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repeating the advice expressed in a former letter to my sister that she should give away her furniture and belongings to the poor in Ghent and go to board in Holland somewhere. I also thanked Van Hee for his intervention and asked him to enquire about that draft.

Urea resin

Then I spent practically all day alone in laboratory carrying out experiments in relation to new reaction (See laboratory journal)

This reminds me of old times of 1907. There is no doubt that these last six or seven years have brought out my age. This is particularly noticeable by my eye-sight. I am compelled now to wear glasses for all laboratory work. Three years ago this was not necessary. Remained in laboratory till

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after 5 P.M. and laid out long program for future work. This subject will keep us busy again for a long time

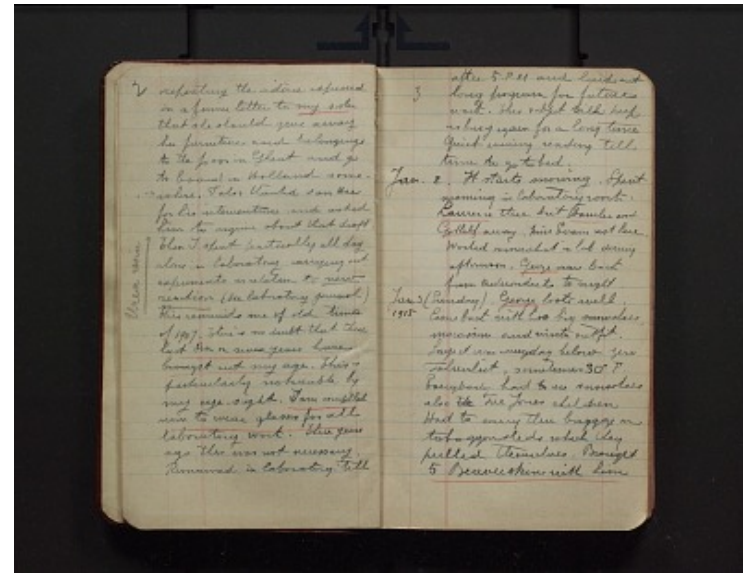
Quiet evening reading till time to go to bed.

Jan. 2.

It starts snowing. Spent morning in laboratory work. Lawrence there but Hamlin and Gothelf away. Miss Evans not here. Worked somewhat in lab. during afternoon. George came back from Adirondacks tonight.

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(Sunday). George looks well. Came back with his big snowshoes, mocassins and winter outfit. Says it was everyday below zero Fahrenheit, sometimes -30° F. Everybody had to use snowshoes also the three Jones children Had to carry their baggage on toboggan sleds which they pulled themselves. Brought 5 Beaver skins with him



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