

My heart aches for them - & I feel so lonesome & dreary for my
self - I do not know what will become of me - I do not care
for the Kearsleads pouting - I only wish they were gone - Mrs
Bouguin swept the path & came over in P.M. a few minutes
and came this evening with her rug & knit an hour or more
Oh I feel so sad about Daisy, dear little Daisy - ♀
Wrote Mina -

Tues 5.

Cold Zero weather. Warmel 3 potatoes fried a slice of pork
and made gravy. Called over to Simmons - Mrs K.
is witty, pouty, & generally disagreeable. The old gent
gives me coals but don't say much - Wrote Mrs Samson
Have beans for supper. Work in Calicoes & knit lace.
Hear that Mrs Marian Skidmore died at Cincinnati
& was brought home on train - She was called the Mother
of Lily Dale Camp. if I hear aright - is to be buried
at Fredonia. Mrs Bouguin called awhile this evening
& feel sad about Daisy. I want to go to Hammonden
& spend the remainder of my days, but I do not
see as I can - Maybe it is not the best - Circumstances
will rule - & if it is best it will come about in some
way - I must try & be content in any case ♀

Wed 6

They say our Thermometer in South Brandon at 7 o'clock
morning marked 20° below Zero. & some places Mrs B.
says it was 32° below - It is awful cold, but my
birds & cats do not seem to suffer. & I am quite
comfortable when I have a good fire - Mrs Bouguin
came to see if I was frozen, she said, then to get my
letters to Mina & Mrs S. for Mr Simmons to mail &
this evening for me to read Grape Belt while she knit
on rug. Mr S. brought my Grape Belt & Farm & Home
to her from P.Q. for her to give me. Worked on
lace & patchwork - Made griddle cakes, fried pork made
gravy, for self & cats & made molasses for me to eat
with cakes. Ink frozen almost solid last night -
Mrs Skidmore's funeral was at her home, Mrs R.S.
Lillie speaker. I hear. - I feel sad about Daisy to
day & wish I could go to Mina & stay - Read in Judith
in apocryphy. - Mrs K. & I keep ourselves to ourselves &

Thurs 7.

Very cold & snows & blows. Boiled three small turnips
& 7 potatoes. Fried pork & made water gravy. Made a
steamed dumpling. vinegar & soda for fermentation
a little pork for shortening, a little sugar, raisins &
dried.