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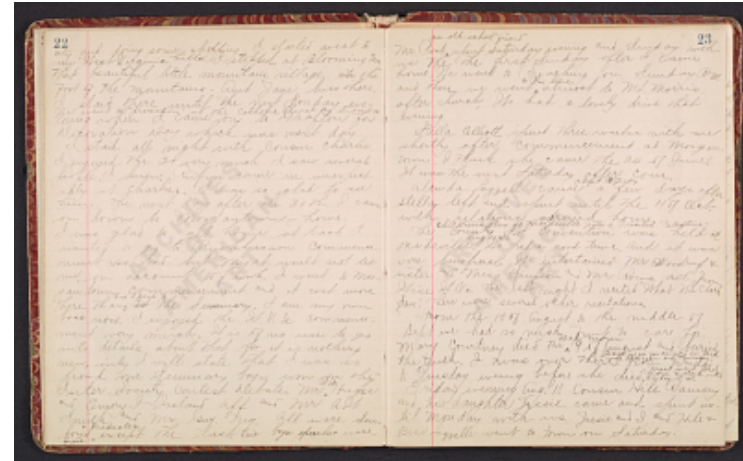
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 city and doing some shopping I started west to my "West Virginia hills." I stopped at Bloomington that beautiful little mountain village at the foot of the mountains. Aunt Jane lives there. I staid there until the next Monday [[inserted line]] We went to procession at the Catholic church on Sunday. [[/inserted line]] evening when I came on to Grafton for Decoration Day which was next day. I staid all night with Cousin Charlie. I enjoyed the [[so/30?]] very much. I saw several people I knew. Rufus came in unexpectedly at Charlies. I was so glad to see him. The next day after the 30th. I came on down to Morgantown - home. I was glad to get home at last. I wanted to go to Buckhannon Commencement so bad but Myrt would not let me, on account of work. I went to Morgantown Commencement and it cost more there than [[insertion]] had I gone to [[insertion]] ~~to~~ the Seminary. I am my own boss now. I enjoyed the W.V.U. commencement very much. It is of no use to go into details about that for it is nothing new, only I will state that I was so proud our Seminary boys won on the Inter Society Contest Debates. Mr. [[insertion]] Wm [[/insertion]] Huges and Emory I Ireland Aff. and Mr. Alt Smith and Mr. Isey Nig. All were Sem boys [[insertion]] & graduates [[/insertion]] except the Last. Our boys speeches were fine.

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 Mr. Post "[insertion]" an old school friend [[/insertion]] spent Saturday evening and Sunday with us The the first Sunday after I came home. We went to Preaching on Sunday P.M. and then we went "[insertion]" to [[Pas line?]] [[/insertion]] almost to Mt. Morris. after church. We had a lovely drive that evening. Stella Elliott spent three weeks with me shortly after Commencement at Morgantown. I think she came the 24 of June. It was the next Saturday after com. Alcinda Lazzell came [[insertion]] about 3 July [[/insertion]] a few days after Stella left. and spent until the 11 of Oct. with relations around home. [[inserted line]] Childrens Day at Madsville July 9. I recited ["Lilashire."?] [[/inserted line]] The county Lit Convention was held at Madsville "[insertion]" Aug. 10 7/6 [[/insertion]] We had a good time. and it was vere beneficial. We entertained Mr. Woodruf & sister and Miss Simpson and Mr. Ross all from Wise W Va. The last night I recited "What the Clock Saw." There were several other recitations. From the 15 of August to the middle of Sept. we had so much fruit to care for. Mary Courtney died the "[insertion]" Wed. morn [[/insertion]] 9 of August and buried the tenth. I was over there from Wenday [[insertion]] Strange men for dinner on Wed. and again on Thursday. [[/insertion]] to Tuesday evening before she died. Went over Wed. morn & staid until Friday P.M. Friday evening Aug. 11. Cousin Hile Ramsey and his daughter Jessie came and spent until Monday with us. Jessie and I, and Hile & Bess Lazzelle went to town on Saturday.



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