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Jan, 1, 1861

Martinsburg N.Y.

The beginning of another year. A year who's course will be freighted with either joy or sorrow to me and my connections. My friends are not in as healthy a state as I could wish. Millie at the time I last heard was unwell, and feared that she was going into the Consumption. Annie was not well and my own darling Mary Ann at last account was just recovering from a very severe illness, but with the idea disease had settled upon her, now hastening her to her grave.

Oh God in mercy grant that they may all have long and useful lives. My own health is good, my spiritual health not as I could wish it. I feel a coldness, a deadness I could wish done away with.

May God bring my heart more in supplication to his, and make it a fit temple for the Holy Ghost. O Father, search me and try me and see if there be any wicked way in me. Make me useful in my day and generation. God has called me to become a minister of the gospel and I am going to College in May if the Lord prosper me.

Vol.1, Cont.

Received a letter from Aunt Jane, the first since 1859. She makes abundant apologies for her long silence and as usual promised amusement. Mr. Belknap has been visiting his relatives at Leyton and I had to stay in the store all day. In this county, they keep the stores open everyday but Sunday, and some even on that day.

Received a letter from Mary Ann telling me of Christmas festivities. She had a fine time, a good ride and plenty of teasing. Posted a letter to her telling of my Christmas and New Years doings. White spoke to me today telling me business was not doing very well, and he heard Belknap thought he could do the business alone.

The long and short of it they have kept me on to suit their convenience and now wish to be rid of me. If they had given me proper notice, I would not have minded., but to treat me so vexes me. I was taken by surprise at such short notice, but I seems to be the custom in this country, and I shall not complain, I am sorry for it, for it has dashed all my hopes of saving enough to take me to College. But God is doing it for His own pleasure and I will trust Him though He slay me.

Annie and Millie are his sisters in Montreal. They live with the Muir family. His mothers' brother. Mary Anne Bailey is his first girlfriend, who worked at the Wanzer Sewing Machine Factory in Hamilton, they were engaged three years. He broke the engagement, then took her back, then she broke it. Then he did, Then the Uncle in Drumbo threatened a Breach of Promise Suit. He married a class mate, an educated woman, Mary Keys Bland of Embro. Mr. Belknap, and Mr. White, Ruggles shop keepers in Tug Hill, Martinsburgh N.Y. Leyton, and Rodman are towns near Martinsburgh.

Jan.7, 1861

Lent White and Belknap \$40. on interest till wanted.
Went down to Lowville to seek a situation but could not find one. If I had know ten days ago, I might have got a situation with Ruggles, but he has hired a clerk.

Jan.9,1861

Answered Aunt Lizzie, gave her a pretty full account of my doings and intentions.

** Aunt Elizabeth nee(Muir)Morton, married Andrew Morton of Brantford Starch Company.*

Jan.17, 1861

Wrote Mary Ann, received a letter from John Richards giving me an account of his New Year's festivities.

**John Richards of Hamilton, Eben's friend.*

Jan. 30, 1861

This is the anniversary of one of the most important acts of my life. Two years ago, I took possession of a follower of the Lamb of God. Well do I remember the Sabbath morn when I was baptized, the little church and the company assembled. The Lord has been very good to me, far better than I deserve, and I oh how careless I have been. I have done little or nothing for God.

Feb. 2, Wrote to Mary Ann and Richards answering their letters telling of my doings.

Feb. 6, 1861

Uncle Frank went down to mill today and did not get back till evening. He brought me three letters one from Uncle James offering me a scholarship in Woodstock Institute. Another letter was from Aunt Jennie urging me to accept of Uncle James' offer. All the folks in Montreal seem very kindly towards me. This appears to be a special providence of God to give we an education. I never expected any help from Muirs, and they seem with little exception to care nothing for me, but God has changed their minds towards me and mine towards them. The weather has been stormy all day.

Franklin Rice of Tug Hill, N.Y.

The Woodstock Literary Institute was funded by Baptists, and McMaster of Hamilton.

Director was Dr. Robert Fyfe of Bond Street Baptist Church, Toronto. McMaster funded the school.

Eben had a falling out with his grandfather Muir, Eben ran away to Ingersoll when he was twelve where he worked for room and board and no pay at Uncle George Muir's store with Muir Kneeshaw.

Feb.7, 1861

The storm of snow and wind continued all day. Wrote a letter to Uncle James accepting his offer and asking when I am to leave for Woodstock. Answered Millie's letter.

Feb.8, 1861

Intended to go to the village to post a letter to Uncle James, but although the snow had ceased falling, the wind blew as stormy as ever and it was as cold as ever, and it was so cold that I was afraid to venture out that I might freeze to death. Wrote to cousin George that I intend to visit him soon. To T.T.

Goodall countermanding my order for a Greek Lexicon.

Also to Mary Ann and Uncle Ebenezer telling them of my intention of returning to Canada.

T.T. Goodall, Books
Uncle Ebenezer Rice, Aunt Anah Rice of Hamilton, On.

Feb. 9, 1861

Went down to church meeting and obtained my letter of dismissal. We had a very good evening.

Feb. 12, 1861

Answered Aunt Jennie's letter and gave her an account of my feelings and intentions. Told her of my acceptance of Uncle's offer. We have had irregular weather and rain, snow and storm all in twelve hours.

Feb. 16, 1861

At Aunt Mary's house. She has been very kind to me since I have been here and has given me flannel shirts and stockings several times. Today she gave me three dollars, and a nice pair of stockings. She also gave me a very pretty gold ring for Annie and \$2.00 to buy something for Millie. She has never seen either of them and it is very kind of her to give them such nice presents.

**Sunny is probably the Morton's new baby Shirley in Brantford. Millie Rice is his sister who was visiting them.*

Feb. 16, cont.

Evening

A year ago tonight. A time which will ever be remembered while I have reason. A night whose events will cast an influence over all my future life. One year ago this evening the celebrated poet John G. Hay delivered a lecture in the city of Hamilton on "Roots and Poetry and Love." There was a maiden whom I loved and wished to find an opportunity to declare my love, and therefore asked her to the lecture. While going home in the evening, none near to hear what we said, I found an opportunity and it proved" popped the question, but being a novice, the business was very clumsy, however it was done, and I was satisfied. I could not exhort a confession from her, but I felt That actions spoke louder enough, and rejoiced at the knowledge. I have never been sorry for my conduct on that evening nor have I ever had cause to refund that I did love her.

**J.G.Hay, Poet, writer was one of Lincoln's personal Secretaries. In researching internet sometimes known as J. MILTON Hays.*

Feb 17, 1861
A stormy Sabbath

Snowed all day, and roads badly drifted. There being no meeting at our church, I went to hear the Presbyterian minister Mr. Wheelock. He is a good man and an excellent preacher. In the morning he preached from Matt. X, V: 25. Lord Help Me. The afternoon discourse from Isa. 1: V 6 "We all do fade as a leaf." Was a beautiful and touching sermon. He spoke of the shortness and uncertainty of life, the certainty of death and judgment both for old and young. He feelingly exhorted the young to turn to the Savior now while in the full enjoyment of youthful vigor, and not trust to an uncertain future which might never come. The choir sang two beautiful hymns, "Rock of Ages," and " I will not always live."

Felt duly afraid for my going through the snow drifts. Received a letter enclosing a Valentine, both from Mary Ann. Dear God, may God bless her and prosper her. Learnt 30 verses in John 1st Chapter.

Feb. 18, 1861

Martinsburg

White and Belknap paid me the money I lent them Jan. 7th with interest to date. Mounted Long Hill though the snow was from one to three feet deep in the road. Had hard time and thought I should freeze.

Feb. 19, 1861

Uncle and Henry went to town meeting. They brought back the long expected letter from Uncle James. He wished me to start as soon as possible. Has not sent me any letters of introduction, or papers of any kind, but says I will receive them when I reach Canada.

Feb. 20, 1861

Left Uncle Frank's perhaps forever. I feel very sorry to leave them for they are good kind hearted people and have been very kind to me. Went down to Lowville to make some purchases. Bought a Greek Lexicon \$4.25, a Greek testament \$1.25, had a cake, put on Mary Ann and Robb's likeness, got my vest pin fixed and got money changed at the bank.

Feb.20, 1861, Cont.

Returned to Martinsburg and bargained with Edwin Pilcher to take me to Watertown on Saturday. Met Uncle Frank with the baggage. We went to Aunt Mary's farm. I was tired for I had walked twelve miles through the deep snow part of the way.

In the evening I met Mary Ann and got into an argument about close communion, baptism , doctrines and conversion. I endeavoured to convince her from scripture, but that would not own or achieve anything. She is a very smart woman, but she had a bad side to sustain. *Cousin Mary Ann Rice, Tug Hill*

Feb. 21, 1861

Wrote to Aunt Mary Ann, and Uncle Ebenezer giving notice of my coming. Uncle Franklin and I stayed at Aunt Mary's house all night.

Feb. 22, 1861

Left Aunt Mary's house this morning. I have now said goodbye to all my relatives in this town. I feel sorry to leave them. I have agreed to write to Uncle Frank and * Lucy. * Cousin Lucy

Feb 22, 1861, Cont.

I shall not see these relatives for several years, perhaps forever. God in heaven bless them for

their kindness to me. Give them such a sense unto Thy pleasure. Visited my grandparents grave & plucked a small twig of Locust bush which grows near their grave. The burying Ground is a very dismal looking place at this time of year. Nothing but snow, with here and there a tombstone peeping out from it's fleecy covering. *Rice's gravesite, Tug Hill, NY.*

Feb. 23, 1861

Well, here I am still in this little town of Martinsburg. Ed Pitcher is not going to Watertown because the weather looks stormy. He is a perfect Humbug.

Feb. 24, 1861

Lowville

Here I am started at last, and on a Sabbath too. When I got up this morning I did not expect to Leave Martinsburg until Monday, but I found that Pilcher was not going at all so rode down with Simmons the Teamster so as to take the stage tomorrow morning.

Feb.24 Cont.

The day has been stormy and cold and I had great difficulty to keep from freezing coming from Martinsburg. But here I am safe and sound at Ruscoe's Hotel ready to start tomorrow.

Feb. 25

Was ever such luck. Here I must stay all day in this miserable place because the stage driver is too lazy to go today. Called on elder Wilbur and spent most of the day in his store. Took supper with him. Bought two quires of letter paper, two children's books, one for Elsie the other for Herbert Morton, " The Wedding Gift' for Mary Ann, *The Bible and the Closet for Millie, *Bible Gems for Annie and Daily Food for self.

- Popular religious books of 1861. Cousin Millie of Brantford, also sister, Millie Muir in Montreal.

Feb. 26

Rodman

I staged it from Lowville to Watertown N.Y. The going was very bad near Watertown but tolerable the rest of the way. Oh the misery of stage traveling, especially in winter.

Feb. 26, 1861 Cont.

Rodman

It is worse than purgatory, jolt, jolt bumpity bump,
it's the worst torture I have endured for many days.
Found Wick Lorenzo at Watertown, rode home with him. I
stopped at Uncle Wright's for supper and gave them all
the news.

**Wick Lorenzo was station at Staten Island during Civil War*

Wright Rice, was Eben's father's brother, Watertown

Feb 27

In the evening Uncle and I looked over his letters and
papers in order to find a couple of C.F. Holden's
letters about father's death could not find them, but
we got a lot of father's letters, sermons and papers
and uncle gave them to me.

Rev. William Henry Rice was a minister in Chicago, and New York at First Baptist Congregational, he died of cholera in 1842 along with Mrs. Rice, nee Muir from Quebec. C.F. Holden, was a lawyer.

March 1, 1861

Hamilton C.W.

Left Rodman yesterday evening directly after breakfast
and rode to Adam's Corner. Took the cars shortly after
eight o'clock and reached Rome about twelve o'clock
Changed cars at Rome, and took the New York Central
for the Suspension Bridge. Bought a ticket clear
through to Hamilton. *C.W is Canada West, or Upper Canada*

March 1, Cont.

We met with an accident at Conastoga, which delayed us half an hour. A spring somewhere about the locomotive broke and they had to replace it with a new one. I was well pleased with the roads and cars. The road is in first rate order, and the cars are tastefully and comfortably fitted up. There appears to be a double track nearly all the way to Rochester, and for some distance at the western end of the line.

I saw many things and places that animated and pleased me. A great part of the way we were close to the Erie Canal and frequently crossed, once we went under it. The hotels both at Syracuse and Rochester are large and fine buildings. We came through Syracuse along one of the principal streets and I saw many fine buildings while passing.

In Rochester we went part of the way through the streets and part of the way on a trestle work on a level with the lofts of the houses. It was a singular and exciting way to travel.

March 1 Cont.

I was much pleased with the Genesee Falls although I got a very imperfect view of them. Arrived at the Suspension ridge at half past nine and had to wait till a quarter to twelve. Got into Hamilton about two o'clock this morning, came up to Uncle Ebenezer's, went to bed and to sleep and thus ended my day of travel.

In seventeen days I have traveled over two hundred miles at an expense of \$8.50.

Evening

Mar. 1

Went up to the store after dinner and took Mr. Byrne and William by surprise. They were astonished to see me. Had a long talk with Mr. Hamilton about the state of feeling in the States in relation to slavery.

About five o'clock went up to visit Mrs. Bailey. She did not know me till I spoke to her and enjoyed my visit. She is a pretty nice woman and very sensible, if she is old and homely.

March 1, Cont.

That busy body Mrs. Gilbert came in and retailed all Mary Ann's doings for my benefit. She might have spared herself the trouble for I knew it all before, but it is likely she wanted to make me jealous. If so she was disappointed. She is a meddling good for nothing busy body.

She will be apt to catch a blessing if she does not cease interfering with my business. Mary Ann came in about seven and was very glad to see me.

Uncle Ebenezer Muir or Rice?, Mr. Hamilton is an elderly gentleman acquaintance. Old Mrs. Bailey is Mary Ann Bailey's grandmother. Mary Ann's mother lived in Dumbro. Hamilton C.W. was Canada West now Ontario. Bailey's lived near the Bay. Mary Ann worked at the Wanzer Sewing Machine Company, in a loft at King and James Street, Eben Rice wrote a lengthy poem entitled the Sewing Machine Girls. The third floor loft is where Jackson Square and formerly Victoria now Gore Park today. The Loft is still there. Wanzer had several factories, one farther down at Caroline Street and King, another one on Barton Street. They made small portable machines. Photos in Ham. Library Research Dept.

She looked better than she has looked for a long time.

Dear girl, God bless her. She is such a god girl. I could not help loving her if I should try. I staid till half past nine and we had a pleasant talk. My God I thank thee that thou hast preserved my darling, and again permitted her and me to meet each other in the world.

March 1, Cont.

A few short months ago I never expected to see her till I met in that land where there is no parting. But God has granted me the privilege of again beholding her. I have heard today that there is some talk of locating then college here in Hamilton instead of Woodstock.

It would be almost too good news to be true. If I really happens, I will have all that my heart can write for as far as earthly pleasure good. God grant it may be true.

Mar.5

Four days have passed since last I wrote in this book And they have been pleasant days to me. On Saturday I went to call upon Mr. Catchpole to find out what Mr. Andrew's said about me I his letter. Then went to dinner with Mr. Byrne.

He has a very comfortable house and a nice wife. I almost envy him he seemed so comfortable. But my turn will come some day. After dinner I called on Richards. I never saw anyone so surprised.

Mar. 5 Cont.

He could hardly speak for a minute, but stood shaking my hand and looking at me. We had a long walk and spent the afternoon together.

At six I met Mary Ann and walked home with her. Her grandmother sent her to the grocery and we went and had a long walk. She told me that some very bad lies had been told against her, and that Mrs. Gilbert had told them.

She refused to tell who said it or what the stories were, but from what she said and hints I had received from Byrne and Mrs. Gilbert I suspect that it is against her character and mine. I wrote to Uncle James on Saturday morning.

Sabbath morning was very wet, indeed there was a little rain at intervals all day. I called for Mary Ann and we went to church together and sat in the same seat. I went home with her to dinner and then up for Jane Robb, but she was sick and could not come. Went to Sunday School together and home again and to church in the evening. *Jane Robb, a friend in Hamilton.*

Mar. 5

Everybody that spoke to me seemed very glad to see me and hoped I was going to stay here. They have got the notion that I have come to take Mary Ann away. The girls all have been asking her if I am going to take her away.

The girls all have been asking her if I am going to take her away. If they will only wait and see. Many of them thought I never meant to come back again and have been in insinuating as much, and it has taken them by surprise to see me. It will shut their slanderous mouths.

I heard a little more about those reports against Mary Ann, but she persisted in refusing to give the name of those who told them. She does not want to tell me what the reports were, and I have not pressed her because it is indelicate to talk about. But I made up my mind to search out the whole matter.

Monday I rose early and went to the store to have some private conversation with Bryne. He told me all he knew about the reports and gave Gallagher the Tailor as his authority.

Mar. 5, Cont

After breakfast I met Richards and took a long walk with him. I questioned him closely, but he knew nothing of the matter. We had quite a walk and visited Mrs. Curtis for about a half hour. Then we went to see Mr. Gallagher to learn his authority for his report he has spread, but he was not home.

We had another walk in the afternoon and called on Mr. Muir at Foster's. I had made up my mind not to trouble myself any more to call upon Gallagher but just as Richards and I were standing in front of Uncle's store, who should come along but the man himself.

He stopped asked me how I got along, and shook my hands, but I said nothing till he asked if I had come back to stay. I told him no, the people of Hamilton did not like me well enough to have me stay. They lied about me.

He wanted to know what I meant and I told him I had very bad reports and had traced them to him. He explained them to me and said Mrs. Gilbert had told his wife so.

Mar. 5 Cont.

I was very vexed enough when I had heard the whole story and if I had been ruled by impulse I should have made a fuss about it. It is too disagreeable a story to defile these pages. Suffice it to say that the story was that she was enciente (fr.) pregnant by me and her grandmother suspected it , and was watching to see if it was true.

Oh the wicked hypocracy of that being Mrs. Gilbert. She knew it was a double dyed lie, a pure invention of the Devil. My poor Mary Ann, to have such lies told about her. But her friends knew her too well to believe such stories. God will avenge her wrongs and punish her enemies.

That detestable Mrs. Gilbert was caught in her own trap. She told Mary Ann that Mrs. Gallagher had told her and thus Mary Ann found out where the story originated, and also proved Mrs. Gilbert to be a liar. The old wretch hinted it to me and stirred up my curiosity, and thus the whole story has been revealed to me.

Mar. 5, Cont.

Yesterday I bought a few things, a Greek book and a box of pills for myself, Baxter's, Call to The Converted, for Richards, a scent bottle for Mrs. Bailey and some paper for Mary Ann.

Today I am going visiting some of my friends. I did intend to o away today, but Uncle urged me to stay over tomorrow.

March 6

Had a walk with Richards in the morning. Wrote a letter to Uncle George acknowledging his letter and thanking him for his kindness. Spent afternoon and evening with Mary Ann. Dear girl, how I love her. We had a pleasant time talking and reading our Bible and commenting on what we read.

I went home at half past nine. Found a letter from Uncle James telling me about the parcel and money to be sent to me. The parcel will be sent in a few days, the money will be sent by his traveler when he passes through Woodstock and lamenting her own sinfulness.

March 9

Brantford

Here I am I Brantford, so far on my way towards my studies. I left Hamilton Thurs. the 7th. Spent part of the morning with Richards. Met Mary Ann at dinner time, went home with her, bid herself and grandmother goodbye. She did not feel so bad about my going away this time, because it is not so far.

Richards came to the cars to see me off and came as far as the junction with me. Had an unpleasant journey for I felt somewhat unwell. Got to Brantford and astonished the folks, but to my sorrow found Annie off to Paris on a visit. Next day Aunt Lizzie, Uncle Herbert and I went to Paris after Annie. Staid at Mr. Capron's to dinner and got home I time for tea.

Poss. Hiram Capron family who manufactured, Plaster of Paris. Mortons made starch in Paris. Dinner is at 12 noon. Tea is 4, supper is later.

This morning I began a letter to Mary Ann but had no time to finish it, as Annie and I went out to visit Mrs. Morton and Jeannie. My illness has changed into a cold, and I think it has settled in my lungs, at least it feels like it. *Old Mrs. Morton, daughter cousin Jeanie*

March 9, Cont.

I have a constant desire to cough, but dare not account of the racking pain in my chest. Went into town this evening and got a bottle of my prescription for colds.

March 11

Woodstock

I have at last arrived at my destination the Woodstock institute at Woodstock. Sabbath day I went to hear Mr. Alexander both times. Morning sermon was Amos V:1. Woe to them that were at ease in Zion, evening, Ps.XIX: 12, 13. Both discourses were excellent.

This morning I finished my letter to Mary Ann but have not had a chance to post it,so shall add some more to it tonight. Annie and I left Brantford after dinner and rode to Paris and took the cars for Woodstock. **Annie Rice, his sister is visiting Brantford.*

As I was coming up from the depot I met two of the students and walked up with them to the Institute.

One of them took me to Dr. Fyfe and I presented my papers. After he had read it he asked a few questions and gave me a room.

March 11, Cont.

I room with Mr. McInnes, No. 28. So now I am settled down to college life. God make it profitable to me.

I received a letter from Uncle James and answered it.

Received a parcel of clothing from Uncle James.

Mar. 16

I have not either time or inclination to write I this journal during the week. But now at it's close I will endeavor to record the chief occurrences.

On Tuesday I mailed letters to Uncle James, Mary Ann, Uncle Frank and Lucy. In the morning Mr. Stewart gave me a list of books I will require and in the evening I went down to the bookstore and bought them. Had nothing to do all day.

Wed.

Joined the Latin and Greek classes and received my first lessons.

Thursday

I joined the history and arithmetic classes, and recited my first Greek lessons. I am to have Greek everyday, so as to catch up with my class.

Friday

I recited my lessons, and went for a walk. While today I have done little or nothing. I have written one letter to Uncle Ebenezer, and part of another to Mary Ann, have translated two Latin exercises and a few such jobs.

McInnes, my roommate has been sick and I have had to wait on him, but he is better now and can wait on himself. I have been troubled with a wretched toothache but I got it filled by the dentist and it does not hurt me now.

Mar. 17

Went to the Baptist Chapel in the morning and heard Dr. Fyfe from John VI: 36. It was a fine sermon, but not as good as the one I heard from Mr. Ingles the United Presbyterian minister. It was from Matt V:8 and was a beautiful and deeply interesting sermon. In the evening, Mr. Peden preached in the Baptist church.

March 20

Again I sit down to record the events of life as they pass under my observation. On Monday, I studied hard all day, and was not out of the house for five minutes during the whole day.

I wrote part of my composition, and in the evening wrote a little in letter to Mary Ann. It was the anniversary of that night on which I won from her the confession of her love. Never will I forget that Sabbath evening and our long and delightful walk, and the talk we had together. The memory is sacred and will ever remain unknown to profane minds.

One year of great joy and great sorrow has passed since then, but I would not change my condition for what it was then on any account. Then I had no joy but the one of the love of a pure and holy being like Mary Ann, and hers I was not confident of possessing. I had but little love for the cause of Christ and was living in a cold dead state, but now have changed.

March 20, Cont.

I am doing my master's will, living to his service and for the advancement of his kingdom and I am sure of the love of my dearest Mary Ann.

Thank God for the great change. Yesterday I found time to finish my composition but was confined in doors nearly all day. Today I have been for a walk, and went to the dentist, but he was not in to get him to fix my tooth. The fellow is a humbug I verily believe, for my tooth has been worse than ever before.

Mr. Sharer, Uncle James traveler called today while I was out and I did not see him. He left his card, and after supper I went down town to see him. Had a very pleasant talk with him., and received fifteen dollars from Grandma, Aunt Jennie and Aunt Jane. I must write to thank them as soon as possible. I had time today so went up to the store and back. The following is the doctors prescription which I copy here in order to preserve it.

March 26

Six days have passed away and I have not had time to write a single word in this Diary. I think I must alter it's name from Diary to " weekly."

Nothing of any importance occurred till Friday the 22 on which evening I became a member of the Athenaeum Society." I also joined the *Judson Missionary Society. Saturday I wrote to Millie answering her letter, and enclosed a note of thanks to Aunt Jane for her kindness.

On Sunday attended the Baptist Church and Sabbath School. Today finished and mailed letters to Mary and John Richards. This week has been a very hard one, up late tonight studying, little or no exercise and plenty of hard lessons.

I hope to be able to worry through till the holidays and keep up. If I cannot stand that long, how shall I do after three or four years close confinement to study?

History of The Athenaeum Club/ Traditional London club
The Athenaeum Club once brought together minds such as Charles Darwin and Charles Dickens. With so many brilliant minds in one place, conversation was never dull. John Wilson Croker, Sir Thomas Lawrence founded the Athenaeum in 1824 for gentlemen who were accomplished in Science, Literature and Art.

There is a young man in the Institute now who has taken to bleeding with the lungs, mainly brought on by overwork. God help me to pass through my college life and come out at last with a good constitution and talent to improve it in his service.

April 1, 1861

All-Fools Day, and the boys are fooling each other as fast as possible. I have not written in this book for nine days, partly because I and not time, partly because I had nothing particular to write. Last

Thursday wrote to Aunt Jane and Aunt Lizzie giving them some account of my actions here. Thursday evening being church meeting, I sat up till half past two writing out my composition.

Friday was a holiday, at least it was called one, but most of us studied a great part of the day. I wrote to Aunt Jennie and Uncle James in the morning. Mr. Stone asked me to write an essay for the missionary society two weeks from last Saturday.

*Adoniram Judson, 1810, and seminary students established with Gen Asso. of Massachusetts Congregational, American Board of Commissions for Foreign Missions.

April 1, 1861

I promised to do my best ad in the afternoon I sat down to write on the subject I had chosen. It is "The Bible" I wrote for some time then gave up and studied no more that day.

Attended the Athenaeum Society in the evening, and spent the rest of the time in playing checkers. Saturday I did nothing particular. Sunday I heard Mr. Cooper in the morning, Dr. Fyfe in the evening. I had to lead the morning prayer meeting which was a hard task.

April 9

More than a week since I last wrote in this journal. Since then I have received a letter from Mary Ann enclosing a beautiful bookmark made with her own hair, a letter from Uncle Frank and one from Annie. Last Wednesday I was taken with a dreadful pain through my chest so bad that I could not study.

April 9, 1861, Cont.

Since then I have recited three lessons, as I was so bad I could not sit for than a few minutes at a time for I would get such a pain through my body that I could do nothing. I have staid till now expecting to get well, but I am no better and am going home.

Last night I made all arrangements to go. I start for Brantford at noon. I was appointed to declaim on Saturday, but I will not be here. I also had to read my essay before the missionary society on Saturday night, but Mr. Montgomery promised to read it, if I would write it. I have done do and given it to him.

On Friday night I was put on debate with Mr. Bryant for the first Friday in the term. Miss McKenzie and Northrup are the speakers on my side.

April 10, 1861

Brantford

I left Woodstock yesterday at noon and arrived here about three o'clock. Unfortunate fellow that I am I got here just in time to be late Annie went out to Paris, just s I got here. She is coming back tomorrow.

April 10, Cont.

Brantford

I studied out my Greek exercises this morning and went into town, and got a bottle of cough medicine and some pegging and sewing awls.

Aunt Lizzie has promised to furnish me with all the bedding I require. She told me that Uncle George is going to help me pay for my board. I do not feel as well as usual today and have been troubled with bleeding at the nose. I hope to get over all that before long and I must do my best to get a good stock of health for next term.

April 15, 1861

Hamilton

Again as I sit down to enter my thoughts and action in this little book. For 5 days nothing has been entered in it, partly on account of traveling, partly ill health, and partly laziness.

But to begin- I left off in the midst of my story about my health. It is but little better, in fact, I am afraid it is worse. My cough still remains, and trouble me more by it's constant tickling than by it's severity.

April 15 Cont.

Hamilton

The pain in my lungs has nearly gone, but it appears to have been transferred to my head. I am also now very subject to chills which go through my whole body.

On Saturday evening I was out walking. I was taken with a very severe chill which almost threw me down. And again just before I went to bed. Indeed I thought that I should be sick, but when Sunday morning came I was well enough to go to church.

I stood it well enough, until Sunday School was nearly over, then my head began to ache, and continual to ache with more or less violence all afternoon and evening, In the evening. In the morning I was too sick to pay any attention to the sermon.

After church I went home with Jane Robb and Mary Ann. We went into Jane's house and studied there till nine o'clock, then I saw Mary Ann home, and came home myself, and went directly to bed. My walk appears to have done me some good for I slept soundly until Uncle wakened me at a quarter to eight.

April 15, 1861 Cont.

Today my head does not trouble me so much, but I feel bad all over. It is surprising how weak I am, I can do nothing without feeling completely exhausted. This afternoon I walked out to the "Cemetery " and " Suspension Bridge" and when I got home again I could hardly walk although I took nearly two hours to accomplish the journey. I feel wretched indeed.

These discouraging facts and the bad news I have heard of my younger sister, Millie have had the tendency to depress my spirits, and to cause me to be very desponding and almost willing to give up without a struggle.

There is but one thought that gives me hope and that has called me to be a minister of the Gospel, and I hardly think that he will cut my life short without my having done anything towards me and make me cling to this world.

One is that I have done little or nothing for the course of Christ, and I would wish to do more ere I die.

April 15, cont.

The other is that I must part from Mary Ann and not so much on my own account do I give, as on hers. It would be a hard blow to her if I should die for she loves me better than all else, and if I die young I must leave her to struggle on in poverty and sorrow, while if I live I may be able to make her life one of joy and plenty.

Oh if God would grant me life until I could do something for his cause, and until I could give to my loved one sufficient of this world's goods to place her above poverty, due to place her in such a position that she need not work so hard.

If these were granted, then could I die happy. But God help me to bow to his will and say from the heart 'The will, O God be done.'

Oh the wretchedness of poverty. I am neither able to procure medicine to make me better, nor to take a long journey in search of health, nor to relieve my poor Mary Ann from her hard labour.

If I was only sick, how much good I could do with my money.

April 15, cont

But I must submit my will to that of my God and be willing to live and die how, when and where he pleases. When I arrived here on Sunday evening the folks were surprised to see me for they did not expect me.

Mary Ann was astonished and delighted. I went up to see her in the evening and spent a very pleasant evening with her.

On Saturday, I called to see Richards, but he was at work on King St. East near the toll gate. I walked down there and had a talk with him. On my way home I bought a couple of school books for 5 York.

I got a pair of shoulder braces for myself and another for Mr. Yoe my roommate and when I wanted to pay for them Uncle gave me mine and charged me a dollar for Mr. Yoe's, thus giving me 75 cents on them.

He also gave me five dollars in money. It was very kind of him to give me so much. He is a good kind hearted man and has given me many things since I came here in 1855.

April 15, 1861, cont.

We have had some hard feelings and sharp words during that time, but on the whole have got on well together. He has been very kind to me and I will never forget it.

April 16

Yesterday I went out for a walk and bought a book. In the evening I went to prayer meeting with Mary Ann. We had a very good meeting. That fellow Goggins is a perfect nuisance, he is becoming unbearable with his insolence to Mary ann. She has told him as plain as possible that she does not like him, and cannot and will not have him, but he persists in his attentions. Last night he met her and was very impudent because she would not let him see her to and from prayer meeting. If I come across him I will tell plump and plain that he is not wanted and it would be best for him to let her alone. I have heard bad things about Millie. The doctor has ordered her to the salt water on account of ill health. I am afraid the poor child is going into the consumption. She has just the constitution of a consumptive person, and I very much fear that all three of us will die of consumption.

April 16/Cont.

I wrote to her yesterday and enclosed the two dollars from Aunt Mary Anne to her. I had always forgotten to send them before. I also sent her a little book as a birthday gift. Dear child, I hope she will recover, but I fear that she will never get entirely well.

However she may live years after I am dead in the grave. I have a kind of presentiment that my days are numbered and that my life here on earth will be short.

The Lord only knows all the trouble I have to endure, and to him alone can I look for succor. May he fit me for life or death as suits him best.

April 18, 1861

No better, no better, and very little prospects of ever getting better. At last I have been to the doctor to have my chest examined. Tuesday Uncle gave me a note to Dr. MacKelcan telling him to give me a thorough examination and charge it to him. It was very kind of him to pay the expenses of the examination.

April 18, Cont.

Yesterday morning I went to the Dr's and he examined me very carefully. He sounded all over my chest and back and at last told me that my lungs were not diseased as yet, but they were very weak and predisposed to consumption. My heart is diseased considerably being much enlarged and very irregular in it's action. He says this climate is very bad for me, and recommended me to go to a warmer climate. But what nonsense for me to think of it.

A poor youth with no money, dependent on my friends for everything; however am I to procure enough money to take me to a warmer climate. But what nonsense for me to think of it.

The weather since I came down here has been very cold and changeable. On Tuesday evening I did not go out, not thinking it safe. Yesterday was a beautiful day; the sun was shining brightly, and but for the cold wind it would have been aa fine day a day could be wished for.

I went to the doctors in the morning then up John st to the Mountain View Hotel and down James street. Then I went down to the railway wharf and watched them loading logs on board of the shipping and then came home for dinner.

April 18, 1861, Cont.

In the afternoon I went down King Street to where Richards was working and talked to him till he was ready to come home and then walked home with him.

After supper went to see Mary Ann. Mrs. Gilbert made a great bother about somethings I was charged with, telling Byrne, but I never said them at all.

She declined saying anything against Mary Ann and I, and pretended that she had nothing to do with telling those abominable lies about us. She wasted more than an hour with her idle denials and explanations for I did not believe them and I guess she thought as much.

I believe she is just as guilty as can be, and I had a great notion to tell her so. But for Mary Ann's sake I held my peace.

Today it has snowed all day, but the snow does not appear to be very deep. It must melt nearly as fast as it falls. Oh how I wish it were fine weather, for I cannot go out in such weather as this. I have been out for a short

April 18, 1861, Cont.

Rx Acid Nitriczi, Ac. Muriat zij. Tr Zlyoscy zp; Aqua ad ziv. Inisce. A teaspoon in half a tunbler of water, half an hour before each meal. To be taken for sometime, and then substitute Syrup Iodid of Irons, 70 drops three times daily.

April 20, 1861

A gain has come around the Saturday evening, the last of the week, I have not been out tonight and I think the night air is not good for me. This is the third night this week I have staid at home. I was out to see Mary Ann last night. Had a very pleasant time with her, for we had a long confidential talk together about my going away to foreign lands as a missionary.

She says if I go she will come with me, for she will not let me go alone. God bless her for the loving words. If I do go away from this country and indeed, I will at least have one true friend to go with me.

Wrote to Uncle Frank, and cousin George telling them about my ill health and prospects.

April 22, 1861

Hamilton

Yesterday was a beautiful warm day, and I felt well and in good spirits. I went out immediately after breakfast, called for Mary Ann and we went for a walk up to the cemetery. We got back just in time for church. Uncle was there. I guess the folks stared some to see Mary Ann and I walk in so independent and take a seat so near the front. Perhaps they will set us down as married.

I saw some of them looking pretty at us. Margaret Jane was with Dryland. I really believe that she is married for she acts like it. I went home with Mary Ann to dinner and then we went to Sunday school.

For a wonder we got no teasing. Our bible class was a very good one, and we received some instruction. Went home with Mary Ann to tea, and then to church and home with Jane Robb and then for a walk. I got home about half past nine.

Today the doctor called. I asked what climate he recommended and he said Australia, or any place in the same latitude. Wrote to Mr. Yoe in regards to school matters.

April 27, 1861, cont.

Again have I reached this the scene of my studies, and I feel in good spirits, and health. It is several days since I have written in this book and the neglect has been occasioned by several reasons. I have been visiting and traveling and had not time. My last entry was on Monday in regards to what happened on Sunday. Present knowledge shows that I was right in thinking that we would be taken for a newly married couple.

But I will tell what I have learnt in the proper place. After I had written to Mr. Yoe, I went down to the railroad to post the letters, and find out what time the cars left, then went onto the wharf and watched them loading vessels and then uptown to the store.

I met Mary Ann at twelve and went for a walk as she waited to avoid one of her shop mates, who was coming to meet her to go to the shop. We walked round until one o'clock and then went home to dinner.

April 27, cont.

After dinner I called round for her and we went off for a walk. Somebody has been telling her Grandmother that we were married, and the woman appears to believe it.

I thought they would say so and my sorrow is that it is not true. I wish we were married and I would be willing enough to have them talk about it.

We went up to the cemetery and got a pleasant seat away from the tombs and had a good talk. We talked of many things, and among others of my going away.

My health and my doctor's advice were spoken of and the prospect of my leaving this country for some warmer climate was discussed pretty thoroughly. God bless the girl.

She shared my heart, by her words of love and devotion. My greatest grief has been the thoughts of my parting with her, and yet I did not think it proper to ask her to go with me, because I know that her love to me would lead her to comply with my request.

April 27, 1861, cont.

While her sense of duty to her Grandmother would make her feel unwilling, and I did not wish to distress her so much as would be the consequence of my asking her to go with me.

But the dear girl did not wait for me to propose it, but at once said that if I went, she would go with me, and her Grandmother would have to go to her son's.

O' what a load it took of my mind. May God grant that it may be pleasing to his will to permit us, thus to-- and spend our united lives in his service in some land far distant from our native soil.

When we were tired of sitting, we went out to the suspension Bridge and back and then down home. I staid to tea and then we went to see Jane Robb, found her away and so had our for our frames.

We went to prayer meeting and then home, or rather we went for a walk and as it was a beautiful moonlight evening, and my last in Hamilton we prolonged our walk till a quarter to ten. It was hard to tear ourselves from each other, but it had to be done.

April 27, 1861, cont.

On Tuesday, I started for Brantford at a quarter past twelve. Uncle Ebenezer was still in bed, he has been ailing for some days, but would not lay up until he was forced to.

He has been very kind to me, and has given me a great many things. First he gave me \$5, and a pair of shoulder braces, and medicine and paid for my medical examination, and gave me two bottles of medicine and a bottle of pain killer, just before I came away, Aunt Anah, has also been very kind to me, and just before I came away she slipped a roll of bills in my hand, which on counting I found amount to to ten dollars. I found the folks in Brantford well.

Wednesday, I had a walk with young Shenstone's and then went out to old Mrs. Morton's and stopped for dinner and tea.

Thursday, I went to Shenstone's to dinner, and we visited Charley Hale.

Friday, Aunt Lizzie gave me some sheets, pillow cases and towels, and would have given me lots more , but I would not take them. She also baked me a nice fruit cake to take with me.

April 27, cont.

I left Brantford at about one o'clock and arrived in Woodstock, all safe and sound.

I visited amongst the students, and in the evening was on hand for the debate. Bryant was unwell, The speaking was pretty good, but the arguments were no great shakes. My private opinion's that the affirmative should have gained the question, but the society thought different.

This morning I have been up and paid Dr. Fyfe for the first half of the first half of this term, have helped carry some books down to the Institute and have been for a ride with Mr. Yoe.

Last Monday night I received a letter from Millie telling me of her sickness, and I intend to answer it today.

May 2, 1961

Canadian Literary Institute

What a strange country this is. Such was the impression I overheard this morning, as I was talking a walk, and truly the state of things justified the expression.

May 2, Cont.

The idea of ice forming on the night of May first. Yesterday was very cold, and we had a slight flurry of snow, and to cap the climax, this morning we discovered a coating of ice on the surface of every puddle.

Truly this is a great country. This weather must surely be very bad for the farmers, for the ground is soaking with water, and they are not clear from frost. If the warm weather delays it's coming much longer it will be ruinous to the crops.

My last entry was on Saturday morning. That afternoon I wrote to Millie and advised her the best I know how, I also told her about my sickness.

On Sunday, I went to church twice and also to Sunday School. We had a very interesting discussion on some verses in the part of the tenth Chapter of the Gospel of John.

Mr. Yoe has proposed to start a Sabbath School for coloured children, and I agreed to join him. I think Mr. Nott will join us also. After evening service I went with Mr. Yoe to his friends.

Monday morning, I consulted Dr. Fyfe and he advised me to continue my studies at present and not leave my Latin as I was intending to do. He told me he wanted me to take a long walk everyday and to use every means to keep my health. I commenced my recitations on Monday.

My lessons come in an order that I do not like very much but I cannot help it. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Greek comes third third hour in the morning and history the first. Latin the second and geometry the third hour in the afternoon. On Tuesday I have no lesson, but Arithmetic, on last hour in the afternoon, same on Thursday.

On Tues, I received an answer from Uncle James, to my previous letters. I bought a Bible Dictionary down at the bookstore. I have not written to Hamilton or Brantford yet, and I don't know when I can get time. Yesterday morning, Mr. Stewart called me to him and questioned me about my age and place of residence.

He said I must write to Montreal and get the scholarship sent up to me so that I can have it in and have it registered.

I must write Uncle George as soon as possible and have him send it.

Last night we had a meeting at the Excelsior and passed several good resolutions, the Doctrine of Succession was proposed , but was put down. We seemed almost certain of gaining the victory tomorrow night.

Stone is not here and is not expected to stay here this term. Two or three more of their side are not come and there is every hope of our gaining the day. If we should we will speedily resind all those stupid rules of their and make decent ones.

May 6, 1861

ELECTIONS

Woodstock

Again I do steal a few moments in order to enter my thoughts and actions in my diary.

On Thursday, I wrote in this book about my hopes that our party would conquer in the election on Friday night evening, but alas we were beaten.

We proposed to have the elections first but they were strongest and overruled us. They then proposed some more members, to the first we made no objection, but to the second, a young man named Murray we made such strong objection that they were forced to lay questions over till next night.

May 6, Cont.

Then we proceeded to election. They had no objection to our candidate Mr. Shrimpton but were pretty anxious to put him in so as to call him their President. They beat us and all our other officers and put in theirs, but only by a majority of one and two.

On Saturday morning, the Excelsior had a meeting and unanimously resolved on Sucession. They have insulted us and have shown such disposition to ride over us that we will not submit any longer. We are to pretend that we have an article setting forth our reasons for Secession, and having our names signed to it, which is to be read next Friday evening and then we will leave the Society.

We intend to form a society of our own and to go in opposition to them. They are afraid that we will succeed and they know that they could not sustain themselves without us. However, next Friday will know the true state of events.

May 6, 1861 Cont.

But they are anxious to find out our intentions, and are very vexed because they cannot do so. One of their men came over to our side just before elections, and now no name is too bad for them to call him.

But enough of this and our doings. On Saturday night I wrote to Uncle George requesting him to send up the scholarship; as the Faculty desires to have it registered.

Sunday morning, Mr. Yoe and I went to hold the first meeting of our coloured Sabbath school. I expected to find all children, but instead of that we found grown persons. We had a very pleasant time, and I was greatly dissapointed to find that I like it. Five of them could read, and Mr. Yoe asked me to teach them while he took the others. We read over the first 19 verses of first chapter of John's Gospel, and I explained and questioned as I knew how. Then I went to church. Heard a pretty good sermon from Elder Cooper. After I was invited into the church and received the Right Hand of Fellowship.

May 6, Cont.

It being the 5th of May, Mary Ann's birthday, I did not go to Sabbath School, but spent the afternoon writing to her. Well do I remember one year ago this time. Then we were together and not separated. Then we were indeed happy in the society of each other.

Much of sorrow have we passed through since then, but we would not exchange our present condition with that of a year and a half ago on any consideration.

May 8

Yesterday was a very disagreeable day, cold and raining. It did not rain steadily, but by fits and starts. One hour the sun would be shining brightly, the next the rain fell like a deluge. I received a letter from Aunt Jennie yesterday. She writes a long affectionate letter, tells me of their sorrow of my sickness and that they will doubtless be willing to furnish me with some money to go away on a voyage if I desire it, that is to go in the fall and return in the spring.

May 8, Cont.

This is very kind of them, but does not suit my circumstances or prospects. First when I do go away, I wish to stay away and go about my work. This climate is a very bad one for me and I do not wish to return to it. Second if I go thus I must leave Mary Ann and I don't want to do that, for I would never expect to see her again.

So I think it best for me not to go, but to stay through the winter and to go next summer.

May 10,
Wednesday evening the "Excelsior" had a meeting, and adopted and signed a protest a resignation from the Athenaeum. It is to be read tonight. Yesterday I wrote a long letter to Aunt Jennie and told her all my troubles and trials. We of the Sessessionals, have been anxiously awaiting for tonight, and now it is almost here. I expect to have quite a time.

March 12 1861

Here I am again, commencing another week's work. Another week of mingled joy and pleasure. As I said we read our protest before the society Friday night, and some of there were mad enough, Ross especially.

They tried to soft soap us, but we told them that we wished them to take action on the matter immediately. They then expected our resignation and we retired. Saturday morning after the exercises, we met and formed ourselves into a literary society called the Excelsiors.

Our meetings are to held on Friday evenings in Mr. Hankinson's class. We have a paper and I am editor for the first month. The O'K' hardly speak to us now, and the change this affair has caused is indeed wonderful.

On Saturday morning I received a letter from Uncle George enclosing the scholarship with the twenty dollars payment of his first installment on it. I intend to hand it in to Mr. Stuart and get Uncle's note this morning. Was at church twice yesterday and heard two good sermons.

May 14/1861

Wrote to Richard's yesterday telling him when and where I would meet him on Queen's B-Day. I handed the scholarship to Mr. Stuart and the money: he said that he would get me the note. He registered the scholarship, and gave it back to me.

May 14/cont.

In the afternoon I went down to his and had a talk with him in regard to my studies. He said, he would speak to the faculty about it. This morning I wrote Uncle James and Uncle George, telling of my studies, hopes etc.

May 16

On Monday, I wrote to Richard's in answer to his letter. Yesterday but little happened worth recording. Dr. Fyfe has been talking to Mr. Shrimpton and he desires us to united again with the Athenaeum on certain condition, viz. That the boys become members but have no vote. Some of our men are disposed to accept but we will split on that. I for one will not go back. This morning I wrote to Aunt Anah and Aunt Lizzie.

May 20

The last that I wrote in this book was last Thursday. On Friday morning Mr. Stuart handed me Uncle George's note and at noon I registered it and the scholarship to him.

May 20, Cont.

In the afternoon the Excelsior had a meeting to decide what to do about writing with the Athenaeum. Our unanimous decision was that we would offer no terms and would accept of none of them. Our only concession was to propose to the doctor to let us have the room one week, they the others. We positively refused to unite with them. In the evening we met in Mrs. Hankinson's room and had a first rate meeting.

After the Literary Exercises, Dr. Fyfe called the societies into the Chapel room and suspended them on account of their refusing to work together. We are suspended till he in his sovereign will sees fit to let us recommence. He has stopped what I fancy he will find hard work to start up again.

He thinks if he lets us stew over a few weeks or months, that we will join together again, but that is unlikely. He has over stepped his authority and will see it someday.

On Saturday, Excelsior had a meeting and resolved to hold together as a society till better times. Everything was satisfactorily settled. Yoe went away this morning to see his best beloved.

May 20, 1861, Cont.

I got a letter from Montgomery and he is well. On Saturday we had some rain. I went to church twice and heard good sermons. This morning I received a letter from cousin Lucy. All well. Yoe got back this evening. I am going to sit up all night with Diamond who is sick.

May 21

Sat up all night with Diamond. I feel quite fresh this morning, but expect to feel the effects tonight. I wrote to Montgomery and mailed the letter this morning. I had a long walk and feel just ready for breakfast. This is my easy day and I am very glad of it, for I don't feel much inclined to work.

May 27

Here I am back again after a few days fun and recreation. I did not have this book with me and so I could not enter things as they occurred from day to day. I must content myself with notes taken at the time.

May 27, 1861, Cont.

On the 22nd, the day before I left, I received an excuse from my arithmetic and also leave of absence from the building. On the morning of the 23rd, I went down to the post office and found a letter from Richards stating that Jane Robb was not coming but that he and Mary Ann would be in Brantford. I left Woodstock at 7:35 A.M. When I got to Paris there was no train for Brantford till Afternoon, so I started off on foot. I reached Brantford about half past ten. They were glad to see me. After dinner went into town. I saw Charley Hale, but did not see Shenston.

May 24

Rained a very little in the morning. After breakfast I went down to meet Richards and Mary Ann. I walked out about two miles on the Hamilton Road and then sat down to wait for them. They came along about ten. Road into town with them and took them direct to Aunt Lizzie's. Dryland and Margaret Jane came up for company, but we lost sight of them till we were on our way home. After tea we all went into town/ we were late for the procession, but we went up into Mrs. Foster's and could see all that was going on.

May 24th, Cont.

Richards and I went to the bazaar and saw Shenston. We came across Mathieson with some girls. We had a good time generally; about five Richard and I went up to Uncle Andrew's. Got something to eat, and brought along the horse.

Started for home about six. Met Margaret Jane and Dryland just outside Brantford and kept company all day. Just past the halfway house, our horse took a notion to kick. It kicked it's foot over the dashboard and stuck there. I jumped out and helped Mary Ann out and then helped Richards to set things right. Going through Ancaster our horse got scared by fireworks and started off at a pretty good pace.

There was one very bad place on the hill where the horse nearly threw them coming up, but he could not shy he was held so tight going down. We got into Hamilton about half past ten. I saw Mary Ann home then went to Uncle Ebenezer's Found them off to Toronto. I went to bed pretty soon. And thus ended my 24th of May.

Reuben Shenston was the son of Shenston who started the Oxford Gazeteer in Brantford.

May 24, 1861 Cont.

Very different it was from the same day in 1860. Then Mary Ann and I went to the "Falls" and spent a pleasant day all by ourselves. I think on the whole that I had more pleasure in 1860 than 1861, that is as far as I am concerned.

May 25, 1861

Hamilton

Went to see Richards about the buggy. Morrison would not charge us for the damage done. He wondered it was not worse. I had great difficulty making Richards take half the horse money from me. He wanted to pay all but I would not consent and I conquered. I searched all through the second hand book stores for a copy of "Williamson's Euclid." I could not find one of any sort. At last I went to McLernand's and bought Chamber's Euclid for 62 1/2 cents. Went up and spent the evening with Mary Ann. We went out for a walk and she told me all her troubles.

Her grandmother is getting crosser everyday and she has a hard time of it.

From what I can see of the old woman, she is failing fast, and I do not think she will live long. So I do not urge Mary Ann to resent her treatment, as I would if she were well and in her right mind. She seems hardly accountable for her actions. Poor Mary Ann has had a hard time with her, and it will be a release to both when she dies, for she is a burden to herself, and a trail to all by whom she is surrounded. She gave Mary Ann terrible scolding about getting false teeth and laid it all to me. Mrs. Gilbert got hold of it, and reported that I gave them to Mary Ann. The old wretch kept out of my sight most of the time, and it is well for I was going to give her a good going over for her impudence to report lies. As for Mrs. Bailey, she can say what she pleases but the others had better keep quiet.

May 26, Sabbath

spent the whole day with M.A. In the morning went up to the cemetery and walked round till church time. Then home to dinner and back to Sabbath School, and then home.

About half past five it commenced to rain but stopped for us to go to church. Rained a little during church time, but cleared up till we got home. It almost seemed as if God stopped it on purpose for people to go to church. I staid with Mary Ann till half past nine then went home.

This morning, I left Hamilton at eleven and arrived here a little after one. Mr. Stuart excused me on account of my Greek class and I recited my other lessons all right.

June 1 st

Saturday has arrived and must enter something in my book or I will fall behind. Monday and Tuesday evening Craig and I went over to Deacon Burche's after supper. We got the girls cards, had a very pleasant time talking to them, and left about half past seven, went up to Kern's, traded cards and left there about eight, went to Ralston's and staid till after nine, and then home to the Institute.

Thursday evening Montgomery and I went for a walk and I got home about eight. Last night I did not go out. Yoe went out and stayed out all night. I had a wretched tooth ache and did not sleep all night. I was up very early this morning and went out for a walk.

We had quite a hard frost last night. I am afraid, it will hurt the crops. I had to speak this morning, and I got through it very well. Mr. Stuart said I did well. Mont. And I have made an appointment with Miss Sudborough and Bland to go for a walk this evening after prayers.

I went to the dentist this morning for him to kill the nerve. He has done do but it hurts yet, I guess it is not quite dead. I have a dull aching pain and I can't do anything. I hope it will be over before tomorrow.

I would like to hear from Montreal for I am almost out of money. I intended to write to cousin Lucy today.

June 4th

Woodstock

Alas, alas, how sorely a student is driven by his studies. Here I am hard at work all day long, hardly ever leaving my studies and yet I can not find time to write letters or even in this book. But tonight I have a few minutes and I intend to improve them.

June 4, 1861, Cont.

My last entry was on Saturday. I led prayers in the evening. After prayers Mont and I went over to Deacon Burtche's and waited till the girls were ready for a walk. Mont had Miss Bland, I Miss Sudborough. We had a nice long walk and very pleasant. Miss. T. is acquainted with Mary Ann and thinks here a very nice girl.

Our walk lasted about an hour and then we went home. We came back arm in arm and passed several of our classmates door and saw us classmates. A number of them were standing at Ralston's and I stood talking to the others. Then we went down to the post office and then home.

Sunday morning Mr. Stuart preached a first-rate sermon. In the afternoon, Cameron, Smith, Mont and I walked out about 4 miles to hear Ross preach. It rained and we got pretty wet coming back. Got home late for tea. Went to church heard a first rate sermon from Dr. Fyfe. Had a pleasant Sabbath.

Monday nothing particular happened all day. Today I received a paper from Shenstone. I commenced my composition today and have about half finished it.

June 7

Oh but I have some fun since I last wrote in this book. On Wednesday, I heard that Miss Fisher was going home next day and so after supper Mont and I went over to bid her goodbye. But we met Miss Bland and she said they were not at home, so we went back. After prayer we went over again, but Miss. Fisher was not in.

We stayed till nine o'clock talking to Missis. Bland and Sudborough and then came home. But alas, Hankinson has seen us going and we have to go and give an account for ourselves. We said we went out, not intending to break the rules, or to stay long, but we wished to say goodbye to a fellow student.

We had quite a long and pleasant talk, for he did not seem very angry, and he acted like a gentleman. He let us off this time, did it so kindly that he has put an effectual bar against us breaking the rules again.

I respect him a great deal more since then than I ever did before. They have a new way now and he reads over the names immediately after prayers and we must answer to our names or be marked.

* Hankinson is one of the teachers.

Yesterday I finished my composition, finished a letter to Mary Ann, telling all the news, wrote to Richards, and learnt part of a piece for my next declaration. Chambers is sick and Mont and I sat up all night with him. I wrote to cousin Lucy and mailed the letter this morning.

I went out for a walk this morning and met Miss. Sudborough and Fisher and took a walk with them. So I got a chance to bid her goodbye.

June 8, 1861

And yet again some fun to record. Yesterday morning, at the opening of school Dr. Fyfe made reference to the fact some of the students were passing letters back and forth, and that some were visiting the young ladies, and some were going out during study hours.

He was very severe in his denunciations of them, especially the first two, and threatened punishment to the offenders if they did not stop. Amongst the students Mont and I received the greatest share, but it is not so. (I have visited the girls and will do it again) and had been out during study hours, but I never passed letters with any of them.

Either Dr. Fyfe or Mr. Hankinson seized letters coming to Miss. Northrup and opened it, and as the story goes, followed her to the post office, and took out her answer and read that too.

It created quite an excitement when we heard the news. Some one went off and got a lot of cards printed warning to students to get all drop letters registered, so as to ensure safe delivery and when we got up this morning, we found one at every door.

We cannot find out the perpetrator of the joke, but we intend to have fun about it. Several of us have stuck them upon the doors of our rooms.

June 9, 1861

a very warm day, went to church twice. My clothes left in Brantford to be washed came up by express yesterday. There was not a scrap of writing which I think very strange.

June 11,

Nothing of importance happened yesterday. We are now receiving our Greek, and for tomorrow we have two lessons, and three reviews. In history, Miss Vining, gave us subjects to write essays upon.

June 11, cont,

My subject is *Alcibiades. It will take me all day nearly to put it in right shape and I have only today to do it. After supper last night, I had a walk with four of the girls for over half an hour. Thus I keep the rules.

I wish that I might receive a letter containing some money for my pocket is empty. I have but three cents left and I owe the dentist for filling my teeth, and the express man for the parcel from Brantford.

June 14

Friday night and again I enter something upon my book. Wednesday night I had a walk with the girls from the Old Institute and again last night.

Yesterday, I received a letter from Mary Ann saying that Mrs. Byrne is dead. She does not say that her death was very sudden, nor does she mention what was the disease. I wrote to Annie last night.

The preachers began to flock in today to the observation, and this morning it commenced. we had a holiday, (or rather half holiday)this afternoon so as to afford an opportunity to go to the association.

* Alcibiades: Greek orator, Athenian statesman. Disciple of Socrates in Plato's Symposium. c 450-404

* Mrs. Byrne, possibly mother or wife to Mr Bryne, Shopkeeper, Hamilton, On.

We went in or perhaps a half an hour and then went up to Ralston's and had a pleasant chat with Misses R and B. Then I went up by the Old Institute and round home. After supper I went out to look for Elder Beardsoll, Davidson, and Alexander. I met the last just outside of the Institute and then went down to church and saw Elder Beardsoll and wife.

At half past seven, Mont and I went to the Missionary meeting. I got Mont into a seat just behind Misses S. and B., a whole pew full of Institute girls on one side of us. We had a real good time, plenty of fun, plenty of good sound sense, plenty of music, and plenty of everything except money.

Messers Alexander and Davidson with others spoke. After the meeting Mont and I walked home with the two girls and asked them to come for a walk tomorrow night, and made arrangements for the same.

This morning I did a smart thing, at least I would have smarted had I been caught I was watching any chance to ask the two girls too come for a walk. Just before school met Miss B., but the Dr. was coming and I dared not ask.

Davidson is the Baptist Superintendent Elder Beardsoll, is an old friend and mentor from Ingersoll, On.

June 14, Cont.

So right after prayers I asked Mr. Hankinson if I could get started, got to Ralston's, and stood there till Miss.

S. came along, as I knew she would. Then made arrangement with her, went into Ralston's, got him to go to the post office, met Dr. Fyfe, he looked black, but said nothing, and I got safe back having accomplished my object.

June 17, 1861

Woodstock

On Saturday I attended church long enough to hear Mr. Alexander preach a magnificent sermon and then I spent the rest of the day as usual.

In the morning early, it rained, but cleared up, and we had a beautiful day. After dinner Mont and I went down to the river and had a bathe. I wrote Millie and partly finished a letter to Aunt Anah which I finished this evening.

After half past seven Mont and I went out to fulfill our engagement and have a walk. It looked rather rainy, and we hardly expected that the girls would come, but they did, and we had a very pleasant walk. Mont had Miss S. and I Miss B. We got them home just in time to avoid the rain which fell heavily later in the evening.

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June 17, Cont.

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Sabbath morning, Mont came to school with me and I resigned half of my class to him, and he seemed to be very much interested. Our church was crowded and as I did not wish to stay in such a crowded place, I went to hear Dr. Ingles.

He preached a splendid sermon from Ps. cxix. In the evening from 53rd of Isaiah latter part of the tenth verse. Today I have sent off a letter to Millie, finished one to Aunt Anah, and studied hard at my lessons.

June 21

Nothing of moment has happened since last Monday.

Miss. Vining has been away for a few days and Mr. Stuart is away now. We are getting on in our review first rate. I started to write to Mary Ann on Tuesday, and finished the letter yesterday. Fyfe is in town, he is engaged about building the new Institute. They commenced to build on Wednesday morning. I have not yet heard from Montreal nor have I received any money. I am getting quite discouraged about it, for here I am out of money and in debt. I got a paper from Mary Ann last night containing a notice of Mrs. Gallagher's death.

June 22

Our exercises this morning were pretty good, but not equal to last Saturday. One of the girls broke down all together in reading. Ross was the first speaker. He had a good piece, a speech of Hannibal to the Army, but he murdered it. It was a wretched declamation.

Ralston followed and was little better. Shrimpton did well, on Cassius encouraging Brutus to conspired against Caesar. McKenzie gave us a first rate speech in favour of smoking. Gold another good one, on the Deluge. Lapentiere, on Henry of Navarre.

After the exercises Mr. Hankinson presented a beautiful copy of "Worsters's Dictionary " to the Institute.

A note of thanks was passed to be transmitted through Mr. Hankinson.

After school, Mont and I went downtown, and while there a fire broke out. It was put out but not in time to save the building in which it originated. I have not yet received any money from Montreal and feel bad about it, for I do not dislike owing money to anyone.

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June 25

Sabbath afternoon Ini came in and took tea with me. We

had Mr. Cooper in the morning, Dr. Fyfe at night. Mr.

Stuart got back here on Monday morning. In the evening

Mont and I went over and had a visit at Ralstons, and then

went for a walk to the old Institute. Who should we meet

but Misses S. and B. We had a good talk, and arranged for a

walk on Saturday night. They had just got safely on their

way home, when the Dr. came up. He did not say anything

however.

This morning he spoke about those who went to the circus

and said he had not decided on the proper punishment for

them.

Now he restricts us so that we can't even go out on

Saturday evenings without special permission. It is

ridiculous, but one blessing only for three weeks. He gave

out the opening exercise and permitted the students to

chose their own speakers from each class.

The middle Theological class chose Stone, the Juniors,

Gold. They accepted Theologus, Cameron. The University

Class, Miss McKenzie, and the other class Northrup and

Myself.

June 25

I have written a piece for the occasion. It pretends to be a speech of Napoleon's on the field of Waterloo. I received a letter from Richards today. All well.

JUNE 29

Saturday has come again, and that the last of the month. Since yesterday, but little has happened that is worth recording. I have broken some of the rules by talking to and visiting the girls. Last night, Mont and I were over at Ralstons for about an hour. We had a great time with Misses R.B. Such fun does one good once in a while. I have got up more than half of my speech for the Commencement exercises, two weeks from Tuesday. This mornings exercises were not of a very good quality. The compositions were very indistinctly read, and the declamations were too short. But there were no failures. I received back my composition on Early Associations today, and I feel proud of it. There was not a single correction in it, and at the end was the emphatic endorsement, in Stuart's writing, " Good". I come off for a declamation not next Saturday, as also Mont, and several others.

June 29, Cont.

Among the readers are Misses Bland and Sudborough Kilmaster, and other. Wrote a long letter to Annie Jane telling her of my despondency, and all my troubles. In the afternoon Mont and I went off with the intention of going in for a bathe, but I got busily engaged hunting for strawberries, and never got a bathe.

I found a great many and had a feast. I picked nearly a pint and brought them home, but I went into Ralston's and gave them all away. While there Miss. Bland came in and as I came away she spoke to me about walk, she was afraid of the teachers but I argued her out of that.

July 1st, 1861

Yesterday threatened rain, but we had nothing to speak of, just a few drops in the evening. Montgomery was some what sick today, and for a day or two back. I do not pity him because he will persist in studying. I have scolded him till I am tired. Mr. Cooper preached both times yesterday.

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After evening service, met Mont and Miss. B. I should think it about half past nine when we got home. There was a comet or something that was very like a *comet, visible to the north last night. It was very bright, a great deal brighter than a star, and appeared to have a tail.

It appeared to move from west to east and I should think it moved very fast. It seems they are expecting a comet about this time, and this is probably the one.

*Thatcher's Comet, seen as a bad omen. Since Civil War broke out, Fort Sumpter, etc. People believed it.

July 2

Received a letter from cousin Lucy, last night. They are all well. I am now able to say both my declamations for Saturday and my speech for Tuesday and I have the greater part of my composition written. The comet is still visible, and appears to be getting brighter, probably it is coming nearer. Since Saturday I have been troubled with Diarrhea, which I lay to eating too many strawberries on Saturday. Mont could not recite yesterday, but is better today. I feel about half sick and am almost inclined to quit my lessons till I do feel better. I don't intend to get sick if I can help it.

July 3

Have felt well in body today but not in mind. I received a letter from Annie Jane this morning and one from Millie this evening. They both write very affectionate

letters but no money. Millie has already started for Cacuna.* She says, Aunt Jennie appears to have forgotten that she owns me a letter.

Uncle James has been very busy, and Uncle George was out of town. They are all too busy to think of me, and poor I must stay here in poverty and be forgotten. If they have not time to write, they might at least send some money. I feel bad about it for I have no money to pay my debts, or my schooling, and have not even any to carry me away from this place. I am literally at my wit's end to find out what to do. I can do nothing. I must wait and see

what the Lord will do for me. Oh, but I feel down hearted and cast down.

I fear that I will not be able to come back next term, and if I don't come back then, I might as well stay away all together.

July 6

Saturday again. Yesterday I wrote to Mr. Bowers saying that circumstances prevented going up today. I was sorry for it could not be helped. I had no money, and although I might have borrowed it, but would not do so. I had to borrow money to pay the letter. letter to Stark. I told him I must get something to do, for I could not afford to be idle.

Last night we had a Missionary meeting and had essays by Miss. Cooper and Mr. stone, and a lecture by the Rev. Mr. Ingles, free church minister.

This morning exercises were pretty good. Readers, Miss.

Saunders on Flowers Misses Sudborough

"Victory and the Grave." and Miss. Kilmaster and Northrup. Speakers Deidrick, Yule, Mac Arthur on Napoleon, Mont, on America, myself the Pulpit Eloquence, and Meredith closed the list with a very funny piece of McKenzie's composition.

I handed in my last composition, this morning. Next Saturday we who have to speak on Tuesday night have come before the Faculty on next Saturday morning. I have as yet got no money and almost despair of getting any.

July 9

This morning I can sit down to write in this book with a good heart today for I have got no money.

On Sunday morning Mr. Cooper gave me a very long and a very dry sermon. We were very glad when it was finished for we were about exhausted by the heat. In the afternoon there was a man lecturing in the town hall upon the Millenium. I did not go, but I heard that the lecture was the most arrant nonsense.

In the evening Dr. Fyfe lectured on the same subject, and most effectively used the other man's up. I took notes of his discourse, of which the following are the most important.

One argument was that two of the expounders of prophecy agree. Therefore all can not be right, but one must be right, and the others are wrong. Another in regard to the falsity of the principal that a day stands for a year, and as proof of its correctness the following passages were quoted, Gen.V1,3 Xv,13, V11,12 17. Jonah 111,4, Jer. xxv , 11,12& various others.

Their principal proof of this made is Isaiah, xlv,24. A day for a year, and somewhat similar in Ezek. 1v,6, but God expressly said so in these cases and not in others.

Dan,v11 " Time,times and the diving of times." They make this 1,260 years, but was exactly fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes.*

He subdued 3 kings, waxed great, 168 B.C in May or June, he sent 2,200 troops who sacked Jerusalem, committed great slaughter defiles the temple by sacrificing swine, forced the priests to eat swine flesh, and in December 25th of the same year set up a statue of Jupiter in the temple. Exactly three years after to a day. Judas Maccabees cleansed the temple for exactly three years and a half. One of the Doctor's arguments was that God had always given a history of his people from the creation down to their destruction as a nation by Titus with the exception of about 400 years immediately preceeding the coming of Christ, but if we take Daniel's prophecies to refer to this, then the blank is filled up, and history shows that these events actually fulfilled the prophecies.

Dr. Fyfe offers three objectives to their mode of interpretation. 1ST, it is not taught in the Bible, and where did they get it? Who told them they were to take a year for a day?

*Antiochus Epiphanes was a Greek tyrant of the 2nd century B.C. He was a vicious enemy of the Jewish people, outlawing Judaism. He was prophesied by Daniel.

2nd the uncertainty of the science of chronology. As a proof of this he advanced the various opinions relative to Christ's first coming. Some say that Christ came as late as 6,984 years after the creation, others place it as low as 3,483, a trifling difference if only 3,501 years and there are no less than 300 different opinions ranging between these two.

3Rd, that the prophets themselves did not know the times when their prophecies were to be fulfilled. The events were clearly shown to them, but God, in most instances, withheld as to the truth of this, one only of which I will give. Zech 1X - 1-8, clearly refers to Christ.

While the close refers to the Maccabees.

He drew one striking simile and a very true one. That as we go out in a dark night and see the sky lighted up by the reflection of a large fire, we are led to think it very near, when in fact it is many miles away, but the darkness that is between hides the distance and it's light makes it appear near, so the which God clearly illuminated and made visible to the prophets appeared very near to them, both on account of this brightness and the darkness hiding all intervening objects and events.

The principal of interpretation laid down by the Dr. was interpreted the prophetical parts of the scriptures as

you would any other part; that it takes it literally, except when it would make it an absurdity. It was a very good discourse and I think produced a good effect.

Yesterday we had a great deal of rain, which was very beneficial both to crops and human beings. After tea Mont

and I went to Ralston's and had a pleasant visit. Then we went toward the old institute and met Misses B. and T. I

asked them to go on a walk on Sabbath evening and I think they will.

Mont and I translated the last exercise in our Greek book last night. Well do I remember the scene in the little sitting room, the many objections, their successful reputation, and at last the consent to the engagement. Never as long as I live will I forget that night.

I spent part of the evening in writing to Mary Ann. Mont wanted me to go to the post office, but I didn't expect anything and I would not go. He came back, said there was a letter but the Postmaster would not let him have it as it appeared to contain money.

This morning, I got excused and went down to the office for the letter. It was from Brantford and contained \$10. Aunt Lizzie gave me a great scolding, and I did deserve a scolding that's a fact. I was very thankful for the money and I look upon it as an answer to my prayers, for I never expected any from Brantford.

I went immediately and paid the dentist for filling my tooth, then went to the bookstore and purchased a book. 6:30 A.M., I have entered nothing in my book for three or four days because there was so much to do. On Thursday I had but one lesson, Arithmetic. Friday morning I received back my composition, and not a single blunder in it. I expect I will get three in composition. we did not recite any Greek, Latin or Geometry. The only lesson I had to say was History. This morning I have to speak before the faculty with the other students who take part in the Tuesday evening exercises. I expect a pretty severe criticism, but will give as good as I get.

My examinations come off rather inconveniently. Monday from 8 1/2 to 10 3/4 to 11 3/4, Geometry. I would far rather have had Greek and History changed about, but it would not be.

On Monday afternoon from 13/4 to 23/4 Latin. 23/4 arithmetic, and in the evening my speech at the public meeting.

Afternoon

We spoke before the faculty this morning, I got very little criticism, and that only in gesture. Montgomery brought me up two papers from Aunt Anah. After we got through with the speaking I went out, met Timpany, and we went berrying, all we wanted and reached home time for dinner. Then I

read my papers and went downtown to see Stark.

He said business was dull, and he had no work just now but when he had any he would be happy to let me have it. I got a letter from Aunt Anah. It came up last night, but by mistake was put in the wrong box, and I did not get it

till this afternoon. Poor Aunt Anah is in trouble, her mother is very sick and is not expected to live.

She has a very hard time of it what with watching and anxiety. Her letter enclosed one from Aunt Jennie written

July 4th. It had been in Hamilton same day waiting for

Aunt Anah to write. She is just going off to Cacouna and is busy.

She sends five dollars from Grandma and she says she will send me five from Aunt Campbell in a week.

July 9, Cont.

The week is past and I ought to have the letter by this time. She thought that I was in Hamilton and so directed her letter there. The money has completely relieved me from all difficulty in regard to my debt. I have paid Dr. Fyfe the three dollars and a half for board and I am now free from debt and have some besides.

I sent a paper to Shenstone today. I went out riding with Birch today. We had a ride of about six miles and got home at six. I lost my supper but that is nothing. I do not know how my examination is to pass for I do not know a word of my history, and not all of my Greek. Had a very good meeting in the evening.

July 14th

This morning bid my scholars goodbye for a time, perhaps forever. I never felt so bad leaving any Sunday School as I do this. Mont and I made a few remarks to the scholars before leaving.

Mr. Cooper gave us a long and dry sermon. In the afternoon we had a very pleasant prayer meeting in the Chapel room. Dr. Fyfe presided. I engaged in prayer. It was a very affecting meeting and many tears were shed.

July 14th, Cont.

All seemed impressed with the solemn reality that we should all part tomorrow and perhaps never meet again.

In the evening Mr. Stuart preached a very fine sermon from Matt. XIX: 20. " All these things I kept from my youth up, what lack I yet?" The sermon was addressed to all who

were moral and in all respects very promising persons, and

yet had not given their hearts to Christ. The sermon was

so good that I could not take notes except I took it all.

I merely got the heads. 1. The assertion made. 11. The question asked. Under the second head the first subdivision

was that" We lacked a proper knowledge of the requirements of God's holy law."

While speaking on this, and showing the many ways man had invented to come to God, or to please Him, the speaker

made one beautiful remark. It was to this effect, God has, in all ages of the world, revealed two, and only two ways whereby by man can come near to Him. The first was " Do and live," the second, "Believe,

and be saved," the first, man in his primitive purity could do, he could in his fallen state obey it, but the second is all that he can do. Now he has fallen, and the utmost he can do is to believe and be saved.

July 14, Cont.

The second subdivision was that, He knew not the depravity of his own heart. The sermon closed with a strong appeal to all, especially the students in the institute, to turn to Christ. They were going to separate, going far away perhaps never to return, and would they still reject Christ, and would they separate before for time and eternity.

In this appeal appeared another beautiful thought. "Christ the Saviour, now looks lovingly upon you, and invites you to come to Him, but how will Christ the Judge look upon you when you stand before him at the last day after having rejected him, and scorned his loving entreaties?"

After service Mont and I had our walk with Misses Bland and Sudborough and got home about half past nine. Miss Sudborough is not going to be back next term, and we were all sorry for she is a very nice girl.

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This morning I had not a word of my History studies, and my Greek only partially, but I passed my History examination very well, Greek as good as any, and my Geometry first rate.

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I have written to Uncle Ebenezer and Aunt Anah. I have nothing to do this afternoon, and I expect to listen to some of the classes.

Evening

Went in and heard Xenophon and junior Latin classes this afternoon. After supper Mont and I went up to the Institute for a few minutes, and then into Deacon Burtche's. As we were going away the girls came in. Mont went over to the Institute, but I turned back, and went into the garden and had some fun.

We were eating currants and throwing them to each other, and having a good time. They were Misses B.R.Y. And Misses R. Y. and myself.

Near eight o'clock Mont came over and told me that the faculty wished to examine me. I went over and was in regards to my experience and call to the ministry. They expressed themselves satisfied, asked my intentions for the future. I said I hoped to study another year, and then go out as a missionary. They thought it rather short, but I gave my reason for desiring to do this; namely that my health would not permit me to live in this climate.

They encouraged me to continue in my course and intention of studying for the ministry. Fitch was examined at the same time.

July 16

The eventful day has come, and already is half past. I have written to Millie and part of a letter to Aunt Jenie.

Have attended the English Literature class, and must declare it a credit to the school. I also attended the Botany class which was very good. This afternoon, my Caesar and Arithmetic came. I hope to pass but doubt it a little.

Evening

I passed my Caesar very well, as also my arithmetic. Before school was dismissed we met in the chapel room and

dismissed we met in the chapel room and had our numbers read out.

The highest is three, the lowest 0. I got three in all six of my studies. History, Greek Latin Geoemetry, Arithmetic, Composition.

In history, all had three. In Greek, 2 out of 5, in Latin, 3 or 4 out of twelve. Geometry 4 or 5 out of 19. Arithmetic 4 or 5 out of 17 or 18.

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Composition, less than a dozen out of the whole school. I guess very few got as many good marks as I did. After tea Mont and I went over to the Deacon's and staid nearly an hour.

We got an introduction to Miss Bland's father and sister.

We had a magnificent meeting tonight. The choir, conducted by

Mr. Shrimpton furnished us with music. I led off with "Napoleon" to his troops at Waterloo,

Miss Sudborough followed with a fine essay on "Flowers", then Miss Northrop, Benevolence,

Miss Bland, "Gold". Mr. Mckenzie, "Design of Character, Miss Kilmaster, "Uses of the beautiful, Cameron The King Of Spirits, a composition on Temperance,

Miss Bodwell, Fashion

Mr. Gold Necessity Aspire to action.

Miss Ralston, "Memories",

Stone, "Trifles".

Miss Forsyth gave us a good piece on the piano.

July 16, Cont.

The meeting passed off well. After it broke up we had a sad time parting with friends. Some of them I bid goodbye to five or six times. After most all had gone away, Hall and I took a walk

looking out for some of the girls but could find none. I have written pieces in albums belonging to Miss Kilmaster and Miss Haddock.

July 18/1861

Brantford

Again in Brantford after an absence of 8 weeks. Yesterday morning I did not go to bed until half past two, as I was

writing to Aunt Jenie. Holmes woke us at four, and from then

till six we had a time, all sorts of fun and carrying on.

I packed my trunk before breakfast early, and at seven the first lot of students went east.

On the way down to the station Miss Bland passed but did not give us time to do more than call out "Goodbye."

Quite a number went away. Then I went up to the post office

and posted a letter to Aunt Jenie containing one to Millie. I visited the Institute for the last time for two months, and then

came back to the school.

At half past seven, those students going West, left us.

Nearly all the girls went by that train. I got Miss Ralston to promise to send me a copy of her essay, and on the cars, I obtained the same favor from Miss Sudborough. I intend to write

to the others and try and procure their essays and speeches.

At half past twelve, I too left Woodstock. We had some good fun on the cars.

In the morning, I happened to say to Nott, that I heard he was going to have Harry Claxton in charge on the way down. He said, "Yes, and a young lady besides."

I knew who he meant, but I asked was it Miss Sudborough. He said, 'yes.'

But it happened in our walk on Sabbath evening I had heard the girls laughing about his trying to get Miss Sudborough as a companion on the way down, and I saw that she did not like it, so Mont and I agreed to cut Nott out, but as luck would have it

Mrs. Burtch had given Miss S. into Cunningham's charge, purely for the fun of slipping Nott up.

We got to the station, Mr. C. got her ticket and checks.

Soon Nott along and was rather taken down to find that she had got them. When the cars came n he determined to escort her, but again failed. Cunningham went first, Miss S. next-Nott next and I fourth. We got a double seat. Miss. S. and Cunningham, Nott and I in the other. Soon after we started, Nott left for a minute or two and Holmes took his seat so he had to take another.

Pretty soon Holmes left and Mont took it and kept it down to Paris. We had a grand time. I received an invitation to call if ever I went to Toronto and I obtained a promised of a copy of her essay. At Paris we parted, and Mont, Yule, Cunningham, Holmes and I got out. The first two went out north and the others came down to Brantford. Mr. C. and I had a good deal of fun laughing at Nott's discomfort, for he felt terribly put out.

I took Aunt Lizzie and Annie by surprise, for they were not expecting me. It made me very sad to leave Woodstock; it felt like coming away from home. Today I have done but little. I weeded a little in the garden in the morning. I have not been able to get my trunk up till this afternoon and so could do nothing important. I expect to write a letter to Uncle James this afternoon. Both times. Yoe came down in the evening and I gave him the letter for McKenzie. This morning I wrote to Uncle Ebenezer, and mailed it enclosed in Mary Ann's letter. Wrote to Misses Bland, Bodwell and Kilmaster requesting copies of their essays. I have now only to write to Cameron, Gold, Northrup and Stone.

July 20/1861

Saturday, once again. Yesterday I wrote to Uncle James &

George, but did not post the letter till this morning.
Auntie

and I went up to Mrs. Morton's after tea last night, but
did not

stay too long. Annie Jane went into Mrs. Gould's on Thursday
evening and did not return till this morning. I have spent most
of today helping Aunt Lizzie, shelling peas, picking berries,
and such like. I wrote to McKenzie this morning asking for
a

copy of his Tuesday evening speech. I expect to send the
letter

by Yoe tomorrow.

Evening

Wrote to Mary Ann.

July 22 Yesterday went to church twice. Heard Mr. Alexander

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Nothing of importance has occurred since Monday. Yesterday, I wrote cousin Lucy, and in the evening, we went for a ride.

This morning I have written to Northrup, Stone, Cunningham, thus leaving only Gold and I don't know his address.

July 27

Have been out riding for the last three nights. Yesterday we went up to Mrs. Morton's, and had quite a feast of berries. I have about half finished my speech on Popular Prejudice. Time passes very pleasantly but lazily. I don't do much and yet the days do by very quick. I have not yet received that letter from Aunt Jenie, and I wish she would send it along for I wish to use the money. But I suppose I must have patience, and when her week has long turned into three months I may get it.

July 30

My last entry was on Saturday. Sunday morning drowned in the midst of a heavy rain and it continued to rain so hard that we could not go to church. I was sorry for I have not been absent from church, but twice before in two years. It cleared up about

twelve, and we had a beautiful day. In the evening Mr. Alexander

preached a fine sermon on the type of the cleansing of an unclean person who had touched a dead body, a grave or a bone, by means of the ashes of a red heifer. He applied it all to

Christ in a very ingenious and at the same time instructive manner. One thought struck me as particularly beautiful.

It was that the ancient type were the picture cards reading to their children in knowledge the things which we who are more advanced see clearly. The sermon, like all his sermons was brimful of interest.

Yesterday morning, I wrote to Aunt Jennie, and posted a letter to Cameron. I read over a lot of father's letters, kept those I thought worthy of preserving, and destroyed the rest.

Shortly after four, Annie, Millie, Mary, Herbert and I went up to Mrs. Morton's to pick currants. After we came home we took Millie into Selina's.

July.30

This morning I have done but little, dug potatoes for dinner and helped Henry mend the wagon. Received a letter from Mary Ann. Her grandmother has been very sick, but is getting better. Her mother is helping her but has just gone home.

July 31

This is the anniversary of my father's death. Just twelve years ago today, he took his flight from this world to a better; for twelve long years I have been an orphan and a hard life I have had of it. But these hard times are nearly over, and I can look forward to happier days.

Evening

Sent two papers to Mary Ann, or rather four in two envelopes. Received Miss Kilmaster's essay, and short note. All the folks went to Van Amburgh's Menagerie and left me all alone. I might have gone but I wouldn't.

Aug.1

This is Grandma's birthday. She is 70 years old. Aunt Lizzie had some company, and I went into town and stayed till Uncle came home.

*Grandma Muir, (nee Boa)

Aug 2

Received a letter from Miss Bodwell containing her essay on, Fashions". This weather is wretchedly warm. So warm we can do nothing. We have not heard from Hamilton yet, and we think it very strange. I am anxious to go to HA but there does not seem to be any prospects of doing so.

Aug.5

On Saturday, I received a letter from Miss Bland enclosing her essay. She says she has heard from Miss Sudborough and had a full account of her journey. Yesterday I went to see the Baptism. It took place just below the dam in the river.

There was a man and a woman baptized. The man was a big heavy man, and when Mr. Alexander dipped him, he struggled so that Mr. Alexander could not lift him, at the same time his foot slipped and both went under the water. I felt very sorry to see it and yet it was ridiculous.

We had a splendid sermon on Soloman's song 1:1. In the evening we had a fine sermon, but I have forgotten the text

Evening

Wrote to Mary Ann this afternoon.

RICE/Campbell
Aug. 7

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Yesterday two children were drowned in the river. They have found only one body as yet. This morning I have written to Miss Kilmaster, Miss Bodwell, and Miss Bland. Received a letter from Aunt Jenie containing five dollars from Aunt Campbell. Aunt Lizzie had a letter from Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are going to Cacouna and Aunt Millie is to keep house for them, and Sandy is coming up here.

Evening

Wrote to Mr. Yoe enclosing fifty cents in postage stamps to pay my pew rent. Bought two blank books, and a few envelopes and I am going down Friday.

Aug 7, Hamilton

Here I am in Hamilton. On Thursday I worked hard all day writing and fixing my carpet bag. Yesterday morning I left Uncle Andrew's at half past six, went to the store, woke Jim, and had to wait till nearly half past seven before he was ready to start for Paris. The way was dull and damp and I wore Uncle's long heavy coat which was wet and it made me quite sick.

We got to Paris about nine. I went up to see Mrs. Thompson and Millie. I got into Hamilton about half past two. I did not get my dinner till about three and then I ate heartily, and that with my previous headache made me quite ill.

Aug 7/ cont.

I went up to see Mary Ann in the evening and had a pleasant time. She did not expect me at all. I saw her Uncle William. I had quite a pleasant talk, and she told me lots of things that were said about her. Poor girl, I felt so mad that people can't mind their own business. This morning I am well and intend to go visiting.

Evening

Received a letter from Mr. Northrup enclosing his speech, also a letter from Millie, she is still in Cacouna, and is getting better. I went up to see Aunt Millie at Mrs. Hamilton's. She wanted me to stay to dinner, but I would not. I met her in the afternoon and told her why.

After dinner I went to see Mr. Catchpole and I had a long talk with him. Then went to see Mr. Parnell, but found he was in Quebec. I had a talk with Woodley. Then I went to see Mary Ann, and arranged to go to the Falls next Friday. I gave her the papers I had brought down for her.

Aug.11 Sunday

Hamilton

Went away in the morning without my breakfast. Mary Ann and I went up to the cemetery. Went to church in the morning and evening, but do not like Mr. Brown's preaching. Saw a good many of my acquaintances.

Aug 11/ cont.

Went to Sunday School and had a pleasant time. Mr. William Booker taught the bible Class. I closed the school by prayer. Richards came home with Mary Ann and I. Bella Mc Donald was there and we had a pleasant time. Aunt Millie was at Uncle Ebenezer's to tea, but I did not see her.

Aug 13

Wrote exercises all morning. Sold a coat for which I had no use. I went down to see Richards but he turned up missing. He had gone to a funeral. In the evening I went down for Mary Ann to go to see Jane Robb, but she was busy and could not go. By and by Bella Mc Donald came in and we had quite a time. About half past eight we went for a walk.

Aug. 15/1861 Eben's Birthday age 21

My birthday. This morning I am twenty-one. I don't care much about it since it has come, but it is a time I have looked forward to for years. I never expected to live to see the day that I should obtain my majority, but it has come, and God may spare many more years I have lived many years in the dishonor (Am. Sp.) of his name, perhaps I may live many more to spend them I his service.

Aug 15, cont

The last twenty-one years of my life have been chequered indeed, joy and sorrow, often mingled in one. I pray God the next twenty -one may be more peaceful. I was up early this morning and had a walk before breakfast.

Mary Ann gave me a parcel last night and made me promise not to open it till this morning as it was a birthday gift. I found it to be a pair of slippers worked by herself. Dear girl. God bless her. I lay a long time thinking of her and her gift. She feared I would refuse it, but I won't do any such thing. Dear Mary Ann, I think too much of her to reject her gifts.

The rest of the folks have forgotten that it is my birthday, and I don't choose to enlighten them. I wrote to grandma telling her that it was my birthday.

The following is an extract:

"Twenty-one years ago today I first saw the light in the town of Fort Covington. How many changes have happened since then. My dear parents have gone to their long home and friends have been scattered over the world, I myself have wondered here, there and everywhere, and my own dear native land, which was then peaceful and happy, has lost many of her best and most gifted sons and is now torn by fierce passions and civil strife.

RICE/CAMPBELL
AUG 15

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Evening

This has been a rather dull birthday to me, even worse than last. I spent most of the morning in writing and the afternoon in the store. Uncle wanted me to go to the picnic, but did not like to leave the store, so I took his place.

At tea time, I met Mary Ann and agreed to meet her on King Street in the morning. At the appointed time, I left the store and went up King as far as Caroline and downtown to the corner, but no sign of Mary Ann. Before I retraced my steps as far as Park. Then went back again to Caroline, and as I did not see her, I went along King. By this time I got tired of looking for her, so I came as far as Caroline and then home. I was an hour and ten minutes walking the streets trying to meet her. I warrant it won't happen again.

Aug.16

To Niagara Falls

Was up at five o'clock. Left Uncle's at seven and went uptown at half past seven went down to Mary Ann's. She was not ready and said she did not feel inclined to go. She was vexed about last night, but it was her own fault. She forgot the arrangement she had to meet me on King St. and had gone another way. I soon made her see I had the most cause for anger, and she gave up her vexation.

AUG 16. Cont.

NIAGARA

We got down to the cars about a quarter past eight and found them fast filling up, so we went in and got a seat.

Such crowds I never saw, it was a perfect jam.

At nine, we started with 27 cars and everyone was crammed. We had to leave a great number behind and the Toronto train brought down seven car loads of Hamiltonians.

Our trip was pleasant. At Jordan, four cars were left and we had to go back for them. We got to the bridge about half past twelve, and immediately started for the Falls, went down to the ferry and crossed the river. It was delightful. We walked up the steps and midway we met Mr. and Miss Owen, but had not time to talk. We went to the verge of the American Falls, then went up to and across the bridge to Goat Island. We walked all round the Island and out to the tower. The view from Terrafin Tower was Magnificent.

We then went up the bank, viewed the rapids, round the head of the Island and back. Then we went to Niagara Falls Village, and after our curiosity was satisfied we went down to the suspension Bridge, crossed that and came back into the Village. We called on Mary Ann's friends, the Gilmours, and stopped to tea.

AUG 16

Left there at half past six and went down to the station. Walked around till after seven and then got seats.

There was a great deal of confusion and crowding. The Toronto train left at half past eight, 26 cars filled to overflowing. We did not leave till half past nine, then we had 28 cars, most of them crowded. Our passage home was quicker than when going, having taken nearly three hours and a half one way, and only two the other.

We found the Toronto train in Hamilton awaiting us. It was half twelve before I got home, and by far the pleasantest excursion I ever went to. We enjoyed ourselves very well, saw a good many sights and lots of people. I found the folks all up when I got home, as the others had only got there about an hour before.

When I came to count what the trip had cost I found it was only \$2.27, little more than half of what I expected to spend. We saw all the sights we wanted to and had all we wanted.

Aug 18th

Had a notion to write in this book all day yesterday. I was hard at working writing till twelve then I went out and met Mary Ann and Bella. I walked home with them and Bella showed me a likeness she had had taken. I put it in my pocket and teased her about it. I said I was going to keep it. I carried it off home, and she thinks I am going to keep it, and so I am.

Hamilton

I heard that Richards little brother died shortly after midnight last night. I was in the store putting up something for Aunt Lizzie. Richards came in about five and I went for Mary Ann and we went down to Richards. I agreed with him to sit up all night, and when I came home with Mary Ann, I went in and told Aunt Anah. I sat up all night with John and William Richards and Fanny Hatton.

About twelve John and I came downtown, for the coffin, found it unfinished and the man drunk, but he promised that we should have it early in the morning. About half past one, John and I lay down to bed and slept for an hour or an hour and a half. At three we had a cup of tea and something to eat, and about five we went down again to see after the coffin.

They were all asleep, and the coffin untouched, but we routed them up to their work. About six, John and I went down to Mr. Byrne's and got the key for the store of the store as we wanted to get some things.

After that I went home, washed and changed my clothes, got my breakfast and went up to see if Aunt Millie was coming to church with me.

She did not go to or church and I went with her and saw her home again. James Inglis of Detroit preached a splendid sermon from Colossians 3:1-4. I did not enjoy it much for I had a terrible headache. After dinner I called round for Mary Ann, walked with her to Sunday School, and then went to the funeral. I was one of the pall bearers. We left the house shortly after three Mr. Brown's remarks and prayers at the grave were very good.

*Poss. Buried in small cemetery beside St. Jame's Anglican, on James Street

I then came down to Mary Ann's and staid to tea. We went to Mr. Burnett's church in the evening. The heat started my nose bleeding and we had to come out. We went home and I staid till nine o'clock. I brought home one volume of my commentaries; and that copy of "The Language of Flowers, which I wrote for her last year.

*Not sure if that is included in the book of "1861 Essays, Lectures and Poetry."

AUG 18

I wish to take a copy of it, I forgot to mention that on Saturday, I received a letter from Uncle James in regard to my Boarding, arranging and ordering what clothing I required.

Aug. 20

Yesterday I bought a little book about the Falls and a small blank book. I went down to the cars to see about a train to Brantford, and then I went and told Aunt Millie. I spent the afternoon in writing and in the evening went to see Mary Ann.

*He still has Bella's likeness. Sunday afternoon there was a baseball game between Burlington and Maple Leaf.

Evening

Today I spent the morning in writing, went out at twelve and met Miss and Mrs. McDonald. Had some fun about the likeness. After dinner I went to Milne's to settle about the likeness, but Mrs. Milne didn't charge me for it. Then I went up to see the match between Burlington and Maple Leaf clubs.

I came away at the end of the sixth innings. The seventh denied the game in favour of Burlington by two runs. I went straight down to Mary Ann's and went visiting at Jane Robb's, staid there till nine. In the morning I finished a letter to Uncle James.

Aug.21

Wrote to Aunt Lizzie, enclosing Aunt Millie's letter to her. Had some for fun teasing Miss Mc D. (Bella) At noon, after dinner, went down to the wharf and then down to the foot of Wellington Street to see Richard's. Staid till six and then went uptown with him. After tea went to see Mary Ann.

Read her the last of the essays. Brought home another of the commentaries. It commenced to rain very hard just after I started from Uncle's and again soon after I got home.

Aug.24

On Thursday I got my hair cut, the first time in two months. In the evening I went to prayer meeting. Uncle started for Detroit shortly after eleven o'clock at night. Yesterday I stayed in the store all day helping supply Uncle's place. I got on well but do not like clerking. In the evening I went down to Mary Ann's.

Found Miss Goldie there, a girl who used to live in Montreal near us, but who has live for some years in Ayr. She is well acquainted with Mont and Peter and the other students who live near here. She is at present working at Hopkins and Aclands.

Young McDonald was there and son came in. We had the greatest time laughing and cutting up, till nearly a quarter to ten.

I sold Bella by packing McD into her for I knew she did not like him. I saw Miss Goldie home and got woefully sold. She lived almost to the foot of Wellington St.

Aug.25

On Saturday, did very little all day. Uncle Ebenezer got home about two o'clock that morning. The Burlington's beat Detroit by three runs. Uncle felt wonderfully pleased over it.

The Hamilton's got home about noon, Aunt Millie left for Brantford about six in the evening. I went down to the cars and saw her off. In the evening I went up to see Mary Ann and caught her scrubbing. After she got through, we went for a walk.

Sabbath morning the folks were lazy and did not get up till I left the house at nine o'clock without my breakfast. They did not get breakfast till ten, Mary Ann and I went up to the cemetery before church. Mr. Caldwell of Dundas preached in the morning.

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Aunt Anah promised to let me have my dinner at two, but it was not ready till a quarter past. I will know better next time to come to dinner on Sundays. We had a pretty good school. In the evening M.A. and I went to hear Dr. Irvine and heard a splendid sermon. Mr. Edwards was the traveling agent of the Grande Linge Mission preached in our church, and it was a regular begging sermon.

On our way home we met Richards and he came along with us. I brought home another copy of my commentaries. There is but one left.

Aug. 26
Met M.A. at seven o'clock, but did not get what she wanted to send to ??? Yarels, Tarlin, probably Sarah?

Aug. 26

After breakfast I went down to the depot and waited till the excursion train came in. I went through it but saw no sign of Sarah. There were two other trains passed afterwards, but I did not know of it till too late. In all 50 cars went down, all well filled. Went down to see Richards and staid with him till near twelve, then came uptown and met Mary Ann and Bella.

Aug.26/Cont

Walked home with them and then came home and wrote till five o'clock. Went up to the store and met Sandy Hamilton, who just came down from Brantford. He brought me a letter from McKenzie enclosing his speech. He did not receive my letter till 10th of Aug. I must find out what is the cause of it. I guess Yoe is to blame.

After tea went down to see Mary Ann but she was out, and I sat talking to her grandmother. While waiting, Miss Patchen came in and about eight o'clock, Mary Ann got home. She had been down to the station and then Miss Goldie's and was rather tired. She wanted to go to the depot again, and was so obstinate that we could not persuade her to give up the notion. She and I saw Miss Patchen home, and then went down to the cars. We stayed till they left but could see nothing of Sarah. It was ten o'clock when I got home and I came within an ace of being locked out.

Aug 27/1861

Sunday School Picnic

Wrote to McKenzie in the morning. In the afternoon was the Sabbath School picnic. We had a very heavy shower about half past one and then it dried off and we had a very pleasant day. I went up there about three o'clock, but wished I had not gone till six. I went to get a boat and they had nothing but an old scow. Miss Patchen was there and Mary Ann left her alone most of the time, so I took her under my charge. It came on very cloudy in the evening and we broke up early and started for home. Mary Ann left me and took Richards arm, and I had to keep Miss Patchen. M.A. went along ahead full of fun and laugh but took no notice of us, so I determined to tell her, and we turned up another street. When they got to the corner expecting us till they found themselves solo. I had quite a long religious conversation on the way home. After leaving Miss Patchen I went up to see Mary Ann about the picnic. She was mad because I sold her, but I laughed at her, and showed her how unreasonable she was to get mad because I did not trail at her feet all the time. I staid talking to her till nearly ten o'clock. She had directed Richards what way to meet me, and poor fellow he got sold for I came another road. They both thought to sell me, and got sold worse themselves. I am very glad because it will teach them a lesson.

Aug.28/1861

Went up to Mary Ann's in the morning and found that Bella would not go without Miss Goldie, so she could not go at all. I got four of her and I on one plate, one for Jane Robb, one for Bella, one for herself and one for me.

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Afterwards I went up to invite Jane Robb to go to the boat ride, but they had gone to the Falls. I went down to see Richards and just as I got to the house it commenced to pour. I got into the porch, and had to wait there till the rain was over, for they had moved away and I could not get in. I went down to the new house and had a talk to him. Then I came home, got the fruit and went to M.A's. Richards and his brother William came before two, but it rained and we did not start till three. When almost at the foot of James Street it began to rain and we had to wait till it was over.

When we out to the wharf there were no boats to be got, so John and I went to LaVelle's and even there we had to wait till a boat came in. It was four o'clock before we started from La Velle's, we rowed round to the James St. Wharf, and took Mary Ann and William aboard, we also found Dryland and Margaret Jane and carried them across. We went to Oaklands, and had a pleasant time of it.

Aug.28, Cont.

Started for home shortly after six. Dryland was afraid I would not come. I went home with M.A. and staid till ten. Bella and Miss Goldie had to come home without any beau and it served them right. I received a letter from Lucy and Aunt Mary Ann enclosing two dollars, and also a letter from Mr. Yoe of Woodstock.

Aug.31

This is the last day of the month. Ten days more will find me at Woodstock hard at work. I have not written anything in this book since Wednesday. On Thursday I did nothing particular. Friday afternoon Richards and I went down to the bay for a boat ride. We met Crawford Gore and he came with us. He steered and we rowed. It was very rough. When we got across we had a good bath and it was very pleasant. Coming back it was not so hard work. Crawford and I rowed, Richards steered.

We saw the excursion from Detroit go by. There were 24 cars. I did not go to see Mary Ann last night for I expected she would be busy. This morning I went down to the cars to see Miss Owen off.

Sept. 4/1861

Sunday I went to our own church in the morning, to Sabbath School in the afternoon and to hear Mr. Ormiston in the Evening.

The sermon was about the mercy of God and was a very fine one.

On Monday I wrote to Lucy, Aunt Mary Ann, White and to Mr. Yoe.

In the evening Mary Ann and I went to the Union Prayer meeting in W.M? Chapel, John St. It was a very interesting meeting.

Tuesday I went down to meet the excursion train from London and Woodstock expecting to meet Yoe, but he was on aboard. There were in all 50 cars so full that they had to put on four more here. Ino came down as far as Hamilton and stopped till tonight.

The "Young Canadian baseball club of Woodstock came down to play with the Maple Leaf's and beat them by two runs. Mary Ann and I were going for a boat ride, but it was too rough, so we went up to Jane Robb's instead. I gave her the likeness and she was pleased with it. This morning I have written to Mr. Bowers about the church letter and have copied several pieces for Mary Ann.

Sept 6

Brantford

Here I am back n Brantford. Yesterday morning I packed my books in a box and took it up to the store and directed it. I told Uncle that I would write for it when I reached Woodstock.

Mr. H. acted very cool and so I did the same. (Hamilton) Mrs. H. sent a package for me to take to Aunt Millie. It was rather bulky and I opened it to see if I could not make it a different shape. It contained one or two articles for Aunt Millie, and all the rest was for Ebenezer Hamilton. I thought it a mean trick for it took up half my carpet bag.

Uncle Ebenezer(Rice)? Gave me \$10. and told me not to apply it to the Society for Aid if I could possibly help it. I Promised that I would not, Aunt Anah gave me \$4. I left the house shortly after six o'clock, but intentionally got left. I left my carpet bag in the luggage room and then went uptown to see Mary Ann. Poor girl, she felt bad to have me go. Richards came down about nine o'clock, and staid till it was time to go. He came down to the train and saw me off. I left Hamilton at 12 o'clock and got up to Paris till half past one.

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We had to wait at Paris till half past three waiting for the R.L H.R. train. We had to run to get on when it started or we would have been left. Reached Brantford at four and Aunt Lizzie about five. No one up, so I Lay down and slept for half an hour. Got in about six, had a short sleep and went to see the folks. We got a telegram saying that Mrs. Dudley died last night. It is very sudden, and to me seem hardly true.

Sept. 11/1861

Woodstock

Back again to school and glad of it. My last communication was on the 6th. Saturday doings were no more than ordinary. Sabbath morning, Mr. Alexander baptized three persons. The morning text was Phil.1.1, the evening has escaped my mind. Both sermons were exquisite. Would to God, I could preach as well.

I saw Wm. Burtch at Woodstock, also Charlie Hale and Shenston. Aunt Lizzie and Aunt Millie went to church with me in the evening. Monday passed as usual. Uncle Eben came from Simcoe, and we did not get to bed till twelve. He prevailed on Auntie to let Annie go down with him. Tuesday morning we got up early as he was going at 7:10. I went down to the cars with them and we found we had nearly a half hour to spare so Uncle hired the busman? Tripman? to go for the trunks. I went too. We got back in twenty minutes. I saw them off and then went home, staid till half past ten, then went down to the store and up to the depot. I met Miss Ralston & Holmes and his sister on the train. We got to Woodstock about twenty past one. Went up to the Institute and found several students among others Miss Bland, Handfield (probably Canfield) and Mont, Nott, Timpany and others. I went to Mr. Gould's and arranged for a room and then went back to the institute.

Sept. 11 Cont.

Cook and the students were put out that I was going to board out and tried hard to make me change my mind but they did not succeed. Went to the post office and found a letter from Uncle Frank, and papers from Byrne and Aunt? M? Mr. Higgins and Mr. German and Miss Canfield came during the day to board.

Bev's notes: John Higgins was adopted by a couple, from Chatham but seem to later have moved to Bronte as he came to Hamilton to preach in Wellington Square and had gone up to the folks in Bronte on the horse bus before he came to Hamilton to meet Eben.

Mr. Higgins and I room together. The agreement is board, washing, all but light for \$2 a week. We are to have a stove and all the fire we want, and we are to furnish our own lights.

This morning school opened with about fourty students, about one half of the new students. My name comes third on the list, and I will be the second speaker. The junior theological class was formed of Mont, Chesney, Higgins, Larmont, Northrup, Nott, Rice, Timpany, Yoe, Yule with three or four more to enter. We commenced Logic and Paley's Theology. I find I will require to have Greek, Latin, Logic, Payley's, Algebra & Geometry. I received a letter from Mr. Bowers through Mr. Cooper telling me about the letter. The church granted it unanimously. Wrote to Uncle George for the scholarship and to Uncle James and to Uncle Eben for the box of books. Bought oil for lamp, paid my share on a gallon. Went to visit Mr. Gold and the Institute for a while.

Sept. 14/1861

On Thursday the timetable was to be read but was not till Friday. The classes more organized and lessons appointed. We had nothing to do all day. Yoe paid me for my share of the bookcase and I bought Tower's Algebra, and the Edinburgh Greek Rudiments. I also started to write to Mary Ann. Friday night my name stood 17th on the roll. But Mr. Stuart is going to make us speak according to an alphabetical roll which he has made out. The first eight have to speak next Saturday, and the last eight on the roll write compositions. I came in the latter class. At recess our Junior Theological class met in Mr. Stuart's classroom to arrange the hour for Theology. It was appointed for ten and a half 11 $\frac{1}{4}$, three days in the week. That was the Geometry hour and so it was changed to Tuesday and Thursday from 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{4}$. Our class consists of, Chesney, Clark, Fitch, Higgins, Ralston, Rice, Timpany, Yoe, Yule; 16 members all told, and there were two or three more here last term who intended to enter, but have not returned. As far as possible, we take the same lessons. Our classes are arranged as follows- Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11 $\frac{1}{4}$, Natural Theology; 2-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ Preparatory Algebra, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2nd, Latin: Tuesday and Thursday 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -10 $\frac{1}{4}$, Senior Geometry; 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ Logic 2-2 $\frac{3}{4}$, 2nd Greek.

Sept. 14, Cont.

Our Geometry hour being changed, we had no lesson. After dinner, I received a letter from Uncle George dated Sept. 11. Our Algebra came off at two. I don't like it at all, it is a ridiculous study. Next hour our Latin came off. We did pretty well, in that. We are to have that old Arnold over again. We hoped that we were out of it but no, we must waste another term for nothing. Last night they had a meeting to form a new society. I did not attend for I am disgusted. Since the last was broken up I do not intend to join any society for a while at any rate. I have not heard what decision they came to, but I am told they had considerable discussion.

Sept. 16

FIRE

Saturday night we came near losing our institute and the lives of some of the students. Just before going to bed, Mr. Cook found that there was a fire in the house, and after long search discovered it in the little room off Mrs. Hankinson's class room. It was soon put out not having made enough headway to do any harm, but had it happened a half hour later some of the students would have been burnt, it seems to have been designedly set on fire for no accident could happen in such a room.

Sept. 16, Cont.

They put a watch on all night and intended to keep on till all danger is past. They hope to find out who did it and I hope he will be discovered for such a fiendish attempt I never heard of. On Sunday Dr. Fyfe preached to the parents and teachers after Sabbath School and Mr. Cooper preached in the evening. Our own Sabbath School flourishes well.

Mr. Yoe resigned the charge of it into my hands for this term. Today I finished and mailed a letter to Mary Ann and Richards. I recited one lesson in Theology, and Algebra & Latin. Tomorrow I am to have Logic and Greek, and do not know any of either. I took the letter I received to Mr. Cooper and he said it was sufficient.

Sept. 19

My box of books has not come yet. I can't conceive what delays it so. I received a letter from Uncle George enclosing the scholarship, but no money. I guess he has forgotten his promise.

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I have put on flannel shirts for the weather. Our rules are pretty strict and I have been out visiting but once since I came back. End of page 124... BOOK TWO

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EBEN MUIR RICE FIRST BOOK STILL CONTINUES
AS VOLUME ONE IN ANOTHER BOOK TWO *that
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RICE /Campbell Vol ONE/ PART 2 BOOK 2

Sept. 23/1861

NEW LITERARY GUILD DELPHINIUMS

My box of books came on Saturday and I paid 35 cents freight on them. Mr. Gould made a book case large enough to hold all our books, free of cost. On Friday evening we had a meeting for the purpose of organizing a literary society. After a deal of controversy we got a good constitution and formed a society called the Delphinium Literary Society. There were three things that I battled against strongly and gained my point in each. One was a proposal to call it the "Athenceum," (He spells it Anthenceum, it is probably Atheneum) another to make the initiation fee twenty-five cents; and another to let members of the old Athenaceum in free. Then one to let the members of the old Athenceum in free. The initiation fee was reduced one half and everyone who signed the constitution had to pay. On Saturday evening we had a meeting of the Judson Missionary Society to elect officers. We also had an election on infidelity from Mr. Stuart sp. (Stewart). I received my subscription. This morning I paid Dr. Fyfe for Paley's works and the book on Logic. Received a letter from Uncle James telling that he has sent me some clothes and shortly after I received the parcel itself.

Sept. 24

Paid one weeks board. Wrote Miss Sudborough asking for her essay and enclosing a copy of my speech. Wrote to Uncle James in answer to his of the 18th and to Uncle George answering his of the 11th and 16th.

Sept 26.

Wrote to Uncle Ebenezer. Have studied hard all the week and feel glad that it is so near Saturday. I was visiting in Ralston's tonight. Miss Bland was in here last night for quite a long time. I wrote a piece for the Budget yesterday and handed it into McKenzie. Garham was up to London today. Mr. Gould was up yesterday.

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Sept. 30/1861

On Friday we had a splendid meeting of the Delphinium. It was a success. We signed the Constitution and our business meeting was a very good one, but we had a little fuss about recognizing our the speaker. On Saturday I received my composition back again without a mark. I received number three. The speaking was nearly a failure. Two broke down, and some of the others were but little better. I spent a great part of the afternoon in learning my orations for Friday night. I took my shoes down to the Blacksmith's to have iron heels made for them. Yesterday morning Mr. Boozy came from the Union Sabbath School came to our school and made proposal for the two schools. We referred the matter to the scholars and they are to decide by next Sabbath.

(Sabbath School for coloured children)

I do not much think they will agree to it, but they can decide for themselves. Mr. Cooper preached from Luke XXII:33. It was a very good sermon. In the afternoon I attended the Dr's. Bible Class. We had a very interesting time of it. After class I had a walk with Learmont & Ralston and when alone Ralston told me of his doubts and fears. He is tempted to doubt that he is called to the ministry. After church in the evening I had another talk with him and advised him as well as I could. Mr. Stewart preached in the evening from Heb. IV:12-The word of God is powerful. He preached an excellent sermon.

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Evening

Went to the lecture on India. It was very interesting. The missionary has been labouring within a few miles of the great temple of the Juggernaut. He gave us a sad picture of the state of the inhabitants. Several idols, sacred stones, rosary's and instruments of torture were shown during the evening. I went and came home with the Ralston's. Got home about half past nine.

Oct. 2/1861

Anoter month has begun, soon to pass away and be numbered with those that are gone before. Yesterday I did nothing of any consequence. Today I received a letter from Aunt Jenie telling me of the joyful news that the family was going to pay my board so that I need not trouble myself about it.

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It was indeed a blessing from God for I little expected it and it was the very thing for me. She sent me five dollars as a present from Grandma and told me they are getting a parcel ready for me. The folks are all well and sister Millie is better than she has been. I feel very much pleased with the good news she said for it has taken quite a load off my mind. Poor Mont is badly troubled for money and is almost tempted to go home, but I advised him not to. He and I were over to Deacon's last night and spent a pleasant hour.

Bev's note Deacon Burtche holds an evening fireside and young people.

Oct. 3rd

Wrote to Uncle Frank. Have got the heels of my boots finished and will be able to wear them in a day or two. Have done very little today in the way of study.

Oct.4

Spent the morning writing essays for Dr. Have got three pages written.

Evening

Delphinium society. Had a splendid meeting. McArthur should have delivered an oration, but not being able to get it up, he recited declamation. Gold followed with an essay.

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Men may rise to higher things on stepping stones of their own dead selves." Then the Oracle was read and it indeed was a rich treat.

Then I followed with an oration on, "Language, and this closed the exercise. I had not got my routine very perfectly for it was very long, and it was very hard for me to speak. I was afraid that it would be tiresome but it was not. Went down to the post office...(top of 98 in orig.) after nine and got a letter from Richards. He never mentioned a word about Mary Ann. I can't conceive what ails her that she don't write.

Oct.5

Finished my essay for Dr. Fyfe. Mont went home and I went down to the cars with him. Went to prayer meeting in the evening. Received a letter from Miss Sudborough enclosing her essay on, "Flowers". She sent the last sprig of *Eniguonette, if not, the last rose of summer. (*Not found as a flower)or French spelling.

Oct. 6/1861

Ralston brought the letter and stayed till after ten. I wrote to Aunt Lizzie and Aunt Jane and did not get to bed till about half past twelve. Ralston went with me to Sunday School. School opened by singing, and reading and prayer by Mr. Ralston? School was closed by prayer by Mr. Timpany. After school we asked the decision of the school about joining with the school in the town hall. They had decide to remain as they were and would not join with the others. I think it was the best thing they could do Got soaking wet going to church, dried off while there, and got soaked again on the way home.

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Mr. Stewart taught the bible class in the afternoon. Dr. Fyfe being away from Home. We had our Presentation and I gave my opinion on it rather freely. In the evening Mr. Cooper preached from John XIv: 32-3-4. Then came the soldiers and broke the legs of the first of the other which was crucified with him, but when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they broke not his legs.; but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came out there, blood and water.

Oct.11

On Monday Mont came back again and is going to stay. I did not have to read my essay on Monday, but I will today. On Tuesday evening Miss Bland was over her and I walked down to prayer meeting with her. We ha d affine meeting. Yesterday Mr. Stewart was a way and I had neither Logic not Greek. I wrote to Aunt Jennie nearly all morning, Miss Finch came to dinner and after dinner I went into the parlor and talked to her till long after two. Then I went up to the Insititute and went to Mont's room. First we got talking about death and then to telling stories. When I got into Geometry class my memory failed me, and I forgot how to do the simplest proposition. But fortunately I was not called on. After school I went down to the post office with B.R. Smith and then brought him home to tea. Mont came on while we were at tea and he and I went Over to Deacon Burtche's He went away soon, but I staid till nearly half past seven.

Oct. 11, Cont.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralston, & Mrs. Kern, McPhail, Cunningham and Miss Bland were there either part or the whole of the time. I had great fun, and it did me good. It cleared my brain and made me fit for work. After I came home I finished my letter to Aunt Jennie. Wrote to Aunt Millie, and wrote a piece for the Oracle. It was after twelve when I went off to bed.

Evening

Our society came off and it was a good meeting. I led off by a beautiful declamation, followed by a debate between Ralston and Clark, Ralston gaining, and a declamation by Higgins and a dialogue by Burtch and Kitchen. Before time for meeting I went over to Ralston's and was nearly caught Mr. & Mrs. R. Miss B., K and Thoh? Were laughing and enjoying ourselves when word came that Mrs. Faculty had gone to the Deacons. McKenzie came to the door and played on his fiddle until she went back to school, and so we escaped.

- Was this a warning, a diversion to student when he played the fiddle that faculty were in the house?? Funny bit.

Oct. 12

My name was read for a declamation for next Saturday. After school I went Beech nutting. We had a good time. I got three large pocketsful. After dinner Miss. Holmes & Northrup came in and I was called downstairs. I brought down most of my nuts and we had a good time. I spent the afternoon talking to them. Mont came in near tea time, and they all stopped to rea. After tea I went downtown and then to prayer meeting. I received a letter from Mary Ann. She is well but hard worked and troubled.

Oct. 15

Went to church twice on Sunday. Mr. Cooper preached in the morning and Dr. Fyfe in the evening. Yesterday I wrote a piece for the 'Oracle', and then went out for a walk. I went into Ralston's and McKenzie's and staid till half past eight. I was helping Ralston with his Greek, when Miss. Bland, Mabee, and Linch came in, and I had to go home with them. It was about ten when I got home. I sat up till half past eleven studying. Today I heard from Uncle Ebenezer and received twenty dollars to pay his note to the Institute. I handed the money to the Doctor and will receive the nota as soon as possible.

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Midnight

On Wednesday I received Uncle Eben's note and immediately wrote to him enclosing it. Today I have had a hard time getting my lessons but I guess I passed. Backhock, Garnham, Higgins and I have hired box 182 for the remainder of the term. I have written to Mary Ann and Richards , and to Miss Sudborough. Miss Bland was in after school and Miss Mabee tried to tease me, but I turned the tables on her. After tea Miss. Ralston & kern came in and afterwards, Timpany and Chesney & Munro. Last night Chambers and Warner watched at the Institute. Some of the guys tried to frighten them and about ten o'clock one of them dressed in a white sheet and having the appearance of fire in his mouth came into the passage. Chambers took after him with a poker and the ghost ran for his life. Chambers would have caught him but he slammed the doors and so gained time.

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The clatter woke all in the building and created quite a disturbance. The ghost was caged in the last room on the upper flat and was either Nott, Yule, or McArthur. Hankinson's mad and intends to make a fuss about it. Much good might to him.

Oct.18

Went over to Kern's and spent half an hour tonight. Tonight was the night for the Delphinium. The exercises were an oration by Muir, another by Nott, an essay by Yule and the 'Oracle'. The last ws brimful of fun and was the best that ever I saw. We had a splendid meeting. This afternoon I bought a set of vest buttons for 20 cents, and a half a box of pens for 17 cents.

Oct.20

The morning exercises yesterday were pretty good. Miss Bland read a splendid composition. It was the best ever I heard her read. Ralston spoke a fine piece and I gave them my speech on "Popular Prejudice". Stewart felt cut at least I should judge by his looks. They laughed so much that it about upset me. In the afternoon Mont, Northrup, Ralston and I got out our Logic exercises. This evening should have been the night for the Missionary Meeting, but it was forgotten till too late and was postponed for a week. I got a letter from Aunt Jennie enclosing six dollars as the amount of one month's subscription for my board. From the amount sent I gather Grandpa refused to contribute.

Oct. 20, Cont.

Well I never have asked his assistance yet, and I have gotten along, and as long as God is faithful to his promises, I will not need to ask him. I sat till after twelve working. Today we had a good Sunday School, after which I attended prayer meeting and then church. In the afternoon, the Dr's. Bible Class after which Ralston and I had a long walk and a pleasant talk. I walked to church with Miss Mabee, heard a pretty good sermon, and after church about a dozen of us had a conference meeting in Br. Nott's room. It was a very good meeting and I believe the Lord was present. All professors present took part either in prayer or speaking. After meeting I made up my difficulty with Nott. I know not of any with any others, but if I have any I want to have them all forgiven. The meeting was a blessed one. May God bless it to our souls.

Oct.21

Received a parcel from Montreal containing some shirts, flannel, a vest, some candles and several other things, among them a letter from Millie.

Oct. 25

On Monday night went over to Deacon Burtches. Tuesday I wrote out a copy of my orations to send to Aunt Jenie. Thursday sent letter to Aunt Jenie, two papers to Mary Ann and one to Annie.

Oct.25

Received a letter, and parcel from Annie, and a letter from Richards. Got a paper form Mary Ann. Today I have written to Uncle James and Millie. I got my overcoat fixed yesterday and need to pay for it today.

Oct.28

Saturday I got my paper telling me that a friend from Hamilton would be up to church on Sunday. I suspect it was Richards, and yesterday morning I took my stand at the church door. Soon I saw three ladies coming but paid no attention to them till they got up to the steps. Then I happened to look at them and I saw that one was Bella McDonald and the other was Mary Ann. I was thunder stuck. They tell me I turned white as a sheet and trembled very much. I took them into my seat and such a time. Everyone I know stared. I shared my book with Mary Ann. After church I met Jas. Claxton of Montreal and had a few minutes talk.

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I walked home with the girls to Mrs. Chrires Cluires??, a way up past Dr. Fyfe's. Dr. saw me walking with them. After dinner I came down town with them, went up to the new Institute, tore my patent leather boot, came down to visit Mrs. Gould, showed them into my room, and then took them to Sunday School.

Then I went to Bible Class and afterwards went for a walk with Mont. and agreed about Night. After church I met them and took them into my pew again. Hankinson looked at us pretty sharply several time.

After church I gave Mont an introduction and left Bella to his care, while I took Mary Ann and Miss Finch. We went down to Finche's, staid there a while, came up again and stopped at the Montgomery House for their satchels settled their account and went up to Coluires?? We staid there till nearly ten o'clock and prevailed on them to stay till Wednesday. We got home just in time for Mont to get in. This morning I arranged with Mont to get excused tonight and go for a walk. After I came home from Theology class, Shrimpton came in bringing Mr. Elsworth, and his cousin. They had passed through town to Paris, and turned round and came back. He brought them to see me, so that they might find where the girls were. I took them down to Cox's, but they were not there. I went down with them to the depot and had a talk with Elsworth. He wants me to give him Bella's likeness but I would not do so. I told him how I got it, and I said I was not willing to let it go. He seemed satisfied and quit asking for it.

After school Mont got excused till 8 o'clock, and we went down to Cox's and had a pleasant time of it. I told the girls about Elsworth, and they laughed heartily. I staid till nearly ten o'clock. We had some good singing before I left.

Oct. 29

The two girls were coming up to see Mrs. Gould and myself, and I asked Miss. And Mrs. Ralston, Miss Bland and Mont to come over and spend the evening. I got out of school about half past three and found the girls at home.

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Soon Miss Mabree and Finch came in and Higgins, and then Mont. I got a letter from Uncle Ebenezer in the afternoon. After tea Miss Bland and the Ralstons came in and we had a good time. Miss Ralston and (Miss) prob. Mr. Higgins went to prayer meeting and came back afterwards. Mont and Miss. Bland went away about seven but the other stayed. We had a fortune teller and rigged brickhouse about the music stand. Then we played a game called Rickham, or (Rinkham) and had fun at the forfeits. I had the best for I kissed Miss Finch and Mary Ann and Bella kissed me. Then we got to talking and then to singing and speaking. Bella sang twice, Mary Ann three or four times & Finch twice, Brickhouse, or Buckhouse, spoke twice. Garnham once, Ralston twice, Higgins once, Mr. Gould once and myself three times. I gave "Pulpit Eloquence," 'Ivan the Czar' and a stump speech on Matrimony. We had the grandest fun. About a quarter past nine we took the girls home. I went from the door with two for fear Higgins would get Bella. As soon as Higgins got Miss Ralston I gave up Bella to Ralston and we had a good walk. The girls got home just a ten. I studied very little after that. I gave Mary Ann a Bible Geography and Bella a book of general knowledge called Fireside Philosophy.

Oct. 30

It rained a little during the day but providentially not enough to keep the girls from visiting their friends. At noon I got an excuse from Latin.

Just before school commenced I got a telegram from Elsworth asking when they would be down and I answered 3:52. After Algebra I went to Cox's and the girls were wondering tickled at the telegram. We started for the station and there just a little before the train came in. We saw them into a good seat and then left them just as the cars started and thus ended the little episode of pleasure. We came home and after school time went over to Ralston's for a while. I couldn't study at night so I played checkers for a while and went to bed about nine.

Nov. 4/1861

On Friday we had a pretty good meeting of the Society. In The afternoon there was a special meeting to consider having open meetings. I heard that Dr. Fyfe was opposed to it, and I would not attend, for I knew it would not be carried to have them.

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The Society decided to have open meetings only once a month. Saturday I expected to hear from M.A. but did not. Mont and I spent nearly an hour waiting on the post office. Tuesday evening we had a grand meeting. Everyone seemed to feel interested. Today is the anniversary of the most important event in my life. One year ago today I was called to the ministry. Well do I Remember the day. It was at Uncle Frank's I had been down to the Martinsburg to Church and after I got home I lay down on the sofa to rest. While laying there it seemed as though someone came to me and asked me if I would be a minister.

I was very unwilling for I saw that I would have to give Mary Ann up, and many other things besides. I offered scores of excuses, but all were overthrown, and the two passages of scripture rose to my mind Matt.XlX:29 x 37,30 One seemed to promise what I would receive if I obeyed, the other threatened if I refused. Such a terrible struggle I never wish to pass through again. I lay still and kept my grief to myself. None knew the bitterness of my soul and none knew my thoughts. So much was I agitated, that I could not repress an occasional groan, and at least Uncle Frank asked me what was the matter. I did not tell him plainly but passed it off. After tea I sat down and wrote to M.A., telling her of my trouble, asking advice, and offering her, her freedom if she wished it. Poor girl it had a great effect on her, and almost shook her faith in any truth, but God helped her decide aright.

Nov.5 (Guy Fawkes Day... Bev's note)

5 o'clock in the morning, I have just finished writing to Mary Ann and Bella, Annie, June and Uncle Ebenezer. Last night immediately after tea I went downtown to Mr. Cox's to receive any message they might wish to send to Hamilton. I had a long talk with Mrs. Cox. Then I came up Ralston's and had a talk with Miss. Ralston. She was all alone and I had a good talk. I found out all about her and Ross and I guess she knew about me and Mary Ann and Bella.

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I staid till nearly eight then came home and sat down to write. I wrote a long letter to Mary Ann and a short one to Bella, another pretty long one to Annie, and one to Uncle Ebenezer and now it is so early, that I don't feel inclined to go to bed, at all.

Nov. 7

On Tuesday I did not so much also but study. Mont. wrote to Mary Ann, & Bella on Tuesday evening. Today I got a paper from Mary Ann. I sold McPhail my geometry for 75 cents, just 55 cents profit.

Nov. 9

Last night we had a splendid debate and indeed a good meeting all through. Today I got a letter from Mary Ann, another from Lucy and another from Shenton. Mont says that Bella has consented to have Elsworth. I am sorry for it both for his sake and for her sake.

I bought William's Symbolic Geometry from Garnham for 50 cents. I will fix it and try to sell it. I pad Mr. Stewart my incidentals for this term. I have to write, composition for next Saturday. My speech is for the next time. I have to speak. Mont and I went to visit the Johnston's. I went over to Dea. Bartel's tonight and spent a short time. Our prayer meeting was a very good one.

Nov. 10

A beautiful Sabbath. Our morning school was very interesting and I endeavored to press Christ upon my scholars. I spoke to them plainedly for I wish to win them. May God bless my words. Mr. Cooper.

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Preached from the last of Christ's sayings on the cross. Luke XXIII: 46 'Father into Thy hands I commit my spirit. Dr. Fyfe's bible class was a very good one. Dr. Fyfe preached in the morning from Luke XV:2. This man receiveth kindness and earth? with them.

After service we had our student conference meeting. It was well attended and was very interesting. Nott was away preaching today for the first time and many prayers were put up for him. God grant that I too may be blessed.

Nov. 11/1861

Wrote a long letter to Mary Ann in answer to her's of the 6th.
Nov. 13

Last night I was over at Ralston's helping him out with his lessons. I was explaining fractions to him. After a while he got so sleepy that I could not explain them to him, and then I sat talking to sister Ralston. We had a very good prayer meeting last night. I engaged in prayer but I felt very guilty. I am so cold and dead I feel almost as if my spark of life has almost gone out. I am feeling the dreadful sorrow of being under the tidings? Of God's countenance.

Nov. 13

He appears to be frowning on me and I am wretched. May he in mercy soon remove the cloud that hides him from me and reveal to me as in times past.

Nov. 16

Only tree day shave passed since last I wrote I this, and yet what changes have taken place. On Friday Ralston paid me the our dollars he owed me for the encyclopedia he bought off me. And I paid Mrs. Gould for two weeks board. It was a great relief for me for I had been troubled for two weeks about my board. In the afternoon, a fire broke out in the stable of the building next to this and were for a time in doubt as whether the house would go or not, but fortune d favoured and it was saved.

I had to write a composition for today and spent the greater part of the evening at it. I went to the Society meeting and then sat up to finish my composition. My subject was of Students, Joys, and Sorrows.

I took the latter first, and spoke quite feelingly about his sorrows. It was nearly if not after two when I finished that part and as my composition was now six pages in length and my head was aching and I felt tired of left it so, saying that I would keep "A students joy" for another composition. I went to bed and almost fell into a deep and heavy sleep. About three a fire broke out in Mr. Stewart's house and they only had time to flee for their lives. He lost everything. He says he is only worth thirty dollars in the world. The insurance was very light, only three hundred dollars.

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The students took up a subscription for him and got considerable, I do not know exactly how much. I heard nothing of the fire till morning. This morning I received a letter from Montreal \$10. Aunt Jenie says she forgot to collect it all last time. I paid half a dollar to Clark for the Bullion's Greek Grammar I bought from him, and gave \$1. Towards the subscription for Mr. Stewart. Poor man I would willingly give him more but I could not afford it. Montgomery went down home this evening. We had a good prayer meeting. I bought Roget's Thesaurus English words from Mont for a dollar to be paid when I can. He paid me the last 62 ½ cents he owed me, and I paid Garnham what I owed him for the Geometry.

Nov.18

Yesterday was a fine day but cold. Our morning Sunday School was but poorly attended. Mr. Cooper's sermons were not as interesting as they sometimes are, and in the evening I went to sleep over the sermon. Our students conference meeting was not as well attended as usual. It was a very interesting one. I had a walk with Ralston afterward. I do not feel right yet. I cannot feel the presence of God as I once could and I feel dull and wretched. I long for the return of his favour, but he seems to hide himself to me. I hope and pray that he will soon reveal himself to me for this state is misery.

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Nov. 19

Last night Miss. Bland was here, the first I have seen her to speak in this house. Since Mary Ann and Bella were here. Garnham's father and sister were here, but went away today. I only saw the old man to speak to. As I was going down to tea my nose began to bleed and bled the whole time they were at tea. When I went down I found Miss Bland there, and sat and talked till seven o'clock, till she went home, then I played few games of checkers with Miss. Mabee and then came up to stud. By nine o'clock I was so sleepy that I had to go to bed.

This morning I got a letter from Richards telling me some news and Bella. It seems she has had a quarrel with Elsworth already. Poor girl. I pity her. I got a letter from Uncle Ebenezer telling me that he was expecting to dissolve partnership with Mr. Hamilton for reasons therein contained.

Nov. 20/1861

Last night wrote to Richards, Uncle Ebenezer and Aunt Jenie. I have just finished the last at about three o'clock and I must hasten to bed for a little sleep before today's toil.

Nov. 21

Yesterday I wrote to Shenston, and to Lucy. I bought me a parcel of white envelopes. I would have written some more letters, but I was so sleepy I could not stay up.

Higgins was over at Ralston's till after twelve. This evening wrote to Uncle Frank and Annie Jane.

Nov. 22

Kitchen spoke to me yesterday about helping him in his debate. Shrimpton and Reaks? Had promised to do so, but felt inclined to back out and he feared he would be left in the lurch. I promised to help him if he gave me sufficient time. This morning I wrote out part of a speech in case I should be called on. When the society meeting commenced I found that Shrimpton and Bates were going to speak. The meeting was wretched one. Pattens declaration was a poor thing. Parsons did very well. The dialogue between Bodwell & Coady was not half learned. The debate was pretty good. Smith and kitchen made poor speeches but Yule, Higgins, Reeks & Shrimpton did well. Ralston and I are on for a dialogue two weeks from tonight.

Nov. 23

Have done but little all day. Received back my composition with number three. Wrote a comic lecture on 'Goses', for the Oracle. Got my hair cut today. Ralston and I have picked out a dialogue to speak. Our Missionary meeting was pretty good.

Nov.26/1861

On Sunday we had a pretty good sermon from Mr. Cooper and a real good one from Dr. Fyfe. Our Sunday School is not prospering as I would like to see it. The students conference meeting in the evening was a very good one. All seemed affected. Yesterday I was hard at work over my studies all day. I went down to Mrs. Cox's for about an hour all evening, and then came home and wrote to Mary Ann and Bella. After writing the letter I copied out my Xenophon (Gr. Soldier, historian), read over my Logic and Geometry and went to bed. We heard yesterday that school would close a week before Christmas, and commence a week after New Years. Received a letter from Richards and another from Bella. Wrote a letter to Bella to send in Mont's letter.

Nov.27

Paid a visit to Deacon Burtche's and saw all the folks. Staid till after nine o'clock.

Nov.29

Last night we had our prayer meeting. It was good for God was there preached on Garnham and Patten to come in and I hope it did them good. God helped me to pray and speak for Jesus. I endeavoured to plead his cause. I hope we may be blessed in our effort. I got out of my dialogue. Elmer Patten and Garnham are going to take it. Today I have studied hard. Our prayer meeting tonight was crowded.

God came down among us in every deed, may he in his mercy water our souls cause them to bud and blossom. Our society meeting was very good. I am engaged on a debate next Friday. Next Saturday I will have to declaim. Nott spoke to me today to prepare an essay for the Missionary Society for two weeks from tomorrow. I could not well refuse. Tonight I wrote to Richards and Mary Ann.

Nov. 30

My name was read in the morning for a declamation next Saturday. I got out my Latin and Greek but did not do much else. I sent a Woodstock news to John Morton in fulfilment of a promise made last August. Our prayer meeting was very good, and I was able to take part in prayer.

Dec.1/1861

Yoe and Mort proposed to me to give up our Sunday School for the winter. I was unwilling but they wished it and I consented. However I made arrangements to meet my class at Mr. Johnson's so that they will not suffer from change. We had snow a good part of the day. Mr. Cooper's sermons were good. In the bible class we had up that difficult passage in Hebrew's V1 4-6. It caused quite a discussion. Our evening prayer meeting was held in Miss. King's classroom and was well attended. The Holy Spirit was in our midst and I was enabled to warn sinners to flee from the wrath to come.

Dec. 2

Received a paper from Lucy and sent it to Shenston. Mr. Hankinson was sick and we had no algebra lesson today. Our prayer meeting was very good and full of interest.

Dec. 3

Bought a blank book for my exercises and compositions. Traded with Brickhouse, my Arnold and Caesars for his Virgil, and then traded with Mont for Roget's Thesaurus Of English Words, and he is to make up the difference in money. Heard that Miss. Saunders & Miss. Kilmaster were under deep concern about their Souls, and that great hopes were entertained of Miss. Saunders went up to visit Iware this afternoon, (Mr. Ware?)

Dec.5

Yesterday I received a letter from Mary Ann enclosing one to Mont. Today I received three papers from Aunt Jenie. I sat up very late night writing and may have to do so tonight. Ralston is sick and may not be with us in our lessons the rest of this term.

Dec.6

Received letter from Annie Jane this morning. Wrote out a speech of ten pages for the debate tonight and did not use a great deal of it. I hardly got half through I had not a word when I got up this evening. Our meeting tonight was a good one on Col. Rankin.

Dec.6/1861

The debate was a close one, and we only lost it by a majority of two. Some of the speeches were capital. Ralston being sick McKenzie took his place and gave us a quick medley. The dialogue between Garnham and Patten was capital. All were very good. At our business meeting the subject of the program was settled and each member received eight. They were well got up and are right credit to all conceived. I paid my ten cents tax.

Dec.7

Poor Ralston was very bad last night being crazy a great part of the time, but now in the evening he is getting better. My declamation this morning created quite a laugh when I started for a walk across the floor as if in a deep soliloquy but before I was through they stopped their laughing and listening. Most everyone thought it to be a selection and not original, and some would hardly believe it when Mont assured them that it was original. I received a letter from Stone enclosing his speech on' Trifles, and a paper from Uncle Ebenezer. I went into the Cox's and spoke about those likenesses for Mary Ann and Bella. I sent a paper to Mary Ann containing one of our Programs. I was up to see Ralston about eleven and finding that he was very dull and did not appear to know anybody, Jane was keeping wet clothes on his forehead but she had no ice and did not know where to buy any. I started out and managed to find some and brought it in and she kept a cold cloth on his forehead. Shortly after dinner time he began to recover and this evening was quite lively. Our prayer meeting was dull. After meeting Mont and I went to see a woman about boarding. She wanted a dollar each and we to furnish our own provisions and lights. So that ends that idea. I guess we will have to board ourselves after all, and that is just what I want. I spent nearly the whole afternoon at my essay for the Judson Missionary society for next Saturday evening.

Dec.8 I had a very good class at Mr. Johnson's in the morning Mr. Cooper preached both times. The afternoon bible class was well attended. In the evening before church I went into Ralston's to stay with him and let Jane go to church, but Learmont was there first and I made him come along with me to church. Our evening prayer meeting was a very good one. Miss. Northrup and Paul Austie?? Stood up for prayers of the meeting. After the meeting an invitation was given to those who wished to converse about their souls to stay. Miss. M. McPhail, Bowen&

Austie stayed.

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I stayed with Ralston all night Mckenzie Came down about twelve and I had a couple of hours sleep. Ralston slept better during the night and was up today . I tried to get out of Latin for next class, but could not. I bought me a couple of catalogues. Our meeting tonight was good. Wait stood up for the prayers of the meeting.

Dec.10

Got up this morning at for and wrote to Stone enclosing a copy of my oration delivered July 16th. Wrote to Annie enclosing a programme of our public meeting. Sent a catalogue. Of our school and two programmes to Aunt Jenie.

Dec.12

Yesterday we had a good meeting and I think a powerful one. The night before I had a talk with McPhail and he was very serious and tonight he stood for the prayers of the meeting. After Sunday School Mont and I went over to the Deacons and bargained with the Deacon for the flat above Moore. We are to pay \$2. A month which will be about a quarter dollar a piece. We staid till after five talking to Miss. Bland and McPhail. This morning we said our last geometry. I have finished my essay for the Missionary society on Saturday. The ladies had a good meeting on Tuesday night, and Miss. Holmes is said to have found peace. All of them were more or less affected. Our meeting last night was a great meeting. Elmore Patten has at last been touched and I have great hopes for him. Chute and Claxton were also affected. McPhail and Maggie Cook stood up for the prayers of the meeting.

Dec.13

Received a registered letter from Aunt Jenie containing eight dollars. Also received three papers, and a parcel containing a comforter, half a box of pens, and a quantity of note paper. Wrote piece for Cunningham, the Literary Banner entitled, Be Forgiving." Went to Moore's to tea, and then to prayer meeting. When it was proposed to have a prayer meeting tomorrow night, Shrimpton apposed it but it was carried. I had a talk with McPhail after meeting and then came home and copied out my essay. Sold Ralston a small concordance for 25 cents and he is to pay when he gets ready.

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No school today. We had a pretty good prayer meeting and a good Missionary meeting. Dr. Fyfe gave us a good lecture on the dispression? Of the children of men at the confusion of tongues. Miss Kilmaster read a biographical Watch of Mrs. Harriet Newell. I read a report of the Serenpose Mission from 1801 inclusive. My essay was well liked. Shrimpton spoke to me about it, and Ralston says Dr. was pleased with it.

Dec.15

A Sabbath day long to be remember. I had a good time with my Sunday School and bid them farewell for a time. Mr. Cooper preached a good sermon from 1 Cor. XV:5,8.

In the afternoon we had the bible class for half an hour and then a prayer meeting. The lecture room was crowded. Dr. Fyfe led the meeting and it was very interesting. Patten and McPhail were deeply affected. After meeting McPhail went up to Dr. and had some talk with him. Patten went off by himself and did not come back till church time. Mr. Stewart preached a very interesting sermon from Matt. X1:28. He preached without his papers and it was the best sermon I ever heard him preach. Our evening prayer was held in the lecture room and was well attended. I led the meeting. God was present with us, and we had a good time. After meeting I invited anyone who wished to converse about their souls to stay and we would talk to them. McPhail and Austie remained and Mr. Stewart. Higgins and myself talked to them. After that I went upstairs to Mont's room and we staid till tan o'clock talking and advising Ellmore Patten. This day will never be forgotten by me for three years ago tonight I first sought the Lord. Three days I sought in vain, and then found him. The agony I suffered none can know nor can I describe it. But I found peace at last and now I can praise my God. I was enable to tell this to my friends last night, and to exhort them to be faithful in seeking and serving the Saviour.

Dec. 17

Yesterday was the first morning of the examination. I spent nearly all the morning reading over my Greek testament. I went over to see Ralston's folks at dinner time and paid my last visit to them.

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Our Greek came off the first hour in the afternoon and our Theology the second. Both passed well. We had two jokes in Theology that caused some amusement. Fitch in describing the difference between the arteries and veins, said that the blood in the arteries was more precious than that in the veins. He meant that it is required to be more carefully guarded as it was propelled with so much more force through the arteries. Timpany was describing the relation of animals to their different modes of procuring food. Contrasting the months of various animals, he said men had hands for procuring their food and therefore their mouths were flat and right in their face. He meant flat on it, not protruding as in a dog. Backhouse's father and mother came up today, and really I don't wonder that he is such a rough customer. Our prayer meeting was well attended, and was very interesting.

At it's close an invitation to those who had found peace during the meeting, and who were willing to make it known was extended in the form of a request to rise upon their feet. Miss. Holmes, Maggie Cook, Miss Sanders, and Northrup rose. Miss Saunders could not, she felt so weak and powerless among the gentlemen. Wait and Ellesmore Patten. I was glad to see Patten rise. He found peace the night before while lying in bed. McPhail was there or I think he would have been there another. I hear he had been acting very differently to what he did before. After meeting I spent a while in Mont's room and then went over to the Deacon's.

I tried to get off from paying Mont for the three weeks of holidays but he would not let us off. However he has got to put locks onto one of the rooms so that we can put our things in it. I had a long talk with Miss. Mabee last night. I was too tired to study last night and went to bed around eleven. I got up about three this morning.

Evening

Eleven 50.P.M.

The day has passed away as all things will, and all action with it. Our Logic lesson came off first and it was good, I missed one question. Between Logic and Geometry, I had a talk with Miss. Bland and agreed to come over and see her in the afternoon. Geometry was a miserable recitation at least to my mind.

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After Geometry I met Miss. Bland and had quite a talk with her, and after dinner I went into the Deacon's and sat for about an hour and a half. I had a very pleasant talk with Miss. B. Our Latin composition was good. They gave us no standing at all, because Mr. Stewart's class books were burnt. I was read out in the list of one who had been regular in attendance. After school I went down to Cox's and got those likenesses for the girls, and then carried some of my things over to my new rooms. Mid 119 in original journal

After tea went over to prayer meeting and found that there was none. Our society meeting was grand. I got a seat right behind sisters, Ralston and Bland and we had a time. The essay, music dialogues, orations and papers were all very good. Three of my old pieces were in the papers two of them unaltered and the other greatly enlarged. They were Algebra, De Sun' and a piece I wrote last term entitled, 'Notice.' They caused considerable amusement. After the meeting, Mont, Miss. B, and Miss. Kern and I went out for a walk the last of the term. In the meeting I wrote a couple of verses of farewell and gave to Miss. B. and I have written two more to give to her.

Dec.19

Yesterday morning I went to bid Miss Bland goodbye and gave her my card with some poetry in it. I took all my things over to my room and my valise to the station. I walked down to the cars with Miss. Ralston and carried her shawl and parcel. On the way Mr. & Mrs. Hankinson passed in a carriage and they laughed to see us take it so coolly. As they passed we could see their heads together over it. At the depot I stood talking to Miss. Ralston for some time close beside Mr. & Mrs. H. and then I talked to them for a while. Our party left Woodstock at 1:14 P.M. and reached Brantford at about half past two. On the way to Paris I sat in front of miss. Holmes and talked to her, and between Paris and Brantford I sat beside her. We had some pleasant and profitable conversation. I met Annie at the cars. Today I wrote a long letter to Aunt Jenie. I also wrote to Uncle Ebenezer and Mary Ann.

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Annie's birthday. It snowed some today. Went out to see Mrs. Morton's folks.

Dec.23/1861

Bought a little horse for Herbert & baby (Shirley?) Finished copying the essays and speeches of July 16th.

Dec. 24

Aunt Lizzie, Uncle Herbert ^ Baby came down to Hamilton by buggy. Annie and I by car. Left B. at half past two, and had to wait in Paris till six. Went down to see Henrietta, Robert's wife, and had tea there. Got to Hamilton about a quarter to eight, and drove up to Uncle Eben's. Then I went to see Mary Ann. Just at the corner of York and Merrick Street, I saw a girl coming along York St. and I thought it was her, so I hung back until she passed, and then I caught up to her. In passing I looked in her face, and sure enough it was the very one. She was surprised so when I put my arm around her and kissed her. We had a walk and then I went home.

Mrs. Bailey was surprised and delighted to see me. Mary Ann gave me a beautiful cap as a Christmas present, and when I got home I got a letter from Millie, containing a nice Magenta neck tie, and also some letters from Aunt Jenie. I got home shortly after nine, and found Aunt Lizzie, and the folks there.

Dec.25th

Christmas Day. Got breakfast about nine. Went with my Uncle's to the gymnasium and spent an hour or more in exercising ourselves. I beat them at jumping, but they beat me at all else. We were to have dinner at shortly after two, but it was half past three before I got a bite of dinner, and half past four before they were through. Before dinner I was taking a walk when I met McArthur, and had a walk with him, and then I met Muir. After dinner I went to see Mary Ann, but she was out. However she came in about five along with Richards and after tea we went to see Bella, but she was out, then we went for Grace, Bella's sister, but she could not come. Then we went down to see Mr. and Mrs. Richards and staid till half past eight, and then came home.

Dec. 26

Spent most of the day in writing. Uncle Andrew went home today, but left Herbert and Annie. I met Richards at half past five, and we went up to see Mary Ann and Bella. We had a great time of it, and teased Mary Ann. We stayed till six, and then I went home with M.A. I went to take bile class in the evening, and did not like it at all. I won't go again.

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Met Mary Ann at noon, and walked home with her. After dinner I went up to see Jane Robb and stopped till after four, and then I came down town and my nose bled on the way. I went to see Alick Lawson, met Mary Ann at five and walked home with her. I came up About seven, and was first there. Then Jane Robb, and soon after Richards. He and I went over for Bella, Grace and Miss. Pensman. Alick came in about half past eight. We had a good time. I caught Bella and Miss. Pensman in a philophena, and Mary Ann caught me. We broke up about a quarter past ten, and I saw Bella home. I had a great deal of fun.

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On Saturday I had a talk with Richards. Met Mary Ann at dinner and tea and walked home with her. We came as near to meeting Uncle and Aunt Anah and Aunt Lizzie and Annie as could be. I staid at home in the evening as it was a Saturday. Yesterday I went down to Mary Ann's about ten o'clock and went down to church with her then home to dinner. Went to Sunday school in the afternoon and then went home with M.A. Went to Uncle Eben's to tea and Annie, M.A and myself went to Dr. Irvine's church, but were disappointed, as we did not hear him.

Today I had a talk with Richards and Dryland and we decided to go to Brantford in a buggy. I went and saw Alick and he didn't think he could go. At five Richards and I went and arranged the horses. At six I met Mary Ann and Bella, and walked home with them. I stopped to tea with Mary Ann, and then went to prayer meeting. M.A. did not go she was too busy.

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