

**Mary Williams Trout (1847-1922) 1867 Diary**

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January TUESDAY, 1 1867

Home all day a whole  
load of Freds folks came  
about noon dinner over  
work one up Wellers folks  
came spent the evening  
had a very pleasant time.

WEDNESDAY, 2

Milton took me to school  
started to go to teach very  
very lonely the things in the  
school all topsy turvy fixed them  
up got to teaching about half  
past nine with three scholars.

THURSDAY, 3

Started for school afoot  
and alone only four scholars  
terrible lonely spent the evening  
a Willies Laycox George & Sams  
folks were there had a very  
pleasant time but everything did  
not just suit.

January FRIDAY, 4 1867

Only one more scholar all

small Oh if there only some  
more come I'm so lonely a pleas-  
ant day but no hopes of getting  
home to night for Bryans  
folks are thrashing .My signed  
agreement

SATURDAY, 5

At Byans all day sewing and  
busying myself as best I could  
The thrashers had a great time  
seeing which could tell the  
biggest stories but they had  
a greater time about their oats

SUNDAY, 6

Went to meeting with Sarah & Bryan in  
the cutter Mr. T. spoke splendidly  
cheated him out of his ride in the  
cutter after dinner had a great sing  
started for home arrived about 6  
took Sarah for a ride to the school  
house They had company

January MONDAY, 7 1867

Brighter prospects  
fourteen scholars to day  
great times in Meaford at  
the election Stuarts works  
his liquor pretty well gets  
in for the reeve with the  
wonderful ma- jority of five  
Had six more scholars  
time seems to f□y a

little faster to day one  
of the auditors came and  
wished

me to let out school half  
past three , did so

WEDNESDAY, 9

Went to Josiahs this forenoon  
got some money went to  
Meaford this afternoon met  
a cutter coming up the  
big hill went back to  
Meaford in  
it . bought several little trinkets  
settled some debts made a visit  
and got to Bryans about ten o'clock  
Traded 5.05\$ Paid 30+80+2.00 Got a present

January THURSDAY, 10 1867

Begin the days work with  
fresh vigor after the holiday  
had a great read in a nice  
book it was a beautiful poem  
called Evangeline there is some  
beautiful ideas in its verse

FRIDAY, 11

It is pleasant to think to  
day is the last day of school  
in the week every thing about  
the same as usual only I was  
put off the track by hearing some  
bell go past the school house  
which met with an accident the  
same evening

SATURDAY, 12

Memorable day went to Owen

Sound had some pictures taken  
done some visiting had a nice  
drive home and some very plea-

sant talk on the way arrived

home safe and soundly

Ex 3.50

January SUNDAY, 13 1867

George took me to meeting today

a small congregation a ride home

in the cutter two others

accompan- ying, after dinner a

good sing and a better one in the

evening up to

Georges, came to Bryans about 9o'clock

MONDAY, 14

Another day of school

teaching over there is no use

making excuses about it I

believe I dislike it worse

every day plenty to do

twenty six scholars to day .

10 O'clock P.M. all gone to

bed baby crying like sixty

teaching went a little better

today went to Josiahs tonight

but he was going away so I came

home without doing any business

January WEDNESDAY, 16 1867

Twenty eight scholar to-

day just as many as Parish

to accomodate had the

boys and girls change sides

walked to missionary meeting

it did not go very nice after

riding in the cutter (?) 3

cents

THURSDAY, 17

Had a ride to school today  
after the steers Miss Craig gave  
me a visit walked home and  
it stormed like sixty got home  
Catherine was here she spent  
the evening read some in  
my poems

FRIDAY, 18

Another weeks teaching over  
my head but I have come far  
short of doing my duty I am  
to Bryans in likelihood of getting  
home it is early but I am  
awful sleepy I expect I  
am a little lonesome

January SATURDAY, 19 1867

Darned , mended , and  
fixed all this forenoon  
dressed up and started to  
walk was overtaken and got  
a ride went to the P.O. got a couple  
of letters one was filled with Photographs went  
to stay all night with Fannie saw George  
& Martha gave her one of my Photographs

SUNDAY, 20

Went to meeting with Fannie Mr. Sinclair  
spoke very well Hiram & Lydia were there  
started to go home in the ~~~~  
They overtook us coaxed us to go home  
with them met a whole pile

of folks got our dinner. Had a sing  
a pleasant talk on a certain subject in

a certain book and returned the [?]  
16C.P.M.

MONDAY, 21

Got to school this morning  
after nine O'clock no fire no [?]  
there all as silent as the tomb  
if it would stay as silent all day  
I would be well pleased fixed  
my to night and read some  
in Hiawatha read some in the better  
book about how should they hear without a bench

January TUESDAY, 22 1867

Twenty four scholars to day  
nearly all late whipped a little  
to day and sent one home  
my patience got pretty well  
worked got a bad cold a  
person called to put a notice  
on the door.

Worst scholars I have had this  
year got a new register today  
made out the last half years re-  
port since school which is 11 82  
115

Father is here over night the first  
time he has been here since I came  
here. It is nearly ten O'clock I must  
read some &

THURSDAY, 24 go to bed.

Another day over without any  
particular events Jim took father

home in the cutter there is Missionary  
meeting to night but I did not go  
have been puzzling my brains

WEDNESDAY, 23

over the Annual report not  
done yet

January FRIDAY, 25 1867.

Another great load off my  
shoulders a weeks care, and  
I finishe that awful re-  
port had a ride home from  
school tonight. It is early  
yet tonight I think I shall  
cover my book and read some yet

SATURDAY, 26

Rode part of the way home  
with Clarkes boys the rest  
of the way there was  
no track  
went to Georges stay  
all night had a great time

Note: This was written over top of the  
previous entry.

Such strange feelings I have today I never  
had before it is strange to account for them  
(very)

January MONDAY, 28 1867.

at Brians spent the evening with  
Mary and I ought to be the  
best boy on earth for reasons  
that I will not state . May  
God in his kindness  
bless us and may we live  
for him who lived and died for us

TUESDAY, 29

Had a ride to school in the  
cutter to school I guess I am get-  
ting so sleepy I don't know what I  
am doing no person there two  
sleighs soon came the day  
passed better than expected

WEDNESDAY, 30

January THURSDAY, 31 1867

Myria sent a letter off to Adah  
and I sent my Photo graph . Bri  
came home from Meaford  
tonight and brought me  
a letter and such another letter  
I never got. It was one worth  
while getting so full of everything that is  
loving and good

February FRIDAY, 1

The day passed the same old  
we all went to Hiram's in the evening  
thing until school was nearly  
had some music & quite a pleasant time  
4 O'clock when I saw a cutterstaid all night  
with a plaide in it coming  
around the hill was greatly  
disappointed to find it  
was only Sarah & Jinnie rode home and  
found Abbie there

SATURDAY, 2

Up early learnt to play two or three  
pieces after breakfast had a good time

had a one of the best talks ever was  
Fleming & Jonnie came after a while

S&J went home with her [ ? ] for  
the [ ? ] paid \$3.00 for school. Mertle & Melissa  
there in the evening had some loud [?]50 cent  
Ex 4.50

February SUNDAY, 3 1867

Went to meeting in the cutter Mr. Trout was  
not there Mr. Layton spoke to us E. She  
was there went up the shore in their  
sleigh pretty serious make up for it  
in the evening going to Bs getting  
better & better acquainted came in  
took tea started home about 8 oclock

MONDAY, 4

wrote part of a letter today  
Had more trouble today  
than I have had this year  
whipped two scholars very near  
broke their heart. Mother & G  
& Phebe are here all night we have  
another inhabitant than we had  
last night

TUESDAY, 5

The folks here are getting won-  
derful work at last they  
think they are they are guess-  
ing around in all directions  
they have not quite hit the  
mark nursed the most of  
the time tonight

I believe I could stay up a while longer if I had  
some G. company.

February WEDNESDAY, 6 1867.

The folks are all gone to

on hand 8.65  
bed and I will be there soon  
for I am awful sleepy . The  
folks here just talk to me as  
if they knew everything I was  
up very early and O dear I am so sleepy  
Bs thrashed today

THURSDAY, 7

I believe I am sick to night the  
folk think so at any rate there must  
be something wrong for I have been  
trying to read some in my Poems  
and it don't go right at all I am sick and  
tired of everything and so I am going to  
bed and its only a little after seven  
I hope my mind will be settled in the morning  
Feel rather better than I did last  
night only I'm in a stew for fear I  
will not get to Meaford tomorrow.  
Bs folks had lots of company today  
the wanted me to go to meeting  
tonight but I did not choose to  
Just been thinking what I was up to a week ago

February SATURDAY, 9 1867

Went to Meaford this morning  
settled with D.M. Ex 1.68  
Lib & Jonnie were there in the cutter went to  
the P.O. there was a good looking envelope there  
for me got home about noon Maggie & Robert  
were down in the evening Jennie was  
at Mr. Rs in the afternoon to bed 10ck

SUNDAY, 10

Tired to coax William to take  
me to meeting in the cutter could not

make it out had to go in the slay  
quite a number of strangers ath there  
Mr. Sinclair spoke went to Ts  
after they took me to Bs after  
dinner awful sleepy to night

MONDAY, 11

The wind blew like sixty today  
green wood pretty tough time keep-  
-ing the school house warm read  
some to Mother & Maria this even-  
ing it is pretty cold here or I  
should be tempted to write some  
more in something else

February TUESDAY, 12 1867 A

Visitor today for a short time  
and piles of visitors here when  
I got home went to the concert  
tonight there was an awful  
jam half of the folks were  
from O.S. Some music & recitations

WEDNESDAY, 13

Raining and blowing the snow  
is going very fast quite a  
stream running by the  
School house committed  
some of my thoughts to  
paper had thirty scholars today

THURSDAY, 14

The water was over the road  
this morning went across  
in

a sleigh Bryan went to Meaford  
and never went to the P.O. it is  
too bad and it Valentines  
day

too such a beautiful night it  
is too nice to go to bed

February FRIDAY, 15 1867

Done teaching for this week  
I am so glad had a headache  
all day to day twenty nine  
scholars gave some cards for  
recitations expect I shall  
sleep with ma tonight

SATURDAY, 16

I feel like another girl today  
had such a splendid time  
reading my letters got a  
Valentine & had my first  
experience in nursing today  
expect Sarah & I will take care  
of the baby tonight

SUNDAY, 17

28ctsWent to meeting this morning  
got there meeting was not in  
went to the P.O. put something  
in the letter box came back  
to meeting Mr. Trout was there  
gave us a good talking to  
about living in love

February MONDAY, 18 1867

Went to school in a great  
hurry this morning got there  
just nine three new scholars  
a large school came home  
a lot of Bs relatives were

there some are staying all night  
snowed some today

TUESDAY, 19

About the same old thing one  
new scholar rather lonesome  
evenings without mother lots  
of visitors but not much  
company for me went to  
see

J. Bs baby tonight a most  
pitiable object

WEDNESDAY, 20

B. Spike & family went away  
this morning wanted to send  
to the P.O. awful bad today  
but was not fast enough  
finished Myria's dress this evening  
it is late and I am very sleepy

February THURSDAY, 21 1867

Been cutting up with Myria  
all the evening got her to jok-  
ing some this week of teaching  
nearly over with but why I  
should I wish it to be so when  
it is so badly spent because the  
bad that I would not that I do every day  
I come short of doing my duty  
11 O'clock P.M. awful lonesome a  
looked for somebody all  
this evening came up stairs  
and wrote a couple of letters  
to drive away the Blues  
feel a good deal better now  
lent



SATURDAY, 23

Walked to Meaford this afternoon got  
a letter from a Dear good fellow a few minutes  
after had the great happiness of seeing the writer  
face to face a little later a ride home in the cut-  
ter and a glorious time in the evening about  
nine W.F. came staid all night ~~ went home

Paid Myria

97 cts Ex. 97

February SUNDAY, 24 1867

Went to meeting with W. F. in  
the cutter . J.H. sent a letter to let us  
know he wished to let us know  
that he wished to be separated from  
us no need of it. T.J. smashed his cutter up  
this morning Maggie & Hattie along no person hurt

MONDAY, 25

Nothing of consequence  
occur- ed to day the same old  
mono- tonous school  
teaching I hard- ly have room  
in the little old rickety school  
house for any class Oh, Dear O  
dear when are  
We going to have another good chat

TUESDAY, 26

Went to Mrs. T. Johnsons to-  
night staid till meeting time  
went to meeting in misery all  
the time thinking how I was  
going to get home that fellow

tried to get in my way but I  
would not let him Mr. Burlys  
child died this afternoon

February WEDNESDAY, 27 1867

I went to Meaford to day to get  
My watch fixed but Vick was  
not at home Went to Mrs Day  
and stopped over night with  
Hattie went up in the [ ? ]  
[ ? ] kips jolting me all the time

THURSDAY, 28

It is one month since I wrote in this book  
all has gone right since Winter  
at least we have had some fun to-  
night and some good talk the ice is  
Broken and the current runs  
smooth can think aloud now

March FRIDAY, 1

Walked up to school this morning with  
~~ the roads mostly all mud the  
fields nearly all bare, looks consid-  
erably more like spring than it  
generally does in St. Vincent for  
the time of the year. That old scamp had  
the impudence to ask my company  
to a social Went home with Hiram

March SATURDAY, 2 1867

Snowed and blowed but  
notwithstanding that  
detestable fellow found his  
way over here pretending to  
want to buy a farm W. F.  
drove up about dark in all his  
glory

SUNDAY, 3

Abbie and I went to meeting

this morning in W.Fs cutter he

walked the most of the way  
Mr. Cox spoke to us went home  
with Bryans after meeting went  
upstairs and read

MONDAY, 4

Came home from school  
to night sewed some  
thought I was nearly sick  
laid down on the lounge

March TUESDAY, 5 1867

Felt first humdrum all day  
to day was not sleepy a bit  
Myria scolded me a little could  
not take it read some in a  
book read some more in a  
better book went to bed about  
ten

WEDNESDAY, 6

The clock awful slow very  
late when school convened  
by the day and as a natural  
consequence late when school  
was out Harpers were here  
read some more in that  
book

THURSDAY, 7

That scape[?] of a Jack-  
[ ? ] had the impudence  
to another

March FRIDAY, 8 1867

Some of my scholars stayed  
away to f□re for the social

I expect there was plenty left  
all the young folks gone  
off to try and enjoy them-  
selves there is to be some music  
there

SATURDAY, 9

Went to the match Sarah went  
along called to George had a good chat  
went home up to see Mrs. Howe learned  
how to do some work, got home about  
dark had a good time in the  
evening with Abbie she wasn't  
very well

SUNDAY, 10

Went to meeting in the sleigh  
Mr. Sinclair presented a portion  
of the truth to us very plainly came  
home in the cutter with Maggie  
Mrs. Jay came too had a very  
pleasant little time with

~~

March MONDAY, 11 1867

Maggie and I did not get  
up this morning till about  
school time she did not go  
to school to day going to Massey  
G. Spike visited the school  
this afternoon a short time  
Maggie and I had a splendid  
good chat tonight  
Maggie went to school this

afternoon we were an hour  
or two coming home  
visitors here all night ~~ came  
here a

little after dark stayed all  
night had a most miserable time

WEDNESDAY, 13

took me up to the top of the  
hill with the cutter walked the rest  
of the way the Superintendent  
visited the school this afternoon  
he praised the school so much  
I feel quite encouraged

March THURSDAY, 14 1867

Stormy this morning  
had a ride to school  
walked home did some  
at my piecing read  
some went to bed early  
Bryan saw ~ in Meaford today

FRIDAY, 15

Awful cold this morning  
walked to school could hard-  
ly keep from freezing after I  
got there let them spell  
down this afternoon gave some  
cards for recitations

SATURDAY, 16

Wrote a letter to cousin W  
this morning went to Meaford  
after dinner got a letter from my  
dear ~ Sarah went with me  
shopping answered that letter  
or tried to did not make out  
nicely

got a hymn book E 2.55

March SUNDAY , 17 1867

Went to meeting with Sarah  
Brother Prosser read in the new Test  
brother Sterling & Layton escorted  
us to be steadfast in the faith  
went with George after meeting  
went to Bryans with William and  
Abbie in the cutter

MONDAY, 18

Commenced to read my reviews  
to day some splendid reading  
in them only nineteen scholars  
stormy and cold a sermon by a  
Baptist minister in my school  
house to night did not go

TUESDAY, 19

Finished reading one of  
my reviews today noon. Abbie  
had company to night  
Bryan went over to see Milton  
and I went along mother was  
over to Hiram's baby sick. came  
home about ten

March WEDNESDAY, 20 1867

Abbie went off to eat  
honey so I went to visiting  
it is such a beautiful  
night I could not make out  
much I had to look at  
the moon all the time Abbie  
brought me some honey

THURSDAY, 21

Finished my letter this

morning thought I was  
going to send it away  
but did not get a dear  
one tonight had another  
but got over it in the evening

FRIDAY, 22

Finished a letter after school  
went to Meaford and  
posted it done some other  
business came back to Brians  
about seven awful tired George  
and Phebe were there he take me  
home arrived home around ten  
18 cts

April MONDAY, 1 1867

It rained and snowed all  
sorts today forgot my key  
this morning sent Johnny for  
it intended to go to Meaford  
but it was so stormy was  
very busy this evening

TUESDAY, 2

Went across to the fourth line  
and to Meaford did some  
business for Milton got my  
order which amounted to \$2.  
96. went to Catherines stayed  
all night slept with Lydia

WEDNESDAY, 3

All frozen up this morning  
started to come home 25

after seven 25 to nine sent

Miltons letter home by Mrs.

Drummond

walked pretty slow when I  
was with her finished my  
apron tonight

April THURSDAY, 4 1867

Fixed up my room this  
morning went to school it was  
raining only twenty scholars home  
tonight through the rain  
had some sugar to eat finished  
some work had on my hands  
for a good while

Was quite astounded to  
wake up this morning and  
found that the earth was again  
wrapped in a cloak of white  
the Italian was here when I  
came home had a great time  
eating sugar brought Abbie a bunch  
and myself a piece

Stayed in the house all  
day today the roads were so  
bad I could not get home  
worked at my quilt the most  
of the time I have thirty six  
blocks done Sent Myria  
25 cts the Italian gave ma a pen  
handle

Could hardly make up  
my mind whether to go to  
meeting or not wanted to go so  
bad could hardly make up my mind  
to stay at home read the most of the

forenoon up stairs in the window while in  
that position I heard horses feet looked and saw some

person whom I took to be Jim Martin but when he had  
put his horses out and was coming to the house I found  
I was mistaken  
somehow we happened to find ourselves  
up stairs in my bedroom and the time  
flying uncommonly fast  
The folks in the next room  
are having a great deal of  
fun I think by the sound  
some thief stole my pen and  
put another in its place I  
think he has cheated himself  
this time.

TUESDAY, 9

April SUNDAY, 7 1867

Had a gentleman visitor  
a stranger he told his name  
was Mr. Noland was formerly  
a teacher enquired the  
way to Euphrasie. My head  
aches did some piecing

April WEDNESDAY, 10 1867

Came off up stairs when  
I came from school tonight  
braided some pieced some  
went down stairs had our  
tea alone in the evening  
Sarah read to us out of  
"How to prosper"

THURSDAY, 11

Went to Mr. Mc Lean

there was preaching at the  
school house Ada nor I did  
not

go Mrs. Burns & Lundry  
were there Ada and I  
talked nearly all night

FIRDAY, 12

Beautiful mornings now  
came home to night and  
cut up like sixty cooled off  
went to sewing got tired  
and went to reading when  
got tired of that went to  
bed

April SATURDAY, 13 1867

How beautifully the birds are  
singing this morning walked  
home this morning found Abbie  
in bed Milton on the lounge  
the rest at work sewed some  
for Abbie twisted some  
yarn going to sleep with  
Sarah

MONDAY, 15

Rained to day which  
ever way you turn there  
is water over the road  
the little brooks which before  
seemed all pastime and all play  
act now as if they were mad and  
roaring for their prey

April TUESDAY, 16 1867

Beautiful evening too  
nice to go to bed spent

the evening sewing and  
reading some in P.S. Arthur  
books. BI was to Meaford

got a letter for Lib nothing but  
a paper for me WEDNESDAY, 17  
Cut out and pieced  
two blocks read  
some about Annie Lee  
aloud came up stairs  
read  
a chapter by moon-  
light want to see ~

THURSDAY, 18

Walked home from school  
got arrived here at six  
Abbie's head broke out  
with the Erysipelas [sic]  
Sarah to Meaford for  
medicine mother sick  
and no person to do  
anything got a letter

April FRIDAY, 19 1867

Sarah went to Meaford  
Lib and I scrubbed and  
worked like littel sailors  
sent Judson after a letter  
he lost it looked for it.  
awfully tired. J. D, found  
the letter

SATURDAY, 20

Took Sarahs place today  
have something of an idea  
now what she has to do &  
feel sorry for her I think she

has the worst time of it  
but Oh! if I could only see ~  
just for one hour are in rapture

SUNDAY, 21

Of all the lonesome days  
that ever passed over my head  
this is the worst. I cannot believe  
that it was lonesomeness that  
ailed me tried to think was  
sick that did not go much better  
L&S

April MONDAY, 22 1867

Another winter this morning  
I am very sorry to write it but  
had to stay in with one of my  
unruly scholars for a short time  
busied myself knitting did not  
read a bit L&S were reading spent  
some of the time playing with Hattie

TUESDAY, 23

I could hardly work  
had such a pain in  
my side knit a little read  
some the most of the folks  
went to Mr. Simmons fu-  
neral heard that I had ~

WEDNESDAY, 24

Johnny was to Meaford  
today got my paper but  
nothing more went out to the  
barn with  
the girls but it was so cold  
did not stay long had a nice  
little sing read some went to

bed early

April THURSDAY, 25 1867

Staid awake for hours and

hours last night thinking felt  
the effects of it in school today  
went to Whitelaws tonight Miss  
Layton & Miss Stephens were there  
a short

April SUNDAY, 28 1867

I did not see my Dear Mary  
for 3 weeks to speak to her  
at the 9 th . My pen can  
not describe my pleasure  
or our enjoyment so May  
and

May WEDNESDAY, 1 1867

Went a visiting again tonight  
went to James Laycox's some [?]  
had been trying to sell him  
apple trees tryed to tease me a  
little turned the subject came  
home got Bryan to tell me all  
about court affairs

THURSDAY, 2

At Mr. Johnsons tonight  
Sarah with all

FRIDAY 3

Sarah & I went up to Mr.  
Karr's had a very good  
visit with Kate never  
up that far before nice  
looking country

May SATURDAY, 4 1867

Started for home this morn-  
ing found Libbie had beat

me got there the night before  
Our folks about the same  
as usual Abbie and I sung  
all the evening slept with Sarah

SUNDAY, 5

Came over to B.L. this afternoon  
found the start

MONDAY, 6

A whole lot of little pussers today  
that never were to school before  
they were comical littel fellas  
make me laugh in spite  
of myself 31 scholars Lizzie  
came back to day paid Johnson  
for making f□re 2.00

May TUESDAY, 7 1867

Another little urchin today  
which knew enough to laugh  
and talk was going visiting  
only looked so much like rain  
L& S are cleaning house got  
to reading before I knew it so  
much engaged did not hear about supper

WEDNESDAY, 8

Had thirty two scholars to day  
a lot more little rats if I may  
so express myself went up  
to Mr. Matthews to night  
called to Sterlings when I  
came back found L. Bond here  
when I came home

THURSDAY, 9

Libbie and I talked some  
after we went to bed  
and was consequently a  
little sleepy this morning  
she only went part of the  
to school with me 35 scholars  
today finished my stockings  
wrote a letter

May FRIDAY, 10 1867 3.04  
Went to Meaford after school  
trudged about could not get  
anything wanted Posted Letter  
walked home again beautiful  
moonlight spent the evening  
reading the papers

SATURDAY, 11  
Walked home this morning  
our folks are up to their ears  
cleaning house cut up this  
evening till I was ashamed  
of myself got the good book  
read some to bed quite cooled off

SUNDAY, 12  
George came along this morning  
so I went to meeting with him  
W.F. spoke to us somebody  
came back with us did  
not expect had a nice  
little time a walk after tea  
the moon shone on us for the  
first time

May MONDAY, 13 1867

Miss Reynolds visited

my school this forenoon  
came home to dinner  
rained so hard she stayed  
until evening went as far as  
their school house with her  
read a good story here

TUESDAY, 14

Rainy today kept some of  
the scholars away mended  
and fixed some of my clothes  
read some poetry going  
to bed early tired some

WEDNESDAY, 15

Still raining but faint  
hopes of its being fair  
tomorrow started some  
more knitting Brian  
gave me a present of  
a small slip of paper

May THURSDAY, 16 1867.

About the same old  
size today wishing all  
day it was one day  
later in the week so  
I would be released  
from my prison

FRIDAY, 17

Went home by the old  
school house when I came  
the creek where I used to  
play it seemed must still

be going to school the folks  
pretty well Lib came home

SATURDAY, 18

Lib and I went to Meaford  
and back in four hours posted  
letter for Lib had some fun  
Sarah and I called to Burton  
Leavens came home in  
time to see the moon  
rise in all her glory

May SUNDAY, 19 1867.

Went to meeting in  
the wagon to day the  
first one that I saw  
at was ~ gave me some-  
thing to console me C & S  
Covey came up in the after-  
noon took me to the 7<sup>th</sup>

MONDAY, 20

Walked to Meaford  
and back tonight called  
to see R.S. she is very  
sick could not help  
but feel bad to see  
a person so young and joyous  
to be cut off

TUESDAY, 21

Rained today hopefull  
that it may not  
continue three days like  
last week made my  
dress , about  
10 P.M. going to read a letter

and then try sleep some

May WEDNESDAY, 22 1867.

Trimmed my hat

read one of my reviews  
through. it rains increasingly  
the Clouds do not disperse  
enough to let one ray  
of the sun shine

THURSDAY, 23

When I came home from  
school give up coming home  
it was so wet sat down  
went to work could not be  
contented got up started for  
home arrived about dark W&L  
arrived soon after

FRIDAY, 24

The day dragged away  
very slowly W&L enjoyed  
themselves tiptop but it  
made me lonesome on  
account of my  
disappointment stayed  
home sewed all day hailed  
some towards evening rained  
after but think it has cleared up

May SATURDAY, 25 1867

All day with my Ma  
again wanted W.F. to take  
me to my visitors Kate's but he  
had to go horse back so poor  
me had to stay home he brought  
a beautiful bouquet home with  
him

SUNDAY, 26

Did not like it much

because our folks could

not go to meeting this  
morning George went on foot  
brought a book for Abbie and  
a book mark for me the folks  
came past the

MONDAY, 27 way with me

A lot of us went up to Mr.  
Wards tonight my foot  
so sore could hardly get  
home had a pretty good  
visit

May TUESDAY, 28 1867.

Very rainy all day but  
I had thirty three scholars  
went without my dinner could  
not come home did a good deal  
of sewing and some reading, hope  
I may get up earlier than did  
this morning

WEDNESDAY, 29

Still dark and cloudy but  
the sun did show its face  
a while tonight then went  
to bed behind a big black  
cloud . The school house  
was f□lled full today 39  
scholars

THURSDAY, 30

The scholars acted just as  
bad as they knew how  
to day tried to have patience

with them. Ma came up  
tonight to see us

May FRIDAY, 31 1867.

Went to Mr. McLeans  
to tea Mrs. Shields & sister  
were there Ada came home  
with me we came across  
the woods awful wet and  
rough

June SATURDAY, 1

Ada went away about  
seven talked a little  
about going to the shore  
but could not get started  
helped mother a little  
in the garden, Lib came  
home just dark

SUNDAY, 2

I came up to the M today to pass  
the evening with one of the  
most lovely and most  
amiable young Lady that it  
has ever been my lot to be-  
come acquainted with. How  
the time was spent can only be  
imagined not told

June MONDAY, 3 1867.

Walked over this morning  
after the rain, had some  
good company, horrid roads,  
arrive about 8 A.M. , awful  
tired tonight. I was here  
to dinner they tell me  
Mrs. C~ here all night tried to tease

me

TUESDAY, 4

Do think never heard so  
much crazy talk from  
a married woman as today  
pity the man that has to  
live with her she must be void  
of all natural feeling. New moon  
tonight finished some work

WEDNESDAY, 5

Beautiful warm day. Walked  
to Meaford came home  
horseback Bryans stayed  
to meeting

June THURSDAY, 6 1867.

Awful awful warm today  
came home for my dinner  
do think I did not feel  
the heat any worse all  
last summer very close  
this evening. Sarah was  
to a picking bee

FRIDAY, 7

Another bee today did not  
go B got a new stove  
today. Walked home  
after seven a letter  
for me photographs  
in it

SATURDAY, 8

Libbie came home this  
morning glad to think  
had not to walk so far

Sarah went to Meaford  
waited for her while

she was gone. Abbie  
has a bad headache

June SUNDAY, 9 1867.

Brewster to meeting Mr. T,  
took me  
very sick Maggie was there  
Sinclair spoke the best ever  
heard him. Hiram's to our  
place up to Georges a  
minute or two Lib  
& Milton went along Sarah  
came home with me tonight

MONDAY, 10

Such a dear sweet evening  
so warm so clear not a sound  
but the low murmuring of  
the river I am sure all nature  
must be emoting wonder what  
what my dear [? ] is thinking about  
just now dare say about his dear father

TUESDAY, 11

Went to a picking bee  
after school home a little before  
dark almost dark, some  
company came stayed all  
night rained some

June WEDNESDAY, 12 1867.

Went to J. L's  
bee J there all  
night trimmed  
my hat

THURSDAY, 13

Whole pile of men here  
the one with black hair about  
the only respectable one among  
them had some splendid  
times in the evening with  
that one

FRIDAY, 14

BSs went to a funeral  
nice shower this afternoon  
only about twenty eight  
scholars. I did not go home  
expect to go to Meaford  
tomorrow

June SATURDAY, 15 1867.

Milton over to dinner P.  
T. here a short time S.L. & I  
went to Meaford went with M.  
to 16. Line got Abbie a little  
doll of a hat she was pretty  
well pleased with it. Called  
to see R.S. expect it will be the last  
time

Did not to to meeting stayed  
with Abbie after dinner went  
to the graveyard rode home  
with Fredericks pretty near  
giving up seeing any person  
when Abbie said J. & M were  
coming Abbie  
had ride. I had one in the evening by  
moonlight

Kissed Maggie a sweet  
good- bye and started for  
the [?] about six awfully  
tired

when I got here it was  
so warm had a little sleep  
before went to school. A great  
deal of wind and little rain this  
evening

June TUESDAY, 18 1867.

Had to go to Meaford  
to take some things back  
Heard that Rachel Snider  
departed this life this morn-  
ing at 1 O'clock got up to  
the 7th took a notion to go home  
acted on it pleasant time with  
Maggie

WEDNESDAY, 19

Walked over this morning  
arrived about eight  
Another bee excused my-  
self by being too tired.  
B. Ls had quite a time  
fighting fire today

THURSDAY, 20

Went to see the last remains  
of R. Snider deposited in its  
last earthly house a person  
must have had a heart of  
stone not to have been moved  
a look at her mother was enough  
to make ones heart ache. Had  
school half a day Maggie went with  
us to the church

June FRIDAY, 21 1867

Libbie, Maggie and I visited

Miss Munyards school this  
forenoon we had great times  
this afternoon Mr. & Mrs. Snider  
called gave Abbie a ride J.T. came  
for Maggie I went home with  
them

SATURDAY, 22

Went out in the Cedar Grove  
this morning with the rest of the  
company up on the hill after  
dinner Mum & Rachel with us  
got some strawberries and a good  
time generally think it a very pretty  
place so near the lake home in the gig in the  
evening

Went to meeting this morning  
Brothers C. & Stg did the speaking  
another discussion about Mrs.  
Dunn affair Overtook C. Craig  
came home with us Hiram's  
folks over this afternoon

June MONDAY, 24 1867.

Milton brought me over  
in the waggon. Went over  
to Mr. A. Burlys with Lizzie

TUESDAY, 25

Very warm looks little  
like rain Thirty eight  
scholars today ~~ here  
for dinner today I  
finished some work

WEDNESDAY, 26

A splendid rain last  
night not quite so warm  
today went visiting  
tonight

June THURSDAY, 27 1867.

The rain made some  
great times among us  
at noon cut up with  
Maggie & Hattie until I  
am as tired as the  
mischief only one more day  
this week and then I am  
going to have  
a holiday Monday O! that is so  
good.

My first half year of teaching is  
ended, called at Mrs.  
Edwards as I was going  
home got home about dark  
Milton just got home  
ahead of me with a new  
spring seat to his wagon

SATURDAY, 29

Spent my time lying  
in bed the doctor  
called to see me Abbie  
worked a nice little  
mark  
for me Fleming and  
his new buggy drove  
up shortly after dark.

June SUNDAY, 30 1867.

Spent the most of the  
forenoon on the bed

Jamie came up after  
dinner to see me read

some for me Mr. Wellers  
folks called to see us this evening

July MONDAY, 1

This is the first day in my  
life that I ever devoted to  
visiting any one lady &  
must say it is sweet to be  
all day with my dearest  
friend am sorry that she  
is not well she must take care of herself for her own sake and for Jamies and  
all her dear friends  
never felt so sorry to say goodbye  
to J~ as last night it seemed  
like as if my last and best friend  
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report partly  
made it out . Did  
not get my  
medicine until  
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stuff

THURSDAY, 4

Finished the report went  
to Meaford tonight along  
with Myria to get her

eye lanced

FRIDAY, 5

Been looking over some

very dear good letters  
and find I have had  
about 120 pages from  
that same fountain in  
about five months

SUNDAY, 7

Up to Georges a little while  
this morning went to  
meeting heard Mr. White  
for the first time. came  
over to Bryans this evening

MONDAY, 8

I am spending another eve  
with my dear M~ and I  
have to write in her Diary  
and I would sooner write  
in her heart something  
so good that she never could  
erase it and would never  
want to (I'll try ) (Q.T.)

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today when I got home  
from school tonight was  
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went off to the 12th had  
a good time with what  
was left. Our folks sent  
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MONDAY, 29

Rained this morning so I could not go to Meaford sewing all day went to Hiram's horse back tonight he is sick

July TUESDAY, 30 1867.

Gang home about Eleven Milton took me to Meaford fell in with a lot of pic-nickers had quite a time at Mrs. Jays a short time went to B. Ls coming home got my trunk

WEDNESDAY, 31

Sewed all day Abbie help-ed me rained this afternoon after tea Sarah told me Frank was coming he had a rider also nearly dark Hattie & Maggie

came about dark stayed all night

J went home

Hattie started off this

THURSDAY, 1

morning with the horse  
and gig visited Miss Battys  
school went on to Mr. Pattersons got our  
dinner on up higher and higher visited J. Cooks  
school we went up so high that the air became  
very thin life became almost extinct even our  
horse failed to do its former service thought it  
time to return home cut up like 60

August FRIDAY, 2 1867.

Hattie & I finished our trip  
had a big time at Langs school  
and in the brick under the hill  
came home about two, ironed all  
the afternoon Maggie & Hattie  
went home this afternoon.

SATURDAY, 3

Fixed my coat this  
forenoon Libbie & I went to  
Meaford this afternoon no  
money, no order rested  
with Hattie a while walked  
home Milton was going to hunt up  
some money did not want him  
to

SUNDAY, 4

Mr. Mackie went to  
meeting with us Mr. Lister  
appeared very suddenly among  
us talked to us very nicely  
home in the gig pleasant chat

got a scolding and a present  
went down to meeting in  
the evening.

August MONDAY, 5 1867.

Did all sorts of trumpery  
cut up like sixty sometimes  
and sometimes just as much  
the reverse changeable  
little mortal at the best  
always in one extreme or the other

TUESDAY, 4

At last we are about ready  
to make a start for the great  
Republic Lib & I went to M  
got our money did a little  
shopping saw ~~ about a  
minute and a half

WEDNESDAY, 7

Started from home about 9 A.M.  
took the boat for Collingwood  
arrived 20 after 12 waited until  
three for the cars to start in  
Toronto after nine took a bus  
for American Hotel. Fare 2.50

August THURSDAY, 8 1867.

Went to Kingston on the boat  
took another boat for the cape  
the cars for Mansville expenses  
11.50 whole fare from Meaford  
to Mansville 19 \$ beautiful  
weather a very pleasant trip

FRIDAY, 9

Came to Granpas today about  
11O'clock they all know us

had one of the greatest times  
ever heard of wrote a letter

home to Abbie Willie posted it  
for me Mary & Auntie here  
this afternoon

SATURDAY, 10

Spent the time very nicely  
with the friends here Auntie  
L. tried very hard to tease me  
a little wrote a letter. Coram  
called to take me home did  
not want to go just yet

August SUNDAY, 11 1867.

The Disciples do not meet  
here now some have died and many  
have moved consequently I went  
to the Methodist & Baptist along  
with cousins Mary & Boardman  
Fish visited the graveyard dozens of  
my relatives there

MONDAY, 12

Granpa went to town got  
Abbie a pretty knife. Cousin Walter  
Mechem came up with the buses  
& carriage to take us home with  
him Aunt Lydia & Cousin Mary Fish  
went too got here just dark had a  
nice  
time this evening Cousin Phene has a [ ? ]

TUESDAY, 13

At uncle Meachems all day rained  
spoiled all our plans had a  
concert among ourselves

tonight beautiful moonlight had

a

walk by moonlight but

there is something lacking

August WEDNESDAY, 14 1867.

Mother got  
some photos  
with M

A Week this morning since I started  
the longest week ever put through. Us  
young folks went to Pulaski showed me  
all through the town came home. Mother and  
the Aunties went down to their cousins after  
dinner the two Mary's were going but I played sick  
so to get a chance to write but there was some  
company came and they would not let me. Went with  
Walter for to bring the folks home

THURSDAY, 15

then when we got home  
all of us young folks went for a moonlight ride  
Josephine and I slept together  
last night for some cause we did not  
rest very well so we went to bed this  
afternoon while we were to sleep B. F came  
after Mary stayed till after tea Uncle John  
brought us to Granpas arrived little after dark

FRIDAY, 16

Visiting is awful hard work I think I am  
awful tired to day one day this week  
rode about 20 miles another 17 went  
visiting this afternoon to S. Smiths  
came home Willie and I had a good  
chat he has a very sore throat  
Nearly two weeks since I heard from my  
Jamie would give something to see him just

one little while tonight

August SATURDAY, 17 1867.

Dotted down some of the  
occurrences of the day was just going  
to write some  
cooking recipes when Walter and the rest  
drove up going to cousin Eastmans. Rhoddie  
hitched up the buggy mother and Lydia  
went and I went with Walter we had  
a time long to be embered going to sleep  
with Aunt Lydia the rest of the young  
folks went home

SUNDAY, 18

Mother went to see Mrs. Ss sister  
read some in the good book some in  
Mary Bunyan, did not go to meeting  
had a nice shower pleasnat talk  
with cousins H and M Hunt  
Cousin Charley brought us home

MONDAY, 19

about noon chatted with Granpa  
most of the afternoon about dusk my  
dear cousin Mary Fish came to  
speak a short time with me Boardman  
came to go home with her. Auntie  
Elsie  
is quite sick tonight so uncle is  
not quite so jolly as he was

August TUESDAY, 20 1867.

WEDNESDAY, 21

THURSDAY, 22

called on Mrs. Salisbury

Mary gave me her picture B gave his too

so [?] took it back

expect to leave

here

tomorrow for

home

Went to sleep last night thinknig  
about my pet Jamie as usual dreamt  
a whole pile about hime thought I would  
get a letter to day but no letter for  
I was [?] Mary. Went down to see my  
dear cousin Mary her and B came home  
with me spent the evening such a good good  
time we did have all to ourselves in the bed-  
room showed them our pictures  
We said goddbye to all the dear  
ones at Granpas is was a trying matter  
for all parties for it is possible we  
will never see them again cousin W  
brought us 8 miles to uncle John Meachems  
Cousin Walter & Phene 10 mile  
to uncle T. Brewster we came through  
all sorts of country but there  
was one very beautiful place  
it was a chestnut grove  
the  
trees formed an arch over our heads  
so low that I could stand up in  
the carriage and touch them  
we called at Libbies but she was not at home

August FRIDAY, 23 1867.

Arrived at uncles last night  
about six cousin Ada has a splendid  
Piano gave us some music from  
it. Went all through the salt-

works visited cousin E &  
G wrote two letter and  
posted them

SATURDAY, 24

Today is aunt Amandas birth-  
day up to the elbows picking this  
forenoon to the city twice this  
afternoon the guests arrived at  
six uncle Jud came with them  
splendid presents & music

SUNDAY, 25

Uncle Jim brought us to  
uncle Judsons met a funeral  
folks all away from home  
uncle went and got them  
cousin Theo is a dear girl  
and uncle Jud is just one  
of the best men that ever  
lived indeed they are all as good as good

August MONDAY, 26 1867.

Went to school with Thedie  
called to see Mrs. Boot in the  
evening came home about 8 went  
down town again saw Nate  
Hunter got a letter from Abbie  
the first one I have had nice time  
with my good old uncle

TUESDAY, 27

Up and off this morning by seven  
Uncle & Auntie came with to cars  
good byes all said and away we  
whirred for Rochester Nettie  
is a little chatterbox her & I went  
up to the corners this evening to  
hear the band

WEDNESDAY, 28 Auntie away

Mr. Stephens called [ ? ]

Net & I went to the bank 40 pr[?]  
did some shopping. got such  
a bad cold could not speak  
loud some of the time Auntie f□red  
us up a dose they think I am  
in bed now but they are a little  
bit fouled Auntie came home about 10 O'clock

August THURSDAY, 29

Spent this forenoon strolling  
on Mt. Hope had a  
splendid view of the city.  
Uncle came with us 8 mile  
on the cars  
as far as Charlotte seen us safe  
aboard the steamer Cataract

FRIDAY, 30

Started for Toronto about six  
was to arrive 5 this morning but  
but a storm drove us back to  
port and Oh! ~ its no use  
to try to write anything about it  
all I can say is that it was one day  
of misery.

SATURDAY, 31

Yesterday about 4 took cars for Rochester  
changed cars for the falls just  
dark a little view of the splendour  
of nature changed cars for  
Hamilton stayed all night morning  
train for Toronto there at noon dinner  
at Jns G. good visit with all the folks

all got the election fever started at 4 for

Collingwood arrived between 9 & 10 all night at Camerons

September SUNDAY, 1 1867.

First day of fall perfectly awful  
cold hired conveyance here cost  
4\$ dined at Mr. Hamiltons called to  
see Mrs. Jay. C went for Milton,  
home  
to my dear old home just dark all my  
dear pets were there dear good  
time

MONDAY, 2

Came over in the gig nearly froze  
my toes started off for school once  
home eleven scholars teaching  
seems more of a pleasure than when  
I quit P. T. called this afternoon  
Myria makes me talk so much I  
cannot get any time to write to my friends

TUESDAY, 3

fifteen scholars to day , more  
than I expected rained nearly  
all day it seems to me there must  
have been a mistake in the  
seasons this year that fall  
instead of summer followed  
spring. Wrote to Granpa

September WEDNESDAY, 4 1867.

This morning wrote to Nate Brew  
came home for my dinner had  
17 scholars wrote to Phene  
Meachem after school  
called on Mrs. J. L came

home chatted long while with  
Myria after the folks were gone to bed

THURSDAY, 5

My scholars still on the  
increase two more today. Oh!  
dear me everything goes wrong  
this week just because I am  
not in a tune for teaching  
I think my holidays spoiled me  
it is 10 and B.L are drawing in yet

FRIDAY, 6

Walked home carried a  
basket of crabs got there  
about dark Abbie rocking  
her self as usual and all  
the rest accordingly

September SATURDAY, 7 1867.

Libbie came home loud time  
talking went to Meaford on  
horseback saw some of my  
friends posted f□ve letters  
the other side W. F came  
about 10 O'clock our folks  
drawing in till late

SUNDAY 8

To meeting long time since  
here before knew how to enjoy  
it Bryans & Hiram to our place  
to dinner J.&H called ride to cut  
up as usual of late a general [ ? ]  
in the evening they stay all night  
slept with Hattie

MONDAY, 9

Quite a chat with Jamie this  
noon very pleasant because  
unexpected

unpleasant because so soon  
ended bother bother to these  
visitings much pleasanter to have  
them without as many ends Jamie  
thinks so I know  
One of took a notion to go home came back

September TUESDAY, 10 1867. Teaching  
went along finely to day some few of my  
scholars were foolish enough to leave  
and go to Meaford or rather their parents  
were foolish enough to let  
them sewing this evening beginning  
to get things picked up a little

WEDNESDAY, 11  
Feel today as if I might have gone through  
a sawmill or something worse last  
night Thought Jamie was  
going to find this space  
did not so I am not going  
to

THURSDAY, 12  
Jamie stayed here all night  
went away and came back again  
and left again started some  
braiding not a bit sleepy  
it is such a nice warm  
evening

SUNDAY, 15

September FRIDAY, 13 1867.  
Walked home called

to Bs & Gs home just as

the moon rose

beautiful eclipse lasted

some time

Rebecca            here  
spinning would not let  
me sleep with Abbie

SATURDAY, 14

Visiting at B S & R L. Libbie  
had business to Mr. Batty  
this forenoon too tired to go  
any where else going to  
sleep with Abbie  
Our folks all pitched in that  
I should stay home got the  
dinner all ready waited an  
hour did not get home till six  
then mother came in with a black  
eye the first thing I heard was that  
Mrs. T was dangerously sick got it all jangled  
up together started for BL in the midst  
of it if I had wings why wouldn't I fly

September MONDAY, 16 1867.

Sarah was going to Meaford  
tomorrow got her to go today  
so I could hear from the [ ? ]  
heard that she was better but afraid  
soon be worse if I could only go  
one little while Oh if somebody would  
only say, "go Mary" I would spite of everything

TUESDAY, 17

All is suspence here not  
heard one word today

WEDNESDAY, 18

Made up my mind the folks

are better or I should have heard  
from some quarter read some

in the review for others some in Ee  
about Gabriel O my beloved  
Myria thought it very appropriate

September THURSDAY, 19 1867.

School half day to W Bs childs  
funeral this afternoon from that  
Saran & I went to Meaford called  
on Mrs. Jay I got a new dress  
rode part way home horseback

FRIDAY, 20

Mr. Cook wished me to  
tell the scholars he would  
preach that evening walked  
home Lib there before  
me

SATURDAY, 21

Had a great dream last  
night started for the shore  
[?] 5 to 12 to Kates & after I  
stayed till after three  
she went with me down  
Through the Cedar Grove  
Mrs. Trout a good deal better

September SATURDAY, 28 1867.

A lot of us went to Meaford  
Abbie had some pictures  
taken, pretty well used up  
Lib letter her & I called on  
H. C at his new residence  
wanted to know if an bookseller

SUNDAY, 29

Went to meeting this morning

awfully cold saw ~ few

minutes before meeting came  
over to BL about dark a lot  
of his relations here to see him

MONDAY, 30

Scarcely got up time enough  
to get to school between walking  
sleeping & eating ought to get  
fat will forget to get up  
at all tomorrow if dont hurry  
to bed nearly 11

October TUESDAY, 1 1867.

Teaching

Younguns

one poor little fellow afraid  
of staying in all night

WEDNESDAY, 2

Went to school through  
the rain only two scholars  
came home went to Meaford  
with B.Ls first time ever  
at fall show saw a lot of  
my old friends

THURSDAY, 3

Went to Mr. Stirlings  
on business had a good  
chat

October FRIDAY, 4 1867.

Maggie & I came to  
school together Lib  
assisted my school short

time this afternoon cleaned  
the school house quite a while

after dark when Lib and I  
got home

SATURDAY, 5

Lib was in splendid  
spirits which led  
us to expect  
somebody not  
disappointed arrived  
after dark

SUNDAY, 6

To meeting L & I did the  
speaking ~ came up in  
the afternoon had one  
of the loudest times ever  
struck up . B.P. going to  
stay a week with Abbie

October MONDAY, 7 1867.

T. came with me to the 7th  
did not see any Evil Genius  
awfully sleepy all day

TUESDAY, 8

Mr. Linn spent the evening  
with us very pleasant fellow  
to chat with had some  
impertinent questions to ask

WEDNESDAY, 9

Grey dripping day saving  
after school B L had  
a pearing bee among  
themselves reading in

the review at school

sent a pamphlet to Mr. Stirling

October THURSDAY, 10 1867.

Heard that Mrs. T. was  
dead cannot credit it Messrs  
Johnston & Hamilton died  
night before last funerals  
today poor me cannot go

FRIDAY, 11

Walked home through  
mud & rain could not  
stay at the 7th could  
get no news in that corner

SATURDAY, 12

Helped Sarah all day  
Lib came along little before  
dark Fleming made  
his appearance shortly  
after tea spent first  
of the evening in the office  
Aunt Lydia writes me some  
sad news Uncle Sheldon is dead  
sick only two days

October SUNDAY, 13 1867

Went to meeting around  
by the gravel seen Bessie safe-  
ly at home Mr. T. back to  
meeting again home by  
5 or 6 never went through  
such mud in my life  
All of us up to H. J. Cs in the evening a  
great sing

MONDAY, 14

Stayed to Hiram's all  
night walked over this

morning B Ls got the  
thrashing machine

TUESDAY, 15

Very agreeably surprised this  
evening when Jamie came  
in his pleasant count was  
telling Hattie everything was  
rolling on smoothly told me  
a great long story while the folks  
were paring apples went to bed  
in pretty good season considering that  
Jamie was up to all sorts of fun

October WEDNESDAY, 16 1867

My company stayed  
with me till school time  
Everything went off finely  
to school the scholars all  
very studious

THURSDAY, 17

Beautiful weather all the  
week very pleasant to me  
because the scholars  
are always much better  
on sunny days quite a  
thunder  
storm this afternoon for October  
A. Mc called this afternoon

FRIDAY, 18

To day is my birth day  
20 years old is it possible  
It seems so short a time

since I went to the old  
school and us children

played camp meeting  
on F[ ? ] hill

October SATURDAY < 19 1867.

Lydia had a lot of her  
relations helping her  
to make up the f□ame  
got home I heard that  
W. Johnston was dead

SUNDAY, 20

Fleming took a preacher  
to Meaford this morning  
took Jim to the point  
and back got home about  
dark Sarah and I spent  
the evening at Georges  
Abbie came home this morning

MONDAY, 21

Walked over to 7th this  
morning a stranger here  
all night friend of  
J. Hunter

October TUESDAY, 22

Some what rainy  
B. Ls folks over to  
the 9th been up stairs  
all alone all the eve-  
ning they are all gone  
to bed have to be moving  
off

WEDNESDAY, 23

We all went to W. Ls  
to pare apples took the

machine Mr. Wards  
folks there with theirs  
home about eleven

THURSDAY, 24

Went to Mr.  
McLeans staying  
over night

Mother got a letter and metal photograph

October FRIDAY, 25 1867

Got home shortly after  
dark a lot of our relations  
here to help us cut  
apples Catherina here all  
night she has been up a  
day or two getting home  
sick I  
got a letter from cousin Nettie

SATURDAY, 26

Milton Kate & Lib went  
to Meaford this afternoon  
Abbie & I writing letters while  
they were gone

SUNDAY, 27

Went to meeting this  
morning up the shore  
this afternoon did not  
get sold came home in the  
gig after dark another  
one of those good times  
which we always have

October MONDAY, 28 1867

Jamie brought me over

this morning pretty near

cold enough to be pleasant  
quite warm in the middle  
of the day quite cloudy  
had a go at old sing.

TUESDAY, 29

Tried to rain this morning  
Mr. Whitelaw over a  
while is building his  
son a new house took  
our machine over to W.B  
helped them all evening

WEDNESDAY, 30

Myria & Bryan to Meaford  
took Hattie got her pictures  
taken

October THURSDAY, 31 1867.

Bryans folks over to  
J. Ls with their machine  
stayed home had a great  
sing. J. M. boasting  
how good he was  
going to be to his wife

November FRIDAY, 1

Today is S. Ls birth day  
Anniversary nice little time  
I am knitting knitting  
knitting such awful  
work.

SATURDAY, 2

Went to Meaford with

B. L. got Hatties & Adahs  
pictures went home  
with

B.P. got dinner walked  
home after dinner Lib had  
just got in ahead of me

November SUNDAY, 3 1867.

Rained this morning  
did not go to meeting  
considerable hail H. H.  
up with horse & buggy to  
H. C. brought me over to  
B. Ls tonight after the rain  
Hattie gave me one of her pictures

MONDAY, 4

The white flakes are  
warning us to wrap our  
overcoats closer around  
us the ground looks  
quite becoming in her robe  
of white and the moon smiling  
down on her enriches the scene

TUESDAY, 5

Beautiful white carpet  
to go to school on this  
morning it all disappeared  
at night. Went to L. Ls  
to out aps. they will not  
get one in a corner  
again. I'll not bother  
take them

November WEDNESDAY, 6 1867.

I am mad vexed  
cross if any one comes

too near me I'll

bite them

THURSDAY, 7

B. Ls folks are cutting  
apples I started some  
more knitting

FRIDAY, 8

S & E. L called to the  
school for me to go  
home with them  
Sarah & Will came over  
and picked apples for  
us with the machine

November SATURDAY, 9 1867.

Sewing all day Abbie  
& I had a big singing  
time called at G. W.  
about two minutes. J. D.  
here this evening to see  
about the school.

SUNDAY, 10

Went to meeting beautiful  
day and the roads not very bad  
~ came home with us and  
so did A.P. had quite a time  
in the afternoon a bold  
time in the evening beautiful  
moonlight

MONDAY, 11

Two new scholars  
today away from  
Kingston large school.  
Moving

again tonight

November TUESDAY, 12 1867.

Quite a storm this  
morning. The folks  
all away to the sale did  
not buy themselves  
rich.

WEDNESDAY, 13

Glorious sunset  
very pretty overhead  
but quite a mess  
under foot wonder  
if Mr. Deloon is  
sealed

THURSDAY, 14

All sorts and kinds  
of weather to day rain  
hail snow and sun-  
shine Sarah Adah &  
I went to Mr. Shields  
spent a very pleasant  
evening

November FRIDAY, 15 1867.

Walked right from  
the school house & got  
home just dark  
two or three folks to  
help peel apples  
quite a time with  
P. D

SATURDAY, 16

November MONDAY, 18 1867.

Cold and snowing

all this forenoon some

of the little fellows  
came crying this  
morning 34 scholars

TUESDAY, 19

November THURSDAY, 21 1867.

Myria with Mrs. Jay  
all day got a lot of news  
when she came home  
they had some great  
times out to the wed-  
ding

FRIDAY, 22

The roads are all  
mud mud did not  
go home  
tonight  
cutting up all sorts to  
keep from getting lonely  
finished my knitting did some  
washing

SATURDAY, 23

Went nearly to the  
Gravel on horseback  
up to R. C. hill after  
dinner the first thing  
that caught my eye  
got home was buggy

November SUNDAY, 24 1867. In

this diary I write with Joy  
For here is written my Dear boy

And the writers love I ne'er can doubt  
When she calls her dear boy J. Trout  
And that Dear boys love can never vary

While heaven bless him with the  
love of Mary

MONDAY, 25

Drizzle drizzle or  
pouring all day Abbie  
did not come fixed my  
bunk this evening feel a  
little bit snoozy

TUESDAY, 26

Fleming went by  
the school house  
afoot but no Abbie  
came Jim quite put  
out because he is  
not going to be  
hired

November WEDNESDAY, 27 1867.

I have 36 scholars  
coming to me now that  
I would not exchange for  
any other 36 that I know of &  
if their parents were off in  
heathendom think I could  
make something of them

THURSDAY, 28

Myria and Bryan were  
to Mr. Osbornes & W. Laycox  
did not get home until nearly  
10 the folks were singing all the  
evening I made a belt Jims

time is out to night

FRIDAY, 29

Jim Martin went away this  
morning felt awful bad  
when he carried out his chest  
fancied he was following a  
coffin. Snowed & blowed  
so it is no use of thinking  
of going home

November SATURDAY, 30 1867

Trimmed my hat made  
a dress skirt awful cold  
and snowing & blowing so  
that I am fenced in  
and the windows are frozen  
over so I can scarcely see  
out

December SUNDAY, 1

The first day of winter  
pretty cold tried to coax  
B. L to go to meeting did  
not succeed read all  
day tried to sing some  
did not make out  
rich

MONDAY, 2

Our new hired man  
came this morning  
finished my dress this  
evening to bed 11

December TUESDAY, 3 1867.

Storming like sixty

to day can hardly  
keep from freezing  
knitting mittens this  
evening

WEDNESDAY, 4

Kept some of my  
youngsters in to night  
they do enjoy some  
right up and down  
sport going down hill  
Put me in mind of old  
times W. Mackie here this evening

THURSDAY, 5

Had quite an exhibition  
fewer here this evening  
I picked out one little piece  
about the crickets

December FRIDAY, 6 1867.

Thawing all day storming  
now so I guess I will not  
lose my ride tomorrow  
expected Mackies  
here this evening did  
not come

SATURDAY, 7 my first ride

B. L s folks went over  
to cut wood went along  
mother away from home  
down to see Lydia who is very  
sick it was so stormy had  
to come home with them  
I felt sorry for poor little Abbie

SUNDAY, 8

Went to meeting with B.L  
the meeting house all changed

around one wandering one  
brought back to the fold

came home in the cutter the folks  
went to see Lydia she is very  
bad home about ten

December MONDAY, 9 1867.

Cold stormy morning  
B took us to school  
with the oxen it  
looks as if winter  
had set in

TUESDAY, 10

Has not got done  
storming yet everything  
went to [ ? ] to school  
I expect is is my fault  
as Jamie tells me but  
I must say along with  
Sarah it is too nice to stay  
in the house tonight

WEDNESDAY, 11

B. L committing  
murder on a large  
scale - such a nice  
evening I do think B. L  
might go to see how  
Lydia is

December THURSDAY, 12 1867.

Charley brought us to  
school this morning  
awful awful cold brought  
us home again. Hattie

is in great glee because  
she is going to sleep with  
me

FRIDAY, 13

The teams are fixing  
round today like as if  
was town meeting in the city

SATURDAY, 14

Home all day B. L  
had the sawing machine  
finished my mittens  
Finished my dress

December SUNDAY, 15 1867.

Went to meeting with  
B. L home with our  
folks two girls there  
B brought mother home  
took Abbie & I back

MONDAY, 16

Sawing machine here  
yet cut out a dress  
helping her make it  
it is so pleasant to have  
Abbie with me

TUESDAY, 17

Helping Abbie again  
Miss Mc called to  
school this afternoon  
it is 11 and here Myria  
sits I am afraid she is not  
going to night we had a  
great talk about old times

December WEDNESDAY, 18 1867.

Jamie here tonight took

me to H.J.Cs for a ride  
back about ten hair  
curled no goodbye home  
eleven bed near  
twelve

THURSDAY, 19

Working at sleeves  
scholars quite  
put out did not  
know  
examination

FRIDAY, 20

Examination this fore-  
noon no school this after-  
noon Miss Mc came  
home with a whole  
lot of folks and  
quite a time generally  
\$ 11

December SATURDAY, 21 1867.

We all went to Meaford  
Abbie disappointed about  
her pictures got some  
books cards etc, for  
scholars

SUNDAY, 22

Got all ready for meeting  
Bryan went after horses and  
stayed home after all  
Cutter drove about dark

soon found out it was

Frank stayed all night

it was so stormy

MONDAY, 23

Folks went away this  
morning about daylight  
some pretty big drifts  
going to school The  
Italian here all night  
making Mottoes

December TUESDAY, 24 1867.

Had a very pleasant  
time this evening H & L were  
over had a very nice Christmas  
tree some singing just as the presents  
were distributed surprised me by  
a present also

WEDNESDAY, 25

Abbie & I came home this  
morning in the cutter this morning  
made out my report alone all  
day got some Christmas presents  
with folks

THURSDAY, 26

Monday May 18/68

It rained all day Thursday  
Friday Labour day and Sunday till about  
night wrote a letter to cousin Will  
and one to J. E. Laycox walked up this  
morning in the mud went to Georges  
yesterday rest of the day with Abbie

May 28/68

Went to meeting last Sunday  
with the waggon first time Meaford

full of people. Bros Layton & Cox  
spoke special company in the  
after- noon a very pleasant  
evening stayed all night up in the  
gig

next morning

Very pleasant warm weather  
this week. The leaves are all  
out everything looks green good  
many Flowers out. Mr. Bond  
brought me a bouquet this morning  
some tulips in it other nice  
flowers visiting twice this week

Wednesday June 3

Last Sunday our folks went up the  
shore Abbie was Immersed in  
the evening the occasion was  
the most solemn of anything  
of the sort that I ever care  
to see

June 17

The last two weeks have been  
full of events Bryan has been  
very sick and many of us  
were called to what we supposed  
to be his death bed but God in  
his providence has ordained  
it otherwise it is a great thing  
and mercy that he has  
been spared to his little  
ones a while longer but he  
was

not afraid to go. Death  
had no terror to him he  
bid them all a long farewell  
when he was so willing we could

not wish him to stay but it is a  
pleasure to think he is getting better

same

Fleming came down more than  
a week ago Lib did not come  
with him Abbie has been  
away all this month she  
went to Meaford the 5 th  
been there since! school  
goes pretty tough since I was  
to Bryans seems I have  
not life enough to keep  
the school going as it  
ought to be. Invited to  
a picking bee this afternoon  
at C. Ls going I expect  
Two marriages Sarah Leavens and  
Die Family both living Meaford

Thursday June 25

Bryan is still very poorly  
mother and Milton are still  
there most of the time  
Mil & I did not go to  
meeting last Sunday Sarah walked  
down Abbie was there Frederick

took her and he brought  
her home in the evening  
she enjoyed herself first  
rate and did not seem to  
be as tired as might be  
expected came up in the

gig in the evening. Sarah  
was up here yesterday she  
says all the Derby folks were

down Monday in the S.S excursion  
Will and Lib went up to  
Bryans. Went to the 11th  
with Sarah to Mc Kinis  
"bee" in the evening  
My scholars are mostly  
sick with the measles  
only had 17 today and 18  
are sick, Henry brought  
us in some Strawberries  
this evening Mrs. Long  
away to Euphrasia

Farewell

When eyes are beaming  
What never tongue can tell  
When tears are streaming  
From their crystal cell  
When hands are linked that dread to part  
And heart is not by throbbing heart  
O! bitter bitter is the smart  
Of them that bid farewell  
When hope is hidden  
That bairn of bliss would tell  
And love forbidden  
I the breast to dwell  
When fettered by a viewless chain  
We turn and gaze and turn again  
Oh! death were merry to the pain  
Of them that bid farewell

Heber

Human Life

Man's life a book of history

The leaves thereof are days

The letters mercies closely joined

The title is Gods praise Mason

Another

We live in deeds, not gears;  
in thoughts not breaths; in feel-  
ings not in figures over dial.

He most lives who thinks  
most; feels the noblest, are to  
the best.

Baily

From social intercourse  
are derived some of the highest  
enjoyments of life. Where there  
is a free interchange of sentiment  
The mind acquires new ideas;  
and by a frequent exercise of  
its powers the understanding  
gains much vigour.

The rule to be observed  
in all conversation is -  
that we should not talk  
to ease ourselves but  
those that hear us.

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My visiting is coming to  
a close for this time  
expect to start for Canada  
tomorrow evening. I am in  
Rochester at present came  
here yester- day. Linds &  
Net were home  
but auntie was gone to Gates.  
They were extremely glat to

see us it being 29 years

since mother saw them.

Nettie is a little chatter box

I am glad for she can  
make up for my quietness  
one of Libbies old teachers  
called here this evening  
her old perceptress is  
married she got 600  
worth of presents/ Net &  
I went down to the city  
this afternoon did  
some  
shopping got a very bad cold

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