

Laurence Stans Jan. 6, 1892

The new year has dawned upon us again
The old year has gone with its joys and
sorrows. The new opened upon some of us
with saddened ~~years~~ ^{forts} and sorrowful
forebodings. Elsie has spent the holidays
and gone (dear child) to her work saddened
to be obliged to leave her business keep her from
her home, and tonight - my heart - is sadder
than ever for Louie is going away. Oh
Lord what trouble will come next;
Oh Lord guide us guard us all
and keep Louie from yielding to
temptation for Jesus sake and Oh Lord
keep each one of my children from
doing wrong. Feb. 3. Elsie came home last
Saturday her health is poor we are glad to have her
at home. Leiford & Julia with Vera went to Baldwin
Saturday for a visit - Collin & Louie spend the
last evening with some young lady friends Collin
my girls are all out riding with Romeo. Grace dinner
I have built a fire for supper and thought I
would journalize a little. Elsie received a call
this afternoon from Miss Chaeillon & Miss Moore
Tonight is prayer meeting night - also a play at
the Opera by home talent. I feel so anxious
that my children should be converted.
Jan 17. I have did my housework & mended more.
Ems sewed for Julia in the afternoon and had
something said to me that make me feel
miserable indeed, but do we have our hearts

most broken at times, when the world seems
so dark that we see only blackness, then a
ray of joy comes to us and we thank our
Father and go on life's thorny way rejoicing
30 day I have washed baked and did my work
am very tired indeed Louie has been here
and we were glad to see his cheerful face
but he has bid us good bye Oh how
hard it seemed when he first went away
to board I was almost wild with sorrow
but although I feel so anxious about him and
so fearful of bad influences It is a sweet
consolation to tell a kind Heavenly Father
to keep him from all temptation and save
him from all evil God can hear us when
we pray ~~that he~~ ^{help me} Apr 10 o'clock
all abed except myself & Collier who will not be at
home for an hour as he is now with Mr Brady
& his brother Louie on a morning daily of their
own I have not written in my diary for over two
months Julia moved into the next block today
I have washed & taken care of my little granddaughters
while her mamama was mending and they were all
at supper with us I am very tired Louie was here
to night and after he had said something that
hurt my feelings told me he loved me & kissed
me we are not so wicked when we try to make
amends for our faults I hope God will touch his
heart and ^{he will} be a Christian My great desire is for
my children to be saved from sin and kept by
God's grace Oh I will try to do my duty and
love and trust my Savior more and leave some
good example behind me

St Joseph And
Nov 25-

We have lived in this place about three months. The boys have been very busily employed all of the time. Elsie has taught about three months at Rushville a place 18 miles from here. She comes home every Friday evening on the train. She is a good sensible kind daughter. Grace has been attending school at the High School about the same length of time. John & little Vera have been with us nearly all of the time. Luford has been in the City until about 2½ weeks ago. He went to Lawrence last evening. Collier's health is not very good and I think he will have to resign his position. I hope Louie will settle all right with Mr Hoard and that the latter will be kind as Louie has tried to do well for the paper. He will probably resign his position on the News as we shall want him to go with us if we go to Lawrence. I have done up all my work this morning. I hope to see my duty and cheerfully do it at all times and be very careful of my example. Parents are blind and children are. If children reprove parents they should do it in the kindest and most respectful manner, for the scripture says: Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be long upon the earth. Is it a blessing to live long?

I think I would like to die when appreciated
most-! Perhaps that is selfish! Lord help
and pity the mothers that fail in disciplin-
ing their children, and are disrespected for too
much blind love for their children. Dec 20, 91
Lawrence Stans, we have been here one week ~~last~~
~~ago~~ yesterday morning we staid at the hotel
2 days and at breakfast one morning Colli +
Louie came here one week ago tomorrow evening
drove through with the horses and buggy I have
paid \$4.80 for bringing goods and trunks from
depot - also \$12.50 for rent - Colli paid 3.00
~~for~~ coal. I have attended church today all
of us except Louie and all have gone
this evening except father and myself
I received a letter from Eloise this evening
Christmas is near at hand I hope it will
be a pleasant one. I have had some things
unpleasant today but trust that God will
touch the hearts of some loved one and lead
him to be saved, I am so thankful for the
blessings I have but I so much desire to see
one of my dear children saved now I can hardly
wait - Oh I must pray more + trust more
Apr 14 To day is the 6th anniversary of Julia's
marriage Eloise + myself took tea with them
Louie has a very sore foot he has staid two nights
at home for me to doctor it. Last evening I attended
prayer meeting as usual. The boys and Julia + husband

have gone to the opera Elsie & Grace with two
young friends Nellie & Maggie have gone to a poorly
party for the benefit of the Columbian exposition
Father has retired and I am alone but quite
thankful for present blessings and feel peaceful
May God touch the hearts of my unconverted children
and save them and keep them from all evil
each day is my prayer. Apr 25 I am alone
Father has gone to bed E & G to the Opera Nellie
at his work and poor Louie has been with
me since ^{last} Friday eve he went in the morning Sat.
when he was not able. His foot has broken and
now his leg is painful and swelled we are following
it that he may be a Christian and his foot
get well is my prayer There is a cloud hanging
over the family the boys are dissatisfied
in their affairs I hope the Lord will arrange
everything for the best for all for I hardly
know what advice to give.