

Transcription

Saturday, April 10 1869.

Rose late Mr. Sherman called on me before breakfast. I gave me money to go home with. Bought books. Heard private classes. Attended to book accounts. Finished 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.' Over this I cried profusely. What heart would not melt at perceiving such woes. I believe it was providential that I did not read it before the fall of Slavery; for I might have died a martyr as Uncle Tom did.

Yesterday the Freedmen commemorated the day as the anniversary of the fall of Richmond.

Weather is cold and chilly & damp. I have fire in my room in consequence.

Sunday April 11. 1869

Dreary cold snowing. Afternoon at tended Foremans preaching. Read a part of the day.

Monday. April 12. 1869

Nothing occurred to arrest the attention of a steady worker. Wrote Mrs. Armstead. Read a part of the autobiography of a shaker. Mr. Victor told me we must teach the colored people 'as niggirs and also that they are niggers.' I told him that we are doing no such thing.

Tuesday April 13. 1869.

A cold morning again. I think fruit is injured.

Wrote Corson & Read in Atlantic Monthly. Note by a carpetbagger in Penna. The rest of the time I taught. Rev. White visited out school today. He addressed the school.

Wednesday April 14. 1869.

Busy till Ten O'clock at night. I was terribly fooled this evening. Mr. Schadd, a colored teacher of Phila arrived this evening. I took him to the Washington House for supper. This was refused him on account of his color. My God! What does this mean? I had an insulting letter from Maria. How do I feel? God give me grace.

Thursday April 15. 1869.

Sent Mr. Schadd to Appomattox. Wrote Maria.

Friday April 16. 1869.

Weather has now become warm. Neglected one of my private classes. Bad company diverted my attention. Went to Alum Springs.

Saturday April 17. 1869.

R. S. Lacey is confirmed as Assessor.

Was working a half a day at fixing my clothes. Mrs. Armistead called on me. I bought her some books. Drew \$80.00 money on cigars. Wrote Bauman & Corson. Had a letter from Corson and one from Mrs. M. R. Rile. Wrote Mrs. Lanning Cookwell Va.

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