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Chemistry, physics, photography, steam engineering, all given free by the City. - The same as exist here in New York City at the Cooper Institute. -

Bakeland experience in book learning

So that when I entered the University of Ghent I was better prepared to follow the lectures than my fellow students, who ~~knew~~ had learned bad latin and worse Greek etc. - ~~Once I was~~ After entering at the University I surpassed them all; furthermore by giving some of the 'backward students, private lessons I ~~thus got an income that kept me along financially, without support of my parents.~~

Sunday. Dec 10 Since this morning have been indexing my diary. Celine went to Nina's for dinner. This evening read her some of the passages of my former note-books

It is like living again in 1933. War in

~~F~~ Finland still going on. The Fins showing every courage against Stalin and his hordes. It looks now as if Hitler got afraid of Stalin and is clandestinely sending war weapons and supplies to the Fins.

Wrote a letter to Mr. Lewis H. Brown

president of Johns Mandeville Corporation, who has arranged a dinner for Thursday at the University Club ~~Nov~~ December 14 with Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chase National Bank, John A. Brown President Socony Vacuum Oil, E.H. Butler ~~President~~ publisher Buffalo Evg News, Melvin C. Eaton, Treas. of Norwich Pharmacal Co. N.Y Gould

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Wrote long letter to Brooksie in

India.

President, Gould Pumps, Inc.

Armory Houghton, President Corning Glass works, Col. Wm Kelly

President Buffalo Niagara & Eastern Power Co

Frank W. Lovejoy Pres. Eastman Kodak Co. - Harold Stone, Pres.

Onondaga Savings Bank, Frederick E. Williamson Pres. - N.Y Central

R.R.

Wrote him excusing myself because I am preparing to leave for Florida

Dec 11. Went to office.

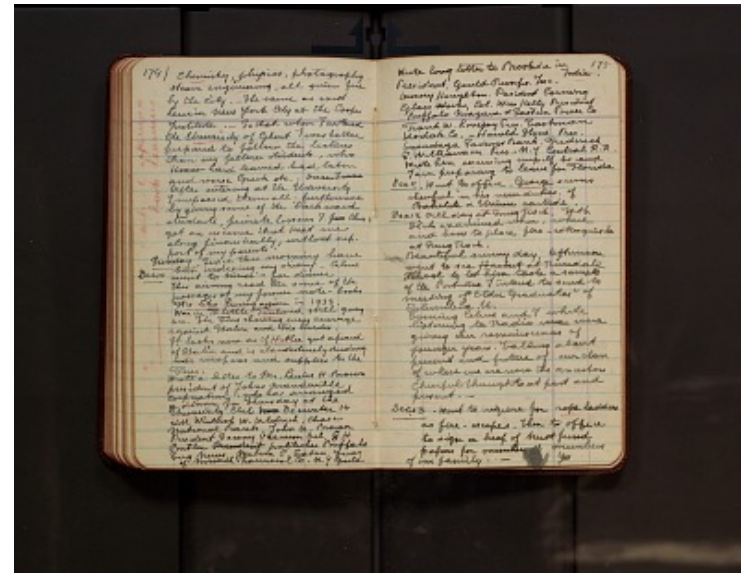
George seems cheerful in his new duties, of Bakelite & Union carbide.

Dec 12. All day at Snug Rock. With Dick examined when, where and how to place fire-extinguishers at Snug Rock.

Beautiful sunny day. Afternoon went to see Hacket at Riverdale School to let him taste a sample of the Portwine I intend to send to meeting of "Older Graduates" of Columbia. U.

Evening Celine and I while listening to Radio ~~were~~ were giving our reminiscences of younger years. Talking about present and future of our clan of which we are now the ancestors. Cheerful thoughts at past and present.

Dec 13. Went to inquire for



rope ladders as fire-escapes. Then to office to sign a
heap of trust fund papers for ~~members of~~
~~members of our family.~~ - ~~Yes~~

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