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have left the buildings.

October 29. ~~Went with Celine~~ at the annual reception of our Columbia President at his beautiful home on ~~the Columbia~~ group. Met many old friends with their ladies. Reception started at 4 P.M. and finished at 7 P.M. - ~~W~~ Felt sorry to note that both Mr. Butler and his wife who had to do 3 hours of handshaking, showed decided tired - ness.

Prof. Butler has about the same age as myself. - I enjoyed my visit very much. So did Celine. Butler is an exceptional man. It will be difficult to find a successor of the same abilities and tact.

Oct 30. ~~[[Saturday]]~~ ~~[[Celine~~

~~For several days we have been expecting the birth of the first child of Dickie So Celine went to Dickies~~

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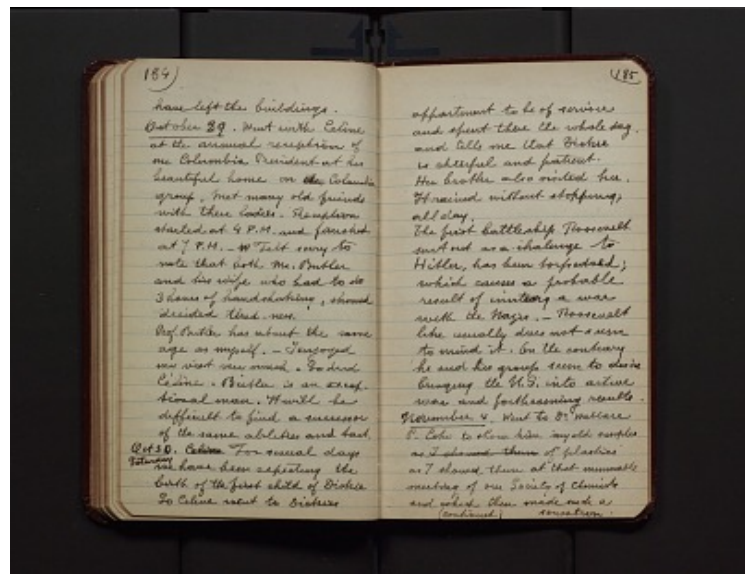
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apartment to be of service and spent there the whole day. and tells me that Dickie is cheerful and patient. Her brother also visited her. It rained without stopping; all day.

The first battleship Roosevelt sent out as a chalenge to Hitler, has been torpedoed; which causes a probable result of inviting a war with the Nazis. - Roosevelt like usually does not seem to mind it. On the contrary he and his group seem to desire bringing the U.S. into active war and forthcoming results.

November 4. ~~Went to Dr. Wallace P. Coho~~ to show him my old samples ~~as I showed them~~ of "plastics" as I showed them at that memorable meeting of our Society of Chemists and which then made such a sensation.

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