

24th March - "Wednesday" I have no school to-day in consequence of a meeting at the school house about the construction of leaving gravelled roads in the county of Peterborough. I have just been down to the woods where my father and my brothers are engaged in making sugar; while coming up I wondered why such vast flocks of Pigeons were continually flying to woods the north-west. Last evening I read Robertsons History of the colonies of New England and Virginia I was also at the class and prayer meeting and also attended Mrs. Pitt Milburns home.

30th March
 "Tuesday at ten P.M." I have been up at Mr. Evans to night and have just returned, I had quite a talk with George Paul; Mr. Peble and Mr. Scott the Trustees were at school about an hour to-day. I got to-day the temperance advocates for the first three months, I bought them from George Simpsons. I bought the paper from him for the year. I have been for the past few days thinking of getting some person to teach in my place and going up to the Normal School. I feel an anxious desire to learn and see more both of things and the world. I now take four papers, the Globe, the Leader, the Review, and the temperance advocate. I find that the perusal of them does me a great deal of good, and I believe that were I to peruse them more attentively they would do me a great deal of good.

31st March - with the exception of a few days at the commencement the weather has been remarkably fine this month. The snow has completely disappeared and the roads are now good for walking. I had no fire in the school to day - Three months have now rolled away since the commencement of 1868 and how little improvement I have made; when I think how time is passing on I feel that I am doing nothing, that I am wasting time and talents.
2nd April

"Good Friday" have had no school to day and consequently have been doing little or nothing - Last Evening George Paul and I were at the North British Division where we had a glorious time debating about Education and Law.
7th April

"Wednesday" I was at the meeting of the Cadets of Temperance this evening. The little fellows were debating about War and Intemperance; it was very amusing - On Sunday last I was at Livich, the old man was very sick, James McKillop was there. I left before dark and caught up to Mr. Pritchard and the Potharts who were on their way home, as it looked very like rain I went into Potharts where I was obliged to remain all night, in consequence of the rain, the dark night and the muddy roads. On Monday evening I went from school to Livich from Livich to Retford from Retford to

George Lee and from there to home— I long after
and feel anxious for improvement; if I desire to be
conspicuous among men for any thing it is for mental
strength and excellence "Knowledge is power" it is a
power which nothing else can give or all the gold of
Australia can purchase
13th April

Tuesday evening at nine I have just
come home from the class meeting. it is a dark
rainy night— Last Friday evening I was at the
division where I had to debate against "Harrison"
and "A Young" on the question "whether has the art
of printing or navigation done most for civilisation";
When I was on my road home I made up my
mind to study Logic, accordingly I have commenced
to study Whately on that study and have already
looked over the analytical outline— Last Saturday
evening I went with Mr Duart up to his place and
staid there all night and the next day till 2 PM
when I left his place and came down to Moores
where I remained till six o'clock; I thus had an
opportunity of observing more particularly than
ever I had done Mr Duart and Miss Moore
Miss Moore is I think an amiable intelligent and
lovely girl; Mr Duart is a man who thinks a
good deal, he is a constant reader, he is very
careful of his money and means, if I am not
mistaken he will yet be a man of great note—

17th April "Saturday" I have had no school to day.
Last evening I was at Uncle John's, Margaret Capter was there.
During the last few days I have been thinking about
becoming a lawyer, I believe I would like the profession, but I
believe I would rather be a farmer than any profession.
It is necessary that I should make up my mind with
respect to my future employment; It would prevent me
from wasting my energies and turn all my powers
into one direction which would ensure success.

20th April I have been working in Bolens's Algebra
this evening, I done a question that puzzled Mr.
Brennan when I was at the Normal School. I
have been thinking for the past few days of
becoming a lawyer and indeed I have come
to the conclusion to speak to Mr. Brennan
about it. I am not attending to my school
these days as I ought, my mind is always so
much taken up with other things that I
can't do my duty as a Teacher.

7th May "Friday" I am reading a good deal this
week but I am not reading as I ought to do, I read
a little of this and a little of the other thing but it
amounts to little and does me no good.
I sometimes read Macaulay, I admire his style
which I could imitate in the perfect manner.
I could study Long's and what beautiful verse.

to pay much attention to it. It is four weeks this evening since I commenced to study it but I have spent very little time at it and consequently have made very little progress. I have been thinking lately of becoming a Lawyer. It is true that I was making a choice of some profession, I am in the twentieth year of my age and am getting no younger. I have been up at the Baptist Church for the past three Sundays, where I have heard Mrs. Roberts preach three very good sermons. I have been pretty much at home for the past few weeks, I am always doing something, but I do not employ my time so well. As I might, I lay in bed till seven in the morning and thus waste much valuable time.

10th Aug. & "Monday" I was at Church in town yesterday forenoon, in the afternoon I was at Morris and at night I was at home. I have never felt time pass over so quick as I have this spring. I was with at W. H. Morris on Saturday evening. I have a very large school at present and am attending to them better than I have done for some time. I like intelligent company, for that reason alone I would wish to reside in a City or Town.

13th Aug. "Thursday" I have been away from home less this last two or three weeks than I have for the present year. I have been reading a good

deal lately, Yesterday I commenced to read Wayland's
political economy, Goldsmith's history of Greece,
and De Lolme's sketch of the constitution. Last evening I
worked an hour at Colenso's Algebra. This
morning before school went in, I read the history
of Rome down to the expulsion of Tarquin.

20th May
"Thursday" Last Saturday morning in company
with John Pay I went over to his place, and after dinner
he and I went up to see Mr. Chase, where we staid
until dusk; we then came back to Rag's where I
remained all night. Sunday forenoon was spent
with Mr. Chase, he recommends me to study for some
of the professions he thinks I would be successful
as a lawyer. This week I have not done much at
my regular studies, in consequence of trying
to trisect a triangle, which I have been trying
to do all this week but all in vain. On Monday
evening I was reading the life and times of George IV.
it is a rather and interesting book and contains many
remarks about Fox, Pitt, and Burke. The author is
evidently a Tory, he favors Pitt and frowns on Fox.
Last evening after the school went out I spent two
hours in reading the Globe, there was in it several
speeches which had been delivered at the annual
meeting of the Bible Society and which I think I
shall preserve for reference in future. There was also
an account of the introduction of the bill for

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"incorporating the local orange association" which bill I am very glad to learn received the six months' wait — I still bear in my mind a predilection for the law —
24th May 1858

"Monday" I have no school to day in consequence of it being the Queen's birthday, this will be a great day throughout Canada and the whole British Empire. The day is to be celebrated in Petersburg, there is a great temperance fair to day, I once had an intention of going but resolved to stay at home and read and study. I have been reading De Lolme's constitution nearly all day — I was at home nearly all yesterday reading the "Leader" and "Globe", it is rather a strange way of spending the Sunday, it is better though than prancing about the country after Tom, Dick, and Harry, and acquiring the reputation of a rake. — I wish I could get a good education, my greatest ambition is to have a cultivated mind, this is the highest object of my ambition. The love of learning with me is not a pursuit which I follow for the sake of future wealth, honour, or power, it is a pursuit which I follow for the sake of learning itself, for its intrinsic value. I will learn ~~as long~~, never cease to learn, as long as I live. What is it that makes one part of mankind so much superior to the other part? What is it that makes some nations so much more enlightened and happier than other nations? It is learning, it is education, it is intellectual superiority.

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28th May "Friday night." I finished reading De'olme this morning, but I think I shall read a part of it over again as I have not read it very attentively. I have read a good deal this week, more than I have for a long time past. I am going to the division to night, there has to be a debate about the British and American constitutions, I know nothing about the American government and am therefore not prepared for the debate. I am still in the notion of studying law, whether I will or not, I cannot determine, but time will. I was in town on Tuesday evening and heard Davison the temperance lecturer. On Wednesday evening I had a dream, I thought I saw two or three boys who were my scholars lying dead; they seemed as if they had been torn to pieces. When I saw them thus I felt very sorry indeed, and so great was my agony that I cried out, "it must be a dream" "it must be a dream" and with this I waked and was very glad that it was not reality. I also had a dream the night I was at Ray's, I thought I was back at Madill's teaching and was very popular and much applauded by the people, with these two exceptions I have not dreamed any for a year.

1st June

"Tuesday Evening" I had school this forenoon but went to town this afternoon as it was the "Fair day". I bought Blackstone's commentaries to lay the price of them was six shillings. I have been at the class and private meeting this evening. On

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Saturday evening last, after the school went out, I went to town, where I met Uncle John's people and went home with them; there was two Miss Mather's from Port Hope there. I took quite a fancy to one of them and staid there all night and all the next day and for her sake was very near going out to Port Hope on Monday -
4th June.

"Friday Morning" - It is wet and raining this morning; it has been wet and raining for the past two or three weeks so much so that my school has been very small lately. - I have not studied very much this week in consequence of being away all Sunday at J. Edmison's, at Simpson's on Monday night, at the prayer meeting on Tuesday night, and Isaac Livick at my place on Wednesday night. - I have almost made up my mind to stay there no longer than this year: when the next winter shall come I shall enter a new scene of action. - I have reason to believe that I have the organ of "emotiveness" very large, I believe that I also have the organs of "Individuality," "Eventuality," "Comparisons," "Cautiousness," "Secretiveness," and "Acquisitiveness," very large. - I have had the tooth ache very bad during the past eight or nine days - I had a dull head ache on Sunday last. - I have kept this journal for nearly two years and now feel some of the benefits of it. I have reason to thank Walter Rogers at whose advice I commenced it.
7th June.

"Monday morning" - I was at home in the

forenoon yesterday, and in the afternoon I was at Livicks, I came home from Livicks with Uncle John. I finished reading the History of Rome last week, and De Lolme the week before, and I shall go at the History of Greece this week. - I have not felt very strong for this past two or three weeks, I would like very well to take a journey somewhere, if I had plenty money I would go up to Toronto, and stay there a week, and listen to the debates in Parliament. - I have almost made up my mind to study Law, I know if I do I will have many difficulties to encounter, but I believe that it is not altogether improbable that I might become a good Lawyer. However I have not resolved irrevocably to become a Lawyer, but have left room to think differently for some time. - George Edmison is also talking about studying the Law, I shall be a little astonished if he ever does. I wish he is mentally too lazy to do so. I wish I were divested of the organs of amateness for three or four years, and indeed I wouldn't care if I were divested of it for life for I find it interferes with, and hinders my progress in every good work.

9th June

"Wednesday morning" Last evening after the school went out I went down the fields and sat down on some rails and commenced to read Grecian history. I had read about an hour when Mr. Pritchard came along. I then stopped reading.

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and talked to him until very late in the night. Our talk was more instructive than usual. I recollect that when in company with young Schoolmaster the talk is generally of a light foolish character. Now I think this is very wrong and has a very bad tendency, for we are all inclined to lose or waste our time in trivial pursuits, and this inclination is sure to be strengthened by unproductive conversation.

10th "Thursday" - It is very wet and raining to day. I have only eight scholars in consequence. Last night I read over one hundred pages in Grecian History. I read a part of the life of Sir Foul Duxton this morning, he was a man of immense stature, great energy and determination, he was married at the age of 21 and died at the age of 59. I also read last night the lives of Ephraim and Agesilaus but read them so rapidly that I remember very little of them even now.

11th June 1856. "Friday Morning." This morning is cold and raw. I have put a fire on in the schoolhouse. Last night I read five hours at Grecian History and finished it. I think yesterday was the rainiest day within the reach of my memory, it rained from the time I got up in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon without intermission. When I went home from the school the road was flooded and streams flowed in every direction.

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14th June "Monday morning" I was at meeting yesterday and heard James Wisson's sermon. I think he is as good a speaker as most of the preachers, but I believe that he will never be a very great man. I have begun to read Macaulay's History of England. I intend to read it all aloud. It will thus add to my stock of information and it will also make my voice stronger. I have not studied very much for the last two or three days as I have had a very bad cold. I find it impossible to study when I am unwell and I sometimes find it very hard when I am well.

15th June "Tuesday Morning" I read twenty pages in French. Yesterday this morning I read four pages of Macaulay last night. James Wisson has to be married to Mary John, and Alexander Cousins are there. I have almost made up my mind to study Law. I think that by diligence and perseverance I will make a good lawyer.

16th June "Wednesday morning" I read little or nothing last night or this morning. I was at the prayer meeting last night, after it went out. Isaac asked me to go out to Monaghan with him Sunday afternoon. I told him that I would not. I have a very large school at present. I sometimes have forty boys. I think I have fulfilled my duty to my school more faithfully during the last five months than ever before.

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18th June "Friday morning" the weather has been remarkably fine for the past four or five days. I commenced to read Blackstone's commentaries last night. I commenced at nine O'clock and read till eleven. I thus read the first section of the introduction in two hours. I read some French history this morning. I am making bad progress in studying French History. I have studied very little for the past six days. It is a year to day since the temperance society that was a great day in this part of the country, twelve months have rolled round since that time and I am still driving away in this old school house, where shall I be twelve months from this time? What shall I be doing? What changes shall take place before that time in my fate, my fortune or my pursuits? What changes shall take place around me before that time? What new persons will I have become acquainted with, and what old acquaintance shall have disappeared for ever? These are things hidden in the future. There are things which the proudest intellect can no more tell, than the most ignorant barbarian.

21st June "Monday Morning" I had no school on Saturday last and staid at home all day and did nothing at all, in the evening I went up to the lake, in company with several others, for the purpose of sharing a swim. Yesterday morning I made up my mind to stay at home all day and read and study, but was prevented from doing so by that boy, Mr. Nicholls coming.

22nd June "Tuesday morning" I went over to Livicks last night after the school hours were over and did not get home till nine o'clock. I consequently did not read or study any yesterday except three pages of Macaulay in the morning. On the night of April I commenced to study Logic, but have made very poor progress as I have not looked at it for a month. My engagement will be half out this week, I wish it was out altogether. I have had three good swims this summer already. I have read the Histories of Greece and Rome this spring and intend to read them through again before long. I have a large school at present and am paying considerable attention to it. I think I will make more improvement in this my twentieth year than I have made in any previous year.

24th June

"Thursday morning" it is most extremely hot this morning. The weather for the past six or seven days has been very warm. I have not learned very much this week, I believe Harry Edmison is coming to my school next week, if he does I shall be obliged to study Colenso pretty hard and will thus make a wonderful improvement in Algebra. I was in town on Tuesday night and ordered a new vest which will cost me four dollars. I sold Abbot's Napoleon to Charles Boyce for four dollars and a half which he paid last Sunday.

30th June "Wednesday morning" On the 10th of May I made up my mind to study at "De'lebre," "Segis," "The Histories of Greece, Rome, & France by Pinnock," "Macaulay," "Hycbra," & "Political Economy" until to day. I have since that time read De'lebre and the histories of Greece, Rome, and France, studied some Algebra, some Segis, and very little Political Economy. I have also been reading a good deal in Macaulay but have not finished him. I was at the Division last Friday night and was elected Outside Sentinel. I was at Potlows last Saturday night and bought Benson's Simons Euclid, but did not go to the circus. I was at the Baptist Church last Sunday and also at John Paul's. I was at the prayer and class meeting last night. My time was half out last Friday night and my half year is out to day, I wish my year was out. The weather has been extremely warm during the past two weeks, all last week it was insufferably warm in the school. 7th July "Wednesday morning" Last Saturday I wrote an essay on truth and after getting it wrote I went to Hecow, I there met Mr. Chase with whom I went home and staid with him until Sunday night. On Monday I had no school and went to the funeral of John Stothart. I have lately got acquainted with a dentist in town whose name is Mr. Dowel, he is a pretty good scholar and a very nice young man. I still dream of studying the law but I think it is likely that I will do so.

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10th July "Saturday evening." I have made very little improvement since the commencement of this month, I think I made more improvement last month than I have done any month for a long time. I have been away from home the last eight nights, I was at the division two nights, two nights I was seeing about the piece that has to be at the lake on the 19th; two nights I was away by seeing Mr. Chase; two nights I was away by being at Fitchburg and at the prayer meeting. My mind is still bent on studying the law and I am determined to do all that I can to make a man of myself. —

14th July "Wednesday Morning." I was picking strawberries on Sunday forenoon and in the afternoon I was at Uncle John's where I was obliged to stay all night in consequence of rain. Monday was a rainy day, it rained all day, there were only six scholars at school. Yesterday I had one scholar at school, his name is Peter Melclair, at night after school went out, I was over at Uncle John's where four of us got a making stump speeches I made two, one about Cromwell and one on "Education."

"Wednesday evening" I had no school this afternoon as I was obliged to go to town where I got \$36.10 from the County Treasurer. I bought a pair of shoulder braces this afternoon for two dollars

17th day of July 1858. "Saturday morning" It is two years to day since I left Toronto two years since I was sailing down Lake Ontario in the Maple Leaf - two years since my brother Joseph Henry was buried. I remember that day as long, and as well as, any thing that ever happened & that day was to me a day of serious and solemn thought. It was a high and holy day. A day consecrated to lofty exalting thought. My hopes for improvement that day were ardent and sincere but my progress has not been equal to my expectations.

22nd July 1858.

"Thursday morning" - Last Saturday evening, after helping my father with two loads of hay, I went to town, and heard P'arey M'Gee make a speech on the historical connection between Scotland and Ireland. I liked his speech and learned a good deal from it. - On Sunday last, I went to Fowles along with my cousins. It was a day wasted and worse than wasted, for I spent it in sin and folly. - The last three or four nights and mornings, I have been mowing with my father. My hands are all blistered as a consequence. - Samuel Ford came to see me yesterday for the purpose of borrowing some money from me. I lent him fourteen dollars. I was glad to have the opportunity of doing him a good turn. He is going west to Hamilton to look for a school. I hope he may succeed in getting one.

29th July 1858 "Thursday morning". There was a great deal of rain last night, but the weather has been remarkably fine for the past two or three weeks, and has been favourable for making hay. I helped my father with his hay every morning and night last week and we got it all in safe. Hay has been poor this year, and the yield not equal to previous years. — Last Friday night at the division, I promised to give a lecture on Physiognomy tomorrow night; but I am afraid I will make a very poor job of it. — I was in town last Saturday and bought Rolin's Ancient History for which I gave six shillings. The work is in eight volumes and the maps in them alone are worth more than I gave for them. Mr Pritchard offered me two dollars for them which is four shillings more than I gave for them. — Mr Pritchard and I traded watches on Tuesday morning, I am to give him eight dollars into the bargain, I think I do not lose anything by the bargain. — My school is quite small now, and I do not attend to my business very well. — I have not studied any lately neither have I read very much. — Last Sunday I was at the Baptist Church in the forenoon, and at the Methodist Chapel at Bridgenorth in the afternoon, and at Uncle Johns in the evening.

1st day of August "Monday morning". — On Friday evening last, I spent an hour or two on Physiognomy at the division. Yesterday morning I was at the Baptist Church and heard the following sermon.

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town on Monday evening and had James and
Heslop with me, I took them to the Phrenologist
and had their heads examined. He said that
they both had very few heads. On Sunday
last I was at Livings nearly all day
24th August.

"Tuesday" After having two weeks of
a vacation I commenced to teach yesterday; dur-
ing my vacation I was working on the farm
and when I read any it was in Macaulay. Last
night after the school went out I went home
and prepared the first few of the 150 anecdotes
that I have to learn before New Years; after that
I went over to Stotharts and from there to the
Band of Hope division room and from there
to Mr Chases and from there back home. I went
for a phrenological bust which Mr Chase had, I suppose
the distance there and back again is fourteen
miles, It was one o'clock in the morning when
I got home.

26th August. "Thursday morning" I commenced to learn
Latin, last night, at a quarter before eleven o'clock. I
have at last resolved to study that language. I only
wish that I had commenced it some three or four
years ago. Although I am advanced in years, I must
not spend my time in murmuring and repenting, but go
right manfully to work and I shall be successful.

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30th Day of August 1858 - Monday morning - I commenced to study Latin last Wednesday night at a quarter to eleven and studied about ten minutes, on Thursday night I studied pretty hard at it, on Friday I didn't do much at it, on Saturday I did still less, but yesterday I studied at it six or seven hours, altogether I have studied at it about twelve hours and I am master of the nouns and I am going to commence at the adjectives to night. -

31st of August.

"Tuesday" - I got up this morning at the dawn of day and studied Latin about two hours and a half, I wish I could rise at five o'clock every morning all the year round, I may yet succeed in forming this habit and when I have done so I will have made one sure step towards fame. -

2nd of September - Thursday Morning - I got up this morning at half past four, and learnt the Ordinals, the distributions, and adverbs derived from the cardinals in Latin. - If I stick as sedulously at the Latin for four months as I have done the past few days I will be peering in Goesar, I will however be content if I succeed in mastering the grammar before New Years. -

7th of September.

"Tuesday Morning" - I have studied nothing since last Friday morning. I was in Petersboro last Saturday and had a long talk with the Doctor. I was at a great party last night.

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8th September. Wednesday morning. I let the school out at three o'clock yesterday afternoon and went down to the fair where I saw Mr Pritchard who told me that his mother had died during his vacation. I spent three pence at the fair yesterday. Mrs Sinclair wanted to introduce me to Mr McArthur yesterday but I could not let him. I was yesterday introduced to Mr Ewen, the teacher in Stills School section. I think I will learn more during the next three or four months than I have ever before done in the same period of time, not even excepting the time that I was at the Normal School. I think it is quite likely that I will be in Toronto next winter, if I am I shall go pretty often to hear the speeches in Parliament and gain as much instruction from them as I can. I am still bent on studying the Law and if nothing very remarkable happens it is altogether likely that I will.

11th September. Saturday morning. I have been studying Latin this week, but have not done so well at it as I did last week, I have got through the Accidence in a sort of way and I have translated five exercises. I still keep on reading aloud a little of Macaulay every day, I am now at the 106th page of the second volume, I am not learning as much from it as I would if I were paying my whole attention to it. I may say that I have determined not to teach next year, but I think I would have no objection to teach a part of the year.

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15th September - Wednesday evening - During the last few days, I have been thinking of graduating at the University of Toronto, I think I could be able to matriculate next September, if I could I might be Bachelor of Arts before I am twenty-five years of age, my only difficulty in pursuing such a course would be to raise sufficient money, but with the money that I could raise increased by two scholarships I would be sufficient - I studied Latin two hours and a half last night and one hour and a half this morning.

23rd September - Thursday evening - I have studied no Latin or anything else since Monday morning - On Tuesday I was at the Excursion trip to Fenelon Falls, I don't think I shall ever forget that excursion, we were sailing twelve hours, there was over two hundred there, I walked around the boat all day and kept the company of no particular person, I talked to half the people in the boat, I was as usual backward among the girls, I saw the fight at night, and in five I saw more and heard more than I find convenient to write about at the present time.

26th September

"Sunday" - I have been at home all day, I have been reading and studying stories a part of the day, I have also been reading Macaulay about an hour.

out of Dick's works, before I came away in the morning Aunt Livick asked me if I could lend them a hundred dollars, I neither gave her a promise, nor a refusal but I think I will have to give a refusal when it comes to a push. On Saturday last I had no school, in the afternoon I went to town where there was a great meeting which had been called to disapprove of the course taken by the Governor General with regard to the late Brown Barion administration. It was a rough meeting and I enjoyed myself at it remarkably well, when the meeting came to a close I voted in favour of the Governor General. On Sunday I was at Mr Dewarts and had a great talk with him which turned mainly on politics. For about a week I have learned nothing, I am getting tired of the Latin, the novelty of the thing has disappeared and I now must force myself to study it. I sleep till seven in the morning, this habit is the greatest enemy to my intellectual progress, if I want to get along I should get up at four or five in the morning.

23rd October.

"Saturday morning" I was at the division last night and came home as soon as it was over, because an old man named Perry was at my place. Mr Perry was a good classical scholar. He pretended

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As be able to read character from the face. He told me that nature had done a good deal for me. He said that I was the cleverest young man he had seen for a long time that I was in fact as great a genius as he had ever seen. When I was at the Division he told my father that I would rise to eminence in ten years. —

27th October

Wednesday morning. — Last Saturday night I was in town. I bought a copy of Pathist for which I have to pay seventy five cents. I also renewed Hutchinsons note which now falls due on the 19th of December and amounts to one hundred and ninety five dollars. — On Sunday I was at home all day. — On Monday evening I went over to see Pritchard. — Yesterday evening John Bickerton was at my place. — Last Saturday night the effigies of Mrs Moore and Mrs McKee were hung. Mrs McKee blames me for it but I am innocent. — I have done nothing at Luton for the past two weeks. I must go at it to night if nothing happens. —

3rd November

Wednesday. — I had no school last Saturday. I was in Peterboro in the afternoon and got a letter from Robert Bickerton. I got a ride home with Thomas H. Milburn. On Sunday

last I was at Uncle Pauls. My cousins Sarah, George, and the Miss Birdons were there— I have studied none for the past three or four weeks— Next year I shall have nothing to do but improve my mind. Next year will tell what I will be in this world. It will tell whether I am to be great or insignificant.

10th December

"Wednesday morning" There is a thin coat of snow on the ground this morning— Pritchard was at my place last night. He and I went over to Wm. Johns— I am going to a wedding this evening, consequently I will not be able to learn anything—

11th December

"Thursday" It froze so hard last night that the people have not been able to plough today. I was at Alexander Edmison's wedding last night. I got home about three this morning and when I went to bed it was so cold that I could not sleep consequently I had very little sleep last night. I have thought sometimes during the past few days that I might do worse than teach school next year. What brought me to that opinion is the fact, that if I teach next year and take care of my money, I will have somewhere in the neighbourhood of eight hundred dollars, a sum which would enable me to give myself a splendid education.

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16th November

"Tuesday morning" - Last Saturday

I was at home helping my father to kill his pigs. In the afternoon I was at Petersboro. - On Sunday last I was at home all day. - Last night when I was working at the division Henry Edmison came for me to go over to their place to see Sarah as she was going to be married to day and start in the afternoon train for St Mary's where her husband lives and owns a store. It was about ten o'clock when I went over with Harry. The name of Sarah's husband is Mr Theodore Button. He is a little man about the size of Mr Chase and if I judge rightly he is very like that friend of mine. Jane was not over with me last night as she was not very well. George and I had a terrible talk with Henry about Lawyers. We shut him up so completely that he could not say a word in his defence. - I have not studied any for four or five weeks. I never got any further in the Latin since the night I was over at Livicks. - On Sunday night, I was looking back on my career for the past four years, and when I did so I felt that if I had the same time to live over again that I would try to make a better use of my time.

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