

JOURNAL 1856–1857

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Le journal intime a connu un grand essor au siècle dernier même si le genre fut boudé par le Québec francophone pendant longtemps.² Par contre, un grand nombre de ces documents rédigés en anglais nous sont parvenus; dans plusieurs cas, sous l'influence d'une certaine pensée religieuse et sociale, cette pratique se rapprochait d'une forme d'examen de conscience en vue de favoriser la croissance personnelle.³ Mais, la plupart servaient surtout à consigner la mémoire des événements ou l'évolution de sentiments heureux ou malheureux et ils constituent une source inépuisable pour l'historien et le sociologue.

Nous sommes ici en présence d'un cas assez rare, un journal à deux voix, rédigé par deux jeunes gens amoureux certes, mais imbus des convenances sociales et religieuses de leur époque. Et qui étaient "Dear Louis" et "Dear Emily?" Louis Campbell Wurtele, né en 1831, troisième fils de Jonathan, seigneur de Rivière David et Deguire, étudiait au Collège Bishop's à Lennoxville depuis 1853 dans le but de devenir prêtre anglican. Emily Towle, sa fiancée dont la famille vivait non loin du Collège, née en 1835, était la fille d'un arpenteur provincial et secrétaire municipal du canton⁴ tandis que son frère Edward fréquentait les mêmes cours que Louis. Le jeune homme lui avait déclaré son amour au cours de l'été de 1854 et ils se sont mariés en juillet 1860. Une fille leur est née mais la jeune femme devait mourir en 1872 après une longue maladie.

Ce cahier qui couvre la seconde partie de l'année 1856 fait partie d'une série de la main du révérend Wurtele qui s'étend de 1853 à 1918, conservée en presque totalité. Ceux des premières années offrent beaucoup de matière mais, par la suite, les carnets ne comportent souvent que quelques lignes pour chaque jour, mais, c'est



Le Révérend Wurtele, vers 1890

The Canadian Album, 1894

toute une vie qui s'y exprime.

C'est exactement le 20 janvier 1853 que Louis C. Wurtele commence ses études au Collège Bishop's, à l'âge de 21 ans et après un cheminement très particulier. Élevé dans une famille bourgeoise et cultivée, avec ses deux soeurs et ses six frères, il profita des leçons de précepteurs au manoir seigneurial de Rivière-David ; grec, latin, littérature, mathématiques, musique furent la base de leur éducation. En plus, le jeune Louis aimait beaucoup le travail manuel et, à 18 ans, ayant décidé de devenir fermier, il pratiqua ensuite l'agriculture pendant trois ans.

Cependant, les questions spirituelles le hantaient et il se sentait appelé à faire le bien autour de lui. Le passage à Saint-David d'un prédicateur qui imposa aux paroissiens des pénitences rigoureuses et humiliantes à ses yeux, l'incita à entrer dans les ordres afin de "guider vers la glorieuse lumière de l'Évangile ses concitoyens plongés dans les ténèbres."

Dans le cours de ses études, il parvint à maîtriser en outre du français, le grec, le latin et l'hébreu. Il connaissait assez l'allemand pour traduire le journal de voyage de son père qui avait passé un an en Allemagne auprès de sa parenté. Les sciences le passionnaient et il obtint de grands succès en mathématiques. Après son diplôme de B.A. obtenu à Bishop's en 1857 il passa un an en Angleterre pour un complément d'études et à son retour le Très Révérend G.J. Mountain, évêque de Québec lui conféra le diaconat en 1859 et la prêtrise en 1861. Il était revenu à son Alma Mater en vue d'obtenir la maîtrise-ès-arts qui lui fut octroyée en 1860 et il fut chargé de l'enseignement du français.

D'abord nommé missionnaire itinérant, le jeune pasteur entreprit l'oeuvre de sa vie le 26 mai 1862 alors qu'il prit charge de la congrégation d'Acton Vale, un village en pleine croissance qui

comptait environ deux cents anglicans. La découverte d'une importante mine de cuivre en 1858 avait fait de cette bourgade, centrée sur la station de chemin de fer du Grand Tronc, un point de mire et tous les espoirs semblaient permis.

Dès 1863, il commença la construction de l'église St Mark's, qui existe toujours, et qui lui causa bien des soucis. En effet, revers inattendu, la mine s'épuisa rapidement et la population anglophone quitta bientôt le village.

Le Révérend Wurtele poursuivit son ministère malgré une situation matérielle souvent précaire; il devait aussi desservir Upton à une dizaine de kilomètres où il se rendait souvent à pied ou en raquettes en hiver. Avec sa grande érudition, il occupait ses loisirs à l'étude et organisa même un cercle littéraire et scientifique affilié à la Société Agassiz des États-Unis; il avait aussi amassé une importante bibliothèque personnelle. Pour recueillir les fonds nécessaires à l'entretien de l'église, on le vit partir en tournée pour recueillir des souscriptions, à Montréal, Québec et même à Boston, mais avec peu de succès; pour suppléer il organisait des récitals de chant et autres divertissements.

Par son journal personnel, on sait qu'il partageait la vie quotidienne de ses concitoyens qu'il côtoyait au marché et ailleurs. Il fut vite connu et estimé pour sa courtoisie envers tous et sa grande



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L'église St Mark's, avec le Révérend Wurtele debout à côté

charité, ne refusant son aide à personne sans distinction de foi religieuse. Toutefois, même si la population anglaise avait disparu presque complètement, une Commission scolaire dissidente réussit à se maintenir jusque vers 1922 et le Révérend Wurtele en fut le président pendant de longues années.⁵ Plusieurs jeunes gens reçurent son encouragement et ses leçons avant d'entreprendre des études sérieuses.

En 1909, alors âgé de 78 ans, le pasteur atteignait le jubilé d'or de son entrée dans les ordres; toute la population de la ville d'Acton Vale se joignit à sa famille et à ses confrères pour lui organiser une grande fête. Le 25 septembre, après un service religieux à St Mark's en matinée, une réception civique comprenant banquet, adresse et concert eut lieu dans la salle de l'Hôtel-de-ville en soirée. Le maire et député provincial, le Dr F. H. Daigneault, et le député fédéral M. J.-E. Marcile, firent son éloge et on lui offrit une bourse de 300 \$ en pièces d'or; chaque citoyen avait tenu à y contribuer selon ses moyens, même le curé catholique. Jusqu'à sa retraite en 1917, il demeura à son poste; il mourut le 4 avril 1919 et fut inhumé dans le petit cimetière attenant à sa chère église.

Plusieurs frères du Révérend Louis laissèrent leur marque dans le monde du droit et des affaires. Le plus connu était l'aîné de la famille, Jonathan Saxton Wurtele, héritier de la seigneurie, qui fut député, trésorier de la Province puis nommé juge. Allié aux familles Watts et Sheppard de Drummondville qu'il fréquentait régulièrement, aux Towle de Lennoxville, par son séjour au College Bishop's et par son indéfectible attachement à sa modeste mission d'Acton Vale, le Révérend Louis C. Wurtele avait vraiment adopté les Cantons de l'Est comme sa patrie.

NOTES

- 1 Tous les éléments de nature biographique proviennent des archives de la famille Wurtele, journaux intimes, documents autobiographiques, Cahier sur la famille par le Dr Paul Wurtele, notices nécrologiques. Tous ces documents sont répertoriés dans la bibliographie.
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- 4 *Eastern Townships Gazetteer*, 1867, "Lennoxville," p. 62.
- 5 Records of the Dissident School of Acton Vale, Minute Book, 1873-1922. Rev. Wurtele was president of the Board from 1886-1919.

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TRANSCRIPTION NOTES

This is Volume 7 of Louis Campbell Wurtele Diaries, one of two diaries in the collection of the Eastern Townships Research Centre. This volume was done jointly by Louis and his girlfriend Emily Towle, and covers the period from June 16th, 1856 until January 20th, 1857. The whole diary has not been transcribed; the summer period and after Louis returns to River David for Christmas has not been done as selections are restricted to his time at Bishop's University. Spelling has been left as it is in the text. My notes appear as footnotes or in [] brackets.

The italic print denotes that part of the diary by Emily Towle, of Lennoxville, whom Louis married in 1860.

The plain type is that part of the diary by Louis Wurtele.

JUNE

Monday 16th

Grandpapa has not been feeling as well as usual for several days past, poor old man we can see that he is failing. We again sent off a letter to Ellen, it is one the Monday's duties as well as a pleasure to write to her. After tea I took a short walk afterwards went to see Mifs Cushing, + then to say good bye to M^{rs} Brooks, Mifs Harvey, + Mifs Abbott, there were a good many there that had gone for the same purpose as I, we all hope that M^r Abbott will prevail upon Mifs Harvey to take up her residence here. This afternoon Edward hoed corn while I corded cordwood in the shed. I got over to college just in time for tea. The mug, in which the cold milk is put, has had its mouth broken off, whence every time milk is taken some is spilt on the cloth. M^r President had spoken of this to M^r Welsh,¹ telling him to get a new one but still the same old mug adorned the table. During the tea James Jones,² after learning that Welsh had been spoken to, said: "Wait till the milk is used, + I will break the mug". Well! we all thought he was speaking in joke; but no such thing, for, he took the empty mug + suddenly cast it against the stove. All the students laughed at seeing the pieces, strewn on the floor: seeing the rest laugh I could scarcely restrain myself though James was much to be blamed. By right the president, M^r Magill³ ought to have interfered but he did not.

Tuesday 17th

About 11 o'clock the Smyth's Harriet + myself went to the Depot to see M^{rs} Brooks + Mifs Harvey off; the train was behind time, so we were there more than an hour. I was quite astonished this morning on going down stairs to find it 6 1/2, it was such a beautiful morning it seemed a great shame to be in bed so late. I always feel dissatisfied with myself if I am not up before six in the summer. This afternoon I heard a baby crying + on looking out; saw M^{rs} Miles coming in at the gate with the baby in her arms, + the two other children following. Jack is the most mischievous boy I ever saw, Henry seems to have a different disposition altogether + the baby is a fat little thing. When I got over home though it was rather late Edw had not yet come down: I went to his room + found him sleeping quite soundly, but I soon roused him up that we might set to work. This afternoon Edw. + I hoed about 1/2 of the potatoes in the large field + and as we wanted to study, I remained to tea afterwhich we immediately went to our study. William + Ben took tea at M^r Gilbert's. M^r Miles told

Charlie⁴ that he would not enter college as a student next year + Charlie feels much dissatisfied; he says he will go to St Johns to M^r Judd's school. I think it better for him to come back here; he is too young to enter college now. After tea whilst Edw was getting + speaking in the dining I got My Dear Emily to play part of a tune on the piano.

Wednesday .18

I thought we should surely have heard from Ellen to day but , no letter came, I hope we will not be disappointed to-morrow. Mifs Cushing left in the train this afternoon This evening as I was sitting by the window about dusk, I saw a cat descending the tamarac tree, I suppose she has destroyed the nest that was in it, the poor little birds have been very unfortunate that have built their nests near the house this summer.

Thursday 19th

As I was returning from Church this morning M^{rs} Smyth asked me to go + see M^{rs} Wilson with her, she said "that she had never been to see her, but had thought much of her" and would like to before they moved so I gladly accompanied her; when I returned I found a letter from Ellen, she is quite well, + writes that she "is willing to return whenever Papa thinks it best to pull the string" though Aunt wishes her to remain longer. After tea I went on to Miles's hill + afterwards to see M^{rs} Henry.

Friday 20th

It has been a very day, Dear Louis came over about 8 1/2, Ned⁵ + I went for a walk with him on the track When we were walking, I read him one of Ellen's long letters. Benton Pennoyer + his wife spent the day here and M^{rs} Butterfield came down in the train from Compton.

Wednesday 18

During the forenoon William + I went to bathe at the end of the island which is front of the college. We found the water just a nice temperature. Papa finished carting the cord wood into the shed. Edward + I hoed Indian corn.

Thursday 19

Papa has always had fine corn, to the great wonder of M^r Miles,⁶ who every year asks him how he plants it. Today I found out the great secret — it is the way in which he cultivates the corn after it is above ground. Of course the soil is good but that of the neighbours is the same. Before the corn is moulded, he scraps away

(with a hoe) all the dry ground around the plants, passing the hand between them, so that they look quite denuded; then he carefully moulds them with fresh soil, again passing the hand between the plants that the ground may come in contact with each. This first moulding is very slight; the second does not require such care.

Friday 20

After finishing reviewing my greek, I hastened over home & had a nice walk with Dear Emily and Edward. Our examination commenced: M^r Miles gave his mathematical papers. In the afternoon we had questions on Paley & on Bible History. As usual James Jones & Stephen Edgell⁷ had their notes: Stephen had brought a _ream of blotting paper & between the leaves were the notes to which he referred whenever he was at any loss. I think this too bad, no doubt they will be ranked before Edward & I; but to their shame. We finished the day's examination at 10 minutes to 6 when, after changing my shirt & putting on a waistcoat, I hastened home. Tea was over & Dear Emily & Papa were just leaving for Sherbrooke. However Mamma put a plate for me & I took tea; before I was done Charlie came: he sat down with me. We were near finished when William⁸ arrived: but he had some toast & butter with him that he had taken before leaving college. So we immediately started for Sherbrooke, to pay a visit to M^r Terrils, & passed by the railroad track. On the way I felt a good deal for My Dear Emily who today put on one of her former frocks, which of course, was very tight round the waist. I spoke to her about it: she said she was going to take off the waist & only use the skirt. It is singular whenever she has on a frock that is tight, I perceive it immediately from the expression of her countenance, which shows that tightness round the waist affects the nerves. We reached M^r Terrils about 20 minutes to 8 & left about 10 minutes to 9 o'clock. Gerusha appears to be in good health. Eliza Terril is at Eaton. It was near 10 when we entered the college.

Saturday 21st

During the forenoon we had our papers on Prometheus & Aristotle. In the afternoon we had papers on mechanics. I was very much dissatisfied with myself in doing these papers. Edward & I finished while the rest were at tea. Stephen & James finished sooner because they did not even try the paper on Integral Calculus that we had yesterday having done some of the mechanics

instead. After tea, one of the Davidsons asked me to do an example in Quadratics that he & several others had tried without success. Of course this took some time but I got out the answer: it was to find out the value of x in the equation,

$$a^2 + b^2 - 2bx + x^2 = \frac{m^2 x^2}{n^2}$$

I got the answer⁹ viz:

$$x = \frac{n}{n^2 - m^2} \left\{ bn \pm \sqrt{a^2 n^2 + -} \right.$$

Then I shaved, so it was late before I got home where I found Benjamin, who stopped there to tea. William finished just as I left college + then he went to bathing with the rest. At home we did not meet as usual for before I spoke of it Mrs. Henry came to pay a visit. *This morning I was up before 5 o'clock Dear Louis came over a little after 6 and we prevailed on him to remain to breakfast. The day has been very warm, About 8 it begins to be quite comfortable, and after 10 I enjoyed hearing the Smyths sing very much, they were singing "Lilly Dale" _____ and I was wishing that Ellen was here to sing them with me.*

Sunday 22

The morning was very hot, at 10 o'clock A.M. however, a slight shower cooled the air a little. After Breakfast I hastened over home to get the Union Questions.¹⁰ This was the Lesson + it was about the Divinity of Christ. In the evening when we say our lessons I am always rejoiced when I see the interest Papa takes in listening to us, God grant that this may be of service to him as well as to us. While I got up the lesson with Dear Emily I made myself cool by divesting myself of my coat, vest, collar + neck cloth. On Moulton Hill,¹¹ Edward + I had only 8 scholars; however they were much more attentive than usual, for which God be praised. In the afternoon Archdeacon Lower preached a sermon on Luke 3rd chapter 16 verse "And he withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed". He said that every one should mind how he prays, to whom he prays, + for what he prays: that Christ went into the wilderness to pray, it was there also that he was tempted; solitude with him was a place of prayer and

also a place of temptation. That we will notice immediately after his praying some great event happened as the transfiguration ordaining the Apostles; or some miracle as cleansing the Leper. He went into the wilderness or some place that he might not hear the praises of men, after performing some wonderful miracle. He spoke also of his praying at the grave of Lazarus, for his apostles in the garden of Gethsemane the night before his death, + even when on the cross he prayed for his enemies When we pray we are commanded to enter into our closets, + that the door which is to shut out all worldly thoughts and cares from our minds. I liked the sermon very much, and wished that I could remember more of it.

Monday 23rd

It has been a nice comfortable day: we again sent off a long letter to Ellen, Ned said that he would not be able to write on account of the examination, so I covered three sides of the paper, afterward he found time to write, which made the letter longer than usual. Dear Louis came over to tea, immediately after we went to M^r Mallory's and called at M^{rs} Fuller's on the way back; we found it very dusty walking, but the evening was delightful. Our papers were on Prometheus bound + on the theatre of the Greeks, I hope we shall have a nice day like this has been for our ride from S^t Hyacinthe.

Tuesday 24

*As it is the festival of S^t John the Baptiste, we all attended church, so that it was 10 o'clock before we resumed the examination. In the forenoon we had a paper on Rhetoric in the which it was left to our option whether we should answer the 3 questions briefly or else take one + make an essay of it. I chose the latter. After dinner I called on Mrs. Chapman. For Our afternoon examination we had latin composition + were called up to translate Livy vivâ voce. We got finished about _ after 6 o clock. just before dinner William, Benjamin, Thomas,¹² Charlie + I went a bathing. *This morning Papa said that he was obliged to go to Sherbrooke on business, + would like to have either Mamma or I accompany him, Mamma wished me to go, as she did not feel quite able for the drive. I went to M^{rs} Mears, D^r Brooks, George Brooks and M^r Samborns, we got home a little after five, Dear Louis came over to take tea with us for the last time for a good while. May the Lord preserve him during his absence: and may he be spared to return to us again in good health; but if the Lord shall see fit that we meet no more on earth; may we meet in heaven; where parting will be no more**

Wednesday 25

I had promised Dear Emily to go over about 6 o'clock; but I did not as I had much packing to do. Before leaving college Benjamin + I bid adieu to the Principal and M^r Thompson¹³ + in passing M^r Miles' we called on him. Dear Emily had prepared a nice as well as a large lunch of brown bread, ginger bread + shrewsbury cakes. Grand papa was glad to see us when we went to bid him good bye: he said he did not think himself so much consequence as to be called upon by us before leaving. He appeared pleased: In speaking of the pleasure I should feel on seeing my Dear Mother + sister at Home, I made mention of my Heavenly Home. He then spoke of our reconciliation with God + how we should be patient under suffering; no person knew how much he suffered. To this I said that one proof of our belonging to Jesus is when we keep at peace with God + repress all our inward passions. Though at present I have the same outward appearance that I have had years ago, my inward parts are different; then I had no rule over my inward thoughts, now I have. Soon I had to bid farewell to My Dear Emily, I have seen her every day since the commencement of Easter term; yes every day except the Sunday that I spent at Compton; now I have to leave her: but God who sees me, sees her also; He will protect his trusting servants. At S^t Hyacinthe, the following students got out of the cars, William, Benjamin, Charlie, Godden and the 2 Davidsons + I, in the cars remained Whitwell, Magill + J. Jones. The Rev. Fred. Robinson was at the station inquiring after M^r Scarth.¹⁴ He had come down purposely for him + was quite disappointed when I told him that M^r Scarth was coming by the afternoon train. So he left awhile after for home; probably he had some business to attend to. Next time I think M^r Scarth shall not delay but take the first train. Edson Kemp was going to spend a few days at the Taylors in Eaton. In going from the station it appeared nice to see the 2 Davidsons (walking) arm in arm with their father who had come to meet them. Baptiste soon harnessed the horses + away we went. Ben. Wille Charlie + I posted ourselves in the old huge waggon. Charlie being driver; Nellie + Rosabel were the horses. Baptiste drove Pigeon behind with our luggage. We reached Home a little after 6 o'clock + were glad to find all in good health. After tea Benjamin, Charlie + I went to bathe at the Point aux noyers + what do I do but forget my watch there + consequently after prayers when I noticed that I had it not, Ben, M^r Radiger + I went for it taking a lantern with us. Julie, Jonathan¹⁵ +

M^r Radiger had been to a school examination in the sixth range.

[we skip to September of the same year, 1856]

Friday 5th

Another fine day. Today Harriet asked Mamma to have a party + then such preparations as were going on, + for a wonder Julie helped. I did not like the idea of having this party as I intended to leave early tomorrow morning to take the express train. Almost the whole village was present; some played at cards while others were playing games + dancing + thus the time wiled away til midnight when all left. I still wanted to leave early in the morning but had to give up as some were getting offended at me.

Saturday 6th

It was past 10 o'clock when Charlie + I left, M^r Chalifoux the bricklayer coming with us. On the way we spoke a good deal about religion: M^r Chalifoux related most of his history, I mean his life; how from being a most abstemious man he became a drunkard + how he was snatched from the effects of liquor + has of late years become a temperance man. Once when working along one of the inland fresh water seas of Upper Canada, he witnessed a singular custom prevalent among the Indians. One day a party of Indians arrived near where they were + erected a large wigwam, At night-fall the Indians did enter the wigwam but he saw them all armed with sticks about 2 1/2 feet long. + soon they walked they walked round + round the wigwam, shouting + every now + then striking it with their sticks. This they continued til sunrise next day. On enquiry he found that the indians have a superstition that the evil one takes possession of every newly built hut + by going through that ceremony the devil is driven out + then they can dwell, in it in safety — We reached S^t Hyacinthe a few minutes before 4 o'clock. M^r Chalifoux asked us to take dinner with him, + to this we readily consented, as the train passes only at 5 o'clock. When dinner was over I desired to go to M^r Godden's but Charlie thought we should scarcely have time, so we bent our way to the station. We each took a first class ticket @ 11/6 each. On going to the cars I found Benjamin in the second class car so thither I went too to be with him since he could not be with me if I took my station in the first class car. He said he took a second class ticket + with the over-plus which would been required for a first class ticket, he bought some tracks + little books for his sunday scholars. It was 20 min-

utes after 8 o'clock when we reached Lennoxville + consequently I had to leave my trunks + boxes at the station taking my carpet bag with me. Though I was with Benjamin in the cars, I never found the cars to go so slow + yet they were going as fast as ever; the fact is I was longing to see Dear Emily again. I was glad when she hailed my presence with a kiss: the table was immediately set, Benjamin took some tea + I was not hungry I only sat down with him: Charlie had gone straight to college + Who is happier than me now that I am with my Dear Emily?

Sunday 7

This morning Benjamin came + asked me for a shirt as his trunk was left in Montreal: at the wharf he had just time to jump aboard + his carpet bag had been thrown into the steam boat by an open window + this happened to be the privy. I had no shirt in my carpet bag: but on rummaging my cupboards + trunks I found a shirt that had been put aside for mending but it was clean: this I lent to him. For myself I found a shirt front in one of my cupboards. I partook of the Heavenly Communion at which there were fewer communicants than usually. The singing went off beautifully the anthem was "How beautiful up on the mountain's." + all the choir joined in so well that it appeared as if but one person were repeating the words. In the evening we sang psalms + had our Sunday school as we used to do before vacation.

Monday 8th

We commenced making preparations for the coming convocation. We have one new student by name Charles Judd. The others are Arch.Scarth — Thom.Godden — B. Lewis — William Davidson, G. Magill, James Jones, Charlie + I: 9 in college + 2 who are habitantes in villâ, Edw. + Steve. We are not to have til Friday or Saturday.

Tuesday 9th

The preparations were continued: J. Jones took a board + in letters of balsam wrote WELCOME; this he posted over the Hall door. Edward + I also made an arch about 12 feet in height, which we stationed in front of the Hall door In the dining Magill posted up a motto; "Vita sine literis mors est." After tea I hastened over Home to be a little while with My Dear Emily. I am costive & when I am so, my head is always dull + full of illforbodings.

Wednesday 10

Though it was Convocation day much remained undone for the converzatione in the evening. After breakfast I was sent to the Principal's worshop where I made 20 wedge like pieces of board to hold candle. Before I finished I heard the last bell toll + as I was unchanged I did not attend church which I should have liked to have done. We had dinner in M^r Welsh's sitting room below stairs. At 2 o'clock we all assembled to proceed to the chapel; first went the undergraduates then the graduates, who were followed by Magill + Whitwell on whom was conferred the degree of B.A. The chapel was chocked full of Ladies + Gentlemen. Rev D^r Falloon made a good speech + also Arch-deacon Lower + some others. I had had a headache all day + a little before 6 o'clock I took a short walk. During this walk I debated a long time within myself whether I should not go to bed instead of attending the converzatione; however I bent my course home + was sitting in the dining room reading a chapter in S^t Luke Gospel, when My own Emily came in + said: "Why! I have not seen to speak with you today, + she gave me a kiss. That was enough to make me happy + I no longer felt my headach though probably it may have ached as hard as ever. We proceeded to college + I went to change myself + I enjoyed myself very well the whole evening because Dear Emily was there. Mrs Nichols' piano had been placed in the dining room, and every now + then music issued from it while most of the company were walking round the room. At midnight the party broke up; of course I escorted Dear Emily home, though she kindly wished to remain in college + go to bed because I had scarcely slept last night. Here I shall relate something that happened (the day before) yesterday + which I forgot to mention. In the afternoon old Sterling came to the college with his team on a large waggon to cart us a load of boughs from the woods. I jumped into his waggon + we proceeded to the spot where were the boughs. Here we had been joined by Steve, Judd + Charlie. We loaded his waggon very high + proceeded back towards college. Instead of returning by the way we came we took a short cut that we might take a few more boughs which happened to be down a hillock. Just before reaching the boughs over went the waggon; I ran quickly round the horses, thinking Old Sterling was under the load but happily he had managed to fall a little to the side of the load. A little while before this happened I had observed to Steve how little would be required to overturn the waggon + I was just

going to say I thought the centre was out of the base when over went the waggon. We had to unload the boughs + then set the vehicle to rights + load it again. Old Sterling said he had often passed there unloaded.

Thursday 11

During the forenoon Edward + I set the chapel to rights, for we had put in it various things such as a black board; a desk, the door of the dining room which I had taken off its hinges + other minor things. The door was put on its hinges again. In the afternoon Edward, Dear Emily + I took a short but nice walk down the track; it is my first walk this term with my beloved one. At the Principal's request, Magill, Jones, + I took tea with him. Rev M^r Pennefather¹⁶ + Thompson were there also. The passed in playing on the piano + singing. Miss pl[?] Mountain played a pretty piece, called the Village bells + another called the Harmonious blacksmith. She plays well.

Friday 12

We had a lecture in Thucydides with the Principal. M^r Miles had obtained leave of absence for a week on account of his health. It had been decided that of the remnants of Wednesday's feast another feast should be made for all the young children of the village + tonight it came off. There were about 40 present + I enjoyed very much to see how happy they appeared. I was not there when they first came in, but it is said when Rev M^r Pennefather asked a blessing over the feast all stood up round the table; their joyful face must have presented a pretty sight. The tea table being cleared they commenced playing blind man's buff + such a noise as they made! Then Steve, Edward + I sang two or three songs, James Jones accompanying us on the flute. At the end of each song the little ones clapped their hand and hammered the floor their heels, so that for a little while we were quite without hearing. Next in order came the game of slipping the ring. Now James Jones commenced playing a polka + Helena Fowler + Miss Batts commenced dancing. This instantaneously put an end to the enjoyment of the children for they soon left the circle + sat down on the benches. I suppose they thought the floor should be clear for the dancers. I was very sorry Steve had started the dancing. At 1/2 after 8 o'clock Magill stood at one end of the room + emptied a box of apples, throwing them among the children who used to scramble after them finely. Some, being more fortunate, had 2 + 3 apples + I am sure a good

were without any at all. After this the party broke up + all returned to their respective homes. The moon was shining bright + at my suggestion My Dear Emily accompanied me on a walk til it was time for me to hasten over to college.

Saturday 13

After dinner was held a meeting of the members of the Reading room + Benjamin was chosen Secretary + I treasurer of the society. So we had to take off from the sticks all the old papers + file the last new ones on. This took some time + then it was raining which prevented me from going on Moulton Hill as I had intended.

Sunday 14

This afternoon Rev M^r Thompson preached an instructive sermon on prayer, having taken for his text Matthew VII. 7. "Ask and it [~~ye crossed out~~] shall be given [~~receive crossed out~~], you; seek + ye shall find; knock + it shall be opened onto you." God is a just as well as a merciful God. We should not always expect to have our prayers answered just in the way we would like them; in his providence God always answers them as is best for us. Before tea Dear Emily + I read part of a sermon in "Jay's Christian contemplated". After tea as usual we sang the praises of God + had Sunday School.

Monday 15

I commenced giving lessons in French to Magill + Jones; these (henceforth) I intend giving on Mondays, Wednesdays + Fridays. Also what is a delightful duty to me I heard My Dear Emily her french; with her I intend having French every day when practicable. When I look on Dear Emily I behold what of this world I love the most; to her my heart yearns.

Tuesday 16

Not feeling hungry at dinner time I took Pearson on the Creed + going to the field behind the college I read aloud. Then going home turned over the clover which I cut down on friday last. Then I entered + heard Dear Emily her french.

Wednesday 17

William Davidson joined the french class. When I went over home I found only Edward there all were gone to spend the day at Mrs Brooks where (was) M^r Frederic Towle, one of Papa's brothers. Adelaide, the servant girl, left yesterday morning for home + now

Ellen + Dear Emily have to do the housework; Edward milks the cow. A little after 4 o'clock who comes but Granpapa who has been spending a few weeks at Compton. So after Edward had milked the cow + gone to Mrs Brooks' I had a nice chat Granpapa til I went over to college at 6 o'clock when I left Granpapa all alone but I knew that some one would come over as soon as tea was over at M^{rs} Brooks' On my asking Granpapa what was the happiest time of his life, he said these last years he has been as happy as any other time.

Thursday 18

Last night Rev. M^r Thompson returned from Quebec whither he went to escort M^{rs} Nicolls last monday. After tea Edward + I were quietly occupied at our studies when suddenly strange voices came from below. Edward ran down stairs + found Uncle Richardson below. Uncle remained only 5 minutes + he continued his road to Sherbrooke.

Friday 19

After morning chapel Edward + I hasted over home + opened out the hay cocks which were very wet from the great-thunder storm that occurred during the night. Last night the air was very much charged with electricity: I felt restless + seeing the cause I locked all the windows which I generally leave open. The storm came on a little after midnight; the thunder roared awfully. The hay being spread Edward + I entered the house: Dear Emily was peeling apples; so I sat down + helped her a little. This afternoon Edward + Papa spent-at-Sherbrooke where there was a great-meeting about the coming election of a councillor; the candidates are Webb [Felton crossed out] + Hollice Smyth. At 4 o'clock I went-out + gathered or raked up the hay: While putting in cock Dear Emily came out + helped me by raking where I passed with the hay fork. Uncle Richardson slept here + being tired he went to bed early. this morning I went to M^r Doolittle's + took breakfast there. M^r Doolittle is very entreaining: every time I chat with him I learn something. This time he shewed that men had been faithful christians slavery would have been a blessing instead of a curse. If on their arrival in the States, the negroes had been baptised +instructed; then probably some would , on being made free, have returned to Africa to preach the gospel.

Saturday 20

We had practice¹⁷ at 2 o'clock P.M. In the evening all the Sunday school teachers took tea with M^r Pennefather. We left him about 8 o'clock + Edward + I hastened home where M^r + M^{rs} Chapman were spending the evening.

Sunday 21

Before breakfast yesterday I had crossed¹⁸ to Moulton Hill + called on my Sunday scholars, telling them to be at the school house at 8 o'clock in the morning so at that time to day Edward + I were present. We had 12 scholars. I had to reprimand them a good deal because they were not attentive. Oh may their hearts be opened that they may keep in their hearts the words of eternal life which they Hear at Sunday School.

Monday. 22.

We had no lectures today. M^r Miles opened the box of mineral specimens I had brought with me while I was with him at the time. He said that I should go somewhere where it would be advantageous to study geology + after becoming fully learned in that brand of knowledge that I should apply to be a professor in geology for the college as in a few years one shall be required. My opinion the matter is this: God Almighty has called me to be a minister to preach the Gospel + unless I could do so in the office proposed by M^r Miles, I should discard it immediately. It rained a little to day. I expected that Elide Beson should arrive to day by the train. She did not come. She is the servant I engaged for M^r Miles at 4 1/4 dollars a month. When the evening train came in M^r Miles was at the station as well as me + he appeared much disappointed at the girl not coming.

Tuesday 23

It rained all day. After studying a while in the afternoon Edward + I took a walk. My Dear Emily has regularly an exercise in French every day except Sundays + it is a pleasure to me to see that she making good advance in the Language. After chapel the principal called me into his study where he told me that Judd, Godden + Davidson were to enter on their first year's course next week. As regards Charlie he said to let him in as a student this year would be doing him an injustice + it would be desirable that he should try for honours.

Wednesday 24

It rained again all day: the river is pretty high now. Having wakened Magill early we learnt up a little hebrew. To day the statement of last vacation¹⁹ was taken down from the board. I intended to have had a copy of it but now it is too late; perhaps I may find the copy Edward sent me during vacation. In my class in Rhetoric only 7 points were marked to my name: this I thought to be very few as in my opinion I had acquitted myself pretty well. The other day I spoke to the principal about this for I thought perhaps the number ought to have been 17. The Principal consulted the paper + found that he had made a mistake in setting down the numbers + that I had Jones' number + he had mine which was 24. So the numbers were transposed + at my desire the Principal said nothing about the matter.

Thursday 25.

As the day turned out fine according to our intention at 3 o'clock P.M. Charlie + I went to Sherbrooke. There I bought a ream of writing paper, half letter paper. Meanwhile Charlie, going to the tinkers got a handle put to a small lantern of M^r Scarth's. I must try + get one made similar to it: when shut up, it looks like a small book. We found old M^r + M^{rs} Terril quite well. Preston, Eliza + Gernsha had left this morning for Stanstead where there is to be a cattle show tomorrow. Charlie sang a few negro songs to the piano; + he played a few duetts with me. We got back to college at 9 o'clock.

Friday 26

Having thought-over the proposition M^r Miles made about studying Geology, I spoke to him asking him whether I could be of more use in the church by being a professor in Geology for the college. He said there were many ministers that considered geology opposed to the Bible + that a geologist who was a minister could do much good. He said that if I intended to study that science for the college that I should have to go to some college in the States for a year's time when I should have time to get perfectly acquainted with that study. What has most influence with me is that by being joined to the college I could assist many a student in his way to heaven. Edward + I took a walk on the railroad + I mentioned my intention of studying Geology. He said he would study with me if I had no objections. Certainly I have no objections

because "two heads are better than one" + we have gained much by studying our daily lectures together. I also told Dear Emily of my intention.

Saturday 27.

There was no practice to day. This evening Edward commenced reading out "the Life of Capt. Cook" by M^r Kippis. It shall be an interesting book. I received a letter from Lousia + Charlie, one from Harriet. They got back to River David last Tuesday.

Sunday 28.

Edward + I had 10 scholars on Moulton. They kept much quieter than usual for which I am thankful + I pray to god to make them grow in the Christ Jesus. As M^{rs} Nicholls is yet at Quebec I played the organ. In the evening after singing + sunday school Benjamin read a part of Flavel's foundation of Life which is a most worthy book.

Monday 29

S^t Michael's day. After church Edward + Papa went to Sherbrooke to see the election: I, having got leave of papa, dug potatoes till 1/2 after 11 when I went in to the house + looked over Dear Emily's exercise. This afternoon Edward + Papa carted the indian corn under cover while entered the potatoes I had dug. The sky had clouded over but no rain fell. Edward + I commenced reading Lyell's principles of geology. *After Church this morning as it was very pleasant Mrfs Cushing proposed a walk to which Ellen + I readily assented we went to M^r Warrens + M^{rs} Cushing asked Amanda to take her sewing + come + spend the afternoon with her + then go to Church in the evening. On our way down Ellen found a [blank] in the road, after going a little distance we saw some French children playing + Ellen asked them if they knew to whom that belonged one of the girls immediately said "that is my brothers he lost it last night the priest gave it to him".*

Tuesday 30th

Edward was saying a few days since that he could distinguish Ellens step from mine, so yesterday Ellen wanted to know if he really could, as he was reading in the sitting room she blindfolded him + had him with his back to the door intending to have me go in or go herself Mamma seeing what we were up to said "I will go + see which one he will say it is," she went + he said "Ellen" at that we had a laugh, but he did not

like it + we could not prevail upon him to try again. The wind was very boisterous all day. My brother Jonathan had told he would have) to be in Sherbrooke about the 1st of October when there was to be a meeting of the Fire Insurance Company. So I thought perhaps he should come by to night's train + accordingly I prepared myself + hastened over home to study before going. At home I found Edward was not, he having gone with Papa to Sherbrooke to hear the results of the election. Dear Emily read to me an article on the Metamorphoses of Insects, from the Canadian Naturalist. At looking over the Sherbrooke Gazette I found out that the Fire Insurance Company were to meet on the 6th of Oct. I had put aside the thought of going to Sherbrooke, but at 4 o'clock Charlie came in + as he appeared to want to go we started. We reached Sherbrooke 10 minutes after the pole was closed: having nothing else to see we returned immediately. I tried to make Charlie come to have tea at home but he would not.

Wednesday 1st [October]

We were kept awake a good deal last night by a very heavy wind it seemed as though it would unroof the house. Charlie + M^r Lewis spent the evening with us. Ellen and I wrote to Annie Alerin[?], Ellen also wrote M^{rs} G. Robinson + sent her some berlin-wools that she wished. This evening at our meeting to read the testament we spoke about election. It is Singular that some have the boldness to object to it thus putting aside the foreknowledge of the Almighty. I helped Granpa Papa + Edward to husk corn during the afternoon. I did not find any opportunity to hear Dear Emily in her french. (Thursday 2) *As Adalaide is going to leave us in about two weeks, she commenced to day the bedrooms down stairs, we were all busy in putting things to rights. Before dear Louis + I finished our French M^{rs} Edgell + Harriet came he very soon left with M^r Lewis for Huntingville. The Arthurs Magazines came from Montreal to day with nice covers on them dear Louis is always doing something kind for and can I ever repay him? Ellen + I spent the evening with M^{rs} Henry, when we got to the gate as we were coming home we saw some person coming, + when he got opposite us he stopped, we were both frightened, + commenced going towards the fence but when he said "good evening" we knew the voice immediately, it was Louis. According to promise I accompanied Benjamin to Huntingville where we called on Mrs Taylor + Mrs Chesney. I was much pleased with the neat appearance of the rooms of their houses. At each Ben. read a chapter of the Testament + prayed. By the evening train M^r Nichols + family came.*

Friday 3rd

Godden, Judd + Davidson were admitted as college students: Charlie is to continue in the same class with them, so the only difference between them is that they wear gowns while he does not. During the afternoon I took a short but pleasant walk with Dear Emily, a pleasure I have not had for a long time. It being friday the debating club met: Benjamin was the affirmative + Magill the negative debater on the question "should the reading of novels be discarded. I was the only one that joined Ben; + after a well contested debate, it was decided in the negative. For a wonder Charlie + Godden spent the evening at home: Charlie brought over his cornopean + he played while Edward accompanied him with the piano. This afternoon Edward shewed me the garret + cellar of the house where I had not yet been. *Adalaide is very discontented, about every other day wants Mamma to let her go, to day she said if Mamma would let her go that she would not ask any thing for what she had done this week's but Mamma told her that she wanted her to remain + she wanted to pay her for her services.*

Saturday 4th

I did not wake as early as usual this morning, Ellen awoke me by getting out of bed + I told her that I was sorry she moved because I wanted to finish my dream. D^r Nicholls sent word that practice would be at 4 1/2, it would not be convenient for M^{rs} N. to have it at two as formerly Dear Louis + Charlie went to Sherbrooke to see their brother Jonathan if he, came in the train. M^r Lewis came from practice with Ned + remained for tea At Sherbrooke Charlie gave his measure for a pair of boots at Millette's the french shoemaker. Gerusha was not at home; she was at M^r Stimpson's. M^{rs} Terril said she thought there was no hope of M^r Stimpson ever getting well. we left M^r Terril to be at the sherbrooke station at the arrival of the cars; but he did not come. Judd was at the station too + he took a ticket to go back to Lennoxville by the train, saying that he did not believe in walking back. He goes very often to Sherbrooke + most generally returns by the cars + so his trip always costs him 1 shilling. I find him to be very extravagant in many ways. We received a letter from Hadgie who says Archie wants to go to London, England.

Sunday 5th

This morning was beautiful: at 1/2 after 8 o'clock Edward entered college + tying up the Sunday School books a handkerchief I

accompanied to Moulton Hill. After shouting awhile James Rice²⁰ made his appearance + came across for us. During this while I was looking at the leaves that were slowly gliding past. The shadows on the bottom of the river appeared just like fishes. It made me think of all the ceremonies of the jewish religion which were types + shadows of the church of Christ. We had 11 scholars. I asked them if they would like to subscribe to the Sunday School paper + all assented with pleasure. To day I again partook of the Holy Sacrament, Oh may it be a blessing to my soul. In the afternoon M^r Thomson preached on Micah VI. 6+ following verses, He said there were 3 ways by which God made known his will to man. 1st By one's conscience which is a still voice gently dissuading from sin; 2nd by the Holy scriptures + 3rd by the Holy Ghost. *Ellen + I got up the Union Questions before Church this lesson was very interesting about Christ restoring the withered hand on the Sabbath. I looked the lessons over again with dear Louis after evening service.*

Monday 6th

We prepared our room this morning early to have it cleaned, but Adalaide told Mamma that she could not remain any longer, so she has left to day + we must trust in Providence about getting some one to supply her place. Austin Pennoyer was here to dinner, he is going to Eaton with Uncle. M^r Scarth called, Charlie also came + accompanied Ned on the piano with his cornopean. This morning in reading Lyel's principles of geology Edward + I came upon the following passage: "The reader must always keep in mind that the fossil individuals belonged to species of elephant, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, bear, tiger, hyena, distinct from those which now dwell within or near the tropics." We immediately said together, this sentence sounds like that in Daniel where intention is made of the "cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer + all kind of music." Now does not this show some relation that memory has in comparing things together? While at tea to night, Benjamin said he had seen on the bridge a notice importing that the Rev M^r Greene a baptist minister, was to deliver a lecture on the Bible Society at 6 o'clock, in the methodist chapel. So we quickly despatched our meal + hastily left college Benjamin to the chapel + I to home for Edward. Edward came with me + when in the chapel I thought how foolish I had been not to have asked Ellen + My Dear Emily to come too; but it was too late. There were but few people present: of the college all were there except M^r Scarth. After 2 psalms sung + prayer Rev. M^r Greene began by saying "that among the jews to consti-

tute a synagogue there required to be present 10 persons: in the Christian covenant Christ promised to be present were 2 or 3 were assembled together + that here there were present enough for what could be called a respectable congregation. This was the 1st time he gave a lecture in this village + that he could not have expected many on that account. 3 years ago there were places where when he delivered lectures, less people were present than at this meeting + that this in the same places, more than 400 constituted his audience. The object of the Bible Society is to print + distribute the Holy Bible, pure without note or comment so that all branches of the Church of Christ can heartily join in assisting it. This society was established in 1807 when the Bible was printed in only 27 languages but now it is printed in 187 different tongues or dialects. The Earl of Shaftsbury is president + there 48 vicepresidents half of which are bishops + ministers of the Church of England the other 1/2 were of the other protestant bodies of Christians.

Tuesday 7th

This morning before dear Louis left for Eaton he brought over a letter to me from Hattie, + also one that she wrote him. They have had a nice day for the show. This afternoon Mamma went to M^{rs} Brooks, + she kept her for tea Jenny Smythe came over & practiced on the Piano. According to agreement having obtained leave from the Principal Edward, Charlie + I started for Eaton, Edward + I sat on the seat while Charlie was stationed on a sugar bucket over which a buffalo robe had been placed. For the first 5 miles the roads were very bad, very like those from River David to S^t Hyacinthe about this time. Jack however plodded through + presently we had pretty good roads. It is pleasant to see mountains off in the distance; they look like waves of the ocean + our moving forward appeared to set them in motion. The morning, indeed the whole day was so cold that overcoats + gloves were comfortable. It was a little past 10 o'clock when we reached Eaton + I think horse + all were glad to quit our vehicle. While Edward saw that the groom put Jack in a good place Charlie + I walked slowly towards the show ground where there were about 600 to 700 persons. A yellow handkerchief had been affixed to the end of a long pole, to show where the way turned into the field. Here I waited awhile; but Charlie still went on. Seeing Edward did not appear in sight I thought I would look for Charlie who had mingled in the crowd, but though I went hither + thither + through I in every quarter I could not find him.

After Edward came up, Charlie popped out of the crowd when did not look for him. At noon we partook of a lunch Edward had taken for us + thinking we ought to have a dessert I was chosen as a good connoisseur; to buy an apple pie. Going to one of the stalls I paid /9 for one which nice + brown; but great was my disappointment when, on cutting the pie, I saw how black the pulp inside was, : + from the taste perceived that it had been well peppered !!! So I was precluded from the power of boasting. We managed to push down our throats most of the pie. The cattle was numerous; there were some noble rams; stout strong oxen, hearty bulls, exquisite hogs, splendid horses + remarkable calves. It was said to be the finest that had yet been held by here. In a phrenologist's opinion at least we did not loose our time for, besides the pleasure we got we must have cultivated our bumps of comparison + our ideas of the sublime. In one part of the field there was stationed a pedlar who was auctioneering off his goods at a great rate. Many a hat full of back head combs did he sell. He would take up a spelling book in which he would stick combs all around til it was full: every time he took up a comb he used to jabber out; Well! gentlemen, if you dont send up a hat, I shall stick in this comb + another too til you think the book is full enough, he used also to put in a paper of Hooks + eyes. Then a hat was sent up + a quarter of a dollar to pay for the lot. At first I thought the farmers were making cheap purchases when I discovered that most of the combs were damaged, having one, or two, or 3 teeth wanting. Whenever the pedlar used to take up a good one he took goad to let every one see it was a good one. Another man used to go about the crowd shouting out: who is the lucky man? let him come + buy some bulls' eyes or sugar sticks or sugar canes. Having seeing all we could expect to see we started early + after a pleasant ride back, reached college 1/2 an hour before tea time.

Wednesday 8

A beautiful day: Edward + I dug a few potatoes, + gathered up what grandpa had dug. Papa went to see + hear the nomination of Smith as Legislative Councillor. He had a majority of votes over Webb of above 800. I did not hear Dear Emily her french. *Ellen went to Sherbrooke with Papa, she intended calling on M^{rs} Edward Brooks, but she heard that she was not very well, she was very seasick coming from Boston to Portland, + had not got over the effect of it; they engaged a housekeeper the day before + are going home the next day.*

Thursday 9

As I intend to go to Compton on Saturday Edward had just opened our Aristophanes play of Acharne to study Mondays' lesson, when John Butterfield came in. He has been called on the Grand Jury in the case of some robberies. A verdict of guilty was passed on Charles Moulton + wife, George Best + Ingram + another one. It had been observed by M^r Brooks, Sherbrooke that some provisions had been stolen from his buttery + a few nights ago he set 2 men to watch. A man was seen to approach the window of the buttery + having slipped off his shoes he commenced crawling into the window he had slid open just then one of the watchmen entered the buttery + seized the robber by the arm; + the 2nd one having come up outside he pushed him into the buttery + thus George Best was caught. Some of them have been sentenced to 3 years imprisonment + the rest to 5 years. As the morrow was Hebrew day I was up til midnight learning my lesson with Magill. At 11 o'clock Judd called Magill into his room to take a glass of wine; I think it is a pity Judd has got into the college buildings; but perhaps he may be restrained. *The Mifses Terrill called to day to see if M^r + M^{rs} Jonathan Wurtele were here or had been as they had been expecting them every day + wondered they did not come they said that M^r Stimpson is still very ill + obliged to have some person sit up with him every night, Grusha took care of him the night before.*

Friday 10

This morning at breakfast Mamma was saying she did not feel at all well I asked her "if she did not think a drive would do her good, + if she would trust me to give her a drive, Papa immediately said there would be no danger in driving Jack as we decided to go to Uncle Pennoyer to spend the day, we started at 10 found them all well, about 3 we went to Adalains + got home at 6. I wrote Home. To day at dinner Judd sent Welsh to fetch 2 bottles of beer from the pantry without asking leave of the president. Now that was out of order for the president of the table should be required to speak to Welsh when any thing extraordinary is demanded for the table. So I spoke to the Principal because I was president + I thought it advisable to do so He said that he had no objections to beer being set on table as most other colleges gave the students their tumbler of beer. However he desired that those who wanted to have beer should make their request known in order that he might lay the matter before the council.²¹ Having been defeated I spoke to the Principal

about the beer. In the debate, Davidson + I were the debaters; the subject was: Was Caesar a better general than Alexander? It was decided in the affirmative.

Saturday 11

According to agreement with Benjamin, I accompanied him to Compton. We left Lennoxville at 1/4 after 2 o'clock + took 3 hours to get there. M^{rs} Allen first shook hands with us + then called in M^r Allen without telling who wanted to see him, so that he was gladly surprised to see us. Baby's name is Frank + he seems to be a nice little fellow with blue eyes. M^r Allen has a sister remaining with him but I forget what her name is.

Saturday 11th

We were very busy all the morning, but enjoy doing without a servant, we had just gone up stairs after dinner when Mary Chesney + baby drove up on their way to Compton. M^r Lewis + dear Louis also soon left for M^r Allens the weather has been delightful for several days and I think they will enjoy their visit. Practice at 4 nearly all were there, + we had a good drilling on the Anthem "Praise the Lord O Jerusalem".

Sunday 12th

Ned did not leave as early as normal this morning so he had plenty of time to Breakfast with us. Harriet Langworthy assisted us in singing + there was a large congregation M^r Pennefather preached from 2nd Samuel 24th chap 24th verse, there is a collection to be taken up next Sunday his sermon was about offerings + collections. M^r Thompson preached in the afternoon from 2 Cor 3rd chapter 5th verse "that we are all sufficient of ourselves to thank anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." At Compton Morning prayers commence at 11 o'clock, M^r Allen had a large congregation which I always like to see. In the afternoon I accompanied him to Coaticook where there were but 15 assembled to listen to him, a great pity for he preached a good sermon. His text was Joshua I.9. have not I commanded you? be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whither soever thou goest. He drew a comparison between Joshua + a christian; even as Joshua was assisted by God so Jesus assisted the Christian + if God be for us who can be against us. We got back to Compton at 7 o'clock + were glad to get into a warm place for we got chilly in riding. M^r + Mrs (Paddon) spent the evening with us.

Monday 13.

Ben. + I awoke rather later than usual. After breakfast we took our leave but before directing our steps towards Lennoxville we called on Mrs Paddon. We had walked about 1/3 of the way when Edward, like a good fellow, came up, he had promised on Saturday to come + meet us with his waggon. We passed by Uncle Pennoyer's + got back to enter just in time for our lecture, it being 3 minutes past 11 o'clock. I was so glad to see Dear Emily again though I had not been absent long. *I heard Mamma say that she wanted Indian meal cake for breakfast, so as soon as I went down I made one, before Mamma came out of her room, I had not made one for a long time + it proved not to be very good, I said that I should try until I was able to make them good, Ned Laughingly said that he hoped that I would make rapid progress in the art. They have no fire in the Church mornings + we find it very cold.*

Tuesday 14th

We had a severe frost Last night on getting the turnip for dinner it was found that they were nearly frozen through, but Papa says that by letting them remain in the ground they will be none the worse for it. Ellen read a long story aloud this morning the name of it was "It is of no use" the books are from the Lending library. I helped Papa + Edward to get in the Ruta Bagas; we broke off the leaves with our hands + as I had not brought over my gloves I had to warm my fingers by slapping them on my shoulders.

Wednesday 15th

M^r Miles spoke of unpacking the large box of minerals, the gift of M^r Logan; "but" said he "before that is done you shall have to copy of these papers which are numbered + contained a description of the mineral that has a corresponding number". So Edward + I took some + we took the whole afternoon at this work. Each paper is about 2 inches by 1 inch. This evening there was a meeting of the Church Society at Sherbrooke in the academy. To this I would have gladly gone but I had no time to spare. M^r Drake of Compton brought Papa down 10 bushels of nice winter apples to day. Ellen + I took a little walk before tea we went as far as the Railroad bridge + we both said that the distance seemed very long I suppose that it was because we had not walked it for a long time.

Thursday 16th

It has been a delightful day Mamma + Ellen called at M^{rs} Nicholls M^r Miles + M^{rs} Wilson's and also went to see the chapel. I was not lonely while they were away M^{rs} Henry + Amanda called during their absence. I tried again this morning to make an Indian meal cake and succeeded very well Perseverance overcomes all difficulties. Charley brought over his cornopean this evening + for a time we had some nice music, I also said my french to Dear Louis but had a great many mistakes in the exercise. C. Judd gave an oyster supper after chapel to which all were invited but, Benjamin, Thomas, Charlie + I did not go to it. I instead of going, I wrote home to Mamma, Louisa + Virg. This morning I mailed a letter to Julia. The night before last, I was in bed when suddenly there came a thought to my mind that I should write to her. At first I had a mind to get up + write immediately but I afterwards put it off til morning when I commenced writing + finished this morning. I told her How God had sent for sinners his Beloved Son Jesus as a Saviour in the fullest degree + consequently there was no room for the Virgin Mary as saviour. This morning after breakfast I went to M^r Doolittle's to pay part of my deposit for I had only paid for Charlie's. As I approached his house I perceived him standing on his verandah + waving sideways a flag made of a white handkerchief. Thought I "he appears something like Uncle Bangle whom we often see on boy's books. The train was passing at the time + he did not stop waving his flag the cars had quite gone by when he shook hands with me + told me that one of his nephews was to pass in the train + he was waving the flag to attract his notice.

Friday 17

Immediately after dinner Edward came to college + as soon as I had finished my french; we wrote out some more of M^r Logan's papers. Then we took a walk on the track. We went down the track; Ellen + Dear Emily were up the tract it is a pity we did not know of it before. This evening's debate was whether a Self taught man would be more prosperous in the world than a college graduate. C. Judd debater of the affirmative + Stephen of the negative side It was decided in the negative. *This has been another delightful day, we were sitting sewing this afternoon when Papa came in and said that it was too bad to be in this fine day + he would advise us to put on our bonnets + go out, so we all went down the road a little way + left Mamma at M^{rs} Henry's, after Ellen + I went up the Belvedere road, but*

as it was rather wet + muddy did not go far. Emma Smythe came to get Jack to ride upon; we were rather afraid to have her mount him as M^{rs} Butter attempted it two or 3 years ago + he would not let her; he went very well, Emma was not timid and I suppose he knew it.

Saturday 18th

St. Luke's Day, Ellen and I could not go to Church this morning but Mamma went, M^r Nicholls sent word to us if it made no difference we would have practice after Church in the evening. The congregation was very small I think there were only 8 or 10 in the body of the church. We are now learning a very pretty Anthem "Praise the Lord O Jerusalem". Sarah Brooks took tea at Home. After taking a walk with Edward I stopped at Home; but not having my gown + wishing to write some of my abstract of Lyell, I went over to college. On leaving Emily happened to be occupied in the kitchen + I left without telling her, I was going. Now I ought to have waited until she came in + told her why I was going, for on Saint's days I always take tea at home. M^r Thompson preached a good sermon on 1 Cor VI. 11. "But ye are washed; but ye are sanctified; but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus + by the Spirit of our God. He shewed how the Christian's love for one another is firm because it is founded on a rock — Jesus Christ. I received a letter from Home in which Mamma did not expect to enter the new house before the spring.

Sunday 19.

*This morning Edward + I had only 5 scholars. W. Davidson crossed the river with us + went to each house distributing tracts. M^r Thompson again preached. His text was Heb. XI. 13. "They confessed that they were strangers + pilgrims on the earth." The word pilgrim intimates that a place of rest was sought, which is heaven. When one thinks seriously on the short duration of his life on earth one cannot but see the folly of hoarding up many riches. Again when a person goes on a voyage, he cares not for the many inconveniences that may fall to his lot; for he looks forwards to the time of his being comfortable at home again; Thus the Christian looks to heaven as his resting place. So we should be bountiful in giving part of our wealth unto God, as it is but lending it, soon to be returned fourfold. To day was taken the collection for the church Society: it amounted to £3 10s. In the evening as usual we had Sunday School + sung the praise of our God. *In the evening service we chanted the psalms for the day, I did not feel tired**

when we got through them but Mamma does not feel comfortable to have us sing so much with so little assistance.

Monday 20th

We have been wishing for a long time to go see M^{rs} James Wilson, + hearing lately that they were going to move west, we thought that we would be independent + drive ourselves, accordingly we went + found them all well. a fine little baby + Mary looking very fleshy but she says that she does not feel as well as she did when she was thinner. They are not going to the west at present. We called at M^{rs} Slans[?] on our return found her well + happy in having a house of her own. Last week M^r Miles spoke to us about gathering specimens + stuffing whatever wild animals we can get; so Edward + I are going set snares + traps. This afternoon we went behind the college about 1/4 of a mile + commenced making a brushwood fence to set snares. As Benjamin went to take tea at Huntingville I remained for tea at home for I wanted to have a little chat with Dear Emily.

Tuesday 21.

Though the sky was overcast it did not rain. Edward + I desiring to set some mink traps at the confluence of the Massawippi + Salmon river, proceeded thither but we met M^r Hope coming from setting traps just where we were going so we turned back + went to beaver brook where we set one trap. It is very singular that M^r Hope should have set his traps on the same day that we intended to do so. We had a French women to wash for us to day, + forgetting but what it was Monday (the day we generally have washing done) we got dinner ready by 12 + [?]pl waiting and waiting for Ned but he did not make his appearance, at last after waiting nearly an hour, when we were just seating ourselves Papa said "Why this is one of Edwards late days! Ellen + I succeeded so well driving yesterday that we went to Sherbrooke to ask upon M^{rs} Edward Brooks we would like to have had Ned + dear Louis accompany us but they would not. I hope that they will go down soon we found every thing very nice about them, but I think I would have dispensed with some of the nice things until I could have paid for them.

Wednesday 22nd

Dear Louis + M^r Lewis went to Sherbrooke with M^r Jones expecting to get a drive back, the evening before was very dark + it had the appearance of being very dark again to night. I got the lantern for them + off they started. Annl. Brooks + M^r + M^{rs} C. Brooks were here to tea and we

all enjoyed their visit very much. They rode from M^r Deans the night before M^r Brooks leading the horse most of the way to help him on the road. Last night was very dark; insomuch that I knocked myself against one of the short white posts that happened to be on the off side of the gate leading in M^r Nichols' yard. I was not hurt but it happened otherwise with Thomas G. who came over (with Charlie) to spend the evening at Home. He came in contact with the fence in front of the college + his nose came off a little for the worse: However at Home Dear Emily got him some camphor + gin to wash it + this allayed the pain. It was about 1/4 to nine o'clock + we were eating apples prating + laughing at a great rate when we heard a knock — I opened the door + who could it be but W. Jones. He had rode from home with a span of horses + had broken down at Sherbrooke. Having drove up his horses they had been placed at Oliver's. As William had not supped, Mamma prepared a supper for him, after which we went over to the college. To make William a comfortable bed, Benjamin lent one of his bed tickings, the feather one, + soon the bed was prepared to receive him. This morning I awoke + it seemed to be very dark + consequently I was congratulating myself that I could go over home to write out some of the mineral papers. On looking to my watch I was dumbfounded when I saw it was 28 minutes after six o'clock. So it was no use to go over. This afternoon, William, Ben. + I left at 1/2 past 4 o'clock for Sherbrooke, where we found that the pole of the waggon had not been refitted. Ben. had gone on to M^r Winter's carrying with him the lantern Dear Emily had lent me. William + I tied the horses to the waggon + went in search of the man that had promised to repair the waggon. We found where he lived but he was gone out to buy something. So we concluded on going to M^r Winter's + returning after tea. It was now almost as dark as pitch + there we were plodding through the mud: we were glad when we knocked at M^r Winter's door. After tea M^r Winter went with William while Ben. + I remained comfortable in the house. It was 1/4 after 9 o'clock when they returned + William had decided to sleep at M^r Winter's; so Ben + I started immediately taking the lantern with us. On our way we prayed for William, for Julia, Jonathan's wife; for M^r Ames, Ben's uncle + for all our friends. Though I did not mention Dear Emily's name, I had her in my thoughts. By + by we reached Lennoxville where we turned from the railroad track to pass by Home, for I had promised Dear Emily that I should call during the evening, it being our intention to have been back about 8 o'clock. There was a light up stairs but just

as we stopped at the corner of the house, it was put out: then we sang a few words of Hotham. After getting to bed I was quite uneasy because I had not knocked at home + told that I was all safe, for I thought Dear Emily might have been anxious for me.

Thursday 23

William came up about 11 o'clock + having packed his waggon with his trunk + ticking + bed clothes, he left not intending to return again to college. If he decides on entering the ministry, he requires only to review what he has gone over + that can be done without being at college. This afternoon I skinned + stuffed after a fashion a sort of woodpecker, that some person gave to M^r Miles. I did not stuff it very well but that could not be expected: but I have hopes that after a little practice I shall stuff pretty well. *This morning I started for Church rather Late they were reading the Venite when I got in I expected that I should be obliged to start the Chants it does not seem as if I could without any instruments to give the note, but I hope I will have courage given. when M^r Pennefather thinks after our starting them a few times he will be able to.*

Friday 24th

I wrote a long letter to Hattie yesterday. Christie was in to say good bye to us, we are disappointed in not getting her for two or 3 weeks, to clean the house. M^{rs} Edgell + Harriet spent the evening with us, M^r Scarth has written to see if the Bishop will defer his ordination till Trinity Sunday as he has been advised by both D^r Nicholls + M^r Thompson to remain til then, so he will be able to receive a degree. Dear Louis and Ned were out setting snares this afternoon I was beginning to feel a little anxious before they came as it was getting rather dark., I hope they may succeed in the trapping + dressing[?] business. On Tuesday's + on Fridays Magill + I have our Hebrew. Magill does a thing which in my opinion is not right. His back is turned to M^r Thomson + every Hebrew lecture, he keeps his Bible (English) open at the chapter we are translating: in that way he refers to his verse in the English version while I am translating mine. If his heart be not changed by the influence of the of the Holy spirit. I am afraid he shall not make a good minister. we had our debating meeting this evening. The question being whether music had not a greater influence on men than poetry. It was decided in the affirmative. What is more soothing in the spring than to hear the warbling of the birds. Music alone can make the soldier forget the danger of war. Often times recal to one's mind scenes of long ago so that even tears

cannot be restrained: but music shall attend the elect when they shall reach their heavenly home, for they shall be continually singing before the throne of God.

Saturday 25.

It froze hard last night + today the weather was beautiful. After lectures I took the Principal's hammer + nails + fixed up the fence in front of college that had been broken down last week. Then going to M^{rs} Welsh I got my dinner in the kitchen + hastened over home whence Edward + I started with axes on our shoulders + proceeded to the woods where we set up some snares. After tea I helped Welsh to put up the dining room stove. Going Home Edward + I learnt our Aristophanes; after which we went to the post. This morning Edw. had noticed in the brook near M^r Miles, a dead animal + thinking it might be a mink we went there. After a little difficulty, I pulled up truly an animal of a dark colour which turned out to be a cat with a stone tied to its neck. We returned to the house + kept the affair very quiet; but when we got up stairs again to read some of Lyell, we has a great laugh; for the day before we discovered another one in the bottom of the brook *This morning I was hastening to Church very fast when I got opposite M^{rs} Fullers they came out to go too + said that we were in time Jenny Smythe was there too + we chanted poor M^r Pennefather tried to sing base but he cannot have any idea of music, he made such strange noises. Barton Pennoyer called on his way to Sherbrooke to get D^r Worthington as the baby is very ill, it has had several fits, they think it will not recover. Had a good practice both Emily and Harriet Langworthy being there.*

Sunday 26th

A delightful morning, I am always glad to see it fine on a Sunday, the congregation was very large, and M^r Pennefather gave an excellent sermon, what great advantages we possess here in having our duty so plainly printed out, + we shall have so much the more to answer for if we do not profit by them, sometimes I feel quite discouraged that I cannot remember + repeat more of the sermons + God grant that I may be able so to do. On Moulton Hill Edward + I had only 8 scholars; W. davidson again came across with us + changed the tracts he had given out last sunday; God grant that good may come from the endeavours of us all. M^r Pennefathers sermon was preached on Luke V.5. He shewed that we should never despair of success when God is for us as it often comes when it is least likely. This after-

noon M^r Thomson's text was "The mystery of Godliness is great" The mystery is God, manifest in the flesh [space] seen of angels, glorified in heaven. There happened something today which grieved me; I heard My Dear Emily make some passing remarks on the manner a person was dressed. She must have forgotten herself as I have never as yet heard her make remarks on any body at all, at all. As remarks generally turn out as one does not wish them, it is safer not to have any thing to do with them.

Monday 27.

Edward + I caught 2 hares; but a fox or some other animal had eaten part of the hind legs; so they were not fit for stuffing: — we set a few more snares: Edward saw a marten. Dear Emily wanted me to stay to tea tonight, but as I had not attended the nightly reading of the testament, since last wednesday it was not right that I should stay. Ben came back with me after tea + spent the evening at Home. *Papa + Ellen went to Uncle Pennoyer's, Mama would have gone too but she did not feel very well. They found the baby a little better + have hopes that it will recover, the D^r said that it was such a weakly thing that he could do nothing for it as it could not have medicine.*

Tuesday 28th

S^t Simon + S^t Jude's day I did go to Church this morning as it is the day that Sarah comes and we had some baking to do I made the bread + Mamma says that it is very good, as we were going to Church this evening; we saw a great light east of here I am afraid that some poor person's are made houseless by it, we have not heard what it was. In the south easter corner of the Principals' garden is a summer house about 16 x 12 feet in size. M^r Nichols thought it would look better if it were transported to his yard where he might make a workshop of it. I was asked to help: so M^r Chapman + I took down the building; separating the roof into 2 parts: we took off the shingles that the pieces might be more movable. It was 20 minutes to 6 o'clock when my afternoon's work was finished, having worked harder than I have for a long long time.

Wednesday 29th

We were busy sewing all day yesterday, M^r Judd called in he afternoon, he seems to be a very pleasant young man, and reminds me very much of his brother who used to be a favorite when at college. about dusk I went to inquire for M^{rs} Henry + called at Gabriel's, the baby was very ill

with the croup last night; they feared that it was dying, + M^{rs} Carron's servant is ill too, surely her back must be filled to her burden; with a troop of seven children around and all of them, so small. This afternoon I helped to put up the summerhouse.

Thursday 30th

Edward did not attend lecture: he has a bad boil on his ankle. I commenced a box to set M^r Logan's minerals in. *Papa + Mamma were at M^{rs} Fuller's to tea; it commenced raining very hard a little after four, but in the evening Ellen went down to M^{rs} Carron's.*

Friday 31st

Ellen's birthday, I gave her a ring that I have had a good while but never wore it. Ned came limping up stairs with a great stick of grandpa's to give her a whipping. We both went to Church + then called to say good bye to Aunt Brooks, as she is now going to spend some time with M^{rs} William Brooks, Mr Beaton came in and spent the evening. The debate for this evening was "Does climate affect the character of a nation? It was decided in the affirmative. Edward's ankle was much swollen + it is thought that he sprained it. After dinner Magill, Scarth, Jones + I were having a discussion in Magill's room, when a young man was seen to approach the college. A new student: should one, Hurrah! said I at the pitch of my voice: immediately, down came Charlie + Thomas G. inquiring what was the matter. A new student: hurrah. the new students' name is Durnford; his father was a captain in 68th regiment of light infantry: but has now a station in Montreal! To all appearance he seems to be a nice chap; but he shall have to work hard as he is backward in his studies: in latin he has to commence the delectus.

Saturday 1st November

Dickies commenced singing a little yesterday, but it is very faint as though he never sung before. The Longworthys were true to their promise + came up in time to practice at 4 but it being All Saints day, D^r Nicholls thought it best not to meet till after Church in the evening, it was about 11 1/2 when we went to bed.

Sunday 2nd

We were not up very early this morning, and had to keep breakfast waiting a long time for the Longworthys, it was nine when we were through. M^{rs} Bowen took lunch with us, there were a good many communicants; we dispersed about in the body of the Church to sing the Sanctus,

xc [etc.] Dear Louis + I got up the Union Questions after Church. As Edward thought it would be unadvisable to go to Sunday School on account of his sore ankle, Davidson went with me We had 10 scholars + I am glad to say that they were all very attentive. I have decided on having a Bible class at Sunday School; Edward shall still have his class; Davidson shall take mine + I shall try to get some older youths to come + form a class for me.

Monday 3.

This afternoon I worked at the box for the minerals. Edward + I have commenced reading together Regnault's Chemistry: we are going to take by turns one day Lyell's geology + the next Regnault. After getting up our lessons Edw. brushed my hair back which makes me look quite different to what I used to. When I went down My Dear Emily appeared pleased to see my new fashion of brushing my hair. This afternoon Charlie, in walking on the railroad found a lizard, which M^r Miles was glad to get for a specimen, it was put into spirits of wine. M^r Pennefather + I *had the singing all by ourselves this morning; it is singular that they do not make the responses better, M^{rs} Symthe + several others were in Church and when M^r Pennefather began to read the Psalms for the day I could not find them directly + he waited a long time + no person read the 2nd verse when I found the place I read it alone.*

Tuesday 4th

We had a very late dinner, the clock struck two while we were at table, the days appear very short now a little after four it begins to be dark. Ellen + I practice the Anthem ("The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed") every day. The clothes came from the washerwomen, M^{rs} Cootes I see that all the flannels + stockings are missing so that they must have been burnt last week; for M^r Cootes' house was burnt down. He lost almost all he had. This afternoon, Edward + I went on an exploring expedition behind M^r Mallory's, where it is said there are a great many gray squirrels. We did not see any. In coming back when we descended the hill opposite the brewery, Edward said he had seen something white go across the roads; Said I "Perhaps it is a weasel, which in summer is all black except the tip end of the tail which is white; in winter the case is just the reverse". When we came to the turn of the road — "I see it" shouted I, but it was a man in his shirt sleeves. We laughed heartily at my words; you see I was thinking of something white + when I saw the white shirt sleeves; the words I said escaped me involun-

tarily. This evening I received a letter from Uncle Sheppard, who asks Charlie + me to visit Drummondville next sunday; for prayers are to be read for the first time in the new church + Mamma Louisa, Harriet + brothers have promised to be there. After chapel I spoke to the Principal + he gave us leave to be absent till tuesday.

Wednesday 5.

This morning I was going out to work in the chapel before breakfast when I saw Juler come up with 2 musk rats. Having begged one of him, I ran home + whilst I was skinning the animal, Edward made the arsenical soap which is composed of the following substances [there is a blank box on the page but no list of ingredients] In the evening we finished the stuffing + I am glad to say succeeded much better than when we had stuffed the bird. This afternoon, Edward + I went to set some mink traps on Beaver brook; But we shall have to give up that hunting ground too as Mitchels' boys are setting traps along the brook. However we shall visit the one we set to day. *This morning we were up early and had the sitting room carpet up ready for M^r Chapman to take off the chair railings + then some one to plaster, every thing is topsy turvy, I hope after a while we will get regulated for the winter.*

Thursday 6th

At the breakfast table we had a consultation what the order of the day was to be, it was decided that when I got ready for Church to go + see if our washer-woman could come + while wash + do some cleaning, as we wanted to put the paper on Friday, Papa was for having some one from Sherbrooke to put it on for us but we wanted to do it ourselves. I succeeded in getting the woman, + we were soon all at work carrying on different sorts of business,

Friday 7th

Another busy day; but spent very pleasantly, we all enjoyed working together, about 11 Ned came over, + soon after Dear Louis, they had an owl given to them this morning to stuff + Ellen made the remark as she went from one room to another that we were a set of busy bodies, Louis took lunch with us, Ned took him + Charley down to Sherbrooke on their way to Drummondville. They expect to meet with their Mamma brothers + sisters + I hope that they will not be disappointed, + will find all well, + be spared to return to us again. We finished papering at 6 and all felt pretty tired.

Friday 8th

A beautiful morning, I was glad to see it so fine on account of the travellers, soon the wind began to blow very strong + continued so all the day but it is a south wind + will be in their backs. About six it commenced raining, but if nothing has happened they are at their journeys end. Yesterday Stephen brought two red squirrels to be stuffed, + to day, Ned on visiting the snares found a hare, so they will have plenty to do when Dear Louis returns. M^{rs} Lewis took tea with us. We had an excellent sermon from M^r ____[?] of Newfoundland his sermon was on Mark 10.41 + 48th verses. He said "that we should never let a day pass without either imparting or receiving some good" + that the cases + troubles of every day life ought not to engross[?] too much of our time — but like Mary we should choose that good part which no body or nothing can deprive us of. M^r Thompson preached in the afternoon from 1st John 2.15. He said we could generally tell how far we might sing[?] with the world without it harming us was by seeing if our prayers were as earnest + our thoughts set on God as much before as after. It rained very hard about six last night but I hope that Dear Louis was safely housed. It seemed strange to have the Questions without him.

Monday 10th.

Very busy all day, went to Church + had the singing all myself. The Smythes called in the afternoon.

Tuesday 11th.

Papa started for Montreal, also M^r Doolittle + Thompson The woman to whitewash, we will soon be done cleaning the house I hope.

From Friday 7 to Tuesday 11

This forenoon Edw. + I commenced stuffing an owl which we finished by 3 P.M. but the wire being too weak, the owl would not stand up straight when I return from my trip I shall try my hand again with. Edw. drove Charlie + me to Sherbrooke, where I got my new pair of boots wh. I have so much wanted: it is really a wonder to me that I am not laid up with a bad cold, for every day my feet have been wet. We slept at M^r Terrils + next took the cars to Richmond. He[re] we had to remain til 2 o'clock, when we saw the stage driver harness his horses. Poor things these horses were; almost only skin + bone. When I saw them I thought it a pity I had not started on foot during the forenoon: William Ross joined us; he was on his way from a collecting tour in Quebec +

Montreal. We were drawn over our road very slowly + we had to bear a

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Wednesday 12th

Yesterday Charley returned without Dear Louis, I would like to have seen him but still am glad that he went home. We have been very busy to day + did not go into our rooms to change until 3 then had to be at M^r Nicholls at four to practice, we were standing singing until after six when M^r Pennefather Mifs Bates, the 2 new students, M^r Davidson Emma Smyth + Mifs Bellows came in besides the members of the choir, which made quite a party, I cannot say that I spent a very pleasant evening, my mind was not in the circle + where could it be? but — we got home at twelve, + found that the absent one had returned in the cars which I am glad to hear.

Thursday 13th

We were up very late this morning, after dinner Louis drove me off to Sherbrooke, I felt the better for being out in the cold air. Darwin Pennoyer came down he intended leaving for the west on Thursday. Mamma spent the day at M^{rs} Brooks.

Friday 14th

Darwin drove Mamma + I to Sherbrooke we did not get back until two, Ellen had left dinner awaiting. M^{rs} Fuller spent the afternoon + evening with us. I forgot that this was the day on which I always write Home; Charlie + I thought it best to change the day + write now on every monday. Yesterday Edward, having gone to Oliver's for some alcohol to put camphor in, paid 8 dollars that I had borrowed before leaving for Drummondville. Now this had slipped my mind + to day I thought I had lost the 8 dollars. So I hastened over Home to mention the fact to Edward + in going I met Oliver who told me Edw. had paid him the borrowed money. Still I continued my course + got a glympse of Dear Emily who was washing the dishes with Ellen. I told my Dear one that I was going to Moulton hill + glad was I that I called home for I did return there as it was 1/4 to 6 o'clock when I got back from Moulton Hill + then after tea was the debate. The question was: Does the anticipation of the future give more pleasure than the recollection of the past? It was decided in the affirmative.

Saturday 15.

I intended to go setting traps, but Dear Emily reminded me that practise was to be at 4 o'clock; so the traps were put aside. Edw. + I however visited the snares; after which I changed myself + hastened to practise. *We expected Papa Last night; and as the train did not come until late we were getting rather anxious, Papa returned quite well + well pleased with the celebration, not getting to bed at our usual time we were up very Late, + consequently we were Late about every thing, I perfectly agree with the old saying "One hour in the morning is worth two in evening."*

Sunday 16th

A nice sermon from M^r Thompson, as we were returning from Church Dear Louis asked me "If I knew who was at home" Stephen had seen Uncle + Aunt Richardson pass while in Church + had told him, they came as far Uncle Pennoyers Last night, and as they were cold they remained their, Aunt is going to spend two or three weeks with us + Bellows. There were 5 children christened this afternoon, it was a pretty sight + reminded us of bringing young children to Christ; they cried a good deal but were as good as we could expect having so many children together. Edw. Davidson + I for the first time taught (together) in Sunday school. We had only 10 scholars. in the Bible class I had only 2; hope to have more next Sunday. The river was full of anchor ice but it was quite safe to cross. Prof. Thompson's text was part of Acts IV.13. "And they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus" To be with Jesus we must read the Bible with reverence + attention: again we must either ascend to where He is or He descend to be with us: He has promised to be present with all who assemble in his name + we should raise up our minds to Heaven when we pray. As uncle + Aunt Richardson were present Dear Emily + I did not read together but after tea we went up stairs + got up the Union Questions. How happy I am in having a Dear Companion to whom I can mention all my thoughts + intentions; She is a blessing to me for which I can never be too thankful.

Monday 17.

George Darnford left this morning. His father has obtained for him a situation in the Montreal branch of the Bank of Upper Canada. Poor fellow, it is a pity he has been called away so soon for he is very backward in study: still his 3 weeks residence here may be of service to him. Since last week we have another new

student from Nova scotia, whose name is Leaver. He appears to be very conceited but that shall soon wear off among us in college. This afternoon Edw., Davidson + I went over to Moulton Hill + pasted up the windows; we also cut what wood there was + carried it into the porch of the school house. In going up we went Bellows Butterfield who was coming down for Aunt Richardson: Edw. stopped him + said "Aunt's trunk is not yet come + consequently there is no need of your going across to day" I understood that he said "Aunt's drunk" but soon perceived my mistake. this night I did get up my Hebrew, for Magill had walked from sherbrooke in 25 minutes + having overheated himself he was afraid of being sick; so he ran up to me + asked if I had not some ginger or cayenne pepper or something else to prevent his being sick. I found I had no more ginger but, some peppermint + I made him some mint tea which he took when boiling hot. I must get myself a supply of ginger + other such medicines for when any body is sick I am generally applied to for some remedy + I take it hard when I cannot assist. *Uncle Richardson Left for home after dinner. Mifs Ester Motole called when her father was so very ill they telegraphed for her, she is housekeeper for a M^r Bigg of Nicholet, she was saying that she was perfectly happy there, + often thought she was too happy for this world. Papa asked her "if she did not think she would be still happier if she had a good husband and a good home."*

Tuesday 18th.

Harriet bellows has been troubled with a lame shoulder for several days, so that she was notable to have her frock on. There has been a very little snow on the ground for a day or two, I have seen 3 sleighs + sleds about but think going on wheels would be preferable. Aunt B. went onto Moulton Hill. Dear Louis + Ned were out in the woods this afternoon, they both came home with wet feet. M^r Lewis was in for the subscription to the Bible Society. This afternoon Edw. + I went an exploring expedition: we strolled about the wood to see if there were any traces of mink or fox. The only tracks we saw were of a fox + a hare; probably the snow has not lain long enough yet; in a few days the animals shall go about more. Our feet were wet, but as soon as we got home we put on nice dry stocking; My Emily having presented me with comfortable pair, made by Her own hands. I was about to leave for college, it being tea time, when Dear Emily said: "You must stop". I asked her if she thought her must was very strong; She said she would use of it only when it should be advisable. so I stopped for tea.

Wednesday 19.

This afternoon we set some poisoned meat for foxes. The way we do is thus: we take small pieces of meat about the size of an egg + having made incisions in them we poke in small bits of Nax vomica. these pieces we throw about the woods, noting where they lie, that we may know when any has been eaten + follow the fox's track. *Ellen + I dined at Mrs brooks, also Harriet. Ellen Brooks Mifs — ltenge + Mifs Hezathine; we spent a very pleasant day, when we were coming home about 4 we thought that we would go down + see Mifs Warren, but on going into the house found M^r Pennefather when he left it was too late.*

Thursday 20th

A beautiful morning, Rebecca Wilson was in this afternoon and staid a couple of hours, she is much better but not quite recovered her strength. Dear Louis + Ned have been very busy this afternoon stuffing a grey squirrel they succeeded very well. I had intended to finish the case for minerals but Edw. came over at 2 o'clock, saying that Stephen had brought him a grey squirrel, so we set a working to stuff it. I remained home for tea for the stuffing business was finished only after tea.

Friday 21.

As the hares have been near our snares for a long time we walked on through the woods to find out where they were. we discovered their tracks along the brook + we intend to set snares there. This evening we met for reading the Scriptures: we have not done so for 2 weeks. *Papa + Mamma went to Compton to spend the night. The night of the debate + Charley came + spent the evening with us. We heard to day that M^r R[?]anise had taken.*

Saturday 22nd

It rained very heavily in the night; but was beautiful this morning. Ellen + I were very busy all the forenoon, Papa + Mamma returned So dinner, previous to that it had commenced serving + they got some ends. We went to practise at 4 + remained till tea time, D^r nicholls wishes us to get up the Anthem for Advent sunday which will be next Sunday the Communion is also to be administered. A week ago Ben. + I finished reading Barrow on the Pope's Supremacy. Ben's book is an American reprint; in which we found several mistakes by comparing it with mine which is an English edition. I remember one of the misprints namely "Defence" for "Deference". So it is much

better for all books of reference to English editions. We have now commenced "Wheatly on Common prayer". This afternoon I worked at the mineral box.

Sunday 23

The S^t Francis being frozen over and the ice not strong enough to bear us, we could not cross for Sunday School. Rev. M^r Pennefather preached a good sermon on Death. He shewed that Death

- (1) was not natural
- (2) was not necessary
- (3) was not agreeable to the senses.

(1) It is not natural because man was not made to die. (2) It is not necessary because if God saw it fitting; He could furnish things that would prevent death". 3 No doubt all things are for the best. Just before M^r Pennefather went up to the pulpit the psalm sung to the Praise of God was the first 4 verses of the 105th, the second verse runs on this wise:

Sing to his Praise in lofty hymns,
His wondrous works rehearse!
Make them the theme of your discourse
And subject of your verse.

This made me think how careful we should be in our daily conversation; but how much more so in a sermon where man is preaching to man the salvation of his soul. It appeared to me that the pulpit was a place too responsible; Oh how can I acquit myself worthily of such a situation. God shall uphold me, in Jesus is my trust, the Holy Spirit shall direct me. In the afternoon the Principal preached from James I.17. "Every good gift + every perfect gift is from above + cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning" It was not long after Adam was placed in Eden that he eat the forbidden fruit, + thence brought on the Human race the greatest punishment: — Death —. However God in his goodness provided a remedy by sending the second Adam to die for us on the cross. Salvation was bestowed on fallen man "Bless the Lord O my soul + all that is within one bless his holy name; Bless the Lord , O my soul + forget not his benefits, who forgiveth all thine Iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction, who crowneth thee with loving kindness + tender mer-

cies." P^s103. *The snow having melted the walking is rather bad. There has been another stove put up in the Church, so I should think it could be made very comfortable this winter.*

Monday 24th

The walking was so bad this morning that I did not attend morning Prayers. I went into the celler about noon + found that Nelly had got to things far down back that Ned had put away, he was very angry when he heard of it hunted all over the house saying if he could find the cat: he would kill her. Poor fellow I am sorry he has got such a temper + hope that he may be enabled to restrain it. Yesterday in the sermon the Principal also mentioned how all things come from the hand of God; we should be thankful to him for giving us good pastors; for causing us to be born in a christian country: in fine to god was given his due glory + as I listened to the gracious words a sudden trembling passed through my limbs. it was caused by a thought that passed through my mind: Ben + I have been praying together for our professors + it was awful to think that God had hearkened to our supplications. This sermon advocates principles which some time ago the Principal would have violently opposed. I wrote Home; Charlie had not quite finished his letter + I could not prevail on him to send it. as for my dear Emily I had forgotten to tell her about my writing on monday + so she had not time to write. This afternoon carter + Juler went after a bear that the latter had seen, but they did not shoot it. At table I proposed that all the students should join in the hunt + start tomorrow morning (for that had been proposed to me in the village). To this all present assented + then I proceeded to ask leave from the principal, but he was gone to Morrice's. However after chapel I spoke to him + he said we might go if we obtained M^r Miles' consent.

Tuesday 25.

This morning some of the students said they would not go + consequently the plan fell through + we had lectures as usual. Carter gave Edward + me a weasel to stuff. After it was stuffed it did not look very well. This evening both Magill + Jones were not at chapel + consequently the singing was poor.

Wednesday 26

This afternoon I was working in the chapel + speaking with the Principal when M^r Pennefather came in + proposed to accompany Ben. + me to Moulton hill to gather the subscriptions to the

Church society. So at 3 o'clock we left college. M^r Pennefather stopped at M^r Widger's whilst Ben + I proceeded to M^r Eckels': M^r Eckels is now in a new house + the inside is nice + neat. My little Godson is a bright little fellow being very talkative. M^r Eckels said he would give his subscription some other time when he should have some money on hand. In returning we stopped at M^r Butterfield's where we saw Aunt Richardson. M^{rs} Wiger subscribed 1/3 + that our whole day's pay for the Church society. When we reached the river it was quite dark + the wind was boisterous; indeed it was so strong up the river that I had to point the boat downriver + yet at times we were carried up stream. At last we reached the side of the river + was glad for it was all I could do to manage the boat + truly it was dangerous. As it had rained hard I was rather wet + I changed all my clothes as soon as I reached college.

Thursday 27

This morning George Magill + I commenced reviewing our Hebrew. We intend spending (every day) 1/2 an hour before breakfast at it. This evening as usual on thursday nights we got up our Hebrew lecture for tomorrow. Before beginning Magill said he would go + take a glass of beer. When he came back I saw he had taken something much stronger than beer for first in coming in the room he blushed + then his breath was quite tainted + last of all in learning our lecture he acted rather frivolously. What a pity liquour can shackle her votaries with a chain, very hard to be broken! *Mamma went to see M^{rs} Henry this afternoon, she has a nice little daughter. Harriet was in to see us, we tried to have her remain, but she could not. When Papa was in Montreal + was enquiring for carpeting, a merchant from Eaton said that he had some that he would let him have it cheaper, than he could get it now. It came over in the stage to day, we like it very much + will take some for Mamma's bedroom.*

Friday 28th

Dear Louis is very busy now, + I hardly see anything of him, it does not seem possible that Christmas is so near, we will again be separated for a little while, but the time will not seem very short I expect. It is a very cold night, I am afraid we are not sufficiently grateful for our warm quarters. Dear Louis remained to tea + C. came in the evening. Edward + I worked hard at the mineral table + the more we work the longer time we see it shall take to finish it. When we went to study Dearest Emily was setting the table; (I suppose Ellen was gone out

somewhere, as that is her work, Dear Emily washes the dishes) She came forward + kissing me, said "What a stranger you are!" It is true I don't see her

Saturday 29th

We were very busy this morning, always having more to do on Saturdays, preparing for Sunday. this morning M^{rs} C. Brookes brought over enough silk for me a frock, it is red + green changeable. I did not feel comfortable in taking such a nice present; but she would make me, it is because I have shewed Sarah a little in her music, she sent over 10 dollars by her the other day + I sent it back, so the next time she went to Sherbrooke she got this. I wrote to Hattie this afternoon + at 4 we went to practise though it was snowing fast.

Sunday 30th

Quite wintery like to day, the sleighs are put in requisition[?] , + the bells sound very merry. we had a good deal of singing to do to day, I always feel tires Sunday nights, I do not know why it is, unless [unless] it is the singing. The Communion was administered instead of next Sunday M^r Thompson preached in the afternoon from Romans 15th The night is far spent + c.

Monday 1st [December]

Ellen + I made the carpet for Mamma's bedroom, about four Aunt Richardson came over, M^r + M^{rs} Nichols called + brought all the children, I did not go into the room as I had got a little more to do to the carpet + wanted to finish it before tea, but Ellen brought Gaty + Gussy to see me she said that "Gussy had been hunting to know where Emily was ever since he came in".

Tuesday 2nd

Aunt Lax has not been feeling well since she came down , having very wakeful nights, she is very low spirited + we are trying to cheer her up, Papa + Mamma took a drive with her this afternoon. I made the bread again this week, (Ellen intended doing it, but had a bad headache) it is better than it was last week, Aunt paid me quite a compliment, saying that "she had not eaten such good bread here for several years."

Wednesday 3rd

Attended morning prayers, when I got home I found that the French women was not here as we expected, I went to see why she did not come + found that she was at M^{rs} Miles. We put Mamma's carpet down. The

day has been very snowy + this evening it has been flying in all directions.

Thursday 4th

To day Mamma asked M^{rs} Edgill + Harriet to come to tea as Aunt Richardson is staying with us, also M^r Scarth + Stephen and M^r Judd. No service this morning in the Church I suppose that M^r Pennefather thought is was too bad for any person to venture out.

Saturday 29th [November]

Magill + I no longer review our Hebrew in the morning for he said he could not bear getting up at 1/2 after 6 o'clock as it quite knocked him up for the rest of the day. I told him I had a great mind to persist as it would teach him good manners. However I saw it was of no use. To day in coming out of the chapel I had my arms full of little pieces of wood for the mineral case + being desirous of pulling out the tongue of the padlock I put it to my lips + they stuck to it. In taking it from my mouth I brought off a little of the skin. The air was not cold + I would never have suspected that such a thing could have happened then. Dear Emily brought out some lip salve for me.

Sunday 30

We were unable to cross to Moulton Hill. Here the sacrament is always administered the 1st sunday of each month; but as today Advent, it was thought — right to celebrate the feast; M^r Thompson in his sermon said: "that Advent sunday was appointed by the church to comemorate the promise of Our Saviour's final coming to judge the quick + the dead. The God we worship is the same as Him whom Abraham + Isaac + Jacob + all the prophets worshipped + as there were then holy men, so we should not think of holiness to be an impossible thing for us. God shall not condemn us for doing good, but he will for the wickednesses we commit. Faith is doing, for if we believe in God, we should act as if there were one." I passed an unhappy for after my return from church I grieved My Dear Emily + then I always think what a despicable fellow I am + I often wonder with sorrow how she can love me who am fit only to be cast at the foot of the pavement + trodden upon. Now I had partaken of Christ's holy supper + yet how I have gone astray! Oh! may my Almighty Father strengthen me.

Monday 1 [December]

Edward + I worked at the mineral case. Last saturday the Principal handed me the list of subjects for our final examination perhaps Edward + I shall try for honours. I think our duty calls us to that for the advancement of the college.

Tuesday 2.

Papa, Mamma + Aunt Richardson came to see the college chapel while we were working there. Edward + I are hard at work in reviewing. I scarcely see Dear Emily these days, I would like to be with her more than I am.

Wednesday 3.

Miss Butts + 2 Misses Grant came to see the chapel. There is now near 9 inches of snow.

Thursday 4

Edw. + I finished the mineral case + on examining the minerals we found the squares were too small for most of them. I took tea at home where a few friends had been invited : When we all left I thought it was near chapel time + to my astonishment on reaching college I found there lacked yet 25 minutes to the hour of chapel: of course it could not be remedied + so I learnt some hebrew till chapel.

Friday 5th

We had been hoping to see Aunt Pennoyer down all the week but the baby is not well, and as Uncle was down Aunt R. thought it best to go up with him + remain till Friday. Last night about 12 Ellen + I were awakened by a great shouting it frightened me some but Ellen very much, she got up in bed + I though she would go through the window; all the time she was saying "Emily Emily Emily" as fast as she could, afterwards she began to tremble. I could not help but laugh, though it seemed very heartless, when she was so frightened. This afternoon Edw. + I went into the woods + took up our snares as no traces of hares were to be seen.

Saturday 6th

The Principal had invited us to have practice at his house + thither all went except Dearest Emily who felt pains in her face; she should get some more medicine. *Ned wanted me to go for a drive with him to day, but I could not leave immediately after dinner, he went*

alone, for a Little way, and afterwards came back, when I was ready to go with him, we saw Judd + Charley skating on the Massawippi, the ice did not look very strong, but they seemed very fearlefs [fearless] + were cutting up all sorts of anticks.

Sunday 7th

Saturday a new tune was practiced to be sung to day, but when D^r Nicholls came to Church he said that he "made a mistake it is next Sunday that he wants it sung." Dear Louis played the organ. I think he was a little nervous as he had not played before for a long time. When we returned from Church we were surprised to see Uncle + Aunt Richardson, Uncle had come down as far as Uncle Pennoyers + there found Aunt. They want so to go to Stanstead to spend New Year, + we intend going if the roads are not too bad. I have unhappy all the past week but this morning I saw how thankful I should be to God for the many priviledges I have which scarcely any other ever had + I saw how foolish I had been. Yesterday I commenced to mend after Dearest Emily pulled my whiskers + made my hair look like a mop, telling me to cheer up. I hope never again to be downhearted because then it does me no good + it pains Dearest Emily + also it grieves the Holy Spirit. Now I an happy + with God's help, I shall always be so.

Monday 8th

A man from Eaton brought a large (live) hawk for which I gave 2/6. I went to M^r Miles' with the man + he was not at home. To day going up the Massawippi on the ice to get a steel trap I perceived the ice was thin + in trying to get to shore I sunk in but having laid hold of some branches I wet myself only to the knees. As soon as I returned with the trap I proceeded to my room + changed myself. Uncle + Aunt Richardson, Papa Mamma + I went to Sherbrooke directly after breakfast; the woods were beautiful, + there were several sleighs together which made Jack very gay + we were not long going. I called to say good bye to Ellen Brooks, poor girl she feels bad leaving home, + her Mamma will miss her very much, as she has had all the care of the baby since the nurse left. We did not get home till nearly one.

Tuesday 9th

Uncle and Aunt left this morning, they have had a very nice day to drive. M^r Barrie left word that he would be happy to see Ellen, Ned, + I at his place this evening to an oyster supper. I did not want to go, +

Mamma said that I need not so I spent a very pleasant evening at home with dear Louis + Charley, they helped pare some apples + are quite expert at it. Hoping to find hare tracks in M^r Eliots sugary, Edward + I bent our course thither, being armed with axe + snare. We did not see even one track. This evening I intended to read a little in the theatre of the Greek as Edw. was to go to M^r Barrie's; but Charlie came over home + then I thought I would down to be with him + Dearest Emily so that I read only 1 1/2 pages. However as of late I have had my time well occupied in reviewing I dont grudge my evening; especially because it was an evening with Dear Emily, which pleasure I have not had for a long while.

Wednesday 10th

We were busy baking this morning Mamma made the sausages, M^r + M^{rs} Sanborn + Mifs Hezeltine called, Ellen had gone to see M^{rs} Henry + Papa + Mamma were just going to get into the sleigh to go for a drive when they knocked, I was very glad that they had not started as I would have been all alone + am not very much acquainted with M^{rs} S or Mifs H. This afternoon I called om M^r M^cfaddin + M^r Mcurdy + Mrs Fry. Edward was very driving me up as far as Mcfaddins, In the evening Dear Emily showed me her silk, which is very pretty. It is a [blank] colour; I remember when Cousin Archy Campbell + Lady, spent a few days at River David about I think 8 or 9 years ago, she had a silk frock of the same coulour as Dear Emily's. I considered it to be the finest frock I had ever seen + then I promised to myself that, if ever I should have a better half, she should have a frock of the coulour. Mrs A Campbell was a Miss Prior before her marriage.

Thursday 11th.

M^r Doolittle paid us a long visit this morning, he is very poorly. he wants us (ie, Ellen Ned Dear Louis + myself to go up and take tea some evening (with him, soon I think we will go the last of this week. M^r Lewis came over + spent the evening, dear Louis opened the door + wanted to know "if we would like to see the light of a friends countenance" we all approved he reveal himself, + were quite surprised to see M^r Lewis make his appearance, we had a little sing before they left. This is the first time this term that Edw. + I went out together for a walk merely for the walk as exercise, we have always had some object: — in view, such as hunting or some other thing.

Friday 12

Dearest Emily, Edw. + I had a pleasant ride; we went to

Huntingville; in returning back I asked Dear Emily to go to River David. I took tea at home; immediately after tea Edw. + I had to go to our studies. *We have been busy sewing to day We are very much interested in reading "What can women do" by "I.S. Arthur" this evening some of us read aloud all the time. We have had a variety of weather to-day snow, rain + hail.*

Saturday 13th

M^r Paddon came to the door to leave a book that he had borrowed; in the evening Ellen went to M^{rs} Fuller + was quite surprised to find waiting there M^r + M^{rs} Paddon + M^{rs} Andrew . M^r Allen came in to see us a little while on his way from Sherbrooke, he is looking very pale + thin, I did not know him when I went to the door, till he spoke, he had on a shawl perhaps it was partly on that account . Oh how quickly another week has glided by! we are that much nearer our end. During the morning I often visited my poor hawk which I had set loose in the upper sitting room, south end, + which nobody goes into. I was devising how I could manage to keep it + the more I looked at it the more noble the bird appeared. However as I could see no way of keeping it, at length it was decided to be beheaded. Ben. + I put it in a cage + we proceeded to the wood shed where we found Neale. Neale held the head + I the legs while Ben with the axe soon severed the head from the body. It gave we a great deal of sorrow but I thought it better to do that than to try + keep it + let it starve. If I had had a house of my own I should surely have kept it.

Sunday 14

It snowed all the morning but that did not prevent Edw. W. Davidson + I from going to our sunday school, where we had 10 scholars. In M^r Pennefather's sermon this morning; he said we should compare our lives with the patriarchs of old + thereby we would feel how mean we are. M^r Thompson spoke of the establishment of the ministry + its advantages to us all. It snowed hard all day, but Papa was kind enough to harness Jack, + drove us to Church so we were quite dry; We sang the tune to day that M^r Nicholls intended to have so, it went very well. Dear Louis played the organ in the afternoon

Monday 15th

M^{rs} Lampion was here to wash, Ellen + I were busy in the kitchen all the forenoon. Charley spent the evening with us Ellen had been down to M^{rs} Carons when she came in she said that she had not been out half

long enough so I put on my bonnet + she Charley + I walked up as far as M^r Doolittles we would have gone in but the road to the house was not beaten[?]. Edw. + I took a long walk; after which we revised our Spherical Trigonometry.

Tuesday 16

We took another long walk. I took tea at home. A cold but pleasant day. About noon Papa took Ellen + I to Sherbrooke to get some dresses fitted: we had a cold drive home. In the evening we finished reading "What can women do." We heard to day that M^{rs} Nicholls had another daughter.²²

Wednesday 17th

Went to morning prayers, the Church was very comfortable there being fires in both stoves. Dear Louis + Charley here to tea; in the evening the Smyths + M^r Lewis came in, so we had quite a large circle. Charlie + I intended to go to M^r Terril's but the coldness of the air made us change our minds - the thermometer stood 6 below zero at 6 o'clock P.M. Part of the evening was passed in looking over my thucydides, for tomorrows examination. This term my class has accomplished considerable, we have gone through the Acharmians, which is one of Aristophanes's comedies; through 1st book of thucydides + we have finished Aristotles Rhetoric; also we went through 50 chapters of the 1st book of tacilus's history. In mathematics we learnt the first 21 propositions of XI B. of Euclid. 7 chapters of Webster's Hydrostatic's, + Spherical trigonometry as far as solutions of triangles. We also went through Abercrombie on the Intellectual powers + 23 chapters of the Acts, Greek testament.

Thursday 18th

Busy sewing all day, it has been very cold + we had a good deal of difficulty in keeping warm. This evening Charley came over, + we put on our wraps intending to spend the evening with M^{rs} Brooks, but she was at Sherbrooke, we next went to M^r Warrens, found Mifs W. away __[?] we were not to be defeated, + went to the Symths and found them at home. Dear Louis went to M^r Doolittles on business, + he did not get away from there much before we returned. To day in the examination we had our papers on Aristophanes + Thucydides, + on Abercrombie. M^r Miles came over about 6 o'clock + when we were called up to pass a vivâ voce paper in Mathematics, he appeared out of humour: he said he had not intended to hold any part of his examination to day, but through a slip of the pen, he was obliged

to send the papers on Abercrombie. As he was saying this I happened to turn my eyes on the Principal who was quite red in the face. I saw that M^r Miles' words had affected the Principal, but all this was on temporary for in about 20 minutes afterwards the faces of all our professors had brightened up again, + consequently I was revived, for the looks of my professors had grieved me. No doubt M^r Miles at the time did not mean to grieve the Principal, but he should have been more restrained in his words. Having settled my account at M^r Doolittle's I proceeded Home; all were out except Grandpa + Mamma but before the time to leave arrived, Dear Emily + the rest returned.

Friday 19th

M^{rs} C. Brooks came in + spent the afternoon with us, + would have remained longer had not M^r + M^{rs} Sanborn come up. Ned + Dear Louis came in about 5; after tea Ned accompanied them Mr Lewis a little way towards Sherbrooke, I was sorry after they left that I did not propose them taking Jack.

Saturday 20th

We were busy all morning with our Saturday work. and practice in the evening Ellen Dear Louis + I went to Obris's [?] to see M^{rs} Chapman. The examination is over to night.

Sunday 21st

A beautiful day, M^{rs} C. assisted in the choir, M^r Thompson preached a nice sermon, He said we ought not to question why the good are allowed to often suffer in this world + the wicked to prosper; but we should consider that all is overruled for good.

Monday 22nd

Dear Louis left this morning for home, they told me that I had rather a sober face, of course I would like to be with him all the time, but he has gone to his dear home to be surrounded by his kind brothers sisters and all, + will no doubt be very happy, so I will try + be cheerful + can only pray that God will preserve him from all danger + that we may be spared to be together again.

[Diary continues in Emily's handwriting, with daily entries until January 20th. Louis returned to the University for the winter term, graduated with a B.A. in the spring. He spent the following year in

England studying science. In 1859 he returned to Canada, was ordained a deacon and taught French at Bishop's College School while working on his M.A. at the University. He married Dear Emily in 1860. They moved to Acton Vale in 1862 where he became the priest-in-charge. He served that parish for 55 years and remained in Acton Vale until his death in 1919. Emily died the 27th of February 1872 at age 37. Wurtele married Isabella Hunter in 1874.]

NOTES

- 1 The college servant, his wife, cooked the meals for the students.
- 2 B.A. 1857.
- 3 George Magill, B.A. 1856, Canon of the Cathedral, Chicago 1870.
- 4 Charlie, Charley when Emily writes, is Louis' younger brother.
- 5 Ned is the brother Edward, who was in Louis' class and graduated with a B.A. in 1857.
- 6 Prof. of Math at the College.
- 7 B.A. 1857.
- 8 Wiliam Whitwell, B.A. 1856.
- 9 I have checked the answer with the Math Dept. at Bishop's. He would get around 70% for his answer. The correct answer is:

$$x = \frac{n}{n^2 - m^2} \left(nb \pm a \sqrt{m^2 - n^2} \right) -$$
- 10 A weekly series of Bible studies for home use.
- 11 The students of Bishop's run a Sunday School in the local school house.
- 12 Thomas Godden B.A. 1860.
- 13 Theology Professor at the college.
- 14 Archibald Scarth, L.S.T. 1860, later to teach at the college while serving as the Rector at St. George's, Lennoxville.
- 15 This was Louis' brother who took over the family farm at River David.
- 16 Rector of St. George's, Lennoxville.
- 17 For the church choir.
- 18 At this time there was not a bridge and crossing meant that either he had to row himself or hail the man who ran a form of ferry service.
- 19 Until the 1970s, marks were publicly posted at the university, though towards the end only passing grades were listed.

- 20 The ferryman.
- 21 The matter was brought before the College Council on Oct 27th 1856, it was resolved "That those who desire to have beer be requested to communicate their wish to the Principal in order that such arrangements may be made as may appear to be necessary."
- 22 The child, Mary, their fourth, lived only a few months.

ERRATUM

The editors of JETS/RÉCE offer their sincere apologies to Eva Major-Marothy, Documentary Art and Photography Division, National Archives of Canada for inadvertently misspelling her name on pages 45, 47 and 49 in the headings of her text, "The Private Side of a Public Family: The Heneker Album and Diary," published in JETS/RÉCE, no 2, Fall 1992.

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