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Jan 1/1862

Another New Year. Yesterday I wrote all morning, and after dinner went for some citrons for Aunt Lizzie, then went to see Richards, and to the store, helped Byrne putting up Castor Oil, and borrowed 2 dollars from him. Came home and got fixed up, met Mary Ann, and went down with her to tea, and then away to Mr. Brown's. Had a very pleasant time at Mr. Brown's and had a talk with Miss Brown. Left there about eleven and went to watch meeting in the John St. Church. Coming out from there I heard that Bella's father is sick and she can't go. Dryland would like to back out but can't. How we are to do I don't know, but I guess it will all turn out right. And now to the New Year. 1861 with all its joys and sorrows has left us ne'er to return, and 1862 has dawned upon us. None know how many will live to see its' close. Not one of all my friends has passed away since last New Year's. I wonder will it be so this year. What a contrast does this year afford to last, but especially this day of the first of 1861. Then my best earthly friend, my own Mary Ann, was sick with but little prospects of ever getting better. Now she is strong and healthy. Oh God, I thank thee. Then my youngest sister was sick, but now she is better. Then I was in the states among American friends, now I am in Canada among Canadian friends. Then I was puzzling myself about the ways and means of going to College, now I am attending College; and soon through the list. And now as I finish this writing between one and two on Wednesday morning Jan 1/1862, I can truly say that goodness and mercy have followed me all my days.

Jan 3rd/1862 Having been busy and tired I have been unable to write in my book until now. On New Year's morning I never undressed at all. I pulled off my boots and lay down under the quilt, but got up very often to see the time. Got up for good about five. Richards came round about seven and I went with him. He said Dryland would not go, and we decided to get McKinnon to go. Went to Mary Ann's and woke her up, and sent her round to Bella's to see if she was going. We went up to see Lockerman and found him willing to go. Went down to M.A.'s and found she had not seen Bella, so we went up to her father's but could not get in, and came away in disgust. Went to her sister's and found her. She could not go. Went back to Mary Ann's and told her to get ready, and then came to tell Annie that she could go if she wanted. She and Herbert determined to go. Richards went for the horses while I went to tell Lockerman. He got Miss Midwinter to go with him. We left Hamilton by ten o'clock and got on first rate to Copetown. There we got a mile past Col Cope's before we knew it, and we would not turn back. About Copetown it began to rain. After a while it began to snow and we got up to a tavern just in time to escape a dreadful sleet storm. Started in about a quarter of an hour and soon met another storm as bad, if not worse than the other. For about three miles we faced the storm and it was terrible. The horses acted nobly. Richards could hardly see to drive, and he and I kept watch all the way to guard against accidents. After a while the sleet changed to snow, and the wind fell. When we got to Brantford we were in an awful state of weariness. Our horses, buggy and coats were covered with mud. We took Annie and Herbert home and then drove to the Brant House and put up our horses and got a room. We ordered dinner, and right glad we were to get it. It was excellent and only 25¢, very cheap. We got to Brantford about 1 o'clock.

Jan 3, 1862, cont.

We cleaned up and rested, and about half-past four started for the tea & meeting. We had a grand time there and heard Dr. Fyfe and Mr. Davidson, Stewart, Alexander, Wood, Bates and others. Saw Uncle Andrew and had a talk with him. Also had a talk with Mr. Stewart. Met the Cooks and gave them an introduction to Mary Ann; also Mrs. & Millie Thompson, & Miss Young. Mont was not there. Our expenses at the Hotel were very moderate. Only 75¢ for horse care and feed and the room. Left B. at half past eleven. Bill and Miss Bland & M.A. sat on my knee in front. We got into Hamilton about three o'clock, and to the stables by a quarter past. Bill and Murray got in five minutes before us. They had a great time of it. Going up they lost their whip and had to go back five miles for it; lost their way three times and ran up lanes (one time three miles) and had to come back; washed off their buggy and horse at Onondago; and they were worse than ever when they got Brampton. Coming home they lost their way and came down the mountain by a bye-way in some manner that they can't account for.

They expected to be tumbled to the bottom all the way down. Got down to Richards' and had something to eat and about five went to bed. Didn't sleep much and were up by half-past seven. Had our breakfast and came uptown. I was very tired all day. Richards went to work in the afternoon and in the evening we went up to see Hopkins' girls. Staid till 6 then I saw Mary Ann home. Went down there after tea and staid till nine. Today received a letter from Aunt Tenie containing two dollars as a New Year's present. I wrote but little, was out considerably. I have a cold and am hoarse. I bought two books today. After tea I went down to Mary Ann's and she mended my overcoat for me. Good time reading, talking to her. After had oysters.

Jan. 4 1862

Wrote to Aunt Tenie and Millie and half finished a letter to Aunt Jeannie. Richards came down for me after dinner and we went down to Mr. Browns. We had a very pleasant time and staid about an hour and a half. I borrowed the song about the "volunteers" so that I could copy it. We also went to see Mrs. Curtis but she was not at home. I met Mary Ann at six o'clock and went home with her. After tea I went down and spent the evening.

Jan 6

Yesterday was the first Sabbath in the year. It was a rather pleasant day, but cold. I bought a Baptist Registry from Mr. Milton. MacArthur preached in the evening from Matt. XXVIII.6, "Come see the place where the Lord lay." It was a very good sermon. He read it, but even then did better than Mr. Brown. This morning as I write, it is snowing quite hard with three or four inches of snow on the ground. Received a letter from Mont. Aunt Lizzie went up to Mrs. Hamilton's to spend the rest of the week.

Jan 8

Yesterday I answered Mont's letter. Spent the evening at Richards. Had a grand time and did not leave till eleven. It was half past when I got home. Today I have read two chapters in the testament. I have done but little else besides take a walk uptown to meet Mary Ann. Got a bottle of hair oil and another of cough syrup for Mary Ann. Uncle would not take any pay for it. Met Mary Ann at six o'clock and went down to tea with her. Then we went to Servo's, and had a great time. I wanted to get home early but could not get away. It was ten minutes past twelve when I got home. It snowed a little during the day, and also rained a little.

Jan 11/1862

On Thursday I went down to spend the evening with Mary Ann. Also on Friday. Mrs. Bailey was in bed, and shortly after tea she began to jaw us. When she quit I went home. She gave M.A. an awful scolding. Today I got my book from Richards, went up to bid Alick goodbye. Met M.A., Grace, Bella, & Jessie Penman at tea-time. Jessie and Grace kissed me in the street when they bid me good-bye. Mary Ann says that she has not had much to say to her grandmother. I did not go down in the evening but spent it at home.

Jan 12

My last day in Hamilton. It rained quite hard in the morning but stopped before church was out. Went down for M.A. and found Mrs. B in bed. She had threatened to put me out but not a word of it when I was there. I went home to dinner with M.A. and then to Sunday School. I closed the school with prayer. Went home to tea, and to our own church in the evening. I have 4 parcels to take up to W. One to McArthur, one to Ini, one to Mrs. Cox and one to Miss Brown. Bella was to have written to Mrs. Cox, but her father is dying and she could not write.

Jan 20

Here have I been more than a week in Woodstock, and not written a word in my diary.

Monday the 13th, Aunt Lizzie gave me one dollar & Uncle Eben three. I left for Woodstock at nine in the morning and reached W. at noon. Spent the afternoon in studying and the evening in visiting. Was at Ralstons, Deacon's & Goulds. The other days I have forgotten. On Wednesday evening went to Ralstons and on Saturday visited at R's, Deacon's & Gould's.

Jan 20, cont.

Friday was our election night and we had a good time. Ross, Gold & Cunningham ran for President; majority for Ross C. Cunningham, Gold, Muir & Ratcliff ran for Vice and Gold got in. Mont was nominated but declined. We could have put him in easily. Patten, Nott and myself ran for Secretary. I was nominated to break the vote and let the thing be understood so that all my friends voted for Patten. His majority was ten. Shrimpton and I ran for Critic and I beat him by one. MacArthur was put in as Marshall. We carried three out of five officers and could have had the others if Mont had not backed out. Saturday I got a letter from Henry and also one from Aunt Tenie containing \$8. The missionary meeting was a dull one. It was very poorly attended, and the only exercises were a report from Mr. Muir and paper by Mr. Nott. Miss Bland is the next editor or rather editress. Yesterday Mr. Cooper preached in the morn & Mr. Stewart in the evening. Today I paid Dr. Fyfe for my books. I have been over to the Deacons to bid Miss Sudborough goodbye.

Jan 24/ 1862 Tuesday. I wrote another lecture for "The Oracle." On Wednesday I wrote to Mary Ann and sent her a pair of kid gloves as a "philophena." I also sent a note to Bella. I wrote to Mr. Bowers saying that I would come up and spend Sabbath with him. Thursday I failed totally in Moral Science and Virgil. I have studied more than I ought to have and I am beginning to feel quite unwell. I went out after dinner to go to the Post Office, and then to see Geo. I paid him for last term's pew rent. Then I went into Ralston's and staid all afternoon. I could not study and enjoyed myself. After tea I got to work and now somewhere about two o'clock on Friday morning I am ready to go to bed.

Jan 27/1862

On Friday our Oracle was one hit with the writers of the letter on Bacchanalibus.

Sat.

I went up to Ingersoll to see the folks. They were all glad to see me. Mr. Kneeshaw, and the Shells, and Hawkes all wanted me to go and stay with them. I bought paper at Mr. Kneeshaw's to the amount of \$1.50. On Sunday I went to hear Mr. Beardsall both times. I went up to Mr. Kneeshaw's and spent the afternoon. Mrs. Bowers insisted on paying my passage and gave me a dollar all but a few cents. Mrs. Bowers gave me the two volumes of "God in History." I left Ingersoll at a few minutes to eight and got down in time for school. I got a paper from Mary Ann.

Jan 28th Got a letter from Mary Ann. Went to see Lis. Nott made all up with me about our coldness. I was glad of it, for though it did not hurt me; yet it was not very pleasant to be at enmity with him. Wrote to Mr. Kneeshaw, also to Uncle Frank and Henry.

Jan. 30/1862 Yesterday I was over at the Deacon's visiting and had a good time. I was not well in the evening and I could not study. Today I hardly knew a lesson and failed altogether in Latin. This afternoon there was a sleigh-ride got up for the school and it was very pleasant. I did not intend to go, but about one o'clock I went into Ralston's and found "Lis" and "Blandie." Lis had promised to go with Mont, but wouldn't go because "Blandie" wouldn't, and Blandie wouldn't because she has not been asked by anyone she liked.

Jan. 30, cont.

I saw it was going to keep so many away that I offered to go if Miss Bland would go with me. She said she would and we went to get ready. I picked out the best team of all and Mont, Lis & Rolly took the backseat and Blandie and I the next one. We sat quite a while waiting for them to load up and then we took on Kern's and McDonald to make up our load. We went to Beachville and back and then nearly to Eastwood and back. We had a grand time and got home about half past four. Poor Rolly I pity him. He asked Blandie to go and she would not, but I think she did not understand him. I got a paper from Mary Ann. I finished a piece for the "Missionary , translate my Virgil.

Feb 4

Last Friday I went into the Deacon's and spent nearly an hour and then I went to the Society Meeting. Poor Rolly took sick that morning and has been sick ever since. He threatens to go home. On Saturday I was put on for a declamation for next Saturday and I had not a piece ready. I went to work and wrote a piece about Achilles and Agamemnon and then I would not speak it. I selected a beautiful piece of blank verse and learned about a third of it. Sunday I went up to Johnson's but they were not at home. I came back and went to prayer meeting and church. Our evening prayer meeting was pretty good. Yesterday I had about an hour visit at Rolly's and was helping Lis with her arithmetic. I sat up till two o'clock studying.

Feb 6/1862

Yesterday I wrote to Aunt Tenie. Poor Ralston is very poorly; he took an emetic in the afternoon and it was more than he could bear in his weak state, but today he is better again. Today I failed in Latin but got on very well in all the other lessons. I spent the greater part of this afternoon in learning my declamation for Saturday. It was almost perfect.

Feb 8

On Thursday evening I wrote to Uncles James and George. Yesterday evening I went over to Deacon's and spent about an hour. Then I went to Society meeting; it was a good meeting. Nott and Shrimpton delivered orations and Gold read an essay. We had the "Oracle," a manifest improvement on the previous numbers. At the business meeting they brought up a motion to prevent members getting a substitute but we defeated it by a majority. I read my first "Critic's Report," which was well received. This morning I had to declaim before the school. I spoke a piece of Willis about "Hagar in the Wilderness." Mr. Stewart praised it very highly; said it was difficult to make any criticisms, and merely mentioned an instance of wrong accentuation. Went down to the Post Office after school, and received a letter from Lucy and another from Richards. I went into Ralston's and staid a short time. Answered Mary Ann's letter of Jan. 28th.

Feb. 8 1862 Cont.

I went for a walk of five or six miles and did not get home till after six. I got a parcel from Brantford, and another from Hamilton containing clothing, also a letter from Annie Jane and another from Aunt Anah. Then I went to prayer meeting and afterwards went into Rolly's and saw Lis. I lent them a Latin Dictionary and my arithmetic. I got to work about half past ten, and translated my Homer, gave myself a good washing and went to bed. Mont went home at 5p.m.

Feb 12

On Sunday I had a good school. We had two of the best sermons that I have heard in the church. All our meetings that day were very good ones. Yesterday I was quite unwell and didn't go to my Latin class. Today I am but little better.

Feb 15

Yesterday was Valentine's Day. I got and sent none, but today I sent three and got two. Last night we had a pretty good meeting. Bodwell had to go away and I took his place and spoke without any preparation. I did it to save the debate, as Moore refused to speak unless they got a leader. Today after school I went downtown and bought and sent some Valentines. After dinner I went to see Ross and then to Ralston's. I had a great time with Lis, Blandie, McPhail and Rolly. I spent most of the afternoon there. Then I piled up all our wood. I did no studying after dinner. I got a letter from Uncle George authorizing me to sell my scholarship if I could. Our Missionary meeting tonight was good. Miss Ralston had a splendid essay & Miss Bland a good paper. The lecture by Mr. McMullen was a good one.

Feb. 15, /1862 , cont.

Mont & Higgins have gone to Beachville and Samis and Moore are away down East so we have a small house hold now.

Feb. 16, Sunday I had a good school in the morning. Mr. Winterbotham preached in the forenoon and Dr. Fyfe in the evening. I wrote to Mary Ann in the evening as this was the anniversary of the day when I first told her my love. Well do I remember that evening and though two years have passed away yet I have not forgotten it, and probably never shall.

Feb. 18

I wrote to Richards yesterday and mailed the letter in Mary Ann's. In the evening I went over to the Deacon's and had a pleasant time. They were all out but Miss Bland and I helped her get out her Charles XII. I asked her about her likeness, and said I had asked Lis for hers, as I wished to get the miniatures of all my friends. She said she would think about it. I staid till about eight o'clock. When I got home I found Rolly here and I had a good time with him. Today I wrote a piece for the Oracle, received my essay from Miss Vining and Dr. Fyfe, and wrote to Aunt Anah.

Feb. 20

Yesterday I wrote to Annie Jane, and copied out a piece for the Oracle. Today I have passed my lessons pretty well. Yesterday I received a letter from Millie and she told me that she had been converted. I was very glad to hear the good news. It did my heart good, and yet it caused me to feel sad to think that I was so poor a Christian as to act as I have done. She says that Robert and Muir Kneeshaw and also Millie and Hetty Muir have been converted.

Feb. 21/ 1862

Yesterday I was almost all afternoon composing a piece of poetry for Lis's & Blandie's Albums. I wrote out one of seven verses of eight lines each. Today I put the pieces into the 862 books, I had not room for all, and I only put in twenty lines, I wrote out a copy of the verses for each to go with the Albums. Mont, McDiarmid, Higgins and I wrote in them, all poetry but Mont's. After tea I went into the Deacon's with Miss Bland's album but she was not home and I did not see her. I also spent a few moments in at Rolly's. Our Society meeting was pretty good. The paper was a good one, and contained some interesting pieces.

Feb 22

I took Lis' Album home in the morning. I had quite a talk with her & Blandie. They went away in the afternoon out to Blandie's. We had a great snow-balling match in the afternoon. I wrote out part of my speech for the debate. I went to prayer meeting but did not get much good, it was so dull.

Feb 28

The last day of the second month of 1862. How fast time flies. On Monday I finished off my speech, and on Tuesday I learnt it. On Tuesday I got a letter from Mary Ann enclosing one from Bella. On Wednesday I got a letter from Aunt Tenie containing the long expected money, and today I got one from Brantford enclosing a dollar. Today I wrote to Millie and Aunt Tenie. We had a splendid Society meeting. The debate was good, Corlis making the only poor speech of the evening. Our side gained the arguments but lost the vote. The declamation and dialogue were good.

Feb.28/ 1862, Cont.

I handed in my Critic's report, and Mont was mad because I rubbed him a little harder than he deserved. He gave me quite a scolding. Before meeting I was over at Rolly's and had a good talk with Rolly, Blandie & Lis. We got Miss Bland to sing, which she did beautifully.

March 1

A new month begun. The morning exercises were good. I went into Rolly's after school, and had a good time with them. Miss Bland came in and gave me a little knit mitten which she has made, and I had some fun showing it around and telling that I had got the mitten. In the afternoon I was snow balling for about two hours and a half, and my arm is very sore.

I lent Lis Mary Ann's likeness to show it to Ross and Miss Bland, and I believe she did so. I wrote to Aunt Lizzie.

March 2

Cunningham was going to preach at Beachville in the morning, and Rolly and I walked out to hear him. He got me to go up into the pulpit with him, and I read, gave out a hymn, and prayed. We got a ride most of the way home, having to walk only two miles. I feel quite sore after it. Cunningham did well, far better than I expected. Mr. Stewart preached in the evening.

Mar 3Went to visit Miss Bland and Sudborough caught me there. I wrote to Mary Ann and Bella.

Mar 5 Yesterday I wrote a piece for the Oracle, and part of a speech for Rolly and today I added some more to it.

Mar 6/1862

Received a letter from Cousin Herbert Pitcher in Illinois. He says cousin Henry is there. I got my likeness taken for Lis and Miss Bland. I have finished writing the declamations for Rolly.

Mar. 8th Yesterday I wrote to Uncle George. Our Society Meeting was good. Today I have studied most of the day. I lamed my arm yesterday and so could not snowball. I got a letter from Mary Ann and another from Uncle James. I wrote to Lucy. I copied out a long piece for my next declamation. I gave my likeness to Lis and Miss Bland.

Mar 9/1862

Had a good Sabbath School. Dr. Fyfe preached in the morning & Mr. Stewart in the evening.

Mar. 15

On Wed. I went to visit Miss Bland and had quite a pleasant time. I wrote a piece for the Garland and wrote out my Critic's report. Yesterday our exercises at the Society were not first rate. Rolly did not speak his declamation very well. I have been put on for an oration three weeks from last night, but I don't intend to act if I can help it. Today I have done but little. I went into see Lis & helped her with her geometry. I also got out my Greek and wrote an Acrostic on Miss Bland's name to give her when I get her likeness.

Mar. 18/1862

On Sunday I went to see Mr. Stephenson in the evening and liked him very well. I am not going to attend my S. S. till the snow goes away as it will not be convenient for either party. On Monday night I went over to visit Miss Bland. I wrote to Herbert Pitcher and Henry Rice. Today I wrote about two pages of my oration. This is the second anniversary of the day on which I won from Mary Ann the confession that my love was returned. It will ever be a day long remembered in my history as one of the important of my life.

March 21

On Wednesday I finished writing my oration and yesterday I copied it out. It fills ten pages of note paper. Yesterday I got a note from Millie and another from Aunt Tenie containing eight dollars. It was very acceptable as it was much needed. I wrote a long letter to Mary Ann enclosing the Post Office notice which I received. I have my declamation all learnt up and my oration is on the way. Last night we had a snow-storm and I should think there was six inches of snow on the ground. Our exercises in the society were pretty good. Chesney delivered an oration in the place of Smith, Samis read an essay, Kern read the Oracle which was very long and not very good, and Fitch gave us a grand oration.

Mar. 22

Our morning exercises were very good. After school I went into Rolly's and said a while, and then came home and studied. I got my Greek and translated and I can speak my declamation, and more than half of my oration. I sold William's Euclid to Smith for a dollar.

Mar. 26/1862

On Saturday night I wrote to Aunt Tenie, and on Monday to Millie. On Sunday I heard Mr. Cooper in the morning and Mr. Peddie in the evening. Monday evening I paid my accustomed visit to the Deacon's. Yesterday I learnt up my oration. I can speak it pretty well now, and I am bound to do it first rate. R. B. Smith has broken down and gone home, and I am about used up. I do not feel well at all. But I guess I can get through it all right. We struck a bargain with Moore to do our cooking and he is to do it for 2 dollars a week.

Mar. 29

Saturday night. I have been busy all the week and have visited very little. Last night Prof. Hankinson was to lecture before our Society, but there was a lecture in the town on The Catacombs of Rome, and we adjourned the meeting. The lecture was good, and this morning after the exercises he (Prof. DeLanny) lectured before the school. He received a collection of over six dollars for his lecture which was first rate. I had to declaim this morning. After dinner I had a good walk and spent the afternoon in various ways. I received two Tribunes from Lucy, and was very glad to get them. Mont and Learment have gone down to preach for Moore, and Ross has gone to Beachville to preach. Rolly went with him. Lis has been a little unwell, but I believe she is better. I have had but little chance to talk to her and Blandie for a week back.

Mar. 30

Dr. Fyfe preached in the morning & Mr. Shrimpton in the evening. Mr. Cox is going down to Hamilton tomorrow and so I wrote to Mary Ann.

April 1/1862

All Fool's Day. Yesterday morning I wrote to Bella, Richards and Uncle Ebenezer and sent off the letters by Mr. Cox. Today I got a letter from Mary Ann telling about her little brother's sickness. Mr. Gilbert has been getting into trouble. Some woman having a child which she blames on him. I also got a letter from Annie containing two dollars, one from Aunt Lizzie, another from Aunt Tenie. I paid Moore for my cooking and washing \$3.25, and now I am clear. I do not feel at all well as I have a dull aching feeling in my head and body. I hope to be able to hold up to the end if possible.

April 3/1862

Yesterday I got a letter from Richards. Today I got some oat-meal, and we paid the Deacon up to the 17th. I went in to see Rolly and then for a walk. I wrote an acrostic for Lis to give her when I receive her likeness. Rolly says the girls were down town getting their likenesses taken and they will get them tomorrow.

April 8

On the fourth I spoke my oration before the Society, but neither Lis nor Blandie were there. On Thursday Rolly and I went to DeLanny's lecture. On Saturday I received the likenesses of both Lis and Blandie and gave them the acrostics which I had written. A piece against Mont and I had come out in the Oracle and I borrowed the paper and got a copy of it.

Nott is the author. After Dinner I went to help Rolly to get out his Latin, and after that I copied out for Lis a pattern for a slipper. I staid there till half-past four and then came home and wrote to Annie Jane. At night I got a letter from Millie. The lecture at our Missionary meeting was a very good one. On Sunday Mr. Cooper preached both times.

Yesterday I wrote an acrostic for Mary Anne and Richards, answered Nott's piece, and wrote an acrostic for Miss Holmes album. I was over at the Deacons for about an hour and a half. Today I have recited my last lessons, have copied off a piece for Richards, and must now write to Millie.

Evening:

I did write, so I went out to visit Miss Mabee and then Lis, and then packed up my valise.

April 9/1862

Wrote to Millie, also Aunt Tenie enclosing my orations. Visited the New Institute and went to bid Mrs. Gould, Lis & Blandie goodbye. I gave Blandie a copy of that answer to Nott's piece. Borrowed a dollar from McDiarmid to carry me home. Left W. at one o'clock and had a pleasant ride. Met Annie at Paris, she is there and will be for two or three days.

April 15

Quite a number of days since I wrote in this book. I stayed in B. till Saturday, during which time, nothing of consequence happened. I studied and read most of the time. Aunt Lizzie gave me two dollars, and was very kind to me. I went up to Paris and spent Saturday afternoon with Annie, taking tea at Capron's and starting for Hamilton at 6 o'clock. I reached H. at 7:40, Richards met me, and we had a long talk. On Sunday morning I went down to see Mary Ann but she had gone to prayer meeting. I went in too, and she did not know I was there until I gave out a hymn. I had a very interesting time at Sabbath School. Yesterday Uncle went up West. I spent the day in various ways.

In the evening, about five o'clock I visited Mrs. Brown and had a good time. I went down to Mary Ann's and we had a walk. I met Bella and Grace. Mary Ann has twenty dollars which she is saving up to go to school with in the winter and she has made me her banker. She is afraid her grandmother will find it out if she keeps it by her and she thinks it safest to put it out of her way. This evening I went down to tea at Richards, and then up to Mrs. Brown's to attend the elocution class. While there, a surprise party came in. It was a kind of surprise donation party, and realized over \$10 dollars. I left about nine o'clock and came home.

April 16/1862

Went up to the store before breakfast and got some books from Byrne. I spent the morning in writing. Wrote to Rolly and Mont telling them that I am not going up till Monday. Also wrote to Aunt Lizzie. Went out in the afternoon and bought a Greek Dictionary, Classical Atlas, French Testament, Latin Testament, and a book called the "Trial of the Anti-Christ." I hunted every store for Pitman's Manual of Phonography and could not find it. The day was oppressively warm. Went down to the cars at noon and saw Miss Vining off. Met Mary Ann at 6 o'clock, and went to tea with her and then went up to visit Jane Robb and afterwards Bella. Had a very pleasant evening and got home at half past ten.

April 17/1862

Went up to Byrne's this morning and borrowed a Horace. He gave me a photograph of himself. I bought a slipper pattern for Miss Bland and got Rolly's hat from the dyer. I went into Wrights Daugarean Saloon and had him take half a dozen photographs. He is going to charge two dollars. I had a long walk with M A and Bella and went down and spent the evening with M.A.

April 18 Good Friday. Rained hard all morning. Went up to Wright's about half past ten and found the pictures not done. The negative was not a very good one so he took another, a first rate one. Then I went down to Mary Ann's. I stopped there till after dinner and then we went out. I met Wm. Richards and sent him for Bella, then we went to Wrights and Mary Ann got a splendid negative taken. Met Wm. Richards again without Bella as she was out, and we went down to Jessie Roman's and got her to go for a walk. Went down to Richards for tea and then up to Bella's. Couldn't get in and went on to Jane Robb's.

April 17, Cont.

Had a good time there, and left about nine. We all went home with Bella, and Mary Ann & I bid W. & Jessie good-bye at the corner, and went for a walk. It was a pleasant confidential walk and talk and I got home about half past ten. I recited the "Lady of Provence," "Passing Away," "Ivan the Czar" and the new version of the "Wizard's Warning" at Richards, and "The Lady of Provence" and "Horatius at the Bridge" at Jane Robb's. Mary Ann was vexed at my getting my photograph for her and not letting her pay for it, and to quiet her I had to let her pay for her own pictures, of which she got two, one for me and one for her uncle. I got six, for Mary Ann, Bella, Grace, Jessie, Aunt Anah and Aunt Tenie. Uncle gave me a tooth brush and some very nice soap, and would not take any pay for it.

April 19/1862

Wrote acrostics for Bella, Grace, & Mary Ann to go with the photographs. I only got one yet, but will get the others Monday morning. Had a walk with Matheson in the afternoon. After tea went to Mary Ann's and then down to Mrs. Kerr's and up to Bella's, where we had a very pleasant evening and got home a little after tea. I paid Wright for the photograph and Uncle gave me four dollars, one on his subscription.

April 22/1862

On Sunday I left Uncle's at 9 o'clock, and I went for Mary Ann. Took a walk up to the cemetery and then to church. Then home to dinner, and a short walk before Sunday School. Then a long walk home to tea. Went to Barnett's church in the evening, and sat in Bella's pew, went home with Bella and gave her my arm. Richards met us and took off Mary Ann and Grace. Had a long talk with Bella. Bade her goodbye, and walked Richards to the corner, and Mary Ann and I had a walk till nearly a quarter to ten. On Monday morning I was out before 7 o'clock and met Mary Ann and had a walk with her, then went to Wrights and got all the pictures, put them in the envelopes and directed the parcel to Mary Ann. I asked Acland to write to give it to her. Left the house after half-past eight. Aunt & Uncle gave me a dollar and a box of cakes. Uncle went down to the cars with me, as it was raining very heavily. Had a pleasant journey up and got home about noon. Found a row in the house. Higgins and McDiarmid went to live cheaper than we do and won't buy anything but bread and meal. Mont and Samis came near going into the building again. Visited at Gould's, Cox's and Ralston's.

Got two papers from Montreal, and a letter from Millie and another from Herbert and Henry. Entered my classes and recited one lesson. Today our rules were read out pretty strict. Got through first rate. Got some oil, as the other fellows grumbled about going short. Bought Hackett, on the Acts and an astronomy, but have not paid for them yet. They came to three dollars which I am to pay when my money comes. I have neither received money nor parcel from Montreal, and I don't know what to make of it.

April 23, 1862

Wrote to Mary Ann and Uncle Eben, and sent the verses on "Bachelor's Hall" to Richards. Sent a paper to Miss Bland enclosing the slipper pattern. Received a letter from Montreal containing eight dollars.

April 26

Yesterday was election night in our Society. Yule was elected president, McDonald, Secretary, Muir Vice President, Shrimpton, Critic and McDougal, Marshall. Today I studied very little. Our morning exercises were pretty good. I have to speak next Saturday. Mr. Stewart gave us a good lecture on "Chaucer and Spencer." I got out my Latin, and after dinner went for a walk. I went into the woods and wrote a long piece of poetry about the shop where Mary Ann works. It just goes to where the poor sewing machine girl laments her fate, and I intend to finish it some other time. We had a good prayer meeting. Wrote to Aunt Anah enclosing my photograph. I have not been just right for a few days, and I suspect that I have the symptoms of consumption. I intend to ask Uncle's advice about it, to see whether I had not better go down to H. and be examined.

April 30/1862

On Sunday Mr. Cooper preached his farewell sermon, and it was a good one. Our prayer meeting was good. Rolly and I had a walk in the afternoon. On Monday I received the Homer I wrote for, it came by express and Huck paid the charges which was very kind of him. On Tuesday I wrote to Aunt Lizzie and Aunt Jane, and received a letter from Uncle Eben, a paper from Mary Ann and another from Blandie. My Intellectual Philosophy has not yet come.

May 2/1862

Yesterday Miss Bland was in town but I did not have time to do more than bow to her. I received a paper from Martinsburg. Today I got a letter from Aunt Lizzie urging me to come down to Brantford and live there till September. I wrote to Herbert Pitcher and also to Henry. Wrote also to Uncle Ebenezer asking his advice as to what I had better do about seeing if my lungs are diseased.

May 3

Got up before five and posted a couple of letters and had a walk before breakfast. I had to declaim before the school, and I spoke a piece of Miss Vining's, called Alexander at Balfour. Dr. Fyfe lectured on "Shakespeare." I spent most of the afternoon in walking out in the woods. I wrote to Millie and Uncle George. Mont and Rolly went down home to preach.

May 4/1862

Stewart preached a splendid sermon from Romans V.8 on the love of God. At communion he made some very good and appropriate remarks preached in the evening from I Peter V.7 "casting all your cares upon him; for he careth for you." It was an excellent sermon and I liked it much better than some of the Dr.'s so-called sermons.

May 5 / 1862

Mary Ann's Birthday. She is now 21 years old and her own mistress by law; in fact, for many years. Well do I remember two years ago last night when I gave her the Bible, when we went to tea & meeting at the Mountain Mission, and had such a delightful walk home. I wrote to the dearest girl this morning a long, loving, confidential letter. I also enclosed a letter to Bella and sent the verses made on their sewing machines.

May 7

On Monday Yeo was here and took away his books. I paid him for the books I bought from him. Dialogues of Devils, and Kingdom and Soul, also for one Mont bought. I had to borrow a dollar from Moore. Yesterday I got a letter from Mary Ann, partly written on her birthday. I felt quite unwell all day.

May 8/1862

Received a letter from Uncle Eben. He does not think that I should come down, but advises me to procure medicine and take it. Went down town and got the medicine. Paid Carryer one dollar for my pew rent from Jan. to July. I spoke to Dr. Fyfe about getting off from my Algebra. Our new Mathematical teacher has arrived.

May 10/ 1862

Yesterday evening was our evening to appoint those who were to take part at the public meeting at the end of the term. My name was on as an editor, but I managed to get the committee to take it off. The Orators are Higgins, Mont, & Ross; Editors, McDonald, McPhail, McDougal; Essayist, Muir; Dialogue, Corlis & Dayfoot. Today we had no lecture on account of Mr. Hankinson's sickness. I spent the evening in covering my books and part of the afternoon I was out in the woods writing poetry. I wrote about twenty five four-line verses. This evening we had our Missionary Meeting. The exercises were the reading of the "Garland" by the Doctor, and a lecture by Mr. Stewart. The meeting was quite interesting.

May 12

Yesterday Dr. Fyfe preached both times. Miss Brown is back. She arrived by the 8:44 train on Saturday evening. Today I got some letters which she brought up, one from Mary Ann, another from Bella, and a third from Richards. They are all well. After seven o'clock I went up to see her, and staid about an hour. Had a very pleasant time.

May 13

Received a dear loving Christian letter from Millie. Dear child she has such faith in Christ Jesus the Saviour. It rejoices my soul to receive her warm affectionate letters. Wrote to John Richards and also to Uncle Ebenezer.

May 14/1862

Taught Stewart's Caesar class, and got along very well. Went to hear a lecture on Missions by Mr. Osgoode, for some time a missionary in Burmah. It was very interesting. After I came home I wrote to Mary Ann enclosing a copy of the verses written on Saturday afternoon.

May 15

Mr. Osgoode lectured in the school on behalf of the Missionary Society. His lecture was very interesting. At the close we took up a collection realizing \$6.25. I had a very long talk with him in regard to the Mission in Burmah, whether the climate would suit my state of health. He seemed to think it would. At parting he gave me his card, and also some very good advice.

May 16

Got a letter from Uncle Eben urging me to leave school at once. He wanted me to meet him at Paris on Saturday evening, but this I could not do. After tea I went up to Dr. Fyfe's to get excused from school. He did not like to let me go, but said he would excuse me from school to go to Ingersoll, and on Tuesday he would let me know whether I could go. I wrote to Uncle Eben. I had to speak on a debate, but I had not studied up my subject, not being well, but for all that I made a speech and had not got half way through when I had to stop.

May 17 Wrote to Mary Ann telling her of my plans. Started for Ingersoll about half past nine and reached there before one. Blistered my feet pretty badly. Found Mrs. Bowers sick in bed, and a sick man in the house. Went to shell's for tea and to Hawke's to stay all night. He has a very nice wife, judging from what I saw of her.

May 18/1862

Went to the Baptist church both times. Was at Mr. Bowers, both to dinner and to tea. Walked out to Mr. Beardsoll's after evening service. I suffered most excruciating pain in my feet all day.

May 19

Mr. Beardsoll brought me into town in his buggy. I went to Hawke's but could not find them at home. Left Ingersoll at half past three, and got here all safe but not sound, by half past four. I meant to have stayed a day longer in Ingersoll, but my feet pained so badly that I could derive no pleasure from my visit.

*Elder Beardsoll lived in an octagonal house in West Zorra.

May 20

Woodstock

Last night I went into see Rolly, and had a long visit. I wrote to Millie this morning. I am not going to school anymore.

May 22

Received the money from Aunt Jennie containing the money from Montreal. I wrote to her and visited Miss. Brown, Miss Vining, Mr. Stuart and Dr. Fyfe.

May 23 Packed up my things and took them to the rail-road. Made all my arrangements for leaving, and started at a quarter-past one. Got to Brantford all right but rather tired. I was very sorry to leave school, but it can't be helped. My health is the first thing and study must not be allowed to injure it.

May 26/1862

Brantford

Saturday was the Queen's birthday but the holiday was put off until today. Uncle Eben came up in the afternoon and Uncle Andrew got home at night Yesterday I went to the Baptist church x 2.

Today I went fishing but caught nothing. * Uncle Eben is not Uncle Ebenezer.

May 31/1862

On Wednesday I received a letter and paper from Mary Ann. On Thursday I wrote to Mary Ann and to Bella. Yesterday my box of books arrived and I unpacked them last night. I had to pay 50 cents charge on them. Today is the anniversary of mother's death. 14 years ago, my mother departed tis life, when I was but 8 years old. Many, many trials I have gone through these long years, but I hope that they are nearly all ended.

June 2

Yesterday I heard Mr. Alexander preach twice. Young Matheson from Hamilton was in town, and I had a walk with him after service. All the folks are well in Hamilton. Uncle Eben went home this morning, and I sent a letter to Richards enclosing the coy of the piece called 'Regulars' In the afternoon, I went for a walk on 'Strawberry Hill', in which I killed a snake, got a lot of flowers and mint and got lost. Aunt Lizzie sent a letter to Aunt Jennie in the morning and got one from her in the afternoon. Millie is coming up.

June 6/1862

On Wednesday I went up to Mr. Morton's and spent the afternoon and evening. I met James New on the way up. He lives here now, carries on the brickyard on the hill. Yesterday I wrote to Lucy. I was fishing in the evening and caught 13, most of them pretty good ones.

June 9/1862

Saturday evening I was fishing but had not very good luck. I caught 5 pretty good ones and 7 or 8 small ones, which I gave or threw away. Uncle Ebenezer came up at five o'clock on Sunday morning with Johnny Mason. We all went to the Baptist church in the morning and heard a good sermon from Phil. 1: 20-21. In the evening heard Mr. Alexander preach from 2 Timothy 1, 12. In the afternoon, I wrote a note to Richards enclosing that piece about Alexander at Babylon. I also wrote a long letter to Mary Ann in which I told her my thoughts about going away this summer. I gave an account of all my actions here. I also sent her a piece entitled, "Be Ye Also ready," and lots of scraps. Uncle went away early this morning. I kept the baby all morning and was out walking all afternoon.

June 14

Have written nothing for nearly a week, mainly on account of laziness. On Wednesday (11)

I wrote to Rolly and received a letter from Mont. Enclosing a note from Liz. The same afternoon, I received a parcel from Uncle James, enclosing two coats and a pair of pants, but as usual, both coats were a great deal too large.

June 14.1862 cont.

On Friday I went up to New's but he was not at home. Saw his wife and had a talk with her. Worked in the garden. Today I finished a letter to Uncle James, and wrote to Mont and Lis. Millie, Uncle Eben, Aunt Jeanie and Eddy came up from Hamilton at night. I was very glad to see them, especially Millie.

June 15

Millie went to church with me in the morning and we heard Mr. Clareburgh of Paris. In the evening she went with Annie.

June 16

Uncle Eben paid my fair to Paris, and I walked down with Johnny Morton. Annie went away with to Montreal with Aunt Jennie.

June 20

On Wednesday, I went out for walk with Millie. Mr. Alexander called and we had a very peasant time with him. Millie and I are going to tea at his house on Monday. I killed a snake in the garden. On Thursday they all went out and left Millie and I alone. We had a god time. She wrote to Mary Ann, Mrs. McCoy and Millie Muir. Today I have finished a letter to Mary Ann enclosing Millie's letter, and also a note to Wright and Ian ordering four copies of my photograph. I sent Mary Ann a dollar to pay for them. I also sent a message to Richards about the steam boating. I want him to find out for lis, when the boats leave Hamilton, whether they stop at Cornwall and what is the fare.

June 25

Brantford

On Saturday I received a letter from Richards. Poor Millie's cough was very bad and I got her a bottle of medicine at Brendon's. He only charged me 15 cents though the price was 25 cents. On Sunday we heard Mr. Alexander twice. Monday we were to go to Mr. A's to tea but it rained and we could not go out. I cut my finger very badly on Saturday. Today I received from Richards answering my enquiries about the boats, also one from Mary Ann saying that her *uncle was to be married on the 3rd of July and want us to be groomsmen and bridesmaid. I wrote back answering both letters, thanking one for his information, and declining the office of groomsman.

* Mary Ann's Uncle William Bailey of Dumbro

My reasons were that I have not suitable clothing for the occasion, and that I had no money. My time now is all taken up in other things, so that I can't even get time to study. This morning I marked all my shirts and collars. Aunt Millie has been out to Mrs. Bishop's concert last night and we have had a dreadful time with the children.

June 27

The Baptist Association, Grand River North, met here today. Mr. Clerilure of Paris, preached the sermon, and then Mr. Caldwell of Dundas was elected Moderator & Mr. Kitchen of Orangeville, Clerk. In the afternoon they read the letters from the churches, and received three new churches into the Association. In the evening Millie & I went to the Missionary Society.

June 28

Got a letter from Lis. Attended the Association all day.

June 30/ 1862

Mr. King of Toronto preached both times. Rained all day. Today I wrote to Lis, enclosing a piece of poetry for the Missionary Garland.

July 1/1862

One half of the year gone. How fast it flies, and how many pleasures, and sorrows it contains. I got a letter from Mary Ann today enclosing my photographs, and one of herself in place of the one I have got. She is not going to her uncle's wedding, for which I am very sorry. In the afternoon Louisa Gould, Annie Wilkes, and Annie Walker came here, and I cleared out. I went off fishing and I did not get home till quite late. Got a letter from Lucy.

July 2/1862

Have done little all day. Worked in the garden in the morning, had a bath after dinner and kept baby all afternoon.

July 3

Uncle was going to Montreal tonight so Millie and I wrote letters to the folks

July 6

Heard Mr. Alexander preach twice. Stopped to Communion for the first time in (R).

July 7

Went to Paris with Uncle Andrew and got soaking wet. Uncle started for Montreal in the evening. I have to do everything now.

July 8/1862

Drove Boots for the first time. Wrote to Mary Ann as this is the second anniversary of our engagement. Enclosed a letter from Millie.

*(R) must abbreviation, for months weeks. Boots is a horse.

July 10

Millie and I went up to visit Mr. Alexander. He was going out so we staid only a few miniytes and went for a ride.

July 11

Wrote to Mont. In answer to his of 2nd, to IIs in answer to hers of same date. Went fishing in evening.

July 12/1862

Worked hard all day.

July 13

Heard Mr. Alexander preach twice from Matt. XX, V : 46. “ And those shall go away into everlasting punishment.” They were very good and effecting sermons.

July 14/1862

Millie and I went up to Mr. Alexander's to tea according to invitation. We had a very pleasant time there and were very much pleased with our visit. I saw in the Globe that Mathieson was Married on the 4th to Miss Isabella Christie. I don't know who she is at all, nor did I know that he intended getting married so soon.

July 15

Wrote to Rolly enclosing my photograph. It is raining very hard this morning.

July 16

I got most beautifully sold today. Lis and many of the other students were going down by the evening train, and Millie and I drove up to Paris to see them. But I supposed that the train passed by at 6 o'clock, but instead of that passed by at 5: 20. I stopped to tea at Robert's, and got to the depot at ten minutes to six, just to find myself, a half an hour too late. I was much disappointed as I fully expected to see lis. Nothing remained for us but to start home, which we did. I got out to fix the harness and the horse almost ran away. When I got home, I wrote Lis, explaining why I did not meet her.

July 17/1862

Wrote to Lucy in answer to hers of July 2nd.

July 18

Received a letter from Mont enclosing program.

July 19

Worked round all day. Rained quite hard in the afternoon. Uncle came home at night. I received a letter from Annie, and another from Robert. He returned the Grammar as he has no use for it. Poor little "Pussy" has been sick today, but I hope she will be better by morning.

July 23

Wrote to Mont and Auntie Bridget. The two children and myself went to Paris, and staid all day. Auntie was visiting. I got an awful headache by riding in the hot sun. I went for a walk and wrote a few verses of "Bella's Lament." On the way home "Boots" balked on the hill and broke one trace and the end of the shaft. I repaired damages as well as possible, and got the folks home all right. Uncle was mad of course.

July 25

Received a letter from Richards, from Rolly and from Aunt Tenie.

July 26

Bought a ream of note paper \$1.30.

July 27

Heard Cameron preach twice. He wanted me to preach in the evening but I was not prepared. Mr. Morton wanted me to go to Newport and preach in the afternoon but I refused.

July 28/1862

Today I have got out of Brantford. Millie and I left at one o'clock, and reached Hamilton about three. In the evening I went up to see Mary Ann. Her grandmother is very sick, and as cross as a bare, and poor Mary Ann is about plagued to death. It would be a blessing to all concerned if the woman were taken away, for she is a great burden, to herself and others.

July 29

Took Millie up to see M.A. & Bella. Poor Bella was wonderfully surprised. Paid a very pleasant visit to Mrs. Brown & daughters.

July 30

Wrote to Annie in answer to hers of the 19th. Wrote to Aunt Tenie answering hers of 21st thanking her for the money, and giving the news. Wrote to Rolly answering his of 18th, rejoicing at the earnest endeavours in the cause of Christ encouraging him to persevere and trying to give him a word of advice. I made a proposition that we should room together next term and I hope he will assent to it. Went up to the band and met Bella and Jane Robb. Walked home with them and then got Bella to come down to see Mary Ann. While there, Richards and I had a walk before we went home.

July 31

The thirteenth anniversary of my father's death, a long thirteen years it has been for us children. Finished copying out a copy of the Song of a sewing Machine' for Mary Ann and one for Bella.

Aug. 1/1862

Hamilton

Paid Richards a visit I the pre-noon and saw Jessie. In the evening Mary Ann, Millie and I went up to Mrs. Brown's. We had a very pleasant evening, and afterwards I had a long walk with Mary Ann. Poor girl, she is dreadfully troubled. Oh how I wish that Mrs. Gilbert would speedily reap up the reward of her deeds. She is a cruel heartless wretch.

Aug. 2

Got the photographs today. Six of Millie, six of myself and one of Mary Ann. I went down to see Richards and gave him one of me. He is going to give me one of his. Next week. I have been writing nearly all day. Went up to Mary Ann's in the evening and had a short walk with her.

Aug. 3

Communion Sunday. Millie went up to Mary Ann's for a couple of hours before church. At Sunday School time, Millie went for Mary Ann, and I had to go for Bella. Had a good time in the bible class, and after school, Mary Ann and I went home with Bella. Millie, Bella, Mary Ann and I went to Mr. Ormiston's church in the evening, and heard a good sermon. Mary Ann wanted to walk with Millie, but she cleared off with Bella, and poor Mary Ann was very much disappointed. Jessie and Mary Ann were here visiting in the evening.

Aug 5

Millie has been round bidding her friends goodbye. We called on Miss. Brown in the afternoon. and I gave her my photograph according to promise. In the evening we went up to Jane Robb's and had a very pleasant time.

Aug 6/1862

Millie, Mary Ann and I went down to the beach for a half holiday. Uncle had proposed for Millie and I to go and offered to pay for us, and I asked Mary Ann to make one of the party. As the girls appeared to want to be alone as much as possible, I kept out of their way all I could so as to let them enjoy themselves. But Oh the perversity of female nature. When I was near them they could not find time to speak to me and they were so busily engaged with one another, but when I kept away they vexed themselves so much about it they could not talk. We got to the wharf about seven but as the Champion was across the bay we went for a boat ride. We were on the water about an hour and then returned to the Champion, but could find nothing of Aunt Lizzie. Came uptown and found she was at Mrs. Hamilton's.

Aug 7

A Public Holiday. Aunt Lizzie called for Millie and made me go down to the boat with them. I saw John Muir who started for M. the same day. Waited till the boat started, then came uptown, found Hale, Aunt, Uncle & the children off for Brantford. Took Millie's letter to the Post Office, and then went down to the cars. The excursions were almost a total failure; only three cars went West, six to the Falls, and a like number to Toronto. I spent the morning down at the water looking out for the Royal Mail Steamer to see if Grandma was aboard. After dinner I had a bath and staid in the house all afternoon. Went up to Mary Ann's in the evening, and we had a walk. She had to work all day.

*John Muir was his cousin. Through researching it almost seems possible he could be THE John Muir of the Sierra Club. Eben mentions of him going travelling, in America, California. The Muirs were intellectuals, and very involved politically in social issues of the time. THE Yosemite, John Muir was in Canada at that time, but kept very few letters or journals.

Aug. 8/1862

Finished the piece for Millie, entitled "Blossoms by the Way," copied out, "Passing Away" for Mary Ann and read a good deal. It was very warm today.

Aug 9

Mary Ann and Jane Robb went down to Jordan to stay till Monday. I went for a swim with Richards. Had a good deal of sport, went up to tea with him and then we went for a walk. Got home about ten o'clock.

Aug 10

Mr. Brown preached on "Peace" in the morning. It was a pretty good sermon, but not suited for Canadian ears. The Bible Class was well attended and interesting. In the evening Richards and I went to Dr. Ormiston's church. We had a walk after church.

Aug 11

Received a letter from Mont. Went up to Mary Ann's in the evening. Poor girl, she is sick. Her wretch of a grandmother is worrying her life out by her bad treatment. I would be very glad if the old woman would make her final exit from the world.

Aug 12

Met Mary Ann & Bella at noon. Cousins John and Ann came to town to-day, but as they stopped at Mrs. Hamilton's I did not see them till evening. I went to the cars and meet them, and Mrs. H. came down with them.

Of course I had to speak to her. They thought I was going to see her home, but not I. I stopped and left her to get home the best way she could. Richards called for me at a quarter to eight to go to Mrs. Brown's. We had a pleasant time. Not being prepared I did not recite a piece, but I read twice. We did not get out till after ten. Miss Brown has photographed a number of Institute folks, as Misses Kitchen and Holmes, Mr. Nott & Mrs. Nott, dear Miss. Kilmaster, Mr. Brown, Cunningham and myself.

Aug 13 Copied out the speech on the "Justifiableness of War," and took it down to Richards. Saw Jessie. After dinner went to the depot and saw the Montreal Volunteers Artillery start for home. Walked out past the Junction, hunted for and found a fishing pole, but could not find any worms, so I could not fish. Got back to the depot about six, and found Miss. Sudborough and Mr. Reeks who were on their return to Toronto from the Falls. We walked up to the flower-beds and examined them. They were very tastefully arranged. I remained with them till seven and then came home. I am to find out if there is anything between Reeks and Miss S. This was the first evening that I have been home since I came down. Pretty good that. I met Mary Ann in the morning, and she is almost heart-broken because her Grandmother persists in her determination to leave her. The old wretch has already moved some of the furniture. I have tried to make Mary Ann more cheerful, but it is impossible. She seems to persist in being melancholy. I would not fret myself about such a heartless wretch if I was here, but she will. Poor girl, pray God to send her peace instead of grief, and joy instead of sorrows. This constant trouble is wearing out her life, and she will soon be in her grave if some change is not made. Oh God spare her to me. Do not take her away yet; but grant her many years of usefulness. But never-the-less, help me to say in sincerity and truth, "Not my will but thine be done."

Aug 14/1872

Worked hard cutting wood nearly all day. Met Mont & Bella at tea time. Had a walk with M. A. after tea. Her Grandmother has left her and she is almost heart-broken. The old woman has got into a dirty place down Bay Street, amongst low broken people, but it is her own fault. I urged Mary Ann to go up to Guelph for a visit next week, as she has no work there.

Aug 15 **EBEN'S 21st BIRTHDAY**

My Birthday. I am twent- two years old today. Twenty-two long years of mingled joy & sorrow, and yet on the whole my life has been pleasant. Providence has blessed me with a very hopeful disposition, and I have always been able to bear up under all troubles, by any hopes of a brighter future, which alas has never come. I wonder will I live to see another twenty-two years slip by. God only knows. May he fit and prepare me for death whenever it may come, and then I will but leave a troubled life for a tranquil eternity. I have been busy cutting wood all day and have blistered my hands. I can speak any speech for Mrs. Brown's Elocution Class. I met M.A. at teatime.

She has heard from her Uncle William, and she is going up there to spend the week. She wants me to write to him. Richards came for me about eight, and we went for a walk. Went into Quimby's and he bought another of those canes, and when we came out he gave it to me as a birthday present. I was very much surprised for I never suspected what he was up to. We had a walk till after nine, and then he had to go to the lodge. I went down to the depot to find out when the cars started for Plattsville, and then came home.

Aug. 16/1862

Received a letter from Robert enclosing a postage stamp. Finished splitting Uncle's wood.

Wrote to Mary Ann's Uncle that she was coming to see him on Tuesday. This has been a day of cross purposes with me. Went out in the morning to meet Mary Ann but missed her; went again at noon with like success, and again at six, as they worked till seven to-night. I felt anxious to see her, as I thought she might be sick, and after tea I went down to Gilbert's but she was not there. I had some talk with Mrs. G. during which I hinted at her pretty broadly, and she took it. She went out to look for her but did not see her. After a while I went down for Richards, but he too was out. I saw Wm. who is a little better. I came up town again, and as I saw nothing of Mary Ann I came home about ten o'clock. One year ago I was at the Falls of Niagara, and two years ago today I spent in Toronto with Guthrie.

Aug. 17

Richards called for me shortly before church and we had a walk. Jane Robb was at church, but she did not know where Mary Ann was, nor what was the matter with her. M.A. came to S.S. and I went home with her and found out how it was that I missed her. She had been very sick yesterday and today, and could hardly get out to Sunday School. We went up to Jane Robb's but she was so weak that she could hardly walk. She has been spitting blood and has a lump on her spine, and is much frightened about it. I advised her to see a doctor about it. After evening service Richards and I went up to see her and found her a little better. I gave her the \$20 which I have had in my possession; as she required it to pay some debts. Mr. Brown preached two excellent sermons, the best I ever heard him preach.

Aug. 18/1862

Answered Mont's letter received by 11th. Wrote to Aunt Tenie for some more money, and to Millie enclosing a copy of verses entitled "Blossoms by the Way." Spent the morning in writing. After dinner met Mary Ann and went up to the cemetery with her. Had a very pleasant time there. Saw a water spout during the afternoon. On our way home we called on Bella, and she is coming down to the cars. Won't she be astonished to see me go with Mary Ann. I am going as far as Dundas with her. Got home at half past six. I did not go to see her after tea, as she said she would be busy, but I went up to the store. Borrowed two dollars from Uncle till my money from Montreal.

Aug. 19

Met Mary Ann at the cars and went up as far as Dundas with her. Bella did not come down, or we would have had a good joke on her. The ride was very pleasant but all too short. If I had had money enough I would have gone up with her to Plattsville, but I could not afford it. Mary Ann would not let me pay her passage, but I managed to slip 2 dollars in without her knowledge. Won't she feel cheap when she finds it out. When the train started I turned about for Hamilton. Took off my coat, and loitered along the road. Had a pleasant time chasing butterflies, picking berries etc. Got to the depot here at half past eleven. At noon uncle gave me a ticket to the bazaar. I spent the afternoon in the house reading, piling up wood and bathing. After tea Richards called for me and went to Elocution Class. I spoke the Union Speech. There was a secessionist there from Baltimore and I guess he did not like it much. I felt very dull and would rather have staid away. We had a good deal of speaking.

Aug. 19/1862, Cont.

Richards and I agree on a plan for some fun tomorrow. When anyone asks where Mary Ann is, I am going to say that she is away in the country. Then he will ask how I enjoyed my trip, and I will say "very well" but act as if I wished him to hold his tongue. Nothing heeding he will ask how I left her, and I will answer, "Quite well, but she wished to come back" and they will be very anxious to find out. Like as not they will spread the report that we went away to be married, and we will have grand fun over it.

Aug. 20

I spent the morning in reading and writing. Copied a piece of Burns called "Man was made to Mourn." Sent a paper to Mary Ann. Left the house at one o'clock and got down to Richards house before I met him. We went up to Wrights and he had a negative taken. He is going to get four copies, and I am to call for them on Friday. He gave the money to pay for them to me. We got down to the wharf half an hour before the boat got in, so we had to wait. I had a rather dull time on the whole. I saw* Miss. Shenston of Brantford. She had come down in the afternoon, and Miss Roky drove her over in a buggy. The boat stuck fast at seven o'clock and they had great difficulty in getting her off. We had a good company aboard at nine. Richards and I did not wish to beau any of the girls home so we did not wait for the boat to stop, but jumped off the upper deck as soon as she came along side of the wharf. We cleared off to the sides of the hill, sat down in the shade and watched them pass, and then went uptown. He treated me to a soda water at Ecclestons.

Aug. 20/1862

I got home about half past ten. I would have preferred to have stayed at home for I did not have as much pleasure as I would if Mary Ann had been along. But still I managed to enjoy myself in my own way. Richards had a good time among the different girls. I believe they made over \$150 by the bazaar and tickets.

*Miss. Shenston is Naomi. She eloped with Mr. Donnelly a financier from New York. After her father locked her in her room. Reuben, in protest left with her.

Aug 21

Wrote a long letter of six pages of letter paper to Mary Ann, and enclosed a copy of "Man was Made to Mourn," also sent her yesterday's "Times." Went out for a walk in the afternoon. Was going down to see Richards, but Charlie Mason came to tea, and stopped till nearly nine o'clock, so I could not go. I had not seen Charlie for two years. After he went away, Uncle and I went up to the store for something he wanted, and I got a letter from Millie, enclosing one for Mary Ann, and the papers. Millie's letter was written on Tuesday, so she had not got mine.

Aug 22

Rained all morning. Received letter from Mary Ann at dinner time. She is going to Paris today. Wrote to her enclosing Millie's letter, and sent her a paper. After dinner went uptown for the photographs, then went down to see John R. Came back to store and home to tea with Uncle. I staid in all evening. Poor Mr. Fisher next door died about five o'clock in the afternoon. This week I finished reading "Wayland's Moral Science."

Aug. 23/1862

Staid in the house all morning. Went out after dinner and had a walk up to the "Junction," and had a feast of berries, then went round to bathe with Richards. The coal oil works were burnt down in the evening. Had tea with Richards, and then came uptown for a walk. Went in the Servos' and plagued Miss L, a little. Got home about ten. Uncle did not go to Brantford to-night. Just three months today since I left Woodstock.

Aug. 24 Richards called me to go for a walk before church. Our church being partly torn down for repairs, we met in the Good Templar's Hall, John St. Mary Ann was there, which greatly surprise me, as I thought that she was in Paris. It seems she came down last night. I walked home with her from church, and called for her at Sunday School time. She returned my pocket book, and the remainder of the two dollars which she did not use. I did not want to take it back, but she would not keep it. Our Bible class was very large. Miss Percy, Miss Shenstone, and Miss Roky were there. I spoke to Miss Roky before we were dismissed. We had quite an argument about the "Antichrist." I held that a true Antichrist must spring out of the church, that is he must first become connected with it, so as to learn something about its doctrine and principals. Miss Harrison and Richards held that Antichrist might be an unconverted person, that is one that made no profession. I think the majority took sides against me but I believe I can prove it, at least I intend to try. After Sunday School I had a walk with Mary Ann and after tea we went to the Stone Church. Heard a good sermon and had a walk after church. We went to see old Mrs. Bailey. The woman is living in the midst of awful dirt but she seems to like it. I hope Mary Ann may never be troubled by her again. If God would take her away to heaven it would be a blessed release to all.

Rice/Campbell

Aug. 25/1862

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Wrote to Robert. Uncle brought Aunt Anah and the child, ran down about half-past three. They had enjoyed themselves very much, and seemed to be much better. Poor Mrs. Fisher next door, is quite sick. Met Mary Ann and Bella at noon. Received a letter from Rolly. He is at Berthier-en-haut, away below Montreal. He fears that he will not be able to return to school this next term, but I hope that he will. Uncle has bought a nice horse and buggy from Mr. Ware. Nott was in town and called on me. I had about an hour and a half conversation with him. He told me all about his affair with Miss. Kilmaster. I went for Mary Ann in the evening, and we went up to Jane Robb's for a short time, and then for a walk. Passed Jeanie Hamilton, and met Coleman and Jane New. I got home about ten, and found Uncle and Aunt Anah off to bed.

Aug 26

Wrote to Millie. Went down to the cars with Nott and saw him off. Promised to go down to Wellington Square on Sunday morning and help him. I invited him to stop with me next time he came up and he promised to do so. Went up to see Mary Ann in the evening, and had a very pleasant time with her. We staid in the house till eight and then went for a walk. I did not go to the elocution lessons for two or three reasons. I would rather stay with Mary Ann. I had no pieces to recite, and I was tired of the class. I sent word to Richards that I would not go. I suppose he will be vexed. Took Aunt Anah for a drive in the afternoon.

Aug. 27/1862

Spent the morning in writing. Tried to meet Mary Ann at noon but missed her. Met her at six, and we went to hear the band. Then went down to see Mrs. McLeod. Then she went to her grandmother, and then we had a walk till nearly ten o'clock. Mary Ann says these walks are doing her a great deal of good, and I hope that they may. I hope she will agree to leave Hamilton and go with Mr. Nash either to Woodstock or somewhere.

Aug. 28

Intended to write to Rolly today but could not get time. At breakfast Aunt Anah spoke of going to Waterdown today and of course I was expected to drive her out. I harnessed up the horse and we started about ten o'clock. We went to "plains road" and got along very well. Arrived in time for dinner. I spent the afternoon in reading a book called "The Island Home or the Young Castaways." It was very interesting. Left Waterdown at ten minutes to five, and came the crooked road. It was crooked enough, all curves and winding, scarcely a hundred yards of straight road in the whole distance. Where it didn't curve from one side to the other, it was up and down hills and hollows. But it was a very pretty road, running along the sides of ravines nearly the whole way. After tea I went up to see Mary Ann, and we had a walk. I got home about ten o'clock.

Aug 29/1862

Wrote to Rolly, answering his of Aug 22. Enclosed a copy of "Blossoms by the Way" to Lis. Spent the whole morning in writing. Went for a short walk after dinner, and then stayed in the store all afternoon. Cut labels most of the time. Mary Ellen, Christine and her father were in town today. They left Bowmanville this morning and went up to Paris in the evening. They called in at the store, and I had some conversation with them. Mr. and Mrs. Bingham came over from Waterdown, in the afternoon and went to Prof. Anderson's Exhibition. Uncle, Aunt Anah, and the two children went. After tea, I called for Mary Ann and we went for a walk. Called in to see Mrs. Bailey and the old woman is dissatisfied and wants Mary Ann to take up a house again.

I had a long and serious talk about it, and at last she promised to refuse to take up house again. I am very glad, for it would kill the girl before spring. May God in heaven prevent the old woman from prevailing upon her to take her back again. I do wish that she was dead and in her grave rather than living here to plague me and torment Mary Ann. God forgive me it is wrong, but it is very hard for me to see my darling gradually failing under such harsh control of such an old wretch, and yet not being able to do anything to prevent it. Would to God that I had the means, I would now give Mary Ann a comfortable home where she would experience no more harsh treatment. But God's will, not mine be done. I hope that God may spare my darling to me for it would cast a blight over my whole life if I should lose her. I could not love another, and I would be condemned to live solitarily and alone. God preserve me from such a fate.

Aug 30/1862

Spent the morning in writing and spent most of the afternoon in the house. Mary Ann was going to be engaged to-night so I did not go down after tea, but instead I went for Richards, and we had a walk. He had been sick with diarrhea but was unable to come out. Charlie came down from Brantford today with Mr. Ware's horse. He brought Minnie down with him. We put Uncle's horse into Uncles' stable and it got into the oats and ate five or six quarts just after coming off a journey. It will be a great wonder if it won't founder him.

Aug 31

Was up bright and early to prepare for my trip to Wellington Square. It was a beautiful morning for it. Uncle helped me to harness Dolly, and I got to Mary Ann's door exactly at half past eight. Bella was there, and we had to take her in as far as Mrs. Evan's. I stopped there to water the horse and Bella got out. We had a very pleasant ride to the square. There were but few people on the road, the morning was fine, and the road good, and we felt happy. We arrived at a quarter past ten, and Nott came along in a very few minutes. I introduced him to Mary Ann and then he and I went up to the pulpit. He preached an excellent sermon on the last clause of Rev. 11.1 "faithful unto death, and I will give the crown of life." I was much pleased and interested with his discourse. I read the last two hymns, and delivered the prayer. After service I fed my horse, had some currants at Mr. Bents, and then took dinner at Mr. Midwinter's. Nott was there too and we had a very pleasant time of it. We left at one o'clock and took our time getting home. I allowed the horse to walk as much as it felt inclined. I would not like to count the number of kisses I received or stole but they were many.

Aug.31/1862, Cont.

I took Mary Ann to the door of the Sunday School, passing several teachers who looked astonished. Then I went home, fixed up Dolly and the carriage, cleaned off a little and went to Sunday School. Got a seat beside Miss Roky and had a good time. Went up to Jane Robb's with Mary Ann and left her there. Met her at six and went to our own church. Met Miss Shenston on the road, and all three sat together. Brown preached fully an hour and a half on Matt. XVI 1-4. He brought in Second Advent doctrine pretty strong. Then Mary Ann and I had a walk and I got home about ten. It rained quite hard before I was ready for bed. And now August has ended. The eighth month of the year, (two thirds of the whole) has passed away, and but four remains. I wished a wish in the beginning of the year and still it is un-fulfilled and is likely to be. Would God that Mary Ann and I could take up house and be married ere the close of this year. But we must wait patiently till God sees fit to unite us in the holy bonds of Matrimony. I am now in my twenty-third year and one half month of it is already gone. God grant me a happy settlement in life ere the whole of it be gone. I feel the want of a home, and I long for it exceedingly. Mary Ann was to see her grandmother on Saturday night, and the old woman invited her to take up house again. But she said "no." She was willing to pay the old woman's board whenever she chose to go, but she was not willing to take up house again. I am glad that she had resolution enough to withstand all their efforts to make her do that which would certainly kill her.

Sept. 1/1862

Did a little writing in the morning and then went up town. Mr. & Mrs. Bingham were over from Waterdown. Spent the afternoon in composing and copying a piece of poetry entitled "The Death of Hope." I have treated it as if it had been a vision of what would take place if hope were dead or banished from the earth. The following incident set my thoughts in that direction. A few nights ago I was walking with Mary Ann when I went to see her in the evening. We staid in the house for a time, then went to see her grandmother, then for a walk. The weather is very cold.

Sept 2 Received a Tribune from Lucy. Wrote to Aunt Tenie last night, requesting her to send that money right along. Was at the store at noon but missed seeing Mary Ann. However, I met her at six o'clock and had a short walk with her. Uncle and Aunt Anah were out to tea. I would not go home to my tea, but went down for Richards. We went up to Mary Ann's to give her his likeness. We had quite a time there Mrs. McNeil, Mary Ann and Richards and I. When we started to go, we came suddenly upon Mr. McNeil who grabbed John and pulled him into the bedroom. We pretended to be afraid and John pretended to cry. The two girls were dreadfully frightened for they could not tell what was the matter; when they came to see, Mr. McNeil jumped out at them. We had a very pleasant time at Mrs. Brown's and Eddie gave us some songs. Nellie Brown spoke the "Butterflie's Ball." John spoke "Alexander at Babylon" and Wm, "Bachelor's Hall," Barnes gave us "The Gambler's Wife" and Martindale, "Othello's address to the Senate." Miss Grover spoke "The Daughters of Herodias," and I gave them, "Man was Made to Mourn."

Sept.2/1862, Cont.

After our exercises we had an impromptu debate. The subject was that "Love incited man to more daring deeds than hatred." I had the affirmative and John the negative. I chose Wm Brown, Miss Wentland, and John chose Miss Grover, Mr. Barnes & Eddie Brown. We had a great deal of fun about the debate, which was at last decided in the affirmative by Mrs. Brown. It was half past ten before I got home.

Sept 3

Took the children out for a ride in the morning. Spent the afternoon in writing. Uncle took Aunt Anah to Wellington Square in the afternoon. Eliza and the children went up to hear the band so I was left alone. Went for Mary Ann in the evening and we had a very pleasant walk. The evening was beautiful and the moon shining brightly. I had a bath in the afternoon.

Sept 4

Spent most of the day in reading and writing. Aunt Anah's boy came down from Simcoe today. Went for Mary Ann after tea and had a long walk with her. She is in trouble about her grandmother again, for the old woman is not well. I wish she was laid in her grave, instead of keeping Mary Ann in constant trouble. She has troubled her for many years, and now I wish she was well out of the way.

Sept 5/1862

Two years ago, I started for the States with the expectation of living there the rest of my life. My hopes were high and prospects good and I was rejoicing in the hope of soon being able to marry my Mary Ann. But how true it is that "man proposed but God disposes." I left Canada in high hopes, and in two months those hopes were blighted. My whole course of life was changed, and just after serving five years in one profession I had to begin a service of four years in another. I was called to the ministry, and all hopes of a speedy marriage fell to the ground. And now two years after, there seems but little prospect of being able to take up house for a long time to come. God grant that the dark clouds may break and that I may have a wife and house of my own ere the close of the year. I would so much better off if I had a house of my own. One year ago today I left Hamilton for Brantford on my return to school, and one year ago to-night Mrs. Dudley died.

Today I wrote nearly all morning. After dinner I went for a walk along the railroad, and had a grand feast of berries. I had as many huckleberries and thimble berries as I could eat. I got back home about five, and went up to the store. Met Mary Ann at six and walked part of the way home with her. We met Jane Robb. After tea I went up to see Mary Ann. Mr. & Mrs. McNeil went out to the Lodge, so we were left alone. I read quite a number of pieces to her. Poor girl she has had a bad headache, brought on by that abominable sewing machine. I wish I could prevail on her to give it up, but she won't for all my talking.

Sept.5/1862, Cont.

Mrs. Hamilton is sponging on her to do work for her, and she will persist in doing it for her. I wish I could let Mrs. H. know what I think of her contemptible conduct. We had a very pleasant evening together.

At noon I received a letter from Millie and one from Nott, telling me that he could not come up on Monday. I am sorry for I should like to see him again. He starts for Woodstock on the 15th, the same day that I start for Brantford. I have not heard from Aunt Tenie, and I don't know what she means. Here I will be off in a little more than a week, and still no money has come. I want to spend ten or twelve dollars before I go back to Woodstock, and yet I have not over half a dollar. I think it is very mean of Aunt Tenie to neglect me this way, after telling me to write when I wanted money, as money was waiting for me. I suppose she is so taken up with Aunt Lizzie she has no time to think of anyone else.

Sept 6

Spent the morning in writing and the afternoon went down to Richards. Chave is going to College in September and wishes to purchase part of my scholarship. I said that he might have it for twenty Dollars a year or if he only took it for two terms I should charge him fourteen dollars. After tea it commenced to rain, and I did not get up to see Mary Ann till near eight o'clock. Mr. & Mrs. McNeil went out and we spent a pleasant evening together. I got home before ten.

Sept 7

Agreed with M.A. to go up to the cemetery, but when I called it looked rainy, and she would not go. I went for a walk alone. Went through the back street up to the head of James St., then climbed the face of the mountain, and had a good view of Hamilton. It rained some, but not enough to hurt me. Then I went up the other road above R.J. Hamilton's and stayed round there till half past ten. Then I started down John Street, and got to church in good time. Met Mary Ann at the door and sat with her. The sermon was on I Cor. XI 23-29, which was very appropriate as it was Communion Sabbath. We had a good Bible Class. I answered three of the questions that were given and at last had to give one myself. It was "What two Chapters in the Bible are just alike?" Went home with M.A. after SS and called for her for tea. She did not feel very well, but still she went to church. We went to Stone Church and heard a great sermon on 2 Cor. VIII.9. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." It was a most eloquent sermon. It rained a little before we got home.

Sept 8 Wrote nearly all morning. Aunt Anah went down to the beach in the afternoon and I could have gone too, only that I had made an engagement with Richards to go down for a bathe. I waited all afternoon for him but he failed to keep his appointment. Went up to the store and came home with Uncle. He consented to let me have the horse on Thursday afternoon. After tea they went for a drive, and I met Mary Ann and had a walk. She called on her Grandmother and Mrs. Beck, and then went up James & John streets, nearly to the toll gate, and back again. I got home shortly after tea. This afternoon I started to learn a piece for Mrs. Brown's Elocution Class.

September 9/1862

Went down to see Richards before dinner. The reason he had not kept his appointment yesterday was he understood that it was given up. I stayed with him till noon, and then came home to dinner. Another of Uncle's cousins died today; the third since I came down. Aunt Anah has been talking of my going to Brantford, and proposes to take me up in the buggy but I guess Uncle won't let her. In the afternoon, I read some, studied some, and copied out the "Daughter of Herodias" and other pieces for Mary Ann. I had made an agreement to call round for her, as she and Bella were going to Byrnes to spend the evening, and wished me to take them there. So according to promise, I went round to McNeils at a quarter past seven, but no one was in. At least I knocked three times and no one came to the door. I stood a few minutes, then went up to the corner of Hess and York Streets, but saw nothing of the girls. Then I walked up past Byrnes but all was dark. I concluded that they had fooled or else forgotten me, so I started off to meet Richards, and on the way passed Byrne, Foster and Galbraith. We went up to Mrs. Brown's and had a very pleasant evening. I spoke a piece called the "Long Ago." It was beautiful, but very hard to speak. Miss Brown wanted me to come to the "Mission Society," but I refused. However she requested me to give her a piece for her paper, and I consented. I am going to give her "Blossoms by the Way." I left Browns at ten o'clock, came home and found the folks out, so started off for a walk and got home about half past ten. Thus ends my last Tuesday in Hamilton. Miss Brown is going to send some messages to Woodstock, which I must remember to call for on Saturday.

Sept 10/62

Copied out "Blossoms by the Way," handed it in to Miss Brown. Wrote a short note to Richards, enclosed the note he allowed me to read, and gave it to William. Went in to Mr. Catchpoles and got him to fix my cane, but he would take no pay. Went up to the store and received a letter from Rolly, enclosing one from Lis. Rolly says if I want those books of mine that he has got, he will send them. He offers me his book case. Neither Lis nor himself are coming back this year. I am very sorry for I know not where I can get two such friends. Met Mary Ann and Bella at dinner-time. Aunt Anah went to Waterdown in the afternoon, and Eliza and the children went to the band. I had a good bath after they had gone away. Met Mary Ann at six, to go to hear the band, but unfortunately no band played so we were disappointed. However we determined to have a walk so we went to the head of Bower. We crossed over to James and went up to James Street mountain. We kept straight along to the first side-line, crossed over to the road that comes out by the Mountain View Hotel, came down that almost to the brow of the mountain, and then turned to the east. Kept along that road till we came to another which led us to the mountain over Old Parson's church. We sat enjoying the scenery for a time, and then started the John's St. Mountain. Went to McDonald's and got Mary Ann's press board and then started for home. I wonder that Mary Ann was not tired for she must have walked some six or seven miles. Aunt Anah got back from Waterdown about half-past seven. She says Dolly went very well. I have not heard from Aunt Tenie yet, and I feel very much put out. I'll give her a scolding when I write. I have only three days more in which to procure my place and I cannot get it unless she send the money. If Richards fails me I don't know what I shall do.

Sept 11/1862

When I got up this morning it was very misty, and I feared I would be sold about my ride. I went out at seven to meet Mary Ann, but did not see her. After breakfast the fog cleared up and it came up a beautiful day. I bought some peaches and buns during the morning for our ride. Met Mary Ann and Bella at noon and when we passed Bella gave me her likeness. It is a very fine one, and I am much pleased with it. After dinner Uncle drove the horse round to the door and nothing would suit but he must drive it a piece before he resigned the reins to me. I was mad, for I was late as it was. However I got round to Mary Ann's before half past one, and we got off in good style. We passed Tom's and then turned up Bay Street, along Main, down Wellington to Barton. We passed Barnes on the road, and he bowed to Mary Ann. Just after we passed Gage's Inlet we turned down a road that led to the bay and went a long piece before we found out that we could not go to the beach that way. We had to turn back and try another road which fortunately proved to be the right one. Our ride was very pleasant as we did not drive fast, but sat at ease, my arm around M.A., and had pleasant, very pleasant talk. When we got up to the Martins we found a picnic party for our church folks, but we did not stop. We drove aburst to the canal then turned round and came back. At Martin's we stopped, and Mary Ann met with some women she knew, and they made her take some tea. We then drove on, letting the horse walk nearly all the time. When we reached the brick church we turned straight up to the reservoir. Mary Ann drove part of the way up. Then we turned back, went up King St. to the toll-gate, turned round and started for home. Mary Ann's watch had stopped and I did not wish to be late.

Sept. 11/1862, Cont.

I had promised to have the horse at Mr. Newberry's by eight o'clock. It was a quarter past seven when we got there. I put away the horse and then we started for home. Met Richards at the corner of Wellington Street, and he walked with us as far as Brown's. He paid me the fifteen dollars on the scholarship, so that he is now owner of one quarter year of it. If I can sell another year of it to Chave for twenty dollars, I will pay off Uncle George's notes, and take it for myself. Then I can sell or give away the other year just as it pleases me. After leaving Richards we went down to see old Mrs. Bailey and then for a walk. I got home about ten o'clock. I had a splendid time for I was sitting beside my own Mary Ann, and enjoying the pleasure of her company and conversation. I had a good horse & buggy, and we looked as well as other folks.

Sept 12

Noon. I spent part of the morning in reading and writing, and went up to the store about ten o'clock. About eleven Uncle asked me if I had heard from Montreal yet, and I said no. He asked me if I had gone to enquire about a plaid yet and I told him not yet, but I intended to go this afternoon. He asked if I would go with him now and see about it, and I agreed so we started up to Roy's. They had but three and none of them suited. We then went to Munro and Henderson's and found only one for which he asked eight dollars. I did not like it, so we went to Murray's and there I found just what suited me, a very pretty shepherd's plaid, small checks black and white, and the price was six dollars and a half. However I got it for six. Then after we returned to the store I offered to pay Uncle the two dollars which I had borrowed from him but he said he would settle with me afterwards.

Sept. 12/1862, Cont.

I suspect that he intends to refuse to receive it. About half past eleven I started down to see Richards, and stayed with him till noon. I gave him a receipt for the money, and showed him Bella's likeness. I missed seeing Jessie, as Richards did not stop work till a quarter past twelve. I then came up to the store, got my plaid, and started for home. Got home just after they commenced dinner.

Evening

After dinner, I wrote for a while, and then went uptown and called upon Mr. Parnell. Then I went to the store, and stayed till six o'clock, came home with Uncle and after tea went to see Mary Ann. She was very much pleased with my plaid, and thought it a very fine one. Mr. & Mrs. McNeil were at the lodge so I stayed till ten o'clock. I saw the Bible they were to present to Mathison. It is a magnificent affair and cost twelve dollars. Our pleasure was somewhat saddened by the knowledge that we were so soon to part. But still we had a very pleasant time and were cheered by the thought that the separation is not forever, and by the hope that it will be the last before we are married. We hope that affairs will be changed that we may marry and go to house-keeping by or before the New Year. It is my earnest prayer that such may be the case, and may God in mercy grant it. Oh! How happily we should live if one had a snug little cottage of our own. Then no cares or ills would trouble us, for secure in our love of God and of one another we could bid defiance to the world and all its' troubles. Aunt Anah was out for a ride in the afternoon and got scared at Dolly's acting, and at last jumped out. Uncle took Dolly out for a couple of hours in the evening and conquered her.

Sept. 12/1862, Cont.

When I got home from Mary Ann's, Uncle gave me a letter from Lucy. She tells me that my cousin Sarah (Uncle Lorenzo's eldest girl) has been married, and has gone out west. Her sister Martha was married in the spring. About the war, she says that her brother was wounded in the hand in the battle before Richmond. Hazen was badly wounded in the shoulder, and one of the young Pitcher's was mortally wounded and has since died. Another company has been raised in Martinsburg and is off to the war.

Sept. 13

This has been a very cold, disagreeable day. I spent most of the morning hunting for a pair of gloves and a shawl pin. I could get plenty of gloves, but not the kind I wanted. I wanted a pair like the ones I had before, and it was a long time before I got them. They are called "Ringwood Gloves." At last I happened into J. Peacock's on the corner of James & McNab Streets and there I found the articles. I got the shawl pin at Vankorman's. Mrs. Gilbert will be hopping mad at me for I saw her today and never spoke to her. The way it happened was this: I was just turning into Mrs. Fothergill's store when I saw Mrs. G. coming along smirking and smiling and within ten feet of me. I am sure she knew I saw her, but I never stopped, but walked right into the store, as if I didn't know her. I met Mathison today. He intended to start for home by the six o'clock train. I have half promised to call on him in Brantford. He was much pleased with his present, which indeed was a magnificent one. At noon I met Mary Ann & Bella and walked a piece of the way with them. About three o'clock I started for a walk, went down to the bay and round the railroad. Met Mr. Duncan and had a talk with him.

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He is about as rank a Secessionist and Slaveholder as I am Unionist and Abolitionist. After I left him I went for a walk and called at Mrs. Brown's to get my parcels for Woodstock. Miss Brown gave me a letter for Miss Vining, another for Miss Shearer, and the Missionary Garland which she had inadvertently carried off with her. Then I went to the store and staid till tea time. I offered to pay Uncle the two dollars which I had borrowed from him but he said he owed me more according to his agreement to pay two dollars a month. I told him no. I had been living with him for so long, and if anybody owed it was I. So he said if I was willing to let him off with the two dollars he was satisfied, and I said I was and thanked him for the money. They had some company to tea, Mr. & the two Misses Bell, Miss Percy and Miss Clark. After tea I went out to see Mary Ann. We went for a short walk and then home again as Mr. & Mrs. McNeil were out. I stayed till nearly ten o'clock when the folks came home and I left. I wore my shawl and it felt very comfortable. When I got home the folks were not away but left soon after. Uncle borrowed my plaid and he and Aunt went with them. If they had asked me I would have gone but they did not. So ends my last week, and week day in Hamilton. Poor Mary Ann, how bad she will feel it my being away. I wish I could take her with me. God grant me that such may be the case next time. We could live comfortably and happily on two hundred and fifty to three hundred dollars a year a sum that many waste and never notice it. But as God wills it is our duty to submit.

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Called for Mary Ann about half past nine, and we went up to the cemetery. We saw Byrne there but did not speak to him. We were late for church, and could not get seats together. The sermon was a grand one. Mr. Clark of Ancaster was the preacher both morning and evening. After church I walked home with Mary Ann, and then home to dinner. After dinner, I met Richards, and we had a walk before Sunday School. After Sunday School Mary Ann and I went up to bid Bella goodbye. We saw Bella, Grace, and Jessie. Then we went to McNeils and he made me stop to tea. We got to church in good time in the evening, meeting Mrs. Beck on the way. Miss Shenston gave me a letter for her mother and Wm Richards gave me a book for Chave. I had a great time bidding the folks goodbye. Then Mary Ann and I went for a walk. We had a long walk, and I had some earnest conversation with her. I endeavoured to prevail on her to work less and to take better care of herself than she has done, and I urged upon her various reasons for so doing. I urged her own claims, my claims on her, and the relations of wife and mother which she would probably hold before her death. I hope my talk did some good. It was very hard parting with her, but I pray God that it may be the last time. God grant that when I come down at Christmas that it may be to take her away with me. AMEN.

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Thus was my journal, Volume One

Filled up with sense and wit:

In Martinsburg I first began

To write my thoughts in it.

Almost two years it lasted me;

And in it I did write

My hopes and fears, my joys and woes,

But now, it's nine score pages full,

On it no time I'll spend

But quickly write these last two lines

And bring it to an end.

Eben W. Rice.

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Today ends my visit in Hamilton and begins my new journal. I was up about six and ready to go long before breakfast. After breakfast Aunt Anah gave me two dollars. I started for the cars about half past eight. David came along to carry my carpet bag. Met Yule at the depot. He is doing nothing now. Nott came up from the square on the Toronto train and he and I rode together up to Paris. I got my valise checked through to Woodstock. On the way I bought some peaches, 7 for ten cents. Got to Paris and went downtown, but found nothing from Montreal. I put my plaid in my carpet bag and started to foot it to Brantford. After I topped the hill I pulled off my coat and walked in my shirt-sleeves. It was very warm at first, but gradually clouded up and finally rained. Thus I put my coat into my carpet bag and trudged on. Continued so till I got to Brantford, stopping at the toll gate for a drink of water. I reached Uncle Andrew's at ten minutes past one being two hours and a half from Paris to the house. But I spent about a quarter of an hour in Robert's store, so I call that pretty good going. Jeanie got me some dinner and after I had rested, I made up that parcel for Aunt Anah and took it to Mrs. Wares, went to Shenston's and delivered Miss S.' letter, met Chave and had a talk with him. He wants six months of my scholarship. I bought a good trunk, covered with sheepskin for five dollars. I guess it is cheap enough. Went in to see Mathison. Spent the evening talking to Jeanie till Uncle got home, about eleven, then went upstairs and packed my trunk. So has ended my Hamilton visit.

Sept 16/1862

I had intended to leave Brantford by the morning train, but could not do so. After breakfast I managed to get into the drawer where my clean clothes were and I had to unpack and repack my trunk. It was very heavy when finally packed, although I had a carpet bag of books besides.

Then I went into town and got my heavy coat and cleaned it of mud, and went back home. After dinner Jimmie started for the depot with my trunk. I started a few minutes after him with Uncle. I carried the carpet bag and my plaid and the weight was great.

I just got to the cars in time to save my distance. I met no students on the cars, but at Woodstock I found several at the depot. A gentleman who sat behind me gave me a pear. He travelled from Boston yesterday and says there is news of a victory gain by McClennan over Lee. The rebels are said to have been badly beaten. I went to Mr. Gould's and made arrangements for a room. I have the best in the house, and am likely to be alone. Chesney and I went to the New Institute and saw those who had arrived. Nott, Cunningham, Northrup, Timpany, Chute, Cameron, Chesney & Miss Kitchen; others were boarding at different places. I met Mr. Stewart, Mr. Hankinson, and Dr. Fyfe and all seemed pleased to see me. Neither Mont nor Patten have arrived nor is there word of them. Coote and McAlpine came from the west at four o'clock. I went in Naysmith's and got my washbasin, pot & pitcher and blacking brush and Chesney got his. I also got my chair. I bought a gallon of oil and a can for six pence shillings. I also rented the box at the post office again, Box 182 for myself alone. Went down to the cars at half past eight but no Mont. Wait and John Parson arrived. I see Cook has started a new boarding house. I am now comfortably settled in my own room, and expect to enjoy myself.

Sept. 6/1862, Cont.

I have got all my possessions except four volumes of my commentary and Mont has those. Innis has not yet arrived. I have been so busy the last two days that I have hardly had time to think of Hamilton. I have not fretted about it at all, and I only hope Mary Ann will do so too. I should most decidedly like to be back with her, or have her with me, but I suppose I must be contented, and I mean to try to be so. Mrs. Gould has had a baby since I was here. A little boy, one month old. Mrs. Ratcliff also had a daughter about a fortnight ago. I wonder when it will be said my wife had a son or daughter.

Sept 17

School was called this morning and about 37 gentlemen and twelve ladies enrolled their names. The students kept coming in all day and Mont, Patten, McPhail and others were among the arrivals. I got Rolly's book case and fitted it up. The only thing I got right away today is Wayland's Intellectual Philosophy for which I paid \$1.13. We have not yet heard what books we will require. Chave came up at noon and I induced him to come and board with me. He is to be my roommate. I studied some today. I have been out round town most all day, and have done nothing. Chave paid me six dollars and sixty six cents for one term on my scholarship and McAlpine paid me for another. Nott is going to take another term. That will make twenty dollars which together with Richards fifteen makes thirty five and I only have to lay out five in order to pay off Uncle George's notes.

Sept 18/1862

Went to school this morning but nothing was done except to call the roll. We did nothing all day except walk around. Wrote to Ralston this morning. Bought a lamp shade today. Got a letter from Robert Kneeshaw.

Sept 19th

At roll this morning there were about fifty six males and twenty female students. We had our classes arranged and our lessons appointed. Our time table will be ready tomorrow morning. I got my books mended today. I sold my book on logic to McLaurin for 50 cents. Chave and McAlpine took my scholarship to Stewart this morning and had their names written there for a term a piece. After dinner Chave and I went downtown, saw the Governor General and went to the Post Office and bookstores. I got a letter containing \$18 from Aunt Tenie. She says that Uncle William refused to pay for the time while I was away from school so that cuts off eight dollars. I am sorry for I will be badly cramped for want of it. But I cannot complain for the Lord has always aided me. I only wish I had enough to pay Uncle George's notes and I should be satisfied. I have ordered an Odyssey at McWhennies. Ratcliffe went down to Toronto today, and I gave him a dollar and a half to buy me a Hebrew Bible, and now I find we won't need it this term. Still it will do for next term. Wrote to MA tonight. Sent in my resignation to the Adelpian Society.

Sept 20/1862

Have done little or nothing all day except enjoying myself. McArthur and Archibald McDonald came back to school. Our new time table is out, and is satisfactory. Stewart will not dismiss us from Latin. Our missionary society elected officers tonight. Northrup is President, Vice Nott retired; J.W. Clarke is Vice-President – vice Ratcliff; Timpany is secretary, vice McArthur.

After meeting I paid my quarter for my yearly subscription. I have never studied today except to read over twenty verses in the testament.

Sept 21

My first Sabbath in Woodstock. My seat in the church has been let and I will have to change my quarters. Dr. Fyfe preached both times. I met Moore, McArthur & McDonald who all came up last night. Moore is at Maryburgh and his wife is at her fathers. She has had an increase since I left Woodstock. I gave a dollar to collection.

Sept 22

Our classes were definitely arranged this morning and we got to work. We recited our Greek lesson. I have nothing to do any afternoon this term, so I will have an easy time. Went up to Dr. Fyfe's in the afternoon and saw the Rev. Hoyes Lloyd. My mission was to redeem one of Uncle George's notes on the scholarship. I could not get any information about the note due July 7 1863 – and intend sending it to Montreal. Went downtown and got my Odyssey at McWhinnie's. It cost me one dollar. On my way I met Mr. Beardsall who pressed me very eagerly to come to Ingersoll, promising to bring me back in time for school. I have translated my Horace and found it quite hard.

Sept 23/1862

Wrote to Aunt Tenie acknowledging hers of the 15th and also Uncle George enclosing his note for July 1st 1863. Recited Horace and intellectual philosophy this morning, did pretty well.

Sept 24th

Got my Hebrew Bible from Ratcliff. It cost about one dollar thirty-eight. The roll call this morning numbered seventy-two males, and twenty-three females. Ninety five in all. Wrote a long letter to Mary Ann giving a sketch of all events since I left her. Chave and I had a long walk. We were out from six till eight, and were walking all the time.

Sept 25

Kneale paid me four dollars' past payment for one term on my scholarship. Stewart refused to let him count on it, until I explained and then he consented.

Sept 26

Chave and I went down to the bookstore after dinner, and I bought three books, blank book for composition & Taxe's Poems, which I bought to provide to Mary Ann in memory of two very important eras in our history. I also bought a book on the male Generative Organs. Tonight was election night in the society. I did not attend, but stayed at home and studied my Greek.

Cunningham was elected President, Mont; Vice Pres, Clarke; Secretary, Gold; Chute and Albright, Marshalls. Mont and Gold went in by acclamation. My resignation was accepted, and I was unanimously elected an honorary member.

Sept 27/1862 – Sat.

Our first Saturday exercises took place this morning. All did very well. I come on next Saturday. In the afternoon Chave and I went for a walk. I bought the Marriage Guide and the female Generative Organs. There are two more works to complete the series, Venereal Diseases and Midwifery. I intend to procure them as soon as possible for they are all good and useful books. I also bought a book called the Home Melodist to send to Mary Ann. Our prayer meeting was good and well attended.

Sept. 28 Sunday

Heard Mr. Stephenson, minister in the morning and Dr. Fyfe in the evening. There were two females baptized after evening service. The afternoon Bible study was well attended, and the prayer meeting was a very interesting one. I engaged in prayer and I was much aided with freedom of speech.

Sept 29 Sent the Home Melodist to Mary Ann. Got a letter from her enclosing one from Mrs. Cox to her. Mrs. Cox wants her to come up and stay with her, and she asked my advice. I wrote an answer at once, telling her that if Mrs. C. wanted her as a servant, my advice was for her not to come. I would never consent for my future wife to go out to service, but if she was wanted to work in connection to the shop I would have no objection to her coming. I don't like the idea of her become anybody's servant, nor will I consent to it, but unfortunately I can't prevent it. I also wrote to Uncle Eben, according to promise, and enclosed it in Mary Ann's letter.

Sept. 29/1862

I have been thinking seriously over making a proposition to my relatives in Montreal to quit giving me money but instead of that to lend me two hundred dollars a year until I am through my course, and let me pay it as soon as I am able. I have not made up my mind to do so, but I guess I will. I see no other way of getting enough money to marry Mary Ann before I get through, and I do earnestly desire to take her from her present hard work.

Sept 30

A nasty drizzly day. I suppose the commencement of the equinocturnal gales. Received a paper from Mary Ann. Made arrangement with Carryer about half of pew no. 31. I am to pay four dollars and a half a year for it, payments quarterly. The first installment is not to be paid till Jany. I have felt quite unwell today and have a very tight feeling around my chest.

Oct. 1

The beginning of a new month in the year. Today I felt quite sore in my chest, and I knew that I was just getting as I was last term so I went to Dr. Fyfe at recess and talked to him and Mr. Stewart. I finally got excused from Latin, and Dr. Fyfe gave me permission to go out during study hours for the purpose of taking exercise. At noon I went down to Copp's foundry and bought a pair of dumbbells. They weigh six pounds apiece and cost 60 cents. This afternoon I translated my Odyssey. It took me a very long time.

Oct. 2/1862

Got through my lesson first rate today. Sponged off my coat that arrived at Brantford. Went for a walk after dinner and didn't get back till about four. I went west along the tracks, and had a book along. The three o'clock train going west ran over a cow just out of town, and broke two of her legs. She has been killed since. I have finished reading Dr. Hollick's work on the Male Generative Organs and I think it a very fine work. I wish I had read it five years ago, I would have been better morally, intellectually and physically than I am now. God grant that what I have read will not be in vain. At tea time I got a telegram from Uncle Andrew instructing me to buy a dozen apple parers manufactured here. I have done so, and they are to be sent by express on Saturday. I have written to him to that effect, and I hope it may be satisfactory. I have taken a great deal of exercise today and I feel quite sore over it. Chave is going to board himself. He is going in with Shaw and intends to leave here tomorrow. I am very sorry for I shall lose a good roommate, but then I will have the room all to myself.

Oct 4

I had to speak this morning, and I gave them "Man was Made to Mourn." After the exercises Dr. Fyfe distributed to the Theological students copies of a book called the "Berean." It is printed by T.S. Shenstone of Brantford and a copy was presented to each of us. Went for a walk in the afternoon and wrote some verses for Bella. The title is "Life for Those who love Thee." I got my shelves from Midway at last. Our prayer meeting was very good.

Oct. 5/1862

Mr. Stewart preached in the morning and Dr. Fyfe in the evening. I led our evening prayer meeting which was a very good one. The meeting seems to be far more interesting than any term before, and we are hoping to see good done in our midst. All the folks were down to Beachville except Kneale and I and we had our tea alone.

Oct 6

As I omitted speaking about my classmates I may as well say my say now. Our middle class is far smaller than I expected, but still bigger than last years' middle. When we commenced as Junior's a year ago we had 17 members, Chesney, Clark, Fitch, Higgins, Learment, McArthur, McDiarmid, Montgomery, Moore, Northrup, Nott, Ralston, Rice, Samis, Timpany, Yeo, Yule, and Cameron and McDonald came in during the year making 19 in all. Of these Ralston, Yule, Moore, Yeo have not returned to school, and McDiarmid, Nott, Higgins, & McDonald have left the class. Learment also has not returned. Our present class consists of Cameron, Chesney, Clarke, Fitch, McArthur, Montgomery, Northrup, Rice, Samis and Timpany, ten in all. We have thus lost nine during the year. In Senior Greek we have 5, Chesney, Clarke, Patten, Montgomery, and Rice. In New Testament Greek we have 11, Chesney, Clark, Fitch, Higgins, McArthur, McDonald, Montgomery, Northrup, Rice, Samis and Timpany. In Horace there were Chesney, Chute, Montgomery, Patten, Rice, and Timpany, but as I have left there will be five of them. I wrote to Lucy enclosing my photograph to Aunt Mary Ann. I spoke about desiring to borrow money and asked her to sound Uncle John. I also wrote to Henry and Uncle Frank enclosing a photograph.

Oct. 8/1862

Yesterday Barnes was in town and called on me. He did not stay long or I would have had him stay with me. I have recited my lessons, got up to tomorrow's lesson, been to prayer meeting, and written to Mary Ann. I enclosed a note to Miss Brown containing a piece for her paper and I also sent Bella the piece that I promised her. I wrote another piece this morning called "I'll Think of Thee." It is for Mary Ann. I was down at Cox's and had a talk with Mrs. Cox. I drew out of her all I wanted to know about what she wants Mary Ann for. I believe it is to sew for the shop and this I have no objection to. But as to allowing her to do housework I never shall.

Oct 10

Wrote to Uncle Andrew and to Robert Kneeshaw. That fellow never sent the paring machine to Uncle Andrew and I knew nothing about it till I met him today. I immediately wrote him explaining why they had not been sent. Yesterday I received our paper from Mary Ann. Wrote a practical preface to my journal. We have had most abominable rainy weather all week. I hope it will not rain tomorrow or Sunday. Wrote a practical preface to my second volume of Speeches, Essays etc. Also wrote a parody on H. W. Longfellow's poem "Excelsior."

Oct 11th

Dr. Fyfe took our class into his room and we did not hear a lecture at all. He took about two hours to criticize three skeletons, Cameron's, Chesney's and Clarke's. Mont, McArthur & Northrup handed in critiques. I had a long walk before dinner, but was in the house nearly all afternoon. Got a Sentinel and sent it to Mary Ann. Our prayer meeting tonight was a first rate one. Our rainy weather has turned into cold. Tonight there is a biting frost.

Oct. 12/1862

Mr. Stewart preached in the morning from the text "He who winneth souls is wise." It was a magnificent sermon. Our Bible class was led by Mr. Stewart as Dr. Fyfe is away in Toronto. I like Mr. S. more than the Dr. as a teacher. Mr. Gold preached to us in the evening on the fullness of Jesus. It was good sermon. Many thought it was too long but I did not notice it. Mr. Ballantyne led our evening prayer meeting. I was asked to make a few earnest remarks about our duty to our unbelieving fellow students.

Oct 13

Dr. Fyfe being away, I have but one lesson today. I received a letter from Mary Ann at noon. She is not coming up to Cox's. I would have been very glad if she had come, but God has ordained it otherwise for his own good purpose. We must learn to submit joyfully for "He doeth all things well." I have not felt very well lately. I have a pain in my kidneys, and in my genitals and urinary organs. I have been reading Dr. Hollick's book on the "Male Generative Organs," and I have come to the conclusion I am afflicted with Spermatorrhoea. Many of my symptoms are what he described, and apparently all my supposed heart and lung disease are but from the same source. This is the consequence of that fascinating vice of Masturbation which I learned when so young and practiced so frequently till my conversion, but from which I have never been able entirely to free myself. Since reading Dr. Hollick's article, I have been watching myself, and I find I do pass semen with my urine. I never suspected this till lately, I believe that is the cause of all my weakness and until it is cured I will never be better.

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The nocturnal emissions have ceased since I quit drinking coffee. If I were able I would go to New York and put myself under Dr. Hollick's care, but poverty forbids. I believe that I would be cured if I were married for my strong passion being partly gratified. I would stand a better chance than I do now. If my marriage is long delayed I will probably never live to see it, and if I do live I will very likely be impotent and that will be worse than death. O God give me a speedy cure and a speedy marriage. Grant that if I am not permitted to enjoy life with my darling, oh grant that she may have a legal right to all that is or will be mine.

Oct 14

Dr. Fyfe being away I had only one lesson; Senior Greek. They had quite a time on the Great Western last night. Some cars got unhitched from a freight train at Eastwood, and the night Express going West ran into them. I did not hear what damage was done to the train. It did not reach Woodstock till 8 o'clock this morning. After breakfast I went to see why such a long freight train was standing here so long. I found two trains loaded with stock, there were four locomotives and about a hundred cars. They stretch from past the crossing away down to the Union Mills, a full mile. I heard also that about a thousand dollars worth of cattle had jumped off from the Company's boat at Windsor and been drowned. If so it will cost them a good sum for the night's work.

Oct. 15/1862

Have had only Greek Testament today. Stewart went at noon so I will have no more Greek this week. Dr. is not expected home till tomorrow, so I will have no lessons tomorrow. It has been a very cold day to-day, and but for the stove I would have been quite cold. I sold McArthur my Latin Prose Composition for 75 cents, just ten cents less than it cost me.

Oct 16

Wrote a long letter to Mary Ann telling her all my plans and intentions. I also sent her a copy of the piece entitled, "I'll Think of Thee." I also enclosed a note to John Richards. Received a letter from Annie Jane, the second since last June. She is coming home next Tuesday with Aunt Lizzie. Stewart and Dr. being away I had no lessons today, but our Greek class met and read the lessons. I have translated fifty lines more this afternoon and evening. About seven, Canfield and I got into McAlpines and Mabee's room and sat talking till nearly half past eleven.

Oct 17

I had no lessons today. Received a letter from Millie. After dinner I started for Ingersoll afoot, but Mr. & Mrs. Gould overtook me, and I got a ride to Beachville. I footed it the rest of the way. Took tea at Mr. Bowers, then called on Hawkes for a few minutes, and went up to Shells. Sam was out, but Frank and Martha were in and we had a pleasant time of it. All the Ingersoll folks are quite well.

Oct 18/1862

After breakfast Sam and I had a long walk, and then I went into Kneeshaw's store till near dinner time. Then I went to Mr. Bowers, had dinner, and went out again. Called at Hawkes but did not buy a cloak. He wanted five dollars for one, half down, and half in four months, but I had not the money. Went to tea with him, and staid talking to Mrs. Hawkes till after nine. Then went down to Shell's to stop all night.

Oct. 19

Sam and I stayed up last night after twelve o'clock and then we went to bed together. I guess he lay awake for more than an hour. I went to the Baptist church in the morning, and then to Mr. Bowers to dinner. Mrs. B. gave me Davidson's lectures on Baptism. After dinner I started for home. I took the track for it, and would have got along well if it had not rained, but it rained twice, and I got wet. However I went to church in the evening, though I did not feel well enough to go to prayer meeting. This is the Anniversary of my speech on Popular Prejudice.

Oct 20/ 1862

Kneale paid me two dollars and a half on the scholarship, owing 16 cents. He has left us and is boarding himself at Higgins. I met Ross today. He has come back to spend another year with us. He arrived on Saturday. Rolly is not coming up till the New Year. I saw my piece, "Live for Those who love Thee" in the Sentinel, so I bought a copy to send to Mary Ann. I copied out "Tecesh" a parody on "Excelsior" and sent it to the Sentinel. Dr. Fyfe came back on Saturday, and Mr. Stewart on Friday.

Oct. 21/1862

I heard today that Yeo is to be married tonight out at Paulines. I'll fix him for not telling me.

Our prayer meeting tonight was a good one. I have not yet heard from Montreal and I am getting impatient. I don't feel inclined to stand that sort of action much longer.

Oct. 23

Yesterday I received a letter from Rolly enclosing one from Lis. Neither of them is coming up this term but Rolly expected to come in January. I found out about Yeo's marriage to Miss Rebecca Clark of Paris out at Pauline's on Tues. the 21st by Rev. J. Gerrie. Corlis was married at Vittoria by Rev. Mr. Baldwin to a Miss Walker on the 23 of Sept 1862. Walter Mabee and Miss Orchard were married at Lingal on the 10th of Sept. Chas. J. Shrimpton was married in New Jersey on the 3rd of Sept, but I have not been able to find out the name of his wife. I am going to publish these marriages in the Oracle. I had to write a sermon for Dr. Fyfe for Saturday morning, but I put it off from time to time till yesterday afternoon. I intended to copy an old one that I had, but found it would not do, so I was forced to write a new one. My text was "Come unto me, all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am weak and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest to your souls." Matt XI.28-29. I commenced to write about two o'clock and kept steadily at it until after three o'clock this morning. I felt very cold and as I had written about fifteen pages I thought I would quit for a time. I then read over my prayers and then went to bed. I only partially undressed myself as I intend to get up again in an hour, but I never woke till six o'clock.

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After breakfast I read over my Greek once and passed it, and partially read my Philosophy, and went to school but I passed very well in both lessons. This afternoon I received a letter from Aunt Tenie enclosing eight dollars. She says Aunt Lizzie has left her taking Annie along with her. Uncle Jimmie is in England yet. He is coming out as Managing Director of a new bank about starting in Montreal and is to have a salary of £1000 starting a year. He is going to give up the Hardware Business. I wish I had but a tithe of his salary, I should be well pleased. I wrote a piece on Yeo's marriage. It is a parody on "The Burial of Sir John Moore."

Oct. 24/62

Received a paper from Mary Ann. After dinner I commenced again on my sermon and finished it about five o'clock counting the time that I was engaged upon it, I was about 21 hours thinking it out and writing. It filled twenty four pages of large size note paper, and I supposed it would take one a full hour to read it. In the evening I attended the meeting of the Adelphian society more to hear Mont's oration than anything else. Chesney was the first orator and had a good oration, but not well delivered. The subject was "Every man is the architect of his own fortunes." The "Oracle" being very long, was read in two discourses. McPhail's editorial was very good. The paper was almost all fun. There were too many jokes upon the young ladies, and I mean to give them a rule for it. My piece about "speech" was in, as also the jokes on the Marriages, but not the piece on the Marriage of Dr. Yeo." McPhail said he could not read it so as to enter into the spirit of the piece. Sam Shell did not come as I expected.

Oct. 25/1862

I did not have to read my sermon this morning but handed it to Dr. Fyfe. Went downtown to get a Sentinel to send to Mary Ann. I see they inserted my piece on "Tecesh." We had a slight fall of snow last night but it did not stay long. In the afternoon I wrote a long letter of twelve pages to Aunt Tenie. Among other things I told her about my marriage prospects and what I intended doing, and asked her advice about it. I sent her a copy of the piece "Live for Those who love Thee."

Oct 26

A very cold disagreeable morning. About ten o'clock I went for a walk, and was late for church. Dr. Fyfe preached an excellent sermon from EPH. V: 25-27. "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing." Sam had a very bad cold. Our Bible class was good. Ross was away to Beachville, as also was Northrup, Muir to Wellington Square, and Ratcliffe to Springford. Stewart preached in the evening from John XIV.15, "If ye love me keep my commandments." After service a woman and two men were baptized. Jenkins was one. Our evening prayer meeting was very good. I was able to pray and speak with earnestness.

Oct. 27/1862

Canfield & Hill moved to the back room today and I got their stove. It will be more comfortable for me. Wrote to Lis & also to Rolly in answer to their's received Oct 22nd. One year ago Mary Ann and Bella made their renowned trip to W. About a year ago today I spent a pleasant Sunday with them, the particulars of which may be found in my Journal Vol. One, Page 103.

Oct 28th Received a letter from Mary Ann. She is not in very good spirits and I guess wishes to leave Hamilton. She wanted me to find out if Mrs. Cox has hired a sewing girl, so I went down after four and staid to tea. I did not get home till nearly nine o'clock. Mrs. Cox is going to write herself this week. After I got home I wrote to Mary Ann enclosing a copy of the verses of Yeo's marriage. When I got home I found a young man here named Wilson. He is a new student just arrived today, and the Institute being full Dr. Fyfe sent him here. Gould's wanted us to room together, and I had no objection so he is my roommate. I think he is a nice young fellow.

One year ago tonight what fun I had. It was the night that Bella and Mary Ann spent at Mrs. Gould's. Misses Ralston, Bland, Finch, Mabee & Canfield, and Messrs Mont, Backhouse, Garnham, Higgins and Rolly were there, and we had a good time. Many things have happened since, but the memory of that day still remains. Today I have not done a great deal. After dinner I took Wilson down to Warwick's to get some books. My translation of Horacio came, and the clerk gave it to me, although I did not pay for it. He knows me well enough to trust me. The price is 75 cts. I paid Stewart my incidentals for this term. I have written a long letter to Annie Jane and sent her a copy of "Terech." Last night I paid Mrs. Gould \$4 to settle for board up to date.

Oct. 30/1862

Just a year since Mary Ann and Bella left here after their visit. After dinner I started for a walk, called at the Post Office and found a letter from Aunt Tenie containing a photograph of herself, Leslie and Shirley. They are very fine pictures and I am much pleased with them. I went straight down the Governor's road till I crossed the river, and then leaping down the river bank till I reached the railway bridge, I came home along the tracks. About seven o'clock, Wilson's Tannery caught fire and burned to the ground. I was there and helped for a while carrying away the wood, but was frightened off by the word there was a boiler in the building, and it might blow up; it did not however. The building and its contents will be a total loss. Wilson said he had 50,000. Dollars' worth of leather in it ready for sale.

Oct 31 On Sunday Oct 27th I began to collect from the New and Old Testament every passage where any person of the Trinity is mentioned, that is I am making a list of the Tri-une Jehovah and arranging under each title the passages where it occurs. I began at Matthew and am already half through Luke. I expect it will take me a long time to finish the work. It seems to me that today is Halloween. If so, it is the day when we used to cut up in Montreal. Wrote to Millie and to Aunt Tenie. I sent Aunt Tenie a piece of poetry about sixty-four lines, in token of thanks for her photograph. I wrote it this afternoon. Hankinson lectured before the society but I did not go.

Nov. 1/1862

Just two more months to go till the New Year. Dr. Fyfe wanted me to go down to the Square and preach tomorrow, but I did not like to go on such short notice. He returned my sermon and said it was good but too long. Had a long walk in the afternoon and recited nearly all my pieces for declamation. I also went over part of my sermon. Had my hair cut, and bought a jacket of envelopes.

Nov. 2

Nasty wet Sunday. Dr. Fyfe preached morning and evening. It was ordinance Sunday and we had a very good time. It rained very hard in the evening so that very few were out. Five years ago today Grandpa gave me notice that I must go back to Hamilton, and upon my refusal he had as good as turned me out of doors. I would not go to H. but I telegraphed to Mr. Kneeshaw and got a situation with him.

Nov 3

The rain has stopped, but it is still very cloudy. Gold has gone up to London to a tea meeting there. My lessons today were pretty well recited. My foot is quite sore. I hope it is not going to get lame.

Nov. 4/1862

Two years ago today I was called to the ministry, and never shall forget the time or place. It is deeply implanted in my memory. What a change that event has made in my history. Then I had no notion of anything but an early mercantile life; as was expected, a life of toil and hardship. But for all that I would not exchange my present prospects for my prospects at that time.

Nov. 5/1862 Guy Fawkes Day (Bev's observation.)

How time flies. Five years ago today I left the city of Montreal with the intention of never returning. There was bitterness in my soul and hatred in my heart, for my feelings had been wounded, I had been insulted and my heart sought vengeance against him who had done it. My grandfather had as good as turned me out of his house, and I was leaving the city a houseless, homeless wanderer. True I was going to Mr. Kneeshaw's but there I was to get no pay, and I did not know how long I was to stay there. I was but a boy for I had only turned seventeen, but I was most tempted to start off into the States, and leave friends, kindred and all. I parted at enmity with my Grandfather, and he still holds it, while I have forgiven his actions along ago. I vowed never to return to Montreal as long as he lived, and so far I have kept the vow. Even now I would not go to Willow Cottage without his express invitation, for he turned me out of it, and I'll never enter it till he asks me in. For five long years I have been like an exile from the place where most of my relatives reside. I have been as a stray waif upon the ocean of life, tossed hither and thither without any abiding place. Most of my relatives however still are or appear to be friendly to me, though there is no knowing how long this will last. I hope it will continue through life, though I fear that it will cease at my marriage.

Nov.5 Cont.

I have heard nothing from Aunt Tenie in regard to that letter I wrote, but I don't feel uneasy for God will do as he pleases. I can trust the whole matter in his hands. Neither have I heard from Lucy or Uncle Frank. I guess I have been unsuccessful in that quarter, or I should have heard before this. If I fail I must wake up my mind that God wills it, though it will be hard to see Mary Ann toiling on for two years longer.

Afternoon

Just before school opened Shenston got a letter from his sister and in it was a letter for me. I was surprised to receive a letter from her, but she said that she had heard from her brother that he was seeking the Saviour, and she desired me to speak to him, and endeavour to aid him if possible. This was her excuse for writing and a very good one it was. I never knew that Reuben was under conviction, but I was very glad to hear that it was so, and my joy was increased by the interest which I always had in him. I resolved to speak to him as soon as possible, and sure enough I found a speedy opportunity. After dinner, I started out for a walk intending to go down to the Post Office and back. But God had another purpose in view, and it shows how singularly he accomplishes his purposes. Something induced me to go down the track to below the Mills and then strike off towards Warwicks. On the way I was hoping that I could get a chance to talk to Reuben and ask him about his soul but I did not expect to meet him then. As I passed the bookstore, I saw Mabee there, and went in for a few minutes. Very soon Shenston himself came in. We stood looking at different things and gradually all the students went off, but he still remained. At last we started home.

Nov. 5/1862

I could hardly begin to speak to him. But at last I got the conversation turned upon our prayer meetings and from there on to himself. I had quite a long talk (though I did most of the talking) with him, until we reached here.

I would have gone up to his room with him, but he had some lessons and I did not like to do it for that reason. They say that he has been under conviction for quite a while, even before he came up in Sept.

His sins feel even heavier than before. I did what I could to point out the right road, but alas I am so weak and unworthy. However I promised to pray for him and to come up and read and pray with him this evening. God help me to do some good. Would to God that he would make me more capable of pointing sinners to Christ. I am called to the ministry, and yet seem to have no talent of speaking privately to sinners. Received a letter from Lis from Mrs. Ross.

Evening

Went up to Shenston's room after prayers and had a long talk with him. We talked and prayed together till nearly nine o'clock. I did my best to point him to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. I hope the time was profitable and presently spent by both. He bought two tickets for the Colored Tea Meeting, and gave me one. God grant him soon that peace which passeth knowledge.

Nov. 7 Yesterday I had no time to write in this journal. I tried to get a chance to talk with Reuben but could not on account of the little boys loafing around his room. I did but little during the day but study. In the evening Reuben called for me and we went to the tea meeting together. We had a great time. I got to talking with Miss Kitchen and most of the girls. I had splendid fun. Stewart, Dr. Fyfe, Fitch and Godfrey spoke. After the meeting was over, we walked home behind some of the girls, and had a talk with them. I went up to McAlpine's room and found all our folks there and the fun was wild and furious till long after twelve. I did not get to bed till after one. Five years ago today I was in Hamilton on my way up to Ingersoll. I spent the greater part of the night in Hamilton Station waiting for the cars. It is very cold today.

Evening

The society exercises were good. Muir gave us a good oration and Gold another, and McArthur read us a magnificent essay. The paper was a miserable failure. It was very long and very stupid. Nott showed very little discrimination in selecting pieces. Most people were disgusted with the paper. It cut the girls altogether too much.

Nov. 8

Dr. Fyfe took our class into the lecture room this morning and kept us reading skeletons until the exercises in the other room were over. My skeleton was not begun till about half past seven this morning, but he did not criticize it. Shenston and I had a long walk, and then Brierly and I had a snow-balling match. Received a letter from Richards in the afternoon. Our prayer meeting was very good. I told Mont to put me on for an essay in the Society four weeks from last night, and I intended to get up one on Wit and Humour.

Nov. 8/1862, Cont.

Northrup asked me to write an essay for the Missionary Society five weeks from tonight, and I consented. So I will have enough to do. Sunday, the 10th I expect to go to Embro, if the Dr. does not send me to the Square. Saturday the 29th, I expect to have to declaim before the school. On Friday Dec 5th I expect to have an essay before the Society and on Saturday Dec. 13th, an Essay for the Missionary Society.

Nov. 9

Stewart preached a grand sermon in the morning, and Muir preached in the evening. Gold taught our Bible Class. Our evening prayer meeting was very good. God grant that these meetings may do good.

Nov. 10/1862

Met Miss Bland this afternoon and had a walk with her. Received a long letter from Lucy, and she says they cannot lend me the money I applied for. I don't know what keeps Aunt Tenie from writing. Last night we organized a Society for the encouragement of extemporaneous speaking, to be called the Oratorical Society. Ross is President, Killmaster, Vice President, & Alex McDonald Critics. We are not going to know who is to speak or what about till the name is called out and the subject given. It will try our metal considerably. Our prayer meeting tonight was good. After meeting I went to speak to Shenston and I found that he was indulging a faint hope. Sometimes he felt as if his sins were forgiven and again he felt as if they were not. But one favorable sign is that these feelings of forgiveness arise from reading and prayer. I pray God that he indeed may be forgiven.

Nov. 13/1862

I spent this afternoon in doing nothing. Our Literary Meeting was a very good one. Ross and I made up a resolution proposing an apology to the Ladies, for the insults they have suffered. Dr. Fyfe came there to speak on the same subject but I gave him no chance till after I had spoken. As soon as new business was called for, I rose and stated that I had a resolution to offer if it was lawful. It was decided that I should be permitted to do so, and I read my resolution, spoke on it, and left it for Ross to second. He did so in a good speech. After considerable speaking, the Dr. gave us a speech on it and left us. Then Mont, McArthur, and Nott interrupted to apologize for the paper, and make out that the paper was not as bad as it had been represented, but they failed singularly. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Nov. 17/1862

LONG ENTRY

On Saturday the 15th, Cunningham, Albright, Ross and myself started out for Embro. We took the half-past eleven train for Beachville, met Mr. Bland there, and rode out home. At Embro we went in and saw the Church and then out to Bland's. They were very glad to see us, and treated us very kindly. We had our dinner after we got there. The evening was passed in pleasant conversation and it was about twelve before we retired. I led prayers. Ross and I had one bed, Albright and C. the other. Next morning was a beautiful Sabbath morning as any one could wish for. Ross and I were downstairs first and out for a walk. Bland has a very nice farm of 300 acres, most of it cleared, and it seems to be very good land. After breakfast C. led prayers and at church time Mr. & Mrs. B. and the children started off first, and C. and Ross started afoot, so only four of us were left to ride.

Nov. 17/1862

Albright and Mary took the back seat, Eliza B. & myself the middle one and Sandy the driver the front one. We soon caught up to Cun. & Ross and they got in. It was a beautiful clear cold morning. We got to church in time, and the two girls and I got one seat, and the other three then sat in front. Stewart, Wilson and Harris were on the platform. I caught Stewart laughing at me sitting beside Eliza B. Wilson preached seventy minutes from Ps. IXXXIV.4. "Blessed are they that dwell in thy hands; they will be still praising thee." His divisions were, first the place, second the character mentioned, third the blessings. Under the last head he started the blessings, as 1st. The regular ministrations of the word, 2nd of the ordinances, 3rd, the mutual edifications, 4th the influence exerted. There was another intermission for ten minutes between the two series, and Mary & Albright and Eliza and I took advantage of it to take a walk to Haycock's Mill Pond. We were late for church.

Stewart had commenced preaching. His text was Ps. CVII.7. I had to lead them forth by the right way that they might go to a city of habitation." His first division was "The Way," and under it, 1st – Not the shortest way; 2nd Nor the easiest; 3rd But the safest. II. The Habitation, 1st An Abiding City, 2nd It includes the idea of multiplicity, as earthly cities were composed of many houses; 3rd of diversity, as those are large and small fine and mean houses in an earthly city; 4th of unity, as all these diverse buildings make one city, so in heaven there is unity, through multiplicity and diversity. The sermon was forty five minutes long, and that was almost too short. He went home directly after church to preach in the Woodstock church in the evening. Mr. & Mrs. B staid in town, but we young folks went off home again.

Nov. 17/1862, Cont

After dinner we sat talking till six o'clock and then started for church. Mary and A were still in the back seat, Eliza & myself in the middle and C, Emma & Sandy in front. We got to church before seven but it was very much crowded. We got seats close to the pulpit. Clerilew of Paris preached from Ezek XVII. 22,23. "Thus saith the Lord God; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedars, and will plant it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon a high mountain and eminent, in the mountains of the height of Israel will I plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar; and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell." He first spoke of the high cedars as the church of God, that is, it represented Israel. He spoke of its origins and of its renown. The highest branch, he explained to be the tribe of Judah, and the tender twig that was planted was the Gospel of Jesus.

He gave several reasons why it was a tender twig, but I have forgotten all but that it was because there was no form nor comeliness in it, and because it grew in our uncongenial soil. I have forgotten his divisions completely, but will get them from Ross. After service, we started for home and went the long way round. We were singing a great part of the time, and had a very pleasant ride. It began to rain just after we got home and poured before we went to bed. Ross led prayers and then the old folks went to bed. Bye and bye E. went and then A. and left the other four to have a good talk. Ross and Eliza were sitting close together, having a confidential talk, and Mary and I sat on the lounge talking. We sat so till after two o'clock when we went to bed as we did not want to keep the girls up. He and I started up, boots in one hand and lamp in the other. I struck Ross' chair with my knee and knocked it over.

Nov. 17/1862

Fortunately it fell against another chair; for if it had fallen to the floor, it would have made a dreadful noise. We laughed so heartily that we could hardly lift up the chair. About five o'clock this morning Mr. Bland woke us up, and asked if we were going down to Beachville now so as to catch the train. It was raining hard, so we said no, we would risk the Black marks. After breakfast I led prayers and then we sat talking till the horses were ready. In Embro we called at Mr. Midgler's to get Mr. Clerihew. They proposed to Mr. Bland to take him right into Woodstock and he consented, so that we had a ride all the way instead of walking from Beachville as we intended. We got home just at twelve. I tried hard to get Mr. Bland to come to dinner with me, but he would not. When Stewart called the roll this morning my name came first of the four, and Chave answered excused. Stewart said "No" not unless the rain excused us.

I missed not only the roll call, but also my Theology and Greek. Chave told me Mary Ann was here at Cox's. She came in on Saturday evening and is going to stay at Cox's to work. She was considerably surprised not to see me at church on Sunday. After tea, we had some extremely practical speaking in McAlpine's room till seven o'clock, and then I went down to Cox's. I felt vexed at M.A. for not telling me that she was coming up, and so I did not go down earlier. I staid at Cox's till about half past nine. Mary Ann had been sick before she left Hamilton, and is still just recovering. She looks pretty well, and seems to be as strong as when I was in H.

Nov. 18th 1862

This morning I went to Stewart about our absence could not be helped. When Ross spoke to him about it he said that “under the circumstances we could not be expected to come.” This was a covert sarcastical thing. I could hardly study today my mind was so full of my fun, but I got through with my lessons all right. After my philosophy lesson I got the key from Dr. Fyfe and went to the library and examined some books on the subject of “Wit and Humour.” Then I went to Mont’s room and talked till noon, and then got Nott to give me a book out of the library. I had quite a talk with him about our difficulties. This afternoon I have been reading, preparing to write my essay. After tea I went downtown, and got a letter from Brantford enclosing Annie’s and Aunt Lizzie’s photographs. They are very nice. Our prayer meeting was a good one. I wrote a long letter to Lis enclosing one from Ross. I must write to Blandie, Miss Brown, Richard and Uncle Eben this week.

Nov 20/1862

Our Oratorical Society had a very good meeting.

Nov. 21

All yesterday afternoon I spent in translating the Odyssey. I trans. sixty-one lines and finished the ninth book and my work in that for this term. After seven I got at my essay on “Wit and Humor” and wrote it till somewhere between four and five, and then wrote ten pages of note paper to Richards. I enclosed a dollar (borrowed from Mont) to him for four photographs of me.

Nov. 21/1862, Cont.

Afternoon

Received a letter from Aunt Tenie condemning my scheme altogether. She spares no names and shrinks at no hardness in her letter. She enclosed me eight dollars. Shenston and I decided not to go to Brantford by the gravel road, but to take the cars. I feel very sleepy today. I got excused from my Monday's classes for the purpose of going to Brantford.

Evening

Mont and I went down to Cox's to visit Mary Ann and stayed till after nine o'clock. We had a pleasant visit.

Nov. 25/1862 On Saturday morning I met Shenston and he said he could get Cook's horse for half a dollar a day if we wished to go to Brantford. I consented to go, and then we went to Ross and got him to consent to come with us. We were all present at school time, got excused, and when Dr. called on the Middle Class to go to his room, we started off. Shenston went for the horse, while Ross and I went down to Mrs. Cox's, got her message, called in at the Post Office and came home. We started at half past nine, and had a very pleasant ride. Part of the way was pretty bad, but the stone road was very good. I never travelled that road before, and was very much pleased with it. Tollgates were uncommonly plentiful along the road. We reached B. about a quarter to three, and I put up the horse in Uncle Andrew's stable. Aunt Lizzie was very much surprised to see me. Ross went home with Shenston. After dark Chuck Cook came calling for his horse. Somebody had stolen it from the back of the store, and he was in a dreadful way about it. We started off on the search and we saw no more of him that night.

On Sunday pupil Jane went with me to the Baptist church. Mr. Alexander preached from Acts XI.23rd. "Who (Barnabus) when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad." In the afternoon I went for Ross and brought him over for tea, and after tea we went to church and heard Mr. A. again. Aunt Lizzie went with me this time. When we got home we found Uncle Andrew. His horse had been found about ten miles from B., but he had been off to St. George, Glen Morris on a wrong trail. The poor horse looked pretty bad, as if she had been beaten and brutally handled. Ross stopped with me all night. Mr. Alexander gave notice that he was going to leave Brantford & go to Montreal. The M. Church had given him a call, and he has accepted it. The B. folks are very sorry that he is going to leave.

Monday

Ross and I had a walk on Strawberry Hill before breakfast, and after breakfast went into town and transacted all our business. Ross went to Shenston's to dinner, and when they were ready they came out to our place and we harnessed up and started. We went to Shenton's for a bag of apples and it was half past two before we were on the road for home. I had a carpet-bag full of books and three volumes of the commentary, or rather the last Volume of the commentary proper, the supplement, and Scripture Illustrations, all belonging to the set. We came along at a very good pace and reached Woodstock, just at seven. So ended our trip to Brantford. Today I have recited my lessons very well. I went down to see Mrs. Cox, and I gave her, her father's note. I did not see Mary Ann. Then I went down to Warwick's and paid for my translations of Horace, and got one of Homer's Iliad. I also received a letter from Moore. Our evening prayer meeting went very good.

Nov. 26th

Last night I sat up till two o'clock writing my sermon, and studying. I also wrote a letter to Miss Bland telling her all the news. I paid Mont the dollar I had borrowed from him. This morning Stewart read over the list of names prepared for the catalogue. We finished our Greek Testament today, and now we are going to review. I received four copies of the "Canadian Baptist" from Uncle Ebenezer this morning, and wrote to him in the afternoon. I went down to Cox's tonight, and had a long walk with Mary Ann. The poor girl has been in trouble lately, for Reid has been talking to her, and she began to believe that I really was sorry that she came up. We had an explanation and a very pleasant walk of it, and got home about half past nine.

Nov. 27/1862

We finished our Odyssey this morning, but we agreed to go on, and read some of our next terms' work. After dinner Ross came up and told me that the Miss Blands were in town. I went out, met them and had a talk, and then went down town. Went to P.O. received a letter from Millie. She is making a fool of herself about my idea of getting married. I went for a walk down towards Beachville, intending to intercept the girls and ride part of the way with them. They almost passed me but I caught up to them, and drove for them. I went through Beachville close to the Governor's road, and footed it home from there. It snowed considerably on my way home, but I did not mind it. I had my sermon along and occupied myself very profitably in studying it. I had a very pleasant ride with the girls. Mary promised me her photograph, and so did Eliza. My walk home was very pleasant. The road was a dreadful road, but the scenery was delightful.

Nov. 27/1862

The whole road seemed to be one continuous succession of hills and hollows, and off to the south by the beautiful valley of the Thames. I got home about five. At six our Oratorical Society met, and I was one of the speakers. My subject was "Study," and I occupied my five minutes. The critics were non critical but then spoke as if I had studied the subject. After society meeting I wrote to Shenston, also Miss Brown enclosing speech and "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" and now it is midnight.

Nov. 28/1862

Mr. Ballantyne lectured to the Adelphian Society tonight, on "The expansive power of Knowledge." It was a grand lecture. After getting home I read over my sermon, recited my declamation, and read some papers.

Nov. 29th

Our exercises this morning were very good. Jack Woodruff & William McArthur spoke beautiful pieces. I spoke "The Daughter of Herodius." It is a very affecting piece, and almost broke me down. Stewart made no criticism, but I saw some of the girls nearly crying. Dr. has given me notice to preach at Wellington Square tomorrow.

Dec. 1/1982

On Saturday afternoon I went down to Cox's and saw Mary Ann. Had a long talk with her and received a letter for her Grandmother. Then I went up to Mr. Chave, got his letter to Wm. Richards & I went down to the cars. Higgins, Chesney, Parsons and I all went down East. The ride was pleasant. At Hamilton I met John Richards and delivered my letters and received my photograph, and letters for Shenston, Miss Love, & Miss J. Shearer. After a few minutes delay we started down East Toronto ward. At the Square I dropped Higgins who started for Bento. I got fooled into riding down in the bus and so was jewed out of a shilling. Stopped at Bento all night. On Sunday I made my debut as a preacher. I felt very little trouble or excited about it. I put my trust in Providence and tried to speak with a view solely to God's glory. We sang the 105th hymn, read I Kings XVIII, then sang the 152nd hymn, gave out the notices, and preached from I Kings XVIII.21.

– “How long halt Ye between two opinions? If the Lord God follow him; if Baal then follow him.” I treated the subject topically, i.e., I took indecision. My divisions were 1. The nature of Indecision, & under it first, It is the effect of the doubting mind, servant of a weak mind. II. The folly of indecision, first because it produces wretchedness, 2nd because it curtails the benefits which might otherwise be enjoyed, 3rd it encourages these benefits altogether, 4th it endangered the soul, and this in two ways, 1st by exposing it to taint from wrong modes of action, 2nd by wasting the time, which should be devoted to the soul's best interest. In the application I warned Christians of the blessings they lost by indecision, in not speaking to sinners & in staying away from the ministrations of God's house, and I also warned sinners of their danger.

Dec/ 1'1862

I spoke with far more freedom than supposed I should and I did better than I expected but not as well as I would wish. I spoke forty minutes and I felt quite at home in the pulpit. I thank God for he helped me to do so well. After collection ended, had the 181 hymn, and closed by prayer. I got an introduction to Miss Heath, sister of the Heath I used to know. The folks hardly believed it was my first sermon. After dinner I took a walk along the beach, studying my evening sermon. I went as far as the canal and back, and although it snowed, yet I enjoyed a good time. Then I went to Mr. Midwinter's to tea, and while there Richards came in. He went to Church with me in the evening. Service commenced at half past six. We sang the 406th hymn then I read Matt. XI and prayed. We sang the 423 hymn and after giving out the notices, I preached from Matt XI.28. "Come unto me all ye who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

My divisions were, I. The invitation, we must come to Jesus as 1st Our Saviour, 2nd Our ruler, 3rd Our teacher. II. The classes who are invited. Those who labour and are heavy laden are 1st. The worldly, 2nd. The dissipated, 3rd. The Formalist, 4th. The superstitious, 5th. The convicted Sinner, 6th. The tempted Christian, 7th. III. The promise given. The rest of Christ is 1st – from sin and sinful men. 2nd for the soul, 3rd Eternal. I closed with an appeal to the unconverted. I spoke forty minutes with great freedom, and very little reference to my notes. In both services I made no use of my written sermon. In the morning, I left the sermon at home. In the evening it was in my coat tail pocket. We closed singing the 417 hymn and prayer. I believe that the people were pleased with my preaching, and I thank God and take courage from my first effort. Richards came over and slept with me, and we lay talking till almost four o'clock.

Dec. 1/1862 cont.

I am very glad to see that he is in a sober state of mind. He is thinking of his soul but fears to come out in Hamilton. This morning we started from W. S. at half past eight. They gave me three dollars for preaching, which was very generous of them. Met Higgins at the station. He had a good time in Bronte but only got his expenses paid. Richards gave me two numbers of the Illustrated News, and a letter for Chave and another for Mary Ann. He left us at Hamilton, and we met John Parsons. At Princeton we took on Chesney and returned home by noon. I studied hard all afternoon, and translated nearly forty lines of the Odyssey. After tea I went downtown, got a letter from Robert, and went to see Mary Ann and had a walk with her. We had a good time.

Dec. 2/1862

Today we finished "Wayland's Intellectual Philosophy" and I am very glad. We are to be examined on it and I don't know anything about it. In the afternoon and the evening I finished my essay on "Wit and Humor." It takes a little over ten minutes to read it. Our prayer meeting was good. I went up to see Mont and he felt inclined to back out from going to Embro because he fears he might have to preach twice. However, I talked that out of him. Cunningham won't go, and Albright won't go, and Ross says if Dr. Fyfe wants him to go elsewhere he won't go either. However, I'll fix that Albright, for I'll go to the Dr. about it.

Dec. 3/1862

Went to Dr. Fyfe and told him that Ross and I have been invited out to Embro to preach next Sabbath, and I asked him not to send us elsewhere. He promised that he would not. We were told that there will be no school tomorrow, but we are expected to go to church as on Sunday. I sent a paper to Richards. After tea, we all went out for a walk down to the bookstore. I spent the evening in writing. I wrote to Aunt Tenie, answering hers received on the 21st. I felt angry enough at her letter to write a very saucy letter, but I did not. I restrained myself as much as possible, but still I said some sharp things, for I was thoroughly vexed at her letter, such a storm of invectives as she poured out upon me, was not to be borne silently. I also enclosed a letter to Millie answering hers of the 27th, and one to Robert answering his of the first of December. Besides this I wrote to Lucy in answer to hers of the 11th of November. I have now only three more to answer, Annie, Moore's and McKenzie's.

Dec. 4/1862

Today is Thanksgiving. We are expected to go to church twice or get a black mark. I think the Faculty have no right to force us to go to church at any time, not even on Sunday, and much less on a day of man's appointment. I think I will take the black mark and stay at home for I have a good deal to do. I must write the greatest part of my essay for the Missionary Society today, besides preparing to preach on Sabbath, and some letters that I have to write.

Dec. /4/1862, Cont.

Evening

Didn't write my essay at all. Wrote to McKenzie, and after supper took my letters to the Post Office and went to see Ross. Spent the afternoon in reading, writing, and translating Greek.

After tea I went down to see Mary Ann according to promise, but she had just gone to church. I followed along and about caught up to a couple that I thought to be her and Reid, and as she was so well provided for I came home. Did not go to meeting, but spent the evening in writing, and copied out about two thirds of my sermon on Matt. XI.25.

Dec. 5

At roll call this morning only three of us answered, "not at all" to the question how often we had been at church. In the afternoon I went down to see Mary Ann. I read my essay before the Adelpian, but I don't know what they thought of it. Timpany has gone home, and McLaurin is in his place as Editor. Gold has also gone, and Ross is in his place as Orator. I wanted to get the place but they put Ross on. He will do far better than I could and I hope he will distinguish himself.

Dec. 8/1862

Another three days passed. Saturday morning our class had to read skeletons to Dr. Fyfe. Mine was on John VIII.36. "If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." He made no particular criticism on it. Then Mont and Ross went to get ready, and I started downtown. Went to the Post Office, then to the Depot, and then up to Muir's for Ross.

Dec. /1862 Cont.

When we got to the Depot we found Mont. At Beachville, we found we would have to start on foot, as nobody was there to meet us. We started bravely along, and had got halfway to Embro before we were met by Eliza and Leonard. It was bitter cold and we almost froze. On the way we lost the bolt that fastened the whipple tree to the tongue and had along hunt after it. Ross and I went back about a mile. We left Ross in Embro with Midgley's folks and then went out to Bland's. Mont drove and Leonard and I lay in the bottom of the sleigh. We were glad to get home and get warm. I had a fine talk with Eliza out in the kitchen, and then another one with Mary. Gave them and had theirs promised soon. I also gave that slipper pattern to Eliza and she thought it very pretty. We had a very pleasant afternoon and evening, and it was almost twelve before we got to bed. I found I had torn my coat, so I got Mary to mend it, and Eliza mended Mont's. On Sunday I was up and off for a long walk before Mont was up. I went across the fields into the woods, and back the other way and by the back of the house. Going to church Mont elfishly picked out the best seat, and got Eliza beside him and left Mary for me. We had a pleasant ride to church. Mont teased that he was going to sit beside Eliza in church, and that I would have to go up into the pulpit. But the best laid schemes of mice and men "gang aft agley" and so with Mont.

Dec. 8/1862, Cont.

When going to our seats, he went first, then Eliza, Mary and myself. Afterwards the two girls went in first, but Mont would not let me in next, but took his seat beside Mary. This was sell no.1. Pretty soon Ross came along and asked which would go up into the pulpit, and both tried to back out. Then he said he had an appointment for one of us, and I said, "Put Mont." & Mont said, "Put Rice." Then I said if I had to preach in the evening I would not go into the pulpit in the morning, and Mont had to go. Sell No. 2. He called a hymn, a prayer, and then leaving Ross, came down into the body of the church, but not to his seat. Just before leaving the pulpit he whispered to Ross to put Rice on for the evening sermon. Ross preached a very good sermon from Luke II.25, "The consolation of Israel." I could not get his heads at all. The church was very cold and my feet felt almost frozen. Our ride home was very pleasant, and we enjoyed ourselves, but were like to perish with cold. My right leg was all numb, with being cramped with cold. The afternoon passed pleasantly away to all except Mont. He studied while I sat in the kitchen with the girls and the children. The children had been burning apple seeds all the time since I left at Dedication time. Their favorite couple was Eliza and Mr. Rice, and they generally burned away together thus bespeaking long life and happiness in their union. This is a very perilous omen seeing that I am already engaged, and Eliza is or seems to be in love with Rolly. There is no knowing what might have happened had we been thrown together three years ago, but now there is no chance and I guess no desire to be any more to each other than we are. We had great fun over the children and their apple seeds. It snowed very heavily and when we went to church in the evening it was pouring down on us.

Dec. 8/1862, Cont.

Mary and I nestled under one shawl and Mont and Eliza were as cozy as could be. Eliza and I planned a scheme by which we were enabled to sit together in church; it worked beautifully. I went into the pulpit with Mont and gave two hymns and prayed. When he commenced to preach, I went and sat beside Eliza. The sermon was good one from Colossians III: 11. "Christ is all in all," and he handled it well. The divisions were Christ was all and in all. 1st in the scheme of salvation as it respects God, 2nd in the work of regeneration as it effects man. 3rd in the holy Scriptures, 4th in the life of the believer, 5th in the enjoyment of heaven. After service I ran over to Donald Mathison's on a message and then we waited at the church till the horses were ready. We sat about as usual except that Eliza sat on Mont's knee. He very selfishly kept the best seat all the time. After the old folks went to bed Mont fell asleep and we four had a good talk together. About twelve o'clock he went to bed, but I think Ross and I did not go till after one. This morning we were up bright and early. We were out of bed by half past four, and started from Embro about six. Sandy was coming to Woodstock so he brought us all the way. The trip was very pleasant but rather cold. I had to pull off my boots or I believe my feet would have frozen. When we got to Stark's, I jumped out and got a bottle of medicine for Mary's cough, while Mont took the others up to the Institute. I met Sandy on his way back and gave him the bottle to take out to Embro. I got to the Institute just about a minute too late to answer to my name at roll call. My lesson passed off well. After dinner Wilson and I went downtown, and he bought a pair of rubber overshoes. I was determined that I would not be tormented by the cold any longer and I bought a pair of moccasins for one twenty five.

Dec.8/1862, Cont.

They are pretty dear but they'll last a long time. Ross has just brought me a letter from Lis. She is well and enjoying herself. Tonight I intended to call and see Mary Ann. I see I forgot a circumstance about Sabbath morning. Mont told Ross to put me on for the evening service and fully expected that he would do so. Imagine his surprise when Ross gave out that Mr. Montgomery was to preach in the evening. It was Sell no.3. And it was Sell no.4 when he from the pulpit saw me occupying the seat so much coveted.

Evening

All afternoon I was busy, after supper our society had a meeting and we had a speech all round, and then I went to Cox's, where I stayed till after nine. Mary Ann is not quite well, I think she is working too hard.

Dec. 9th

Received a note from Lis, all is well. Wrote a piece for Mont's paper, "A Farewell" for Patten's Public meeting papers, but he did not need it, so I gave it to McDonald. Also a sketch of our last sleigh ride, which I gave to McLaurin. I spent most of the evening in the Institute.

Dec. 10th

Samis went away today to get married. Received a letter from Rolly. Wrote to Rolly, & wrote a piece for Patten's paper, about our Institute.

Dec. 11/1862

Wrote to Lis. Wrote to Annie Jane. Spent nearly the whole day in looking over Missionary Magazines in order to find something about young Haswell, but was unsuccessful. Went down to see Mary Ann and spent the evening with her.

Dec. 13th

Yesterday I was hard at work writing my essay for the Missionary Society. Went to prayer meeting between six and seven, but had not time to stop to the Society meeting. I wrote pretty steadily at my essay till about three o'clock this morning, when I finished it. I have merely to re-write and copy it. It takes about twenty minutes to read it. This morning our exercises were very long, but pretty good. Dr. Fyfe gave each of the Theological Students a copy of his work, "The Lord and the Kingdom," and also "Baptist Sentiments confirmed by Pedobaptists." It has rained all morning and is very disagreeable. I hope we will have good sleighing by Christmas. Sent papers to Eliza and Mary Bland. Our evening prayer meeting was a good one. Mont has gone to the Square, Clark to Bronte, Cameron and Moore to Burgessville, and Torrance to Beachville.

Dec. 14

Dr. preached the morning sermon from Acts XI:21. I did not walk home with Mary Ann as the members were requested today. The afternoon Bible class was a good one. Stewart preached in the evening from Is.XXI:11, "Watchman, what of the night?" I expected to go home with M.A., but she started off with Mr. Cox and never even looked at me.

Dec. 14/1862, Cont.

I followed close behind as far as the corner, and then as she appeared determined not to look at me, I went my own road. I don't know what she wants, but she is acting in a queer way.

Somehow I have a presentiment that what all our enemies have not been able to do for three years, will be done by our own obstinacy. What with her doubting me as she has, and my growing coldness, I fear that we will have a quarrel before long, and if she started it, she will have to make it up again. Our prayer meeting was well attended. I was enabled to speak, I hope with some effect.

Dec. 15

A nasty rainy day, like the last few days. We had only three of our Theology lessons. The rest were sick or away. I finished copying out my essay and also translated my Greek. Attended prayer meeting and took part.

Dec. 16 Sick today and did not go to school. Lay abed most of the day. My bowels and stomach and head seemed to be affected. I was very light headed. I have not heard from Montreal yet, although five days past the promised time. Just like Aunt Tenie promised. If I don't hear from Hamilton tomorrow, I will write to Uncle Eben for that money. Poor Cook was hung this morning. At his own request he was suffered to fall nine feet and a half, and horrible to relate, the shock separated his head from his body. It is not known what caused this, but likely it was his age and weakness, which had so weakened the muscles that they were not able to sustain the sudden strain upon them. It is said the body fell straight down and the head bounced. It must have been a horrible sight. God have mercy on his soul.

Dec 17/1862 Felt a little better this morning and went to school. Got through my lessons more by good luck than good management. The catalogues were distributed today. I got my four and a register. I had to borrow a dollar from Wilson to pay for them. Went down to the Post Office but got nothing. I wrote to Uncle Eben asking him to send me the money he promised. If he does it will be alright, if not, I will quit writing to or visiting him. If I don't get some money I will be in debt by the end of the term, and that will not suit me at all. I am at a loss what to do about coming back to school. I know I have not the means to carry me through, and yet I don't wish to go out for a year, for it will throw me so far behind. I feel considerably troubled about it and it's as if I had not faith enough to trust in Providence. After being hard at work all day, I went down to see Mary Ann. She was very cool in her actions. She was going to prayer meeting with Mrs. Cox, and I walked with them to the church and then came home. She was vexed about Sunday, never thinking that I had any reason to get vexed about her running off that way in the evening. She seems peculiarly ready to take offence, and not at all careful not to give it, and unless we are very careful there will be an explosion, for I am just in a state of mind not to stand much. A very little might make a quarrel which could not be repaired. Today is a great Anniversary in my life. Four years ago today, I first felt my soul forgiven, and from that time till this I can truly say that God has been a covenant keeping God. "Goodness and mercy have followed me all my days." I shall never forget the joy I felt when first I felt myself a child of God. The scene, the time, the place, are all vividly portrayed before my mind. But these four years have been years of idleness in the work of the Lord. God grant that the next four may be immeasurably more fruitful.

Dec. 18/1862

A year ago tonight I had a pleasant time at our public meeting. This year it will be a week later, and I don't expect to have near so much fun. Then Lis, Blandie, and myself had a grand time, talking and laughing, but now Lis is away, Rolly is away, Blandie is away (though perhaps she will be back here), and many of my old friends are away. Today has not been a very busy day to me. We finished our Odyssey and also our Intellectual Philosophy. Our "Oratorical Society" met for the last time this term, our meeting was a pretty good one.

Dec. 19

Received a letter from Richards, and also one from Miss Brown. Finished our Evidence of Christianity, and also our Greek Testament. Went in to see Shenston, who is down with a sore throat. Clarke gave me three of the Programmes.

Evening

The boys here were going to have an Oyster Supper tonight and wanted me to stay, but I had agreed to go and see Mary Ann. I went down after tea, and took her a Programme and a copy of that piece on the soldier of the Potomac. We went into the Parlor and had a nice long talk. Reid has been making love to her at a great rate. He has been trying to cause a quarrel between us so that he may step in and win Mary Ann. I guess he will fail in that, for M.A. is true as steel. I wish I was as true to her as she is to me. But by God's help I will never give her cause to accuse me of unfaithfulness. If she wished at any time to break with me, good and well, but I will not break with her. They have been filling her mind with suspicions about my going out to Bland's so much, and she is getting jealous I think.

Dec. 19/ 1862, cont.

She talked about Miss Bland being so much better suited for me than she is, being better educated, being healthier, etc, all of which had doubtless been put into her head by someone. She is overworking herself so much that she is hurting herself. She complains of a very bad pain in her side, and when she goes out into the cold air it hurts her dreadfully, and always sets her coughing. She says she has a presentiment that she won't live long, and I am afraid it is so, for she is failing gradually and has been for some time.

Dec. 20th

Annie Jane's Birthday. She is twenty years old today. Today the last Declamations were delivered, and our last skeletons were read for this term. Dr. Fyfe did not criticize mine at all. After class I spoke to him about my going away, and he did not like the idea, neither did he like the idea of my going into debt. I said if I could get about ten dollars a term I could get along I thought. But I could not do with what I got at present. I wished to borrow enough to do me, and I was willing to pay when I was able, but I did not know where to borrow. I told him my circumstances. He promised to see Mr. Stewart, and find if they could not devise some means of lending me the money. I did not like to apply to the Society, but necessity knows nothing about pride. Ross went up to Embro at noon. I went to see him off and sent a paper to Mary and a catalogue, a programme and a copy of "The Soldier of the Potomac" to Eliza. Then I went downtown and sent Richard's letter to Mary Ann as I promised. I did not go up, not having time. There was nothing at the Post Office for me. I don't know why I have not heard from Hamilton or Montreal. I suppose Aunt Tenie is mad and intends not sending the money anymore.

Dec. 20/1862, Cont.

If such is the case I would like to know it. I don't know why Uncle Eben has not written, for he must have received my letter. If I don't hear by the New Year, I will either write to ask if they intend to send the money or not, or else I will quit school and go to work for a year. I am in trouble for I don't see my way clear at all. My cold is rather bad, and I don't feel much like reading my essay tonight. It was very cold yesterday, but is not quite as cold today, but still there are no signs of snow. I hope we will have some by Christmas, for we will have a dull time of it if we have no snow.

Evening

I spent the afternoon in writing. I have not studied, and don't intend to anymore this term. I feel about used up. Went to the Post Office after tea, and found a letter from Miss Bland, dated Dec. 15th. Enclosed was a letter for Ross. It is a rich joke to think that he is in Embro and his letter here. Our Missionary Meeting passed off very well. My essay took between fifteen and twenty minutes. I did not read as well as I would wish to, but I did the best I could, and hope that any effort had some effect on the hearers. Mont's paper was very good. It took forty-five minutes. After meeting I went down to the Post office and got a letter from Uncle Eben enclosing six dollars to pay up till first of January. I thought he owed me from Sept also, but he said he did not. I was very grateful to get the money, for I wanted it badly enough. After paying Wilson the dollar I owed him, and keeping a dollar for holiday expenses, I can pay Gould's two weeks board. If Aunt Jennie sends the money as she ought I will have enough to take me to Brantford. She has delayed so long I am very doubtful if she is going to send it at all.

Dec.21/1862

Woodstock

Stewart preached a good sermon in the morning & Dr. preached in the evening. Mary Ann was sick and did not get out to church. Went down to see her after dinner but the gate was fastened and I could not get in. Our prayer meeting was a good one. Mostly thawing day.

Dec. 22

Yesterday it tried to snow, four times, but it amounted to nothing. Today it is rain. It has been a dreadful day. Our exams went off very well. Called on Mary Ann this evening, and received a letter and some money for her grandmother. Wrote Uncle Eben, and to Richards. Our prayer meeting was very interesting.

Dec. 24

Yesterday 23 (I had recitation in Intellectual Philosophy. Had a talk with Dr. Fyfe about not going to church on Thanksgiving. I told him my views on the subject, and had quite a talk with him. After school, called down to see Mary Ann and took Mont with me. We found her much better, and bent on going to the public meeting. My black mark for not going to church was read out at the close of school. After leaving M.A. I went up to the Institute through the fields, seeking a lean road or the girls to go at night. I helped lay some planks at the gate and then made for to dress. I had a suspicion Ross would go out to Embro that night so I changed my clothes and got everything ready to start so that I need not delay a minute.

Dec. 24. 1862 Cont. Lucky for me this turned out. I had no time to go down to tea, but hurried off to Cox's. I was far too early, and had to wait for the girls, but we got started about a quarter past six. M.A.'s side hurt so she could not walk fast, and we had to go very slow..Arrived at the Institute, we found a large crowd assembled, but Clarke obligingly found us a seat. How the students did stare at me. They seemed thunder struck. Looking around the room I discovered a well known face, but was five minutes before I could convince myself that it was Eliza Bland. Her it was, and no mistake, and Mary with her. I told Mary Ann and she wanted me to go at once and see if they were going home that night or not. I did not do so, however till after the exercises. The meeting was very fine and lasted from seven till about half past ten. Cunningham's address was good and he did better than I expected. Nott's oration was good but poorly delivered. Patten's "Literary Banner" was a fine paper. McAlpine and MacArthur managed the dialogue in first class style. Chesney's essay was good, and pretty well read. McLaurin's "Snow Wreath" was a very dry paper. Ratcliff's oration on "The Echos of the Rolling Year," was first rate, good matter and good delivery were well combined. McDonald's "Student Follies" was a good paper. Ross' oration, "The Triumphs after the English Language" was good, but not well delivered. He almost broke down two or three times. I did not like the music as a whole, though some of it was good. After we dismissed, I saw Mary & Eliza, and they said they were going out very soon, so I could not go home with Mary Ann. I was very sorry, but she said she did not mind. I couldn't help it. Before coming to meeting I gave her Saxes work as a Christmas present.

Dec.24/1862, Cont.

I left her for Mr. Reid to see home. After bidding the students goodbye we all walked down to Deacon Burtch's where Bland's horses were. On the way I got my carpet bag from my room and left my cane. I never settled with Gould for I did not get that money from Montreal. Aunt Tenie is a mean woman, she might have written before this.

Ross was not going out with us, but as soon as we got ready we started. Mary and Leonard had the front seat, Eliza and I the back one. The roads were pretty good, the road rather fine, and the ride was pleasant. About halfway Leonard got sleepy, so I changed places with him, and acted as coachman. We had some fun waking up the toll keepers, especially the last one. I called three times then got out and thumped on his door till he woke up. What made it worse was that Mathison's team would be along in about a half an hour after and rout them all up again. We reached home at two o'clock and had a warm bite to eat, and about three we got to bed. This morning I was not downstairs till the thrashers had all finished their breakfast. Most of the morning was spent in reading, or talking to the girls. In the afternoon I went for a long walk through the fields and woods, and the evening was spent in pleasant chit chat. Ross has not yet reached here, and the snow still keeps off. I do hope it will snow tonight.

Dec. 25/1862

Led prayers this morning. It had rained during the night, and was raining till after breakfast, but then it poured. There being no snow, our visit to Ingersoll had to be given up. I spent most of the day in reading and talking to the girls. Ross and Neil and Johnny Mathison came up about five o'clock and spent the evening. They went about half past ten. Ross went with them, as he intends to go to Ingersoll in the morning. This Christmas has been far more pleasant than last year's Christmas. I have enjoyed myself first-rate although confined to the house all day by the bad weather. Bland's folks would make anyone feel at home. It is well for me that Eliza's affections are pre-engaged, or at least that I think so, for if it were not so I might be bewitched away from M.A. I never met anyone who so bewitched me, as she does. Ross brought me a letter from Lis, who is quite well.

Dec. 26/1862

All last night I was so tormented by a pain in my bowels that I could not sleep. I tossed from side to side in great agony. About 2 o'clock, I went out, but felt no better after returning to bed again. Somewhere between four and five I got up and dressed myself. In my pain, I forgot to fasten the lamp glass, and smash, it went on the floor. I lay on the sofa till the folks got up. After breakfast I started off through mud to Embro to get some medicine. I got a bottle of Briggs Magical Relief, 25 cents, and a tooth brush 25 ct. The roads were very muddy but not as bad as I expected. At Mathison's I met Ross and had a short talk with him. He wanted to go to Embro to mend his boots but feared the mud. Arrived at home. I washed my boots in the creek and came in nice and clean, having walked from Embro in just one hour, exclusive of stoppage.

Dec. 26/1862

The afternoon was spent in the house except a short walk. I have been dreadfully troubled all day with rumbling in my bowels which I have in vain tried to cure. The evening has been spent in pleasant conversation, and now after eleven o'clock I chronicle the events of the day, and go to bed, I hope to sleep.

Dec. 27th

The last Sabbath of the year. Today I did what I have not done in a year and a half before, that is, got to church only once on Sunday. There was no meeting in Embro in the morning, none being nearer than the Episcopal Methodist meeting on the other side of the village. There was a meeting in the Presbyterian house in the afternoon, but I did not go. The fact is that I felt too lazy to walk through the mud to Embro. In the evening Mr. & Mrs. B., Mary and myself started for church. Eliza would not go, for some private reason.

Dec. 28/1862

The ride was very pleasant, it being a rather cold, but moonlit night. When we arrived at church I showed Mary into a seat, and sat beside her, and we were for a time the observed of all observers. After waiting a considerable time I began to suspect Wilson was not coming and that they would want me to preach, especially when I saw Midgely talking to Mr. Bland. Presently Mr. B. came to me and asked me to preach, as it was already a quarter to eight. I consented to try rather than let the people be disappointed. I had no time for preparation, not even to read over a skeleton.

Dec 28/1862

I gave out the 423rd hymn, and then read Matt XI, and prayed, then I gave out the hymn, and took for my text Matt. XI.28, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." I did not like to try a new text so I took one that I had spoken on. I had not read my lessons over for more than two weeks, and felt very doubtful to my success, but trusted in Providence, I was able to go on. Much of the matter was verse, But the heads were as before. I spoke with comparative freedom, and I think I took up about Forty five minutes. After prayers we sang the 417 th hymn and closed by announcing the benediction. I felt myself in a queer predicament for it was short notice for a young preacher. God helping me I was enabled to get through and I hope that my words may have some effect. The house was full. Ross was not there having been sick yesterday evening. This morning he started off on foot for Woodstock. He would not stay as he expected to have a fit of diarrhoea, but I might as well have gone on Saturday for I had the same.

Dec. 29/1862 **EMBRO** Mr. Bland took a load of wheat to Beachville, and was gone all day, and Mrs. B. went out visiting So we were left alone. Eliza and I had a nice long chat. T is evident she does not suspect the amount of the knowledge about her and Ralston, and I have kept it very quiet so that she might Not find out. She felt awfully vexed at Leonard for telling that she was twenty-four years old. Her birthday is sometime in December. Even if she is old she is a fine girl and will make Rolly a good wife. She said that she was told I intended to get married very shortly. I could not who told her, but suspected Mont. If he did tell. I'd be very careful how I tell him anything more. I had a nice pleasant day and enjoyed myself.

Dec. 30/1862

Woodstock

Back in Woodstock. I staid at the Bland's till after dinner, and rode to Embro with Mr. B. and walked the rest of the way. I was sorry enough to part with all the folks and they seemed sorry to part with me. It was about half past one when I left Mr. B and got into Woodstock about a quarter to four. Found a letter from Annie but nothing from Montreal. Went to see Ross he had gone to Ingersoll and will not be back till tomorrow. After tea I went down to see Mary Ann and surprised her greatly with my unexpected appearance. We went for a walk and had quite a long talk. She has decided not to go to Brantford and I am not going either. My ankle is very sore from walking so much.

Dec 31/1862 The last day of the year. Wrote to Aunt Tenie.

Evening Ross has not yet returned from Ingersoll. I think he must have come as far as Beachville, and then gone up to Embro. At noon I went down to the cars to meet him, but he was not on board. I saw Mrs. Cox start for Brantford. Then I went down to see Mary Ann, but I thought that I would take a stroll through the streets and see if I could see anyone I knew. Sure enough I met Mr. Bland on the Market Square. He could not sell his wheat in Beachville so he brought it here. I determined to send a paper to Mary and a note to Eliza, telling about Ross. Hurried down to Warwick's and bought a Tribune, then came home and wrote a note to Eliza, enclosing some recipes which I had promised her, and went down to the North American to meet Mr. B. Gave him the paper & note, and started up town with him. On the way I met Neil and Johnny Mathison, and had a short talk with them. At Parker & Woods, I bid Mr. B. goodbye and went up to Cox's to see Mary Ann.

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Sat with her till near five, and then went down to the cars. Met McKenzie, saw Mr. Cox off, and found that Ross had not arrived, and then went to tea. After tea I went down to see M.A. and stayed till ten o'clock. She was troubled with a dreadful headache. Poor girl I pity her. Reid seems to think a great deal of her. I wish she could transfer her affections from me to him, for he will be better to her than I could ever be. What a vast difference between tonight and a year ago. Then we were enjoying ourselves at Mr. Brown's, and now we are in Woodstock.

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