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Friday April 15th, 1887.

Take baby to Mary Phelon's as yesterday, during school. Lesson to Elija Baily \$6.00 at 4. Get \$6.00. Go home to tea with Mrs. Simmons. Same lends me a lot of books – Jim comes home with me.

Sat – April 16th 1887.

Lesson to Emily, Walk down st. Shop, getting shoes, \$3.00 down, 3 more due; bonnet – 75 cts; elastic & lining 13; cambric and Silesia for new dress 73. Carfare 6. Home. Mother goes down st.

Sun. April 17th, 1887.

Walter takes baby to ride and I come over here and clean up as I have managed to every day. Then he comes here, send him off with bag for mother. Follow. Meet- Anna & Aunt C. and find Julia Jastram and little Julia Edward Brown and Miss Pease. All go dinner. Mend Walter's overcoat lining. Mrs. Allen in to see about dress.

Mon. April 18th, 1887.

Take baby to Mrs. Vaughns during school. Back very tired. Eggnog. Doze. Drive. Come over home, and am there now. Have made bed, made fire, washed dishes, written two notes. Am very tired.

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I have kept a journal since I was fifteen, the only blanks being in these last years of sickness and pain. I have done it because it was useful. Now I am to go away for my health, and shall not try to take any responsibilities with me. Even this old friend. I am very sick with nervous prostration, and I think with some brain disease as well. No one can ever know what I have suffered in these last five years. Pain pain pain, till my mind has given way. O blind and cruel! Can Love hurt like this? You found me- you remember what I leave you – O remember what, and learn to doubt your judgment- before it seeks to mould another life as it has mine. I asked you a few days only before our marriage if you would take the responsibility entirely on yourself. You said yes. Bear it then.

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Tues. April 19th. 1887

Snowed yesterday. Cold night. Wintry this morning. Another letter from Mrs. Cresson. Take baby to Mary's. Back and lunch. Come over home. Doors locked. No key to be found. Struggle in at bay window with much effort. Clean up and write here. Began to write an account of myself for the doctor.