

Diary Entries for 1913

by

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Charlotte Thorn Lewis (1823-1916) was the daughter of Isaac Thorn and Mary Woolley. She was born in Bordentown, New Jersey. In 1848, she married Enoch Lewis (1821-1902). They were reform activists and were friends of many of the most prominent reformers of the day including William Lloyd Garrison, Jane Addams, and Susan B. Anthony. This tradition of involvement in reform politics was continued by their children. Enoch Lewis was General Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad 1860-1866 and Purchasing Agent for the company from 1866-1893. In 1880, the family lived at 224 Green St. in Philadelphia. In 1886, they moved to a new house at 3405 Powelton Ave.

Charlotte kept the diary in simple composition notebooks from 1880 until 1913. It was made available by her great-great-grandson, Richard Burnham Lewis.

Rev. W. C. Gannett's tract "Blessed Drudgery" has sold to the number of 500,000 copies. Its popularity is not due to the love people have for drudgery, but to curiosity as to ~~what~~ the writer has to covareity ~~with~~ what the writer can find blessed in it.

December

30th. Heavy rain all day. Theodore in after supper. Maud went to the academy to hear the Messiah.

January 1st. quiet day at home, Theodore in.

" 2nd Mary Burnham called in evening, George Burnham also; goes to college tomorrow

3d, Geo. Burnham went to College - Cambridge, a dull day, but Sidney & Dorothy dined here wrote to May Sannett.

4th. Geo. Burnham slept here.

5th. Geo. in for a short time. Henry & Josephine here in the evening. also Theodore Lewis.

Monday 6th. bright & pleasant

8th. raining

9th. Thursday - pleasant but a cool wind

J. J. L. in after supper;

10th went to Theodore's to see the dear babies

Theodore in after supper.

11th Saturday

12th. The Gustaves dined here,

13th Monday

14th. Lizzie May dined here Tuesday

15th Wednesday - clear & cold.

15th George & Anna came to supper then to a hotel,

16th - Raining

15th to be near the stores & do shopping tomorrow
A. ~~was glad~~ Geo Cicero A. Henderson called ^{17th}

18th a drizzly day-

19th - Sunday. The Spruce St Longstreets dined here

20th. Margaret Cooper for dinner.

Theodore & Annie in evening. of 21st

Mrs St John called. 21st P.M.

22nd Anna came to dinner, she is in fine condition.

24th. A rainy day. Theodore in before breakfast.

25th - a pleasant day, mercury at 45

Dorothy in on 24th

26th - Dorothy and family left for home, Sunday,

Theodore and Annie & Edmund Stanton in evening.

27th - a drizzle.

28th 1913 - a pleasant day - George & Anna

met their French teacher here for their lesson & home in evening.

29th. Wrote to Maud - a fine snow storm, drizzle

Alice Gelpi daughter of Frederick^{m.} & Lydia Gelpi

who died March 1912

January 30th. Jeanette Lewis & Anna Burnham

Theodore in evening. Maud dined with us.

February

2nd - Theodore + Anne + Burnham Lewis dined with us; Mrs Hopkins returned to us yesterday.

Tuesday February 15th - Snow on the ground

6th - 5th Lizzie May dined here Theodore came in evening.

8th - The Hutchinsons dined here; they ~~did~~ went to Brooklyn, for the day - wife & babies are all there, wrote to May Gannett.

Henry + Josephine came in after tea.

9th - pleasant day; Ed Early came to dinner - pleasant as ever.

10th - George + Anna + Margaret Burnham were with us over night.

10 - day not pleasant - snow on the grounds and temperature at 30^{-th}

11th - Mr + Mrs Thomas in here in evening.

12th - May ~~and~~ daughter in evening.

13th - a walk on porch; just pleasant day for long.

16th - Dined at Theodore's, Saturday

17th - Snow on the ground

18th - Bright, mercury at 30^{-th}

19th - wrote to Mary J. L. Gannett.

20th - a mild day but somewhat damp

21st - somewhat cloudy.

22^d - cloudy & some rain fell.

Miss Fanzant came & measured me for a black satin dress.

23^d - slight snow fall in morning - clear later in the day.

24th - ~~was~~ Sunday, the Green + Long-treshs here in the evening.

25th - Lizzie May dined here, Rainy day.

26th - Theodore + Anne came in evening.

27th - Lizzie May here to dine

28th - Anna + Sallie Longtresh here in evening.

30th - Theodore, Anne + Burnham here to dinner.

March 7 - Friday afternoon Miss Sarah Barrett came - Mrs Anna Thomas left us today.

March 8th - Miss Fanzant came to fit black satin dress for me.

16th - Anna Hollowell + husband here in evening, wrote May Gannett.

17th - Lucretia Longtresh dined here.

17th - Theodore in evening.

18th - Anna Burnham here to dinner + to French class in the afternoon.

February. 17th

Monday A. M. Maud returned from
Harrisburg where she went to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~meeting~~
to plead with a large party of women
12th - to plead for suffrage for women. 197

18th. George Burnham Jr dined with us
left for Kintone soon after.

Theodore in evening. Mrs George Lewis called
in morning from Wilmington Delaware.)
Theodore Lewis in ~~the~~ evening.

Sunday, Henry & Josephine Justice dined
here. Cloudy after noon.

March 23d. The Green at Longstreets 2
here in evening. 3 from the Starbush family.

March 28 ~~Dr~~ ^{Dr} Patterson came to see for ^{hair} ~~hair~~
(under direction of Dr Poole)

30th - cloudy. (Spence + Helen)

April 2d Anna Grayson + 2 children, and
Lizzie May and Mary Steel dined with us.

Maud went to Geographical Soc in evening

April 3d. Note to Helen Gilchrist to
thank her for a bouquet of Arbutus.
Theodore (my son) remained late in town to
assist in looking over some city matters that need
connection

April 4th. George + Anna Burnham
here to supper; they went to a meeting down
town after wards to hear talk on wages
for working women.

Theodore came in and will sleep at home
to night: he is a useful citizen. Hopes to
get through ^{soon} the work he was commissioned to
look after.

6th. Theodore in - finished the town engagement
with Charles Jenkins. Hope he will
be allowed some leisure now.

Anna Burnham here to dinner.

a cool day but rather snow now rains.

Maud went with her to see the portraits
of Margaret + Jean painted by Keyfer.

Friday April 11th - rainy day - no one in.
~~except Theodore~~ for a short call in the morning.

12th - a rainy day. Maud at Club after noon.

14th Maud went with Annie Lewis to the
Contemporary Club. I wrote a note of sympathy
to Clara Pugh of death of husband ~~of~~
a letter to May April 15th.
Theodore in evening.

April 16th - letter to May

20th Theodore & wife here to dinner

Theodore's son Theodore left us to return to college

Wednesday April 23^d - pleasant day
on the porch awhile in morning & on the
afternoon. Theodore in the evening here.

An unusual day, clear and mild -- as
the foliage increasing in beauty each day.
Lilacs and Tulips and various other
plants in bloom. April 24th.

25th - pleasant weather. Theodore & wife
spent the evening here.

26th. The Spruce at Longtrush's Lucia & Alois
dined here & Anna Cooper - left late afternoon
she & Aloise Longtrush spent the day here.

28th. Thunder & Lightning before breakfast.

29th. George & Anna just before supper time -
went home to supper -

x wrote to Clara Pugh (Mrs Charles) two
much rain to go to see her.

April 30th. Leggie May dined here.

a pleasant day. Maud & I rode in the Park to
request ourselves - pleasant.

May 3^d, wrote to May Gannett &

wish Theodore & Annie

Called on Clara Pugh at her lovely home
at Overbrook. cordial reception - pleasant call.

May 10th - Charles Lucketts birth day 54th years
Tuesday a.m. Maud & I called on Lucretia Miskell
who is boarding at 3305 Arch st Phila.

Wednesday - Charlotte Postlethwaite came to
supper - Theodore Lewis came in evening -
C. F. went to Swarthmore college to meet
her two daughters - going to Swinkeley tomorrow.

May 23^d Friday. A pleasant lunch party -
Mr May & Leggie, Anna Burnham Lewis Mary Steel
May Gannett, May Lewis.

Edmond Stottan here to supper - announced his en-
gagement to Deborah Ferris

25th. Maud & I dined at Theodore Lewis -

Mr Harvey - minister and next door neighbor
to Theodore (Swedenborgian) was there also.

28th May Gannett left on evening train for
home in Rochester - we miss her.

29th Maud & I called on Mrs Weston &
daughter - dear Mary Burnham loaned us her
carriage - a pleasant trip.

30th. Caroline Murphy spent Sunday here
we shall see more of her.

May 31st Saturday A. M. June 7th
Mr. S. Weston dined with us.

June 9th, Caroline Murphy came - left
on the 9th. Theodor in after supper -
Sidney dined here. Maud went to Boston
to the wedding of a nephew. Theodor in afternoon
I went to Theodor's to see Sidney's ~~young~~ baby boy
bright and active.

June 12th Lizzie May dined here - will leave
soon for vacation at Gloucester. Fair weather
heats - day.

June 16th, Theodor + Annie left for the
Commencement at Harvard, when Lewis
Garnett and Theodor Lewis will graduate
water this week.

June 17th, Sidney Smith nee Lewis dined here
and she and baby boy Edgar here on the
porch after tea. Gertrude Esby called,
18th - went to say goodbye to Sidney Smith who leaves

here to-day (at 10:30) Maud + I went to
Mary Steels at Germantown, to dinner + home
to supper a pleasant visit - a cool evening.

20th. The Garnetts, The Garnetts came.

Thursday A. M. August 14th - 1913

Cloudy day. Anna + George in town.

August 14th 1913. George + Annie in town
somewhat cloudy, wrote to the Soudwicks
18th Miss Finerty came yesterday to help
Anna pack a chest of articles for Margaret's
household in Brooklyn N.Y.
September 5th - George Barabow ^{or 3d} came.

Maud came yesterday, mercury above 80
and went to town to get cleaners at work.
at our house, that we ^{may} be able to go home
to town the city home -

~~Sept~~ 17th. Came home to remain. Lizzie May
dined with us.

20th a dull day - cloudy. Theodor called
in ~~early~~ morning - returns from Norway trip.
Wrote to May Garnett. Theodor + wife ^{two}
the evening + Edmond Strathan. called.

21st Theodor + wife in for the evening.

25th - Maud + I went in hired ^{work} ~~automobile~~
a chauffeur - whom Maud had tested, -
on a pleasant trip to Bryn Mawr College,
to take a bird's eye view - of the pleasant
place

Friday September 26th 1913.

Theodore in before our breakfast; so got
to see him each day - cloudy but no rain.

Maud went to Kinton to finish moving her
apparel from Kinton to Fowerton Avenue.

George + Anar went home with Margaret,
to ^{see} B. Brockley in town.

Dr Caroline Smith came + removed my
troublesome, painful corns on the feet.

30th, Dr Teek called, Miss Yogy.

Miss came to take the place of Miss Goby
Theodore Lewis left for Raymondville, Texas -
about 30 miles from Gulf of Mexico + 20
miles north of the Rio Grand River.

October 9th - rather warm - not hot - Jean Teek
came in from the Burnham house where
she + her boy are visiting while their home
is being painted inside; he is decidedly active
a usual characteristic of the young in their
days, and at his age.

Oct. 23rd 1913. Mr S. Burns Weston lunched
with us. Mr Charnait late afternoon call.

Monday October 27th. May Lanette arrived
before breakfast on night train from Rochester (10 o'clock P.M. train arrived at