

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 fly 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
lookef 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 got 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 9th. 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 pussies 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^{ore} 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 7th

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^olled 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 George's 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 fore 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 ownsake and for Jamies and
all her dear friends
never felt so sorry to say goodbye
to J~ as last night it seemed
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SUNDAY, 7

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this morning went to
meeting heard Mr. White
for the f□rst 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
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WEDNESDAY, 10

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tonight came home and
read some old letter my

Dear friend and I had
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July FRIDAY, 12 1867.

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went off to the 12th had
a good time with what
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morning Charlie & Connie
up after meeting Abbie and
I went with Charlie for
a ride went to meeting in the
gig James Beaty spoke

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-
nicers 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
11 O'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
occurences 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 five 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 suspense 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 peering 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 floying
round today like as if if
was town meeting in the city

SATURDAY, 14

Home all day B. L
had the sawing machine
fished 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 5th
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 bane 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.

Wednesday Aug 28 / 68

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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