It was a splendid day. Sea was very calm. Nearly all were on deck.
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He left at 7.40 for Douai. The next fire was Engleman, Cacan Bragg Reel and myself. Arrived at Douai at 9.30 and at 9.40 Reel and I took the steamer across the Channel to Calais was not pick in customs. Got dinner at Calais and left for Paris at 12.30 and arrived there at 6.45. Dr. met me at the depot had to pay 9 francs duties on cigars. Then went to Hotel Athenee got cleaned up had dinner and took a walk until bed came back and went to bed. Seemed good to get into one big enough to lie out in.

He got up about eleven had our coffee and then went out to ride and drive around till two. This afternoon Ed went out riding with Mrs. Hall and Madame Haysch and and I went and called on Mrs. Morris and Miss Morse and had a splendid call was there about two hours. Dinner at six at the American Cafe. This evening Dr. went and made a call and I wrote to Mary a letter of 16 pages and sent her an "American Register".
He got up a little earlier. First I went to Mme. de Mornay's where I found a long letter from Mary, and two from Mr. Bliss. This afternoon Mr. Morns called on us and invited us to dine with them. Lead to refuse.rote to Kelly's. Called on Mr. Tyler, dined with us in our room after which we had a smoke. Mr. Tyler though an American cigar too good to smoke.

This evening Ed and I took Madame Psyche and Miss Ball to the "Opera La Huguenot" at the Grand Opera House; it is the largest in the world; it lasted from 7.15 till 12. There were 75 musicians and at one time 600 on the stage. After we took the ladies home we went to a cafe and got home about 2.30.

27th. After we had our coffee we packed all of our things that we wanted to leave in my trunk and Ed's valise and sent them to Mme. de Mornay's and the things we were to take in our trunk and in our handbags. This afternoon Charles Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Hamden called on me. Heard from Mr. Hutton today and Reilly.rote to Mary. Left for Brussels at 8.30 a.m. Had to pay 71 francs = 14.10 for a berth and 100 francs for fare = 21.20.

28th.

It was very unpleasant today and very cold on the cars. Arrived at Lyons at 7.20, where we tried to get something to eat—only succeed in getting some poor coffee and a slices sandwhich. Passed along some magnificent scenery. Arrived at Brive la Gaillarde at 12, where we got a good dinner. It was one of the "Romanesque" contains the ancient Palace of the Popes which we...
saw from the cars - filled works or houses. Arrived at Marseilles at 3:30 - went to "Grand Hotel de France et de la Paix" for a bath - got shaved, and then had dinner. This evening he went to the "Basse Musical", and afterward to the "Alcazars".

29th.

It was a splendid day - after we had our coffee, I dined another gentleman and I took a carriage - the first went to Palace Longchamps, which the municipality built for Napoleon III in 1864 - stands on a hill and gives one a view of the harbor and city - the front of the Palace is a front lawn (400m) fed by the Durance, which runs is brought from a distance of 60 miles - we then drove through the "Prado", the principal street, which is three miles long - then to "Halle de la Salle de la Garde", which is on the top of a very high hill - 500 feet above the level. The interior of it contains numerous small pictures, a bust as thank offerings to the "Virgin Mary" for safe delivery once from danger; she has a splendid view of the harbor and whole city. He then drove past the Garrisons - the "Square and Fountain of the Sieur du" and the new Exchange which is a very large and handsome building.

As to "Marseilles". It was founded 2000 years before the Christian era by a party of Phoenicians. It is composed of the old and new towns - the old town on the north of the harbor, with narrow and dirty streets - the new town, of broad stone lanes (sandstone) and regular streets - and separated from the old town by a magnificent street which extends from "Port du " to the "Port de Roma" - It is the chief port of the Mediterranean - and is noted for its
harbour which is the largest in the world, next to Liverpool, also noted for its breakwater and for its range of warehouses built of iron and stone—cost £5,000,000. He is always in a state of siege. He left for Nice in the afternoon and arrived there in the evening. He dined at the depot. He first went to hotel Shuanui and got cleaned up, and then went to a cafe and got our dinner. He dined with us. Then went to hotel Marshall String. Stayed there a few moments and then returned to the hotel and went to bed. Rode from the hotel with our windows open. Had a "freight train" man with trunk aboard.

30th. It was a splendid day. He got up this morning about 8 and had our coffee. Ed went to church, and I stayed home and wrote a long letter to Mary. This afternoon Ed and I went up to halls. Met John Hall, Hall Marshall, and Hall dined with us. We had a smoke in our room. Then all went down to a cafe and had some coffee. Ed wrote to Mother.

31st. It was very warm and pleasant. The weather today. This morning took a walk, went out to Old Nice, which has very narrow streets, very dirty and contains nothing of importance. Language different from new Nice. Ed went to Monte Carlo with two friends. Ball this afternoon. Met Ball and I took a carriage and drove out to Villefrancis. The drive is about four miles, and at times along the beach, and past orange trees—
and dive grapes. He had some tickets out there—returned about six. This evening had and I went to the Cricus and it was splendid and after it was over, he invited me to dine with him at the Café. Heard to Prof. also to Keilby and Mr. Morris.

February
1st

This a splendid day. This morning had and I went out in the city. went up to Versailles. This afternoon Ed and Mrs. Kimball and I went down to Monaco and had a ball, and I came at six. I dined with Mrs. Kimball and Ed. They came home by the eight o’clock train and the rest of us at eleven.

Monaco is a principality, neither in France or Italy, has its own laws. It has a population of about 2,000. It contains an old castle at the Palace and a cathedral at which miracle plays are acted on Good Friday. But it is especially noted for Monte Carlo, which is now the largest gambling place in the world. Gardens, hotels, gambling rooms—men and women gambling. Russian stakes.