12th Sept 1857 Lord Althorpe arrived here He brought a letter of introduction to Mr Portman from his Father (Loord Portman) Mr Portman dined with the Kings. did not come home until late Sunday the 13th Helen Teresa Lord Althorpe & George went to Church arrangements were made to go to Camp Meeting after dinner—
Lord Althorpe. Mr Portman Edward and Mr Panke drove five miles to the Camp ground the assemblage of people were estimated at from 6 to 10 thousand. the Gentlemen Made very few remarks about the Meeting, all their arrangements seemed to have been made with great order, and there were none of the excesses so usual in former days— we like Lord Althorpe He appears not only moral but religiously disposed He is a great Anti Slavery Man and is going to Chatham to visit the Negro Settlement where Lord Harvey is to join him. His insinuated that Lord Althorpe knows the value of a penny
14th Lord Althorpe left after Luncheon. I promised to send him some Grafts of the early Red Apple, Mr Portman and Helen are to meet him at Dwight I at St Louis— Mr Portman has arranged to go to St Louis to day to purchase a farm and then return for Helen, but has altered the arrangement and they are all to leave on Monday next in Search of a home in a More Genial Climate
16th News from India continues bad More troops to be sent out. the cruelties committed by the Sepoys does away with every feeling of Mercy. the wish of almost every Christian is that not a Sepoy may be spared as no one for a moment doubts the success of the British arms in the end— Commercial distress in the States is very great every paper is full of failures of the first Houses of New York. Baltimore, Boston. Philadelphia I might say of every City in the Union
18th Mr Portman and Helen have paid their Bills paid their visits and finished their packing. all ready to leave on Monday
Sunday the 19th Teresa George and myself went to Church. very crowded came to Tea
20th the Portmans are gone I felt very sad at parting with Helen and the Baby He is a dear little fellow— Tom remains here until Mr Portman sends for him. Mr Portman gave his horse to Teresa
21st The loss of the Steamer, Central America on the 12th is causing great excitement She had 500 passengers on board and a crew of 160 more than half are lost— many of the women and children are saved as Capt Herndon unlike the Capt of the Artic endeavord to save the weakest and most helpless first and the poor fellow

went down with the Ship. The Central America was on the line between Calafornia and Charleston and had treasures on board to the amount of two Millions one Hundred and fifty thousand dollars one Million and Sixty thousand dollars was covered by insurance the greater part of it in offices in England

22nd Mr Gzowskie came in to tea He has just returned from England where He has left his Daughters Helen & Charlotte at School. He saw John and thought him looking much better

Mr Griffin has taken a House from Mr Garret they intend moving to some where about the 12th of October

24th Amelia and Mr Griffin have gone to Toronto to purchase carpets on tuesday George came in and told us that Mr Lucas the Teller of the Gore Bank had absconded with 22 thousand dollars - but it appears that He has given property in Security that will more than cover all his liabilities not to Mr Street the Bank Agent and District Treasurer He is a defaulter to a large amount. Mr Becher came in to day He is the solicitor and says things are so bad that He cannot tell how Mr Street could live or stay to face the exposure

25th Mr Streets defalcations is the only subject spoken of every day brings things to light that are more and more iniquitous

26th heard from Mary Eliza & John to day John has taken his passage in a Cunard Steamer of the 10th of October, Eliza gives many direction from Doctor O'grady to John, about diet exercise &c and says He must not expect good health in less than a year I wrote to Sarah and Mary, Mr Street has made his escape three warrants were out against him if He had remained He would have gone to the Penetentiary, He escaped through our Garden Mr Macleon was waiting for him with a carriage near Black friars Bridge and drove him to Dundas - his frauds are great and numerous, poor people that came to put Money in the Savings Bank of which He was Actuary He would persuade them to let him have the Money at 10 per cent interest and take his note which is now worth nothing

27 Sunday Amelia George Perera and myself went to Church Mr Becher and Mr Hammond followed Mr Street last night to Port Huron to get him to sign some papers - Mrs Street & family are at Stamford Mr Street has an agreeable manner and people have a liking for him notwithstanding his villianies and every one seems glad that He has made his escape I never thought him honest nor honorable and firmly believe that He was the cause of all Mr Harris's difficulties in the Treasurers office from the time Mr

Street compounded with his creditors about 12 years ago and was
poor Mr Harris employed him to keep his accounts first from a
feeling of charity and then from necessity as Mr Harris was
in bad health and no one could understand his accounts but Mr Street
who had all to do with them and mistified so that no one could understand
them, Mr Street was the worst enimy Mr Harris ever had He wanted the
Treasurers office and worked in all underhanded ways to get Mr Harris
out of it. He succeeded and got it himself The accusation of dis ho-
-norable conduct killed Mr Harris- the actual commission of the basest
Crimes ~~Conduct~~ will never kill Mr Street I have looked forward to this finale to
Mr Streets career with as much confidence as I look for the Suns rising
and setting
28th there begins to be a reaction in peoples feelings about Mr Street.
and complaints are made that He was allowed to escape when any
poor man that steals a Donkey is sent to the Penitentiary, Mr Streets
property it is supposed will cover his securities as He has made
an assignment in their favour Mr Lawrason Mr Goodhue and
Mr Beckwith are securities to the Bank for £1000 each Mr Lawrason
and Doctor Anderson are securities to the District for £1000 each
his defalcations it is said will amount to £40.000 to the District
the Bank and private individuals
29 Mr Griffin came home last night He heard yesterday that
Mr DeBlaquiere and Mr Farmer had been arrested at Woodstock
for having made use of Money belonging to the Woodstock
and Port Dover Rail Road they were both Directors and there
is a deficiency of 500 or £60.000 Mr Barwick the Cashier of the
Montreal Bank in Toronto was subpoened to give evidence but
refused to come, the examination is postponed until Monday
next when Measures will be taken to bring Mr Barwick Mr
Leporturier is subpoened also and requested to bring a letter which
Mr Barwick sent to him in mistake the letter was intended for
Mr Barwicks Brother but put into the wrong envelope in this
letter the whole proceedings of the Rail Road Directors is detailed
Mr Barwick who is one of them declares his intention to withdraw
as death on the penetentiary will be the reward of their proceedings
~~30th~~ 30th Mr M'Innis called this morning He and I "Jaw'd" great
commercial distress next winter Mr Griffin gave George a pass
to the Provential Show at Brantford
2nd George had a fatiguing day at the Show, the day was exceedingly
wet, and there was great delay with the traces, the general
arrangements for the fair were defective, the dinner cold and
attendance bad, the Guests found it difficult to get a glass of

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were Sir William Eyre the Honble J. H. Cameron Van Koughnet & Spence and several Americans of distinction were amongst the Guests the Provential Show for 1855 &c is to be held in Toronto, George returned at one in the morning wet hungry and tired

October the 3d received a letter from Mary, through Sir George Wetherall's recommendation. Lt Dowsheire has offered Shuldham a Company in his Regiment of Militia. Shuldham accepts of course we are all very glad as He is too young to be without employment

John left London on the 15th Sept. for Paris with Dr Ryerson and Sophia — 17th went to Church Amelia Teresa & Lely staid to Sacrament George did not — Mr Becher came in in speaking of Mr Boulton Streets Defalcations. I said I thought He must have secured an independance Mr Becher said not a penny — if the statements in the papers were correct could not conceive what had gone with the money as the District deficiencies alone were estimated at £23-000 besides a very large sum at the Bank and debts to private individuals and his own income from different offices was £1400 a year — Mr Becher said had did money go how was it that Mr Harris accounts were in confusion — I was very very angry to hear Mr Harris name brought up in such association with Mr Street and said that Mr Street had helped to conceal Mr Harris's accounts to suit his own purposes, that I knew nothing of Mr Streets affairs except what was in the public prints but if his deficiencies were as great as stated that I must be convinced before I could believe that He had not secured himself it is the first time that Becher has not shown me the respect of a Mother He left the room in a passion why did He bring up upon Mr Harris name who has been seven years in his grave if He had insulted me and said that I was neither just nor generous to word Mr Street I should not have minded it but I was miserable all the afternoon and yet I had taken the Sacrament in the morning — I wrote a very short letter to Mary — I Teresa and myself walked over to the Wilson's Mr Goodhue was just saying good bye He is looking very well. Mrs Wilson was at St Thomas Lucy at home We stayed to Tea. Mr Wilson walked home with us, his mind was evidently preoccupied for I never knew him talk so little, we found Mr Brooke there who had come in to Tea

5th Mr Griffen Amelia & myself went to Hamilton upon Mr Griffen's pass to purchase Carpets for Mr Griffen's new house & a Counterpane for Edwards office The Griffens pd 7/ per yard for Brussels and 5/6 for Tapestry purchased a Carpet of each and a beautiful Rug at whole Sale price or rather at first cost £3. 15s retail price £7. 10

Mr McInnis was very kind He left Hamilton in the evening for New York. Commercial distress very great both in the States and Canada—we staid all night at the Anglo American returned to London on the 6th met Judge & Mrs Burns at the Station and Dundas Street Capt & Mrs Vanloose the Honble J. H. Cameron came in the Train as far as Paris with us He was going with Judge Burns to attend the Assizes at Brantford, I was very glad to meet Mr Cameron have not seen him for ten years He looks better as a Middle aged man than He did when younger his manner is also improved and refined He has been travelling and living a good deal in England and on the Continent since I last saw him—He recalled the pleasant evenings He used to spend here when my family were all at home

We arrived at Eldon at ½ past 12 found Teresa very lonely She had invited Ellen Hamilton and Tony Cronyn to dine with them yesterday—We had a letter from Helen from St Louis dated 29th Sept. Baby was ill had two teeth and two more coming Mr Portman & Helen both had colds had not yet been at the great National Fair but seem to like St Louis Mr Snead was very civil to them said there was never a better time to purchase for there was no money at St Louis

8th Commercial distress very great continued failures in every Town in the United States and Canada

9th Malcolm Cameron came here to raise money on mortgages remained to tea and Cribbage He is a man with a great deal of Common sense and cleverness has been religiously taught and knows what is right—He intends trying to put George Brown out as representative of the County of Lambton

10th Mrs Atkin spent the day here, Teresa Atkin came in the evening She is a very amusing Girl and kept us laughing all the time she was here

11th got letters from Sarah Mary and John Col Dalzell had gone on a Tour of pleasure with his Sister Lady Chelsea I like Sarahs letter She appears to be a sensible good woman—Shuldham had gone to join his Regiment of Irish Ragamuffins and try to get them into some sort of order and discipline Mary was alone and of course felt very lonely. John was to leave England by the Steamer of the 18th in 14 days He will be here—Mr Griffin and Mary all went to Church, Henry came in the evening to Tea

12 Raining very fast the Griffins were to move to day but cannot on account of the Rain My old Servant Betsy Campbell left me today She has been in my Service nearly four years and I think her the best Servant I have ever had

13th The Hours is all confusion the Griffins are on the move

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I have been busy all day sending off their things - All Mr Streets Household goods were sold yesterday and to day - they brought nearly their value - the only thing I know of being given to Mrs Street - was her Piano, She sent all her own and her Daughters Trinkets to Mr Lawrason - to help pay Mr Streets Deficiencies - poor Woman she little knows what a vortex she was throwing her Jewels into, they had some pretty Trinkets one Bracelet that Mr Street payd 90 Dollars for Mrs Street intends remaining in London for the Winter Doctor Anderson has been very Kind and says she may live in one of his houses for the Winter Rent free, it is asserted that Mr Street has nothing that all has been lost by Loans on high interest and in Wild Speculation, Mrs Leonard and Charlotte will live with Mrs Street and they have a little means Charley Leonard probably will assist them Becher says there is a probability of Minnies getting the Situation of Governess in a Southern Family and that Willy Street will get a Situation in the Customs poor things what a change I pray God to help them - Several letters from Mr Street have appeared in the Papers He evidently wishes to return if He could be sure that He would not be sent to the Penitentiary He says his Defalcations to the District are not as great as represented people do not seem disposed to allow him to return - He was treated so leniently on a former occasion that He hoped it might be the same now - had He paid his Creditors after his former whitewash when He was able to do so, the feeling would have been less hard against him now - the only thing to be said in his favour is that He has an agreeable Manner as a Man of Business and very convivial as an acquaintance and fond of good living -

11th The Griffens are gone to their own house and will dine there I have rent as the last load of goods the house seems very quiet a reduction of Six in our household in one week makes a great change - Edward has a very bad cold and is not at all well - the Weather is fine - Indian Summer) but I have put up all our Stoves and double windows - the Commercial distress is making a great change in the prices of every thing Rents are reduced more than a third Wheat was selling last Winter for 12/ Currency the Bushel it is now selling for 5 & 6 Shillings York Mutton has fallen from 5d Currency per lb to 3d and other things in proportion

15th I wrote to Helen this Morning directed to New Orleans Edward is a little better the Assignment of All the property of Hutchison & Hammond to Shandley and Maclam for the benefit of all their Creditors appeared in the paper this Morning - the News from India is most disastrous and harrowing to the feelings Lieut

of disaffection amongst the Sepoys and Mussulmen have appeared in Madras and Bombay

16 the Magistrates in Woodstock have sent all the evidence against Mr De Blaquiere and Farmer to the Attorney General urging a criminal prosecution. but at this time when dishonesty and corruption is so general, it is thought this case like many others will be suppressed or smuggled over in some way in the last examination of Mr De Blaquiere and Farmer Mr Barwick and his letter were not brought forward. Amelia and Mr Griffen called and report themselves very comfortable in their new house. I received a letter from Helen this Morning Mr Portman has not yet purchased and as undecided where to purchase as when He left London, on the 9th they felt the shock of an Earthquake and heard a low rumbling noise. there was no damage done in St Louis except a few buildings cracked from the Attic to the base but most of the inhabitants were so frightened that they ran to the middle of the Street, for safety fearing their houses would be down upon them the first shock far felt at 4 oclock. but neither Earthquakes or aught else has the power of deverting people's minds long from the pecuniary distress which is felt in every part of the Continent. Mr McInnis called He is to dine with us on Sunday the 25th John will be home the Griffen's dine here also. Amelia and Ellen Hamilton called. Ellen Hamilton and Edward returned with Amelia and dined there Teresa was invited but would not leave Mr alone George was invited but came home too late to go

17 Mrs King came in to spend the day I like ~~Mrs King~~ she is not too fond a Lady for the Country She seems so anxious to learn how things are done in this Country, and to make a good wife, Amelia came in to Luncheon the day not looking well we are not very lively. Teresa and I played Cribbage

18 went to Church Mr Palmer preached a very good Sermon the Griffen's came to Tea and hurried home on the account of Rain

19 Morning very fast the weather looks cold and dreary

20th Ellen Hamilton came to tea we played Whist. dull

21 Edward and self dined with the Griffens they look very snug and nice, Housekeeping is too new with Amelia for her to feel at ease the Teams are idle and fidgetty we played Cribbage and came home in the Cab

22nd the Steamer Europa has arrived at Hale & Co John will be at home to morrow or the next day, how glad we shall all be to see him. Amelia called she had just received a letter from Mr Portman He has not left St Louis in consequence of not getting his money from

4. Thurry Osborne I am very much afraid He will have
difficulty in getting it. Mr Portmans detention at St Louis
is a great loss to him as the expences of himself Helen and the
Nurse amount to 100 Dollars a week at the Hotel, I wrote to
Mr Portman advising him to return and endevour to get his
Money as fast can be trusted in these shaky times without risk
Mr Griffin has gone to Hamilton and Amelia came home to dinner
23d Mr Griffin Telegraphed from the Clifton that John was
not in the Train I was very glad to get the Telegraph as I should
have expected him all night
24th John arrived at ½ past 6 P.M looking tired and ill
I had hoped to see him much better and with less remains
of his former illness about him. but He has brought home
the same red face and puffy look about the eyes his Eyes are
bright and Glarry looking. Edward and I talked him over after
He had gone to bed and we could not deceive ourselves with the
hope that his health was restored. He is certainly much
better than when He went to England and We can only
hope that with care and attention He will continue to
improve. He is much pleased with England and with the
attention He received from Freinds. He found Eliza more
changed than Sarah or Mary. the Dalzells were at Bruges
the Chutchleys at Malahide for Sea Air but Stationed at
Burr Mary was at Clifton, Mr Griffin and Mr McInnis came
up with John and dined here of course Amelia was here
also. 24th George & I went to Church, Teresa staid
home with Jack in the Evening Mr Brook Ellen Hamilton
Mr McInnis Verry Cronyn, Mr Griffin and Amelia came to tea
Jack went up to Mrs W. Lawrasons to see Thurry Osborne
about Mr Portmans Money £1250. He thinks it safe Thurry
said He had sent Mr Portman £250 in Gold and could not get
Mr Portmans Draft cashed in New York as Gold was not to
be had for less than 25 per Cent premium and even 50 per
Cent had been given for it — we spent a very pleasant evening
but John looked ill.
25th Mr Buchan, Mr King and Mrs Wilson and Lucy called
26 Mr Goodhue called John Teresa & I went to dinner at the
Griffins Mr & Mrs Lawarason Edward & George came in
the evening Verry denied them also — we played Cribbage
and Whist, the Assizes commenced to day Jude McLean
on the Circuit Mr Buchan Queens Council
27th John looking better to day

29th went to Mrs Beckers to call after her confinement
Mrs Beckers & Daughter both doing well called on
Mrs McBeth Mrs Macbeth and Son Both doing well
30th got English letters one from Shuldham one from
Eliza Shuldhams Regiment ordered to Aldershott Percy
will join him at Farnham He likes Lord Downshire very
much and with good cause as Ld. D— is very kind to him
The Crutchleys have returned to Burr. Elisa is sending
out a pored by Sophia Col Crutchleys Photograph for the
a drop for Teresa and a petticoat for Amelia
November 1st John Teresa George and Ingvald went to Church
all staid to the Sacrament except George. I asked Mr Desbrocy
home to dinner but He declined He heard of his Fathers death
by the last Mail. Mr Des Vœux has been offended with us for
some months for some unknown cause but we made friends
last week, He seems fanciful and uncertain, John went to
Mrs Bills to Tea Mr & Mrs Alexanders were there we were
very quiet and dull at home
2nd Mr Wilson came here & told us He had lost £1450 by endorsing for
Mr McPherson (a carriage Maker) whose Sister had been Servant to
Mrs Wilson— Mr Barwick has got into some difficulty with
the Montreal Bank in some transaction with John W. Cameron
it is said that Mr Cameron is in great financial difficulty and
will have to assign for the benefit of his Creditors Mr Barwick
is like to lose his situation and Telegraphed for Mr Wilson to
go to Toronto
3 Amelia called Teresa went home with her and remained to
dinner which I did not approve of as Mr McInnis was expected
to dine with the Griffens and remarks I have already been made
about him and Teresa Mr McInnis did not come. his Father is dead—
3rd went to the Hamiltons to Tea no one there but the Harris and
Mrs Westcot, pretty dull— Mr Hamilton a good old fellow with
a great love of ant and a good natured feeling toword every one
4th Mrs King called, we all like her very much— Johns Boxes
arrived I was delighted to see Elisa's dear old face and yet it
made me feel sad she looked so much changed John thinks the
Photograph makes her look older than she looks in reality
yet what matters the look age must come, Elisa sent me a very
pretty envelope case and Port folio— John brought Teresa a very
nice Writing Desk from Paris & Japan from England for the
Drawing room
5th Amelia came to see Elisa's picture and felt like me Glad

and Sorry but Eliza is so good that no detwood change can affect her – John brought a pair of ice Glasses and a pair of Glass Butter dishes – Mr Wilson went last night to Toronto, it is stated in the papers this morning that J. H. Cameron has assigned Commercial distress continues very great – Mr Cummings of the Upper Canada Bank has been tried and found guilty of embezzlement News from India a little more encouraging Lucknow still safe

6th We had thunder and lightning last night but to day is beautiful we have as yet had no very hard frosts, Amelia and Mr Griffin dined with us, Mr McInnis came in before dinner was over He goes to St Thomas to morrow to make arrangements for buying wheat thinks He can make a dollar on a Barrel by sending it to New York the present price of wheat 5/ York for Spring wheat from 6 to 7/ York for Fall wheat, the morning's conversation more business than other Subjects

7th received English letters (from Sarah and Shuldham both anxious to get their money invested, Shuldham not yet gone to England He is very tired of being away from Mary, Mary has gone to Farnham in expectation of Ld Downshires Regiment being ordered to Aldershott – Edward dined at the Griffins Mr McInnis dined there also, Ellen Hamilton came to tea – John went out to Audet the City accounts the evening very wet – We are very sorry to find the report true that Mr Arnold of Toronto has become so embarrassed from speculating and other causes that He has been compelled to make an assignment, it is not known whether Mrs Arnold has a settlement or whether the family have any thing independant of their Father 1857 will long be remembered as a year of unparralled commercial depression

8 Teresa and self went to Church, I wrote to Shuldham, John wrote to Col Dalzell – More failures in Toronto J. H. Cameron has assigned and Lukin Robinson also Lukin Robinson has been a very large Land Speculator – Mr Barwick has lost his situation in the Montreal Bank He was very much disliked as a business man when in London – Mr Griffin and Amelia came to tea

9th very wet – Ellen Hamilton called – Mr Des Voux came to tea, We play'd Whist, no letter from the Portmans for nearly three weeks

10th The day beautiful Teresa and Ellen Hamilton went to the Griffins Amelia returned with them to dinner George & I play'd Chess and then we play'd Whist, Mr Craig's tried for forgery & found Guilty

11th Edward went to Toronto as Witness in Mr Portmans Law suit about Land near the Suspension Bridge

Mr King came for Teresa who has gone with him to pay her long promised visit. will come home To morrow. Amelia spent the day here, Mr & Mrs William Lawrason called, John went home with Amelia. Malcom Cameron came and spent the evening here we played Cribbage and Euchre

12 I have been ill all night and to day, no word from Edward who has not returned Teresa came home although it rained I was very glad to see her as it is lonely when I am not well – Mr Cameron came in to tea we as usual played Cribbage

13th no word from Edward. Mr Barwick has lost his situation in the M. Bank it is said because he allowed J. H. Cameron to overdraw his account to a large amount, the true cause not made public

14 Edward came home & has great hopes of winning Mr Portmans Chancery Suit ~~He says~~ but it will be June next or longer before there is any decision ~~He says~~ times are quite as dull in Toronto as here, necessity has forced economy, every one is trying how cheaply they can live, no word of Balls, Dinners or parties now – We had letters from Helen and Mr Portman from Col Hamptons Mississippi they seem very happy there and like the place very much, but say nothing about purchasing, they had a very disagreeable adventure on board of the Steam Boat when about leaving the Wharf at St Louis, when nearly all the passengers were on Deck bidding Good Bye to friends on Looking at the City, some thieves broke open the outside door of Helens Cabin and Locked the inside door and searched for money but found none as the Baby who was sleeping in the Berth cried and the thieves became alarmed and made their escape only taking a very handsome Reticule of Mr Portmans, Helen ran to her Baby when she cried and found the door Locked on the inside she then ran to the other door which had been opened with a chisel she found the contents of Baby's trunk over the floor which happened to be the only trunk in the Cabin, their money was in a Bag in the upper Berth which they did not find – We all have great reason to be thankful that the Baby was not silenced with a Blow or Mutilated, they broke open the Cabin of a young English Gentleman emptied his Portmanteaus and walked off with 25 Sovereigns all the money he had with him – Mr Portman has not yet got his money from Murry Osborne and is very anxious about it He has given John directions to proceed against Murry for it

15 Teresa & John went to Church Amelia Beckon & Mr Desvoeux called after Church Mr Desvoeux staid to dinner, I had a letter from Mary she is at Farnham Mr Peard has not yet come from Ireland but she expected him the next day on leave I wrote to Sarah John wrote to Mr Desvoeux (England) Verry came to Tea He too complains of hard times and says they have to economise in every way his Father Doctor Cronyn was consecrated Bishop of Huron at Lambeth Palace on the 29th of October Dr Hyerson and Sophia were present and after the ceremony went to the Arch Bishop of Canterbury, to Coffee John intends going to Hamilton to morrow to see Murry Osborne

16th Murry Osborne is in New York expected at Hamilton to night John will go to Hamilton by the early train To morrow I wrote a long letter to Helen, Amelia called.

17 John left at ½ past 7 for Hamilton and returned ½ past 9 Murry osborne not returned ~~John soon~~ from New York John saw his Brother who told John that Murry Osborne had sent 1000 Dollars to Mr Portman by express and promised to send the other 4000 dollars to John either to morrow or the next day I hope he may keep his word but Murry has behaved very badly, in these times of Commercial Distress it is difficult to know who to trust= Dr McInnis left for England immediately after the last Mail, it is rumoured that Mr Aleman is deranged, that he has been speculating in American stocks and of course lost Mr McInnis was in great trouble he says his affairs are all right in this Country, and has gone at once to see what is wrong in England. Edward went to St Thomas and returned at 7 P.M. He does not know which way to turn himself to pray for the Land He has purchased in St Thomas. Mr Griffen and Amelia called I got a letter from my Brother Edward. He I trust has got over the worst of his Money difficulties. It is pleasant to hear an old Man like them after Bone than thirty years Marriage speaking so affectionately of his wife Teresa went to Breakfast with the Griffens—

18 Mrs Cronyn called and asked all the family to her Daughter Margarets Wedding which is to take place as soon as the Bishop returns Mrs King called, Amelia came in late in the evening she had been spending the day with Mrs B. Lawrason Mrs Welson was there also she had another gramble at the Petticoat Theresa is working Neither Telegraph nor letter from the Osbornes John is very anxious about Mr Portmans Money Wrote to Mr Snead to

know of He had received the 1000 dollars which Murry Osborne says He has sent to him for Mr Portman, John and Edward do not work together in the office as harmoniously as I could wish

19th Snowing tremendously and very cold. Mem Murry papering the Drawing Room no one stirr all day M. Cameron came to tea We play'd Cribbage

20th Ellen Hamilton came to dinner. Mr Desvoeux came to tea & they play'd whist, Cold & Snow Thermometer 20.

21st Amelia came ~~down~~ here heard from Helen who is at Col Hamptons she likes the Mississippi very much, Mr Portman when out hunting was very near being killed by a wild Cow his life was saved by Capt L

Helen does not say what their arrangement for the future are Lord Althorpe was with them at the Hamptons and the Gentlemen of the party were to leave the next day for New Orleans, John went to Hamilton to day to see Murry Osborne about Mr Portmans money which He has promised to remit on tuesday or Wednesday next He gave John a Check on the Bank but did not with him to prevent it before that time, Snow, and cold

22 the River frozen over this morning, I did not go to Church Helen and George went, The Revd Mr Helmet preached, John went to Mr L. Lawrason's to tea We had letters from Eliza, Dorah, Shuldham and Mary. No news Mary told us a piece of Scandal at Farnham, the Resident Clergyman had gone on the continent He wrote to his Agent to get a Clergyman to do his duty for him during his absence one was engaged and received £2 - for each Sunday He was very much liked and asked to dinner by all the Gentlemen of the neighborhood one Gentleman lent him £5 - and after doing Service for seven Sundays He was discovered to be a ticket of leave man under sentence of ten years transportation for forgery, He had been a Clergyman I wrote to Eliza

23 a heavy fall of Snow Sleighing good, Amelia and Mr Greffen called Jack and Ned have moved into their new office in Cowlings Building next the Post Office Teresa gone to the Greffen's to dinner Mr Wilson called, there is a dissolution of Parliament and a New Election to take place immediately Mr Wilson declines standing Mr Cowling and Mr Becher are spoken of as probable Candidates

24th Heavy fall of snow Thermometer 10 above Zero at 10 o'clock A.M. Ellen Hamilton came to Breakfast and remained all day, John received Mr Portmans Money from Murry Osborne all night Teresa called on the Miss Blakes, Edward went to the Greffen's to dinner, I went to bed not very well

25 very cold Thermometer 2 below Zero, Murry Wilson called with Servant to get Sausage meat cut

26th Weather Moderated. Betsy the Cook cut her fingers and gone home engaged an English Girl during her absence

27 Humiliation day appointed by Government to pray our Heavenly Father to save and protect our brethren in the East from the cruelties of those Idolitrous people, a collection was taken up after Service for the assistance of the Sufferers the day was beautiful but no one seemed in good spirits, Ellen Hamilton and Emily Street came to tea

28 My new Cook is ill and has gone home, which entails household discomforts John had a letter from Mr Portman, He and Helen are at New Orleans where they intend remaining until January but are undecided where they will go next. I had a letter from my Brother Edward about the Lots of land sold to the late Mr Hooker — Mrs King called & had luncheon, the Misses Blakes called and Miss Cronyn Miss Anna Blake is a very prepossessing Girl, Mr King called for Mrs King John Teresa & George have gone to the Griffins to dinner

I answerd Edwards letter John & Edward says their Uncle Edward must take possession of the Lots, Mr Hooker Executors cannot get a Deed of the Land without fulfilling the condi- -tions of the Bond given for a Deed — the English Mail came in, no English letters — a great change in the weather which is now very mild

29th The day beautiful, Thermometer 60 — George the only one that went to Church, Mr Beecher and Miss Becher called after Church, Mrs Des.d Court staid all the afternoon and evening — Amelia Mr Griffen and Mr Henry Griffen came to tea — I wrote to Mary

30th Rain & very warm Mr Carling nominated as Member of Parliament, it is a great shame Mr Beecher is the one that ought to have been sent, He is a Man of Honour intelligence and Education and he would have been a Credit and a Service to the City, the public Monster may have many heads but not much brains

December 1st John and Teresa dined at the Griffens Mr & Mrs King dined there also ~~Ellen~~ and Mr Brooke, John had a letter from Helen

2nd Mr Beecher and Mr Brooke came to lunch, Teresa, Edward George and Ellen Hamilton went to the Griffens to tea Miss Cronyn and the Misses Cronyn, Sam Blake and the Misses Blake were there also

3rd Amelia called, Mr Wilson called, Teresa and Ellen Hamilton

walked to the Kings and back They were very tired and subdued all the evening

4th Teresa not yet got over her fatiegue Amelia called she had been paying visits, nothing but the approaching election spoken of 5th the Drawing room finished papering we put the room in order to day Dr Wilson came in to luncheon, He seems himself again now he has given up politics, I think politics does away with all the feelings, Mr Griffen and Amelia called and brought and brought the pared which Eliza sent Teresa is charmed with her pretty lace drops and Amelia is equally pleased with her petticoat, at first I could not recognise Col Critchley by his Photograph his mustaches alters him but after looking at it for some time his dear good face seemed to return to me, the English Mail came in letters from Mary and Eliza. Eliza talks of coming out to visit me, says she would like to come, how glad I should be to see her again before I leave this world Sunday the 6th Main, Teresa and George, only went to Church, I wrote to Sarah Vre Porter came in to Tea He has just returned from Chicago where He has been looking after his emigrants and is now going to travel about the State of New York and see where He can get work for the poor who are out of employment and starving in the City of New York He then intends travelling through the Southern states to see where the best opening is for poor Irish emigrants

7th Ellen Hamilton came to help Teresa make cake Mrs and Miss Becher called and staid Luncheon the Corporation want John to stand for Councillor for one of the Wards of the City John says his health is not good enough to enable him to attend to the duties Mrs & Miss Wilson called Jenny Cronyn called to say that his Father would not be here before Christmas consequently the Wedding is put off until January Amelia and Mr Griffen came to Dinner. Ellen Hamilton told me that Emily Street and Doctor Applewell are to be married very soon and that Doctor Applewell had satisfactorily explained to Mr Becher who He is and what He is Minnie Street expresses herself highly delighted with New Brunswick and that she goes to Balls and Concerts without number; the papers are full of the elections as Mr Canting is a Brewer Mr Leonard opposes him upon the temperance ticket, though it is said He is not at all averse to a Social Glass

8th very busy preparing for a tea party, which has gone off very well Mrs Cronyn and the two Misses Cronyn, the two Misses Blake Sam Blake & Jenny Cronyn Mr Dunn Mr Des Voux Mr Griffen Amelia, Ellen Hamilton and Mr

and Mrs King were here they play.d games and appeard very happy
Mrs King remained all night the roads are so bad and the night
was so dark that she was afraid to go home
9th Rain — John not very well, Mr Griffen called. Mrs King
remained all day, Mr King came for her just before dark —
she appears very nice and amiable and yet I do not like her quite
as well as I did, she has a glassy staring eye that rather wearies
one
10th light Snow Ellen Hamilton and Teresa went walking John
went to the Wilsons to tea, I wrote to Helen
11th I am not very well, Edward heard from Edward Blake
that Mr Portman has won his Chancery suit, we are all so
glad as Mr Portman acted upon Edwards advice in refusing
the Land which Mr Mc Donald and Mr Heward tried to force
upon him for more than double its value — Amelia
and Mr Griffen called Amelia has given up her visit to
Quebec as she is not strong enough to travel all night which
she would have to do
12th Morning beautiful Mr Becher called the Jews hunt and dis-
— appointed that He was not chosen to represent London Amelia
called Thermometer at 7 A M 6 — at 3 P M 30 —
13th John, George, Teresa and myself went to Church the day very
fine I felt very unwell in Church John went to Mrs Bills to tea
Amelia and Mr Griffen called but would not stay to tea I wrote to
Eliza — Thermometer at 7 A M 6
14 Amelia and Mr Becher came to luncheon Mr Griffen much to his surprise
Received a notification from the Gore Bank that he owed them £470
with two years interest Mr Griffen says he has paid the whole
amount which he owed the Bank he has proved satisfactorily
that all has been paid except £170 and unless Mr Street will be
guilty of doing one dishonest action, Mr Griffen may have to pay
this amount over again Mr Griffen has written to Mr Street on
the Subject — Mr Street is anxious to return to London and there
are people here who are endeavouring to smooth the way — He is
an unfeeling dishonest Man — Ellen Hamilton came to Dinner
and a Mr Harris who is a friend of Georges came in to tea the Thermometer
at 7 A M 36 — at 3 P M 49
15th dull and Cloudy Wind Easterly Amelia called — Hughes Wilson
was shot with a Revolver and badly wounded in the head last night —
It took place in a Brawl in a Brothel — his recovery it is said is
doubtful poor Miserable Boy — how wretched his poor Father must
feel Thermometer at 7 A M 26 at 9 P M 32.

16th the day beautiful went to the Wilsons with John. Hughes very dangerously wounded. was in convulsion all night— on our return as we passed the House where he was shot, we traced the blood for some distance as we came over the Rail Road Bridge the three other men who were wounded came into the Town by that Bridge the English Mail came in I had no letters there was one to Amelia from Mary, John Teresa & I had letters from Mr Portman and Helen they write so cheerfully from New Orleans Mr Portman says he shall come to St Louis ~~early~~ early in January and purchase a farm Lord Portman tells him to dread for another Flood Ld. Portman is so very kind to them Ellen Hamilton came to dinner Verny went to the Wilson to sit up with Hughes but were not wanted as others were there, they returned to tea we played Whist— Thermometer at 7. AM 24 at 9 PM 30

17th this is the first day of the City Election Mr Conling is far a head another most shocking event took place last night. Miss Maggy McFarlane drowned herself the poor girl has been a long time engaged to Mr Garret an Engineer on the Port Stanley Rail Road and yesterday she received a letter from him breaking off the engagement stating that he was too poor to marry having only one Hundred and twenty pounds a year the poor girl could not bear up against the disappointment she left a note for her Aunt Mrs Hamilton telling her what she intended doing at 5 oclock they called her to dinner she says she would come directly, after waiting some time they heard her go out at the front door and thought no more of it for some time when the family became uneasy about her and Mr Hamilton went to Mr Atkins and several other houses to see if she was there in the meantime the note she had left was found and people were searching for her all night, early this morning George Goodhue and young Givens who had been sitting up with Hughes Wilson were walking on the Bank opposite the Wilsons House when they saw a woman in the River by the side of a log they got a Boat and brought to the Body of poor Maggy McFarlane to the shore, an inquest was held to day, and Mr Garrets letters were read, they are said to have been open and manly and have caused no reflection upon Mr Garret— Mrs Hamilton of course is in great distress— Amelia called. Mrs Becher drove me to the Wilsons Hughes no better— had convulsions all last night, Doctor Anderson says he cannot live Mr Becher called for a very few minutes

Ellen Hamilton called

18th Ill natured people circulated a report that Maggy McFarlane was in the family way which caused her to destroy herself

Mr Hamilton invited upon a Medical Examination to prove her innocence
She was buried to day poor Girl Mr Garret arrived in time to attend her
Funeral She was almost Mad and wept bitterly at her grave he wished to see
her but Mr Hamilton and his freinds would not permit it as she was
much swollen and changed I think they were wrong Edward was one of
her pall Bearers — the Inquest brought in a verdict of temporary
insanity which every body approved of as it is the General belief that She
was deranged when she committed the rash act — Fanny Buchan came
in to spend the day but was sent for before dinner, Hughes Wilson
died at 5 oclock this afternoon without ever having recovered concious-
ness for a moment — Mr Des Voeux called and sat for an hour
19th the first news this Morning was that poor Maggy McFarlanes grave
had been violated the Sexton going to the Cemetry early saw that her grave
had been disturbed and on going up to it He found the Coffin open and
the Body drawn half out of it, the first idea was that the act had been
done by Mr Garret in a fit of frenzy but it was found that Mr Garret
had gone with his Brother to Hamilton yesterday immediately after
the Funeral and no doubt remained but that it was Body snatchers
who had intended to take the Body away by the midnight train but
between 11 & 12 oclock there was a cry of fire near the Cemetry and
an immense number of people running about in that vicinity which
had disturbed the Body Snatchers and they had made their escape
without the Body this last act rent a chill to every heart Mr Hamilton
offers a reward of £25 for the discovery of the parties who violated the
grave. people think He ought to have offered at the least £100 —
Teresa and I went over to the Wilsons poor Mr Wilson looks wretched
and Lucy also has Grief in her face Mrs Wilson is one of those that the
Surface is easily disturbed but the water is too Shoal to hide a deep Grief
an Inquest was held upon Hughes to day Mr Wilson at first objected but
the Coroner (Doctor Moore) insisted upon it. Mr Wilson then named the jury
men John was one, on examining Hughes, head the Ball had gone through
the Skull an lodged in the Brain, the jury are to sit all next week and
examine evidence regarding the Murder — Amelia called and Ellen
Hamilton sat for an hour Teresa wrote to Helen
20th George Teresa and I went to Church Amelia returned with us for
dinner Mr Griffen here they would not stay to dinner. John. Edward
and George went to Hughes Wilsons Funeral, it being Sunday all the
idle people about the Town attended — I wrote to Mary John wrote
to Cat & Wellesley Mr Griffen and Amelia came to tea
21st Teresa and I went up and spent the day with Amelia her house
looks so neat and comfortable. John was all day upon a Coroners inquest
enquiring into the Murder of Hughes Wilson. a verdict of Wilful

Murder was found against— Hardy a Butcher who has made his escape to the States

22nd Mr Carling has been returned Member for London by a Majority of 560 Mr Spence has lost his Election it is said He is going to run for East Middlesex Amelia came to Luncheon

23d Mr Wilson & Mr Griffin came to Luncheon Ellen Hamilton came in the evening, We had letters from Helen & Sarah, I wrote to Helen

24th Mr Wilson came to Luncheon He gave Teresa a Gold dollar as a Christmas Box and gave four Gold Dollars to George as a Christmas Box Mr Beckett and Mr King came to Luncheon, Ellen Hamilton came in the Evening and assisted in hanging the pictures the Drawing Room looks so nice with the new paper and the pictures Dr Cronyn arrived yesterday He is to preach to morrow

25 I was not very well and did not go to Church John & Teresa went His Lordship the Bishop of Huron preached his first Sermon in his Diocese since his consecration He alluded to the melancholy events of last week (the death of Hughes Wilson & Miss McFarlane) He spoke feelingly and unsparingly. his Sermon was generally approved of— Mr Beckett Amelia and Ellen Hamilton ~~called~~ and Mrs King called after Church in the afternoon John Edward & George went Skating with John Ellis and George Moore— Mr Griffin Amelia, Ellen Hamilton & Mr Dr Vaux Mr Brock & Mr Douglas dined here Mr Dr Vaux was rather tipsy He had been drinking before He came here, after dinner we played round games, Whist, and Cribbage

26th a heavy fall of snow last night but to day is bright and beautiful Cronyn called to borrow Mr Griffin's high Edward Blake came up last evening and intends remaining until after his Marriage on the 6th Teresa and Ellen Hamilton went to the Griffin's to dinner

27th George and I went to Church, the English Mail came in I had a letter from Mary and from Eliza, they are well and happy, Shuldham wants me to go to England and offers to pay my passage— not to be thought of at present— Edward went to St Thomas with Mr Hawkings from to Toronto & did not return until late at night— Edward Blake came after Church to see John and remained to tea— I wrote to Sarah Teresa wrote to Capt Knight to congratulate him upon the birth of his Son— how sad those congratulations sound to me— where is my poor Chase and her Babies—

28th John, Teresa and Mr Griffin have gone to Toronto, John on business Teresa to get a dress made— Amelia came to spend the evening She is not well— Ellen Hamilton came to Tea— Edward is not very well but keeps

at work

29th Beautiful weather Mr King came to Luncheon, the Misses Blake and the Misses Cronyn called Margaret was paying her farewell visits before her marriage Amelia came to dinner the sad night again, this day Mr Talbot the Edetor of the Prototype was elected Member for West Middlesex the an Irish man with no property or interest in the Country and only four years a resident He must have Talent and a good deal of assurance which suits him or rather carries his day of voters — His opponent was Mr Blackburn the Edetor of the Free Press, a clean Spirit and equally penny less. Mr Talbot is moderately conservative and decidedly the best of the two but how strange a thing is popularity here is Mr Becher more than 20 years a resident in London a man of Talent wealth and integrity and Character unimpeachable He could not even get a Nomination

30th Got a Telegraph from Sophia, want Teresa to remain, later in the day got a letter from to the same effect, it came too late to answer, Telegraphed to Sophia that I would rather Teresa came home but left it to John to decide — We got a letter from Mr Portman who is in treaty for a Cotton Plantation, price 65 thousand dollars there are 40 negroes with the Plantation House for proprietor and Houses for Slaves Good Machinery, 700 Acres of Land 600 in Cotton Mr Portman wants to draw 15,000 Dollars of his Money from his investments here to make the first payment. He thinks the prodace of the plantation will make the second payment. queery = Mr Wilson came to luncheon. Ellen Hamilton came for a couple of Hours in the afternoon, John and Teresa came home at 7 P.M. very tired Teresa felt much disappointed in not remaining in Toronto and wishes to return on Monday. She has my leave to go. the weather is very warm and it is raining

31st the weather very mild and mooring — I wrote to Helen. Mrs Goodhue called. John and I dined with the Griffens The Bishop of Huron and Mrs Cronyn were there Mrs Wickstead from Toronto is staying with the Griffens she seems a very nice person but decidedly has no beauty, Edward came to tea. Ellen Hamilton came here to tea with Teresa — It is reported that Mr Street has got a Situation on the Milwaukee Rail Road with a Salary of 3000 Dollors a year — Mr Bryders and Mr Bethers interest in the Rail Road have procured it for him Strange that a man notoriously dishonest and one that cannot return to this Country for fear of the Penetentiary should get a Situation in a Country where he can have no claims in preference to many to many applicants who have. The engagement between Emily Street and Doctor Applegarth is said to be off Emily says she does not like him — and thus ends 1857 in looking upon the last year a year of unparralled commercial distress, how much have I to be thankful for, to me the year has been marked by no misfortunes, Johns Health is vastly improved, Edward is devoted to his business, Georges conduct has met with the approbation and praise of Mr Wilson

Teresa is a good girl, and my Married Daughters are all well and prosperous and my own health is good. and the Professional ~~Standing~~ of my Sons is very good and ~~and the increase~~ business on the increase — Oh God make me truly thankful for all thy Mercies

1858 Jany 1st The Morning beautiful, the Bells were ringing and the Band playing through the Streets immediately after 12 oclock — we have had only 12 visitors this New years day — George Moncel & Benjn Cronyn — Verney Cronyn — Mr King & Mr Brooke — The Lord Bishop, The Revd Mr Reid. Mr Lawrason and Mr Des. Rouse — Doctor Brown — Mr & Mrs Kent & Mr Anthony — Mr Griffen Amelia and Mrs Wickstead and Ellen Hamilton came to tea John took tea at the Wilsons — Mr Strut has not yet got a situation and Mr Blackburn the Editor of the Free press has not run away

2nd received a letter from Mr Portman and Helen they do not purchase the Plantation they were in treaty for. Mr Portman intends returning to St Louis in a few days and says He will purchase there Helen wants a lock of Teresa's hair to make a necklace I sent her a lock of mine to make a Bracelet, they make beautiful ones in New Orleans Amelia and Mrs Wickstead called. St John. Edward. George and Teresa all went to the Kings to Dinner they did not return until 12 oclock the Dinner very nice and very body very agreable the Griffens and Mrs Wickstead dined there also Ellen Hamilton came up in the evening and Mr Des Rouse, the weather moderately cold

3rd St John, George and myself went to Church I received to the Sacrament, Mr Reid preached. no one here to day — St John not very well. I wrote to Eliza

4th Amelia called there after seeing Mrs Wickstead off in the Train she went home and then returned again to tea Ellen Hamilton came to tea also Edward Blake called He had just returned from Dr — Connors Election who was the successful candidate by a Majority of one the Election is to be contested Teresa had a letter from Sophia who wants her to go to Toronto — the weather very mild only freezing —

5th Edward Blake and Verney from ~~Cronyn~~ called Edward Blake sat all the Morning with us and returned here to dinner late in the evening Mr Wells came By the train He remains with us until after the Wedding and is to be best man or rather Grooms Man

6th Edward Blake came to Breakfast and remained until it was time to dress for the Ceremony I think He was glad to get away from the Cronyns, out of all the fuss and

Conqueror of preparation, I received a letter from Mary who spoke with pleasure of a Camp Ball given at Aldershott given by the different Militia Regiments stationed there— Lord Downshire took her in to tea and Lady Downshire invited her and Sheldon to Earlshamstead to remain from the 24th to the 30th and to go with them to Reading to a Steeple Chase and Ball— at half past Eleven we went to St Pauls Church. there was a great number of people in the Galleries and Church to witness the Ceremony The Bride came in with her Uncle Tom Cronyn. She looked very pretty although she is thought plain. She was Beautifully dressed in a Rich white Silk Made with double Skirts the waist trimmed with Lace and a close fitting lace cape, a Tulle Veil with a pretty wreath of white roses and Orange Blossoms and a very pretty Bouquet completed her costume— one of the Brides Maids Rebecca Cronyn wore a light Blue Silk dress with a white Opera Cloak & wreath and Veil— the two Misses Blake wore coloured dresses with Opera Cloaks wreaths and Veils. Edward joined his Bride at the Altar and the Bride went through the Ceremony and received the congratulations of her friends with her usual quiet manner and without any apparent emotion— a large party of about 40 went to the Breakfast which was exceedingly good and nice in all its arrangements. I was introduced to the Chancellor Blake for the first time and like him very much He is almost as young looking as his Son, The young Married people left for Hamilton by the 2 o'clock Train— Amelia and Mr Griffin came home with us and remained to a Tea dinner Ellen Hamilton Sam Blake and Percy called— Mr Wells spoke to Teresa about Edward Blakes former attachment to Helen and said He was so fond of her though to him He never told his love— just before dinner John had a faint turn which continued for more than a quarter of an hour & without any apparent cause this is the third or fourth turn of the kind He has had since He came from England I cannot tell what causes them, but they distress me beyond measure for they are so like the faint turns his Father had during his last illness. May God in his Mercy spare my Son

9th a heavy rain & storm. the weather very Mild. John appears very well this morning but He has such an unhealthy look to me Mr Wells dined out and I finished my Corset Amelia was expected to dinner but did not come

8 Teresa and Mr Wells went to the Griffins and lunched with Amelia Mrs Lawrason and Mrs Evans called Amelia

came to dinner and Mr Griffen returned from Bradford and came here just as we had done dinner John & Teresa went to the Cronyns to call on the Chancellor Blake and Mrs Blake. I went to bed very tired—Teresa, Dr Sparrow from Toronto—

9th Mr & Mrs Blake called the Blake family left for Toronto at 2 o'clock Mr Wells left also. we were all very dull.

10th John. Edward Teresa and my self went to Church Mr Cronyn preached the weather became very Mild & the air excessively oppressive and affected me so much that I was unable to keep awake for some time and then I became quite ill after the Rain began to fall I left Church John went to the Willsons but returned in time for tea the Griffens came to the Church door and found they were so late that they were ashamed to come in, and came here and sat for an hour but left before we came from Church—I finished my letter to Mary

11th heavy rain all night and very warm this morning the Thermometer 50 in the shade at 11 A.M. Mr King came to Luncheon, John Mr King and Mr Brooke left for Toronto at 2 P.M. Amelia called and Ellen Hamilton came to dinner

12th the English Mail came in letters to John from Mary Ld Portman and Mr Des Voeux. Mr Des Voeux wants John to invest Money for him. there is a letter from Mr Portman to John He wants 20.000 dollars immediately to make a first payment for a cotton plantation in the State of Mississippi the plantation contains 700 Acres has 70 Negroes on it and costs 70.000 dollars I sincerely hope He may not ruin himself I hate Slavery and would have nothing to do with Slaves—Mrs Becher called and Mrs William Lawrason

13th Weather very warm and more like the Commencement of April than January. and it is a great mercy to poor people this Winter when labour and money are so difficult to be obtained. not a soul here all day. Amelia came in to dinner Mr Griffen had a letter from Mr McInnes who wrote in very bad spirits his partner Mr Norman has nearly ruined him by speculating in American Stocks. He has dissolved partnership and is returning to Canada to try and make another fortune I sincerely hope He may succeed for I believe him to be energetic industrious and worthy. no word from John to day—Amelia had a letter from Eliza by this Mail, they were all well—

14th The morning beautiful I opened the windows and front door it was like a morning in April. Edward got a letter from Mr Portman and Ellen they seem quite decided upon buying a Cotton plantation near Col Hamptons I hope

they may not ruin themselves but 70.000 dollars is a large sum to invest in Negroes and 700 Acres of Land to say nothing of the sin of owning Slaves – Teresa and Ellen Hamilton walked the round by Broughs Bridge and Black Forests and came home very tired with their feet but Ellen staid to dinner John came home from Toronto he thinks Col Wellesleys Money is safe at present in Mr Camerons hands it is whispered in Toronto that John Hillard Camerons affairs have not been conducted as honourably as his freinds could wish a Lawyer has been sent out from England to look after the interest of those people in England who had placed money in his hands. John dined with the Blakes and likes them in their own house, He said Mr Gladstone who gave a good report of his Daughters in England

15th a very dull heavy Day and rain to night – Mr Griffen called to day and was so nice and agreeable – old Kitty came in and is in great distress they are sued for £31 any other year they would have had no difficulty in raising the money, but this year money is obtained with great difficulty – all at Eldon Ven invited to the Hamiltons this evening but George is the only one who has gone – the News from India is good. Lucknow is relieved

16 The morning warm with rain at night freezing and appearance of snow Mr & Mrs King came to Luncheon Mrs King remained until evening Amelia and Mr Griffen called John and Edward went there to dinner Ellen Hamilton called and told us there was a rumour that her Father was to be sent to Quebec to take charge of the U.C. Bench Bank there I should be sorry if Ellen left London but it would be much pleasanter for her at Quebec as London must be very dull at present for young people old Kitty came again about their being sued I tried to get the Money for her from Mr King He is to let me know on Monday – I read Benvenuto Cellini – and then George & I played Cribbage

17th John, George, Teresa & I went to Church Mr Des Voeux returned with us to dinner Teresa went to the Griffens to dinner Amelia not well. cold & stiff neck – Verney came to tea Mr Des Voeux spoke to me about his love for Sophia Mathews He says she is very proud and that He likes her the better for it. a lover can see no faults even if there were many – She is young not 17 and Mr Des Voeux fears that she is consumptive – It is their present arrangement to be married next September

18th John wrote to Ld Portman and Col Wellesley

18th Teresa went to the Griffens. I wrote to Helen Mr Wilson came

to Luncheon, Kitty's husband came in again to try and get money to stop the execution against them, Mr King would not let them have any money John bought their not and gave them 64 Dollars for it He paid ~~that~~ money to Mr Frank the Man that he owes who has taken his note for the Balance and gives him a year to pay it in the poor Man went home very happy and thankful— Ellen Hamilton came to dinner— Mr Griffen Amelia and Mr Vanvittant came to tea we played Whist— It is supposed that Mr Vanvittant is here on a Government Mission to endeavour to broke either Mr Talbot or Mr Canning to vacate their Seat in the House in favour of Mr Spence

19th The morning beautiful, Mr Wilson called Here in hopes of selling Teresa's Horse to Mr Dunn, He says the reason Malcolm Cameron does not join the Ministry and take Office as Post Master General is that He would have to go back to his constituents and that He thinks He would not be reelected— Mr Vanvittant and Mr King came to Luncheon Mr Becher came in late Mr King bought Teresa's Horse gave her £20 for it Mr Vanvittant is trying to get a Secretaryship to a Rail Road Commission I hope He may succeed as He will be poor when his Aunt Mrs Coates dies Mr Becher came out Strong against Mr Street and thinks him nearly as great a villain as we do I think his conscience reproached him a little for the way He spoke to me about Mr Street Mr Becher expects to lose about £1500 by him Amelia came down in the evening

20th No letters to day by the English Mail, I wrote to Sarah Mrs King and Mr Brooke came to Luncheon— Teresa returned with Mrs King and stays all night at their place, John spent the evening at the Wilsons

21st Clear and slight frost— Amelia and Mr Griffen came to Luncheon Teresa returned from the Kings after I had gone to bed her Brothers were up, George dined with the Griffens Teresa intends turning her Horse into a Bracelet & Brooch. and get Capt Knight to buy them in London, England—

22nd for the first time in my life I went to Market with Amelia She came home to Luncheon we found Mrs Cronyn here— on my way from the Market we called at Mr Griffens and John & Edward's Office— I am to go to the Market again to morrow with Amelia and Mrs Cronyn— George and Ellen Hamilton went to the Griffen's to dinner

23d went to Market again to day with Mrs Cronyn and Amelia, the day beautiful, no one here to day

24th John, George, Teresa and my self went to Church

24 Amelia and Mr Griffin were there Amelia had a letter from Helen, they have not yet concluded the purchase of the Cotton Plantation— Mr Mitcheson and Mr Brooke called— John went to Mrs William Lawrasons Edward went to the Griffins Ellen Hamilton came to tea I wrote to Eliza John returned in time to write to Mr Des Voeux in England as the letter was on business John sent for Mr Des Voeux to read what he had written
25 the day like a May day— Mr Des Voeux came to Luncheon He thought John asked too much for investing money for his Mother (2 per Cent) Amelia came to Dinner She was ill with a bad cold. Ellen Hamilton came to dinner. We played Whist. Thermometer 50, raining
26th heavy rain all night. very warm. Rosa went to the Griffins Amelia much better— Mr Wilson and Mr King came to luncheon the English Mail came in letters from Sarah and Mary and one letter in French from my little Grand daughter Mary Dalzell very nicely written, Mary is very gay going to Balls and parties Ld Devonshires family pay her great attention I wrote to my Mother Edward
27th the first Synod called by the Bishop of Huron ~~met~~ to day the Rector is not yet to be appointed. Mrs Aiken came here after Church and spent the day Amelia came to dinner She is not looking well Mrs Beckett called and took her parcel to the dress makers She was looking very well indeed John Edward and George went to the Church Meeting in the Evening The Bishop spoke well and showed that He had a clear head Mr Beckett and Wilson spoke well also. John received a letter from Mr Boultbee.
28 the weather beautiful with a light frost I went to Market and met Mr Glazebrook He is staying with the Becketts and is very busy about the Grand Trunk He says his daughters are very happy in England and remarked upon the Business look about St Johns Office. I wrote to Mr Vanderhoof about getting my Portrait painted for Mary— every body are so sorry to hear of the death of General Havelock— Lucy Wilson called She goes to Toronto on Saturday with her Mother to spend some time with the Blakes Mrs Wilson goes to the Revd Mr Broughs for a week I asked Lucy what she would like me to give her as a Wedding present She says a Blue velvet dress— Ellen Hamilton and Charley Street called, Amelia came to dinner Mr Griffin is to be at home on Saturday Amelia looks ill and out of Spirits
29th Mr Glazebrook called before leaving for Toronto He think John A. Cameron's conduct has not been Honorable

his affairs are in a very bad state— Amelia wrote to Teresa asking her to go to Toronto to a Ball at Government House Teresa was charmed with the idea, Ellen Hamilton came and assisted Teresa in making Cake— the Americans in New York when they heard of Generał Havelocks death lowered their flags to half mast and toll'd the Bells— John went to the Wilsons

30th George left at 7 A.M. for Toronto to keep Term He looks upon it as a fortnights holiday Teresa sent to Mrs Lyons to make a White Silk Waist for her Lace dress to wear at the Governors Ball John & Teresa got their invitations from Col Irvine this morning— Mr Anderson has comitted a forgery by signing his Fathers name to Notes and getting them Cashed at the Montreal Bank to the amount of 10,000 £ which the Bank will lose it is said that he has ruined his poor Father who signed notes to raise money to buy wheat but his Son kept the money and has bought no wheat and has now made his escape with a large Sum of money, Wrote to Helen a change of weather it is very cold

31st I am not well have got a very bad cold, the English Mail came in this morning had letters from Sarah, Mary, and Elinor, John had a letter from Mr Desbeaute who writes him to draw for £1500 and invest it for him- the house seems dull without George who is always waiting with Edward when here, the Griffen's came down to tea. I wrote to Mary. John went to Tea with Mrs & Mr Lawrason

February 1st My Cold is a little better but I feel ill, Teresa in great excitement cannot get a sewing Girl to let down her dresses she has grown so much that they are all too short I undertook to make her Lace Skirt and Ellen Hamilton assisted in lengthening the Skirts of her other dresses, Teresa had a letter from Sophia who says the Ball at Government house is to be a very grand affair invitations have been sent to the Military at Quebec, Montreal and Kingston the young Ladies are requested to dress in white. George is staying with the Ryersons who have asked the Griffens to stay there also until after the Ball- of the Indian Chief. General Inglass's description of the defence of Lucknow has created a great sensation it is a simple relation of facts that comes home to every heart— Mr King came to Luncheon and paid Teresa for her Horse, and is going to remit the Money for her to Capt Knight to buy her a Broach and Bracelet

Ellen Hamilton at dinner and tea. Amelia came to tell Teresa that if she wore any finery He would not take her to the Ball Teresa was greatly disgusted that He should think such a threat necessary as of course we wish to dress her as well and in as good taste as we can

2.d a wet mawky day, not very well. Ellen Hamilton came and assisted Teresa to finish her dresses and pack trunks & she is a kind good little Girl. We dined early. Amelia called and had tea. We played whist in the evening

3.d The day beautiful clear and cold. Teresa left for Toronto in a great state of excitement. She could not eat any dinner. this will be her first public Ball dear Girl she is entering a world of cares and crosses. I think I must be Bilious to day for I feel so low spirited at parting with her much more so than the occasion requires I have parted with seven daughters and shall feel alone indeed when the eighth is gone- John. Edward and Ellen Hamilton went to the Station with Teresa

4.th the day beautiful. I had a letter from my Brother Edward. I was very busy all day and consequently not so very lonely. Ellen Hamilton came to tea and we played whist

5.th the morning gloomy. no letters.

6.th wrote to my Brother Edward. Ellen Hamilton came and sat with me until noon dinner. My Brother George came on a visit He had not been here for more than three years. He thought that I looked old and very much changed & thought the same of him. I felt very glad to see him. Amelia returned from Toronto. the Ball at Government House went off very well. but the rooms were very crowded Lady Head was very particular in her enquiries about Mr Des Veaux, matrimonial engagement. Amelia thought it would have been more dignified if the first Lady in the Country had cared less for Gossip. She sent for Amelia three times to question her on the Subject- George and Teresa were at the Ball. I have not yet heard Teresa's report of it. Rev Mr Innis came up and dined with the Griffens. We hope to get over all his money difficulties in two years. He dined with the Bagnals in London. Sir Allan is much better Lady Bury is in the family way and is not allowed to move off the Sofa as she has had two or three Miscarriages and they are very anxious to have an Heir John dined with the Griffens

7.th John. Edward and I went to Church the Bishop preached John and Myself stayed to the Sacrament. Amelia and Mr Griffin came to tea My Brother went to the Baptist

Church. John went to the Wilsons in the evening, neither Johnson
I wrote any English letters by this mail
8th My Brother left us this morning at 7 oclock, Mr Wilson came to
Dinner Ellen Hamilton came to tea. I had a letter from Teresa
only told me what Amelia had told me about the Ball. Edward
Blake came in in the evening He has come to attend the first
Chancery Court that has been held in London all Chancery
Business hitherto has been done in Toronto Judge Eston has come
up to hold his Court here Mr Blake looks very much improved
in health since his marriage
9th Edward Blake came in early to see John and Edward upon
business — we had a heavy fall of snow last night but the
weather is very mild — I wrote to Teresa and received a letter
from Mr Vandersforde He wishes me to send my Photograph
to have my picture painted from for Mary as He will not visit
Canada until Spring — to day Mr McInnis leaves Hamilton for
New York. He has taken a Bottle of Graphs to forward to Earl
Spencer — I promised Ld Althorpe that I would send them — the
English Mail came in at 2 oclock I had a letter from Mary
No news Amelia came to Luncheon and Mr King. Mr King got
English letters and received the following intelligence that
his wifes Father had gone up to London to claim £70,000 which
He is in great hopes of getting in default of his making his claim
clear it goes to government The Griffins have asked John, Edward
and my self to dinner this evening, we go — dined at the Griffins
10th very cold the Thermometer 12 above Zero Edward Blake came to
Luncheon, Edward Harris and Edward Blake dine with the Griffins
Ellen Hamilton came to Tea — very cold Thermometer 1 below
11th very cold Thermometer at 9 A.M. 9 below Zero no letters from Helen
Mr & Mrs Griffin, Mr King and Mr Blake came to Luncheon Mr King and
Ellen Hamilton called. Edward Blake came to dinner
12th 5 below & at 7 A.M. but very warm during the day, Ellen Hamilton
called. had a letter from Teresa, wants money to buy a wreath, she
seems very happy, and enjoys her first introduction into the
world — I wrote to Teresa and sent her money — Mr & Mrs King
and Mr & Mrs Griffin dined here and then went to see some
Amateur Theatricals got up by the employes, of the Great
Western. full house but performance not very good the Kings
stayed here all night
13th The Kings dine with the Griffins to day the weather
very disagreable and a very heavy snow storm, Ellen
Hamilton called. She says Ned Blake told Mrs Wilson

that she was to be married to John. I acquit John of any intention of the kind

14th there is such a heavy fall of Snow that the Kings could not get home last night but slept at the Griffens. we had four letters from the Portmans I am sorry to say that Mr Portman appears determined to buy the Cotton plantation He was in treaty for, and I very much fear he will in a few years find himself involved and ruined. He hopes now to get the Plantation for 80.000 dollars and finds the plantation without a House and destitute of supplies which will involve an immediate outlay and he in total ignorance of how any thing is to be done- I wrote to Sarah and little Mary Dalrell and sent her a Gold dollar and wrote to Elisa Amelia came in after dinner Ellen Hamilton came to tea John went to the Wilsons He does not much like the report about him and Ellen Hamilton

15th the day beautiful and not very cold- Becher came to Luncheon He spoke of the Dinner parties in Toronto being sumptuous, particularly with the Rail Road Contractors. Mr Gzowski and Mr Pearson- Ellen Hamilton called- Amelia came to tea John was out until 10 P.M.

16th Snow- and very cold- Mr Becher came to Luncheon- we dined at 7 expecting George. He did not come until eight. and much to our Surprise, and pleasure Teresa came with him. both George and Teresa are improved by their visit to Toronto. Teresa has taken more exercise and consequently has a better colour Mr Des Voux came up with them. and was found in the Rain by Mr Griffen about Mr Dougal Mr Innis having cut him out with Miss Mathews. she went to the Theatre and drove out with Mr McInnis during Mr Des Voux's absence. as soon as Mr Des Voux arrived He called on Miss Mathews and broke his engagement with her and then came home and spent the evening. He said when he came in that his engagement was off for ever. but I did not understand him or I should have taken the liberty of telling him how wrong and foolish he was to mind such thoughtless chaffing

17th Ash Wednesday. I did not go to church. Amelia and Ellen Hamilton came here Amelia staid to Luncheon. she is not well I was in hopes that her household cares which compel exertion both of mind and Body. would benefit her health and she has been better since she has been in her own house but she seems giving way again and I feel anxious about her Mr Des Voux called- I did not speak of Miss Mathews. but John told me in the evening that Mr Des Voux began to doubt

whether He had done what is right— by to morrow He will be heartily sorry for what He has done, but it may be too late— as they have already had several lovers quarrels— I should think Mr McInnes would be in duty bound to propose for her — Mr Wilson blue George it for before all the Students for having over staid his time two days. George felt very much hurt He has been in Mr Wilsons Office 4 years and nearly 4 Months and during that time has never been absent one week, taking 4 days into count— Ellen Hamilton came to Dinner. we play'd Whist— John heard from Mr Portman of the safe arrival of the Draft on New York for 5000 ℔s. Mr Becher called and left a Message for John about some suit with Mr— Griffen

18th Snow and Stormy. Mr Hamilton called to look at Gas Lamps. we asked Miss Haycock and Mr Des Voux to Tea Miss Haycock is very pretty and very young only 15 ✕ She has a very soft voice and nice Manner and beautiful light brown hair. she is much the prettiest Girl that I know in London they play'd Bezique— the English Mail came in John had a letter from Col Wellesley and Teresa had one from Helen G Zowski from Helens letter I should think she had improved

19th to day I compleat my 60th year Oh God make me truly thankfull for all thy Mercies— Mrs Plumtree came in this Morning to tell us that Mr Des Voux intended leaving Johns Office and going to Toronto to Study— Mr Des Voux came in a few Minutes after Mr Plumtree left to speak to John on the Subject. John of course had no objection to transfer his Articles to any one that He wished to study with but He must change very much for the better in many ways if He ever does much for himself— his engagement is quite off with Miss Mathews, not to come on again He says— He is kind hearted and clever enough but sadly in want of common Sense and easily influenced by others, for short intervals either for Good or evil. Toronto is a bad place for him. He staid to Luncheon. his Brother most probably will disapprove of the whole business as He approved of his engagement— Mr Kirk came to Luncheon. Mr Becher called after Luncheon He took Some Soda as He was not well Amelia called she was not very well I left ill in the evening— all the papers are full of the Marriage of the Princess Royal —

20th Received a letter from Helen mentioning the death of Col Wade Hampton Senior Mr Portman feels his death very much as they were great friends I hope his death may prevent Mr Portmans purchasing one of his greatest inducements to purchase was to be near the Hamptons Mr Des Voux came and he was good

Bye but was too late for the Train. Mrs King and Mrs Whitehead called. Miss Haycock called and went with Teresa to see Amelia. I wrote to Helen. Ellen Hamilton came to tea

21st I am not at all well did not go to Church. I wrote to Mary and Earl Spencer Mr Des Voeux came to dinner he goes to Toronto to morrow Mr Griffen and Amelia called. Mr Hutcheson Gazetted District Attorney John took tea with the Wilsons

22. Mr Des Voeux called to say good bye. He is gone — Miss Haycock called Teresa Miss Haycock. Mrs and Miss Wilson. dined with the Griffens. Mr Wilson Edward. George. Dougall Mr Innis and Ellen Hamilton went in the evening Mr Mack and Penny Cronyn were there. John was not very well and declined going we talked until 12 oclock

23d English Mail came in had letters from Sarah. Mary J Eliza and John had a letter from Ld Portman, and Mr Bennett returned the Debentures which John had purchased for him and wishes him to sell them as he wants to raise Money to purchase his Majority. John can dispose of them at once. Mary sent me a pocket handkerchief one of 2 dozen which Lord Doonshire had made her a present of. She is ailing and not been well since John left England. Amelia called and staid to Luncheon

24th Miss Haycock left London this morning for Chippawa. Amelia called she was paying a round of visits — Teresa called upon Mrs Hargaron — Lucy Wilson called wanted some embroidery cotton — We played ~~Euchre~~ Cuera

25th Amelia Mr King and Mrs Wilson came to Luncheon — the Weather lovely. The House of Assembly met to day. Henry Smith. of Kingston chosen Speaker. He is a very coarse vulgar man — Mr Talbot M. P. for Middlesex got Mr Hutchison appointed District Attorney, it is reported that he threatened to join the opposition if the appointment was refused and now it is said that he is going to force big Jim Ferguson on the County as Registrar an illiterate vulgar Irishman. The Ministry will soon say of Mr Talbot as they did of Col Prince that they might buy him but he would not stay bought — We played ~~Euchre~~ Cuera

26th the Morning beautiful Amelia had a dinner party Capt. & Mrs Hargaron Mr & Mrs King and Mr McInnis. Teresa went there in the evening — We, John, Edward, George & Dougall played Cuera

27th Mr & Mrs Griffen and Mr McInnis came to Luncheon. we had Letters from Helen and Mr Portman they are coming home for the Summer, their buying the

Cotton plantation I think doubtful, as Dr Portman does not approve of it- the Pacific Hotel at St Louis has been burned 18 lives lost and many more people injured. it is said a murder was committed by a man belonging to the Hotel and that he set the Hotel on fire He has been arrested as well as the Landlord and one other suspected person we played Euchre- John and Jane always beaten-

28th the morning Revd. George and Teresa went to Church the Griffens and Mr & Mrs Macdonald came to tea, I wrote to Eliza

1858 Teresa wrote to Capt. Knight, John went to tea at the Mrs Kelly Amelia felt very much hurt at his going away Ellen

March 1st Hamilton called and brought a Cake for John

cold- Dr Lewaski in Town, no one called during the day, I wrote to Helen Teresa went to the Hamiltons to tea and we played Euchre, John & I won, luck has changed-

2nd very cold Teresa went to the Kings with Edward and the Griffens to dinner John got a Telegram from Dr Portman from New Orleans to say that he would not want his money (40,000$) and told John to reinvest

Ellen Hamilton came to tea- we played whist

3rd Mr Becher came to Luncheon, Amelia came to tea, we played Euchre John & I as usual lost we had a letter from Helen

4th very cold I wrote to Helen Knight and to my Brother Edward Amelia came to dinner we played Euchre John and I lost

5th Thermometer at 7 AM 15 below Zero- Mr Wilson called He sent me a present of 5 cords of wood. He is very kind- we played Euchre, I as usual lost

6th the Weather has moderated, I had a letter from my Brother Edward enclosing 60 £ the Rent of my Farm in Woodhouse Amelia came to Luncheon She had a letter from Mr Portman, who is very anxious to leave New Orleans, I shall be disappointed if they are not here by the first of April, Amelia went out Dining with Mrs W. Lawrason and they called here, I wrote to my Brother Edward

7 John Teresa and I went to Church, we remained to the Sacrament, in the evening John went to the Wilsons but did not stay to tea, I wrote to Sarah and to Capt. Knight

8th cold and Boisterous, no one here, the day very dull. we played Euchre, John & I won —

9th Amelia & Mr Griffen called, Mr King came to Luncheon the English Mail came in, had letters from Sarah Mary and Eliza Mary is not well has Bronchitis. We played Euchre, Ned & I beat

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March 10th received a letter from Helen they have not given up the idea of buying in the South near the Hamptons. Helen will come home in May Dr & Mrs King and Amelia came to Luncheon. Mr Griffin gone to day to Stratford ~~the~~ Post office is burnt and the Post Master and one child burnt in it— Teresa went with the Kings to call respo Mrs Redout. Amelia Stayd to dinner, we played Euchre, John and I beat— I wrote to Mary

11th gave William Judd a months notice to leave— for general misconduct He is out almost every night until long after every one is in bed and the door left open for him— gets up very late, that morning not until the Servants had breakfasted. and yet tuesday morning I told him when the laid in bed until nearly 8 o'clock ~~yesterday morning~~ that he must be up earlier— consequently this morning I told him He did not rise foolish lad he has got into bad company. and his promise of temperance has not lasted over a month— the day beautiful and bright. no one here we played Euchre John & I were well beaten— It looks absurd a Mother and three Sons playing Euchre every night for two hours, I suppose they think it amuses me, as I am dull not having eye sight to read or sew very much by candle light, and it is very kind of them

12th Lord Palmerston has been defeated ~~in~~ on the Bill for bringing to punishment any Refugee or other Conspirators, to commit murder in or out of great Britain. I thought the Bill both just and honorable but John Bull has taken offence at the threats of the French people in their address to Louis Napoleon, and will not be bullied into doing what their own good feeling would have prompted them to do. consequently Ld Palmerston has resigned and Lord Derby has formed a Ministry which are as follows

Premier Lord Derby— Chancellor of Exchequer Benj. Disraeli
Lord Chancellor Sir F. Thesiger— President of the Council Earl. Salisbury
Lord Privy Seal Earl Hardwick— Secretary home department Spencer Walpole
Sec. of Foreign affairs Earl Malmesbury— Sec for the Colonies Ld. Stanley
Minister of War General Peel— First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir J. Pakenham
P. M. General Ld. Salchester— President of the Board trade— Mr Henley
President of the Board of Control— Lord Ellenborough
President of the Board of public works Lord J. Manners—
Attorney General— Sir F. Kelly— Viceroy of Ireland Earl of Eglinton
Irish Chancellor Justice Blackburn— Chief secretary of Ireland. Ld. Naas
It is the general opinion that Lord Derby's reign will be short as Ld Palmerston is so very popular— Amelia came to dinner

15th. John has a letter from Mr Portman— his present intention is to purchase 150 Acres from Col Hampton and build a house at once I am very glad he is not going to buy more at present until he see how he will succeed in growing cotton. I shall

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March
13th be very much surprised if He does not come North to live in a few years
Mrs Ida came to Luncheon — We played Euchre John and I were
beaten
14th Rain. Teresa and George went to Church. We received a
letter from Helen. Mr Portman is very vexed with John
for writing to Lord Portman that He did not like Mr
Portman becoming a Slave owner and also for saying
anything about Walter's money. He wished his Father to
think that He invented it. Lord Portman is too good a man
of business not to know that Mr Portman must have some
one to look after his business when 3000 miles distant, John
answered Helen's letter immediately and repeated what He
had said to Lord Portman which could give offence to no
one — Mr Becher came to Luncheon, Teresa and Ellen Hamilton
went up to the Griffens but returned here to tea John went
to Ra to the Becher's Terry Cronyn came here to tea
15 heavy fog and rain, Edward got a letter from Henry
Mr McInnis came to Luncheon. returned and dined with
us and slept here. John went to the Station to meet the
Chief Justice, Sir John B. Robinson, who holds the Assizes
here which is to commence to morrow. Mr McInnis John
Edward & I played Euchre, they all cheated except myself
16th The Chief Justice called this morning. Mr Griffen came up
with Mr McInnis to Luncheon John and Edward dined
with Sir John B. Robinson, Ellen Hamilton came to tea
— The appointment of Lord Clanricarde as keeper of
the privy Seal, by Ld Palmerston was so unpopular
that it is looked upon as one cause of Ld. P. defeat
17th Capt and Mrs Hugessen called, they look like very nice people
I think we shall like them
17th a wet dreary day. Mr Carol from Hamilton called He
is a very old friend of the family whom I have not seen for
three or four years — the Ice has gone out of the River
the flood is very nearly as great as I have ever seen it
Amelia and Mr Griffen called —
18 the weather beautiful the water continues very high
Amelia and Mr Griffen called, Teresa went to the
Griffens to dinner — John and Edward not well — George
and I beat them at Euchre Mrs Wilson called
19th Mr King came to luncheon Mr Griffen. Amelia and Ellen
Hamilton called. - we played Euchre
20th Amelia came to luncheon Mr Becher came in to tea

March 1858

20th as the was going to dine with the Chief Justice, Sheriff Hamilton very dangerously ill (Bleeding at the Lungs)

21st Edward Blake called Mrs Blake and Edward have come up to be present at the installation of the Bishop which is to take place on Wednesday next. The Chief Justice called and went to Church with George and myself. He returned and lunched with us. He looks much older than when I last saw him four years ago the Chief Mr Wilson and the Griffens dined here Beckett did not come. our party went off very well – the wind to day blowing an undoubted equinoxial Gale

22d W.m Lawrason came very early to endeavour to raise money to lend to Mr Beatridge by to days mail. Mr Lawrason sold mortgages to John McFarlane, Lord D'Blacquieres embarrassments have prevented Mr Beatridge receiving the money he depended upon the English Mail came in – no letters from the Girls. I wrote to Eliza – Lord Stanley the Son of Ld. Derby is Colonial Secretary and not Ld. Stanley of Alderley – we have now as Colonial Secretary the cleverest young man in the British Parliament – this evening we have had a tea party. the Bishop of Huron, Mrs Cronyn Miss Cronyn very and Benny Cronyn, Mrs Wilson and Suey, Miss Blackmore Edward and Mrs Blake, Mr and Mrs Griffen and Mr McInnis = pretty heavy – it requires good material to make a party pleasant when there is neither Music dancing nor Cards

23d Mr Griffen and Mr McInnis came to Luncheon Amelia called Teresa went to the Griffens to dinner

24th I went to Church to witness the ceremony of Installing the Bishop of Huron. who after the ceremony gave us a very good Sermon – Mr Griffen Mr McInnis and Edward Blake came to Luncheon. Teresa dined at the Griffens Edward and George spent the evening there John and I spent the evening at the Bishops the Revd Mr and Mrs Evans from Demerara were there and several others. We had Music and Supper It was nearly 12 oclock when we returned

25th John Kay gone to Woodstock. Amelia called Mr Griffen and Mr McInnis Lunched here Mr McInnis returns to Hamilton to night – Mrs Wilson Suey = and Mr & Mrs Carrol came to tea we played Whist

26 I asked Mr & Mrs Evans to tea – they declined – Mrs Evans and Mrs Cronyn paid me a long visit – Amelia and Mr Griffen called – Sheriff Hamilton supposed to be dying –

27th Mrs W. Lawrason called to ask Teresa and John to dine there this evening – Amelia called and brought a letter

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27 from Helen. She wrote from Col Hamilton's Ld Portman has given Mr Portman leave to draw for another £500. Amelia and Mr Griffen called. John and Teresa went to Mrs Bell's to dinner Ellen Hamilton came to tea with me

28th Sir John Robinson called and went to Church with John Teresa and Edward— Edward Blake returned from Church with John, and he and John went to the Wilsons to an early dinner Sir John lunched there and went to the Bechers to dinner, John sent one year's interest over due on Nov. last to Capt Knight (£30) John wrote to Mr Dent's House in England. I wrote to Sarah— Mr McInnis came to tea

29th We were all invited to a Christening at the Bechers on Wednesday evening Sheriff Hamilton died last night— Mr McInnis came to Luncheon Teresa and I called at the Richardsons and at Doctor Browns, and then I went to the Griffens to dinner; John, Mr & Mrs W. Lawrason and Mr McInnis dined there also— We played Loo. and Mr McInnis as usual had the bad taste and bad manners to cheat, Mrs Wilson and Lucy called they are coming this week to spend a day with us, Ellen Hamilton came here to tea

30th The English mail came in Amelia had a letter from Mary Jane from Elsie— the house is in confusion we have a carpenter making alterations in the Griffens rooms and we have plasterers and white washers Mrs McBeth and two children called— Mr Wilson called

31st I went to Market and on my way home I got Garden Seed the weather is beautiful, Mrs King called, We all went to Mrs Bechers to the Christening, the Child called Alice, Ethel, Jane, the party went off very well, and the Supper very nice— 10 o'clock when we came home

~~April 1st~~ ~~Mr Wilson and Mr Becher came to Lunch~~

31st the Sheriff Hamilton buried to day, the Shops were closed during the procession, which was very large, as he was much respected, He took cold the night Maggie McFarlane drowned herself, He was all night searching for her, and her death preyed upon his mind during his last illness when a little delirious his thoughts were upon her, He would start and ask who saw her jump

April 1st Mr Wilson and Mr Becher came to Luncheon they were in great good humour, the count being over, all the family except myself went to Mrs W. Lawrasons to tea, Amelia and Mr Griffen came here to tea— the English mail came in, the Persia makes such quick trips I had a letter from Sarah, from Bruges in 14 days, I had a letter from Mary also— The conspirators against the life of Louis Napoleon— Orsini & Pieri have been executed a great deal of quiet sympathy is felt for Orsini

1st though none for his crime. another revolution in France would not transpire people very much. and then the oppressed Italians would rise and no one can see what the end would be a war with England and France is thought to be not impossible Ld Derby is stated to have said there must be a conspiracy Bill or a War

2nd Mr Melville called— Mrs Beecher called. Mr Beecher has gone to Sandwich to Chant— John. Edward and Mr Griffen walked out to the Kings they called at the Griffens on their way home and drank a Bottle of Goldlack. and John came home ill

3d John ill. He is not strong enough to take such long walks. He went to the office in the afternoon the weather is lovely and we are doing a great deal in our garden Amelia and Ellen Hamilton came to Luncheon

4th George Teresa & I went to Church Mr & Mrs King sat in our Pew. Teresa & I staid to the Sacrament. the Kings came home with us. John went to the Wilsons to tea

5th I wrote to Mary. Amelia called. Ellen Hamilton came to tea.. The Chief Justice came to tea He had just come from Toronto and was on his way to St Thomas to hold the Assize Court there

6th very busy cleaning House. no one here— Monday. June —

7th The trial of Paderson and the Murderer of McKellis and of a Constable closed to day, and he was acquitted. this is one of the most singular trials that has ever taken place in the Province— himself his Mother and Sisters have resided in the Province for years and yet he could not be identified in a way that would not leave a doubt He called himself Mc Henry, and although there were more than 50 people sworn positively that he was Paderson the Murderer and there were 50 others that swore that he was Mc Henry and not here at the time of the Murder. the Witnesses in his favour were much up respectable than against him. his Mother and Sisters swore that he was not Paderson. he has the benefit of the doubt although judge Mc Lean charged strongly against him and it is the conviction of the Country that he is Paderson. and so strong is the conviction that he is not set at liberty but is to be removed to ~~Toronto~~ Cayuga to stand another trial for the Murder of Kellis— Amelia called— ~~John went to tea to Mrs Willis Laurason~~

8th very busy no one here. John went to tea to Mrs G. Lawrences

9th

10th Amelia sent word that Mr Griffen and Mr McInnis were coming to Luncheon. I told them not to come as we were in the Midst of House cleaning. I had a letter from Helen who will not be here before the end of May. Amelia called Mrs G. Lawrence drove Teresa and me out to pay visits we called upon Mrs Sheriff Hamilton not at home, and on Mrs Wilson, Mrs Merrett from St Catherines and Miss Murney were there - We then called upon Mrs Becher and Mrs Pedant - John, George and Teresa went to the Hamiltons to tea. Mrs Merrett. Miss Murney and the Wilsons were there

10th Edward went to St Thomas as witness the Chief Justice was to have sprung to Norwood with us Edward Telegraphed that he would not be here Amelia and Mr Griffen called

11th and Ice Rain we did not go to Church I am not well - Mr Griffen & Amelia came to tea

12 Cold Rain, Edward gone to St Thomas I wrote to Eliza Edward Horton absurd Edward Harris in Court at St Thomas in a most uncalled for manner, Mr Wilson was the Lawyer for the prosecution and he floored up Mr Horton in a way that was any thing but satisfactory to him and contradicted all he had said of Edward. Edward was only a witness and could not reply. He returned at night Wet and weary —

13th Teresa and John insisted upon my going to the Griffens to spend the day, I felt as if I was turned out of doors when I returned in the evening I found the Library cleaned and in order and they had insisted upon my spending the day out so that I might not weary myself by assisting them, It was kind of dear Teresa - I met the Chief Justice' when on my way to the Griffen's He called to see Teresa, Ellen Hamilton is so kind, she was here a great part of the day assisting Teresa Jack Caddy was here to tea, the English Mail came in, no letters for us. Mr Wilson came to the Griffens

~~14th Amelia~~ and ~~He~~ to tell me about the dressing He gave Mr Edward Horton, Mr Wilson could not sit quietly and hear one of my family abused He is a kind true friend -

14th Amelia & I went to the Dress Makers, Ellen Hamilton was here to afternoon tea Mr Griffen and Amelia staid the evening Teresa got a letter from Sophia

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April 15th Edward and George left here this morning by the 6 oclock Train Edward for Chatham, George for Woodstock Lincoe and Toronto - Edward returned to dinner. Ellen Hamilton came to tea

16th Fanny Becher came to spend the day Ellen Hamilton came also, Mrs King came to dinner, this a Fanny Wody - Mr Griffen called, Amelia and Mr Griffen left by the 4 oclock train for Toronto. Fanny Becher is mad about Rail Road she knows all about the trains and all of the conductors, it is a pity her mother does not prevent her making herself ridiculous

17th went to market with Teresa, received a letter from Helen she says she will be home by the 1st of May

18th John Teresa and I went to church, the English Mail came in I had letters from Sarah Mary and Earl Spencer John had letters from Mr Des Voeux and Capt Bennet - John went to the Wilsons to tea

19th Rain, John got a Telegraph from Dr McInnis asking him to go to Hamilton to a Consultation to Dr McKay, the Griffens came home -

20th Mrs Becher called, she goes to Toronto on thursday with her Son Hook to get an oculist to operate upon his eyes and endevour to remove the powder, Mr King came to dinner Mrs Wilson and Lucy came to spend the day, Ellen Hamilton came to tea, Amelia and Mr Griffen called John gone to Hamilton - George came home from Toronto

21st a very wet dull day Amelia came to dinner, John returned from Hamilton Doctor McKay the Poet is to lecture on Music and Song to morrow evening. He is to stay with us - Mrs Wilson asked John Edward and Teresa there to tea to meet Miss Bannerman, they did not go

22nd the day beautiful Doctor McKay arrived in time for Lunch, the people are annoyed at his remaining with us they wished him to be the Guest of the City, John told him not to feel bound to us but to do whatever he preferred. He came to us, and goes to a supper after the lecture given to him by the leading men of the City we asked the Bishop of Huron Mr Goad hue Mr Lawrason Amelia and Mrs Hargreaves to meet Doctor McKay at Dinner. Doctor McKay is small what may be called a small Man with a peculiar head going up straight from the Eye brows to the top of the Ears around the Head with allmost an even fallness and high

He is very plain looking, with a sharp twinkling Eye and a soft clear voice, as far as I could judge I should say He was not brilliant in general conversation but talks very well with one or two. He prefers Canada very much to the United States, and prefers the Eastern and Northern States to the South and will come out strong against Slavery when He returns to England — and Dinner went off very well all exceptng Myself went to the Lecture Capt. Huggerson came and spent the evening with me. I was surprised to find that He knew Col Crotchley and Elvira Col Dalzell and Capt Peard. Amelia Mrs Huggerson returned from the Lecture. very well pleased Doctor McKay and the young Gentlemen did not return until 1 oclock

23d Doctor McKay left by the 11 oclock Train for Toronto where He is to lecture to night Gerrard went to the Griffins to dinner Amelia and Mr Griffin came down in the evening

24th the Ground is covered with Snow and the Morning is cold and disagreeable — Amelia Mrs Huggerson and Mr King came to Luncheon — the Steamer brings the news that Lucknow is taken without any very severe fighting Sir Colin Campbell will win a Peerage — Doctor MacKay told us that He knew Sir Colin Campbells Father, who is a Shepherd a very handsome man and very much respected in his class of life, his name is McClaverty — a Governess fell in love with him and married him and she had interest enough to get a commission for her Son, who without money to purchase and without interest has slowly worked his way up to his present high position He allows his Father £50 a year out of his pay and has done so for many years Doctor MacKay saw his Father at the time the City of Glascow gave Sir Colin a Sword and asked him if He was going to the Presentation the old man said He had not been sent for — nor had He seen his Son for forty years. He was only a few hours distant — It made me feel sorry for both Father and Son

25th Edward George and I went to Church — the day very cold — I wrote to Mary. John went to tea at Mrs D. Lawrasons, George dined with the Griffins

26th Mrs Aiken called Amelia and Mr Griffin and Ellen Hamilton came to Tea

27th Mrs McLennand Mrs Brown and Harry McLennand called. Mr Goodhue called — no letters by the

English Mail

28th Mrs King came to luncheon. Ellen Hamilton called & she goes home with the King's to spend a few days. Rhuland Mr Griffith called. Mr Hutchison came in the evening to tea

29th Mrs le Lavasson came to luncheon. Amelia came to tea Edward and George gone to a Ball. got up by the young Gentlemen of the Town George is one of the Stewards It is the first time he has had any thing to do with a public Ball. Teresa did not go as it is rather a mixture

30th got a letter from Helen She will not be home as soon as we expected. the Steamer (Falls City) that they were to come by blew up backing out of New Orleans a great many lives were lost not only in the Falls City but in Boats that were near her. Helen wishes herself safe at home and I wish she was safe here. Mr Portman has again Bargained for a Plantation and will pay it 5000 £, if he does back he is infatuated and in a few years will be ruined

Amelia ~~called~~ came to tea John walked home with her Teresa went to tea at Mrs Bills—

May 1st English Mail came in. we had letters from Sarah Eliza and Mary John had a letter from Col Wellesley who wishes him to get his money and Mortgages from Mr J. Cameron at Toronto. I had a letter from Helen who has arrived at St Louis and will come to London as soon as the weather becomes warm she is afraid to bring her child too far North until hot weather sets in— Many wrecks in Lake & Rivers, the Devonshire Regiment of Militia are to be disbanded which will throw a Thousand out of employment. Col Dalzell and Col Gratchley met for the first time in London and went together to visit Capt Knight, and the Brothers in law like each other of course, as they are all thoroughbred Gentlemen— Mrs Colson and Lucy called. John Mackay came to tea— John and Teresa went to the Griffiths to tea, expecting to meet Mr McInnis and Mr Benner who were not there— we played Whist

2nd John, George and I went to Church John and I remained to the Sacrament— Percy called but would not stay to Tea. He is doing constant to Sophia Blake

Mr Griffen and Amelia called but would not stay to tea
3d I wrote to Eliza - John went to the Wilson, to tea
sent John Cox, the Man sent out by Lord Portman = to Chatham
as a Servant to Mr Prichard the Hotel Keeper, He is to drive
an Omnibus Mr Griffen advised his going there
4th Mrs Wilson and Lucy came to spend the day they were both
very agreeable Mr Brooke called. Amelia and Mr Griffen
called
5th Mr King came to Luncheon - Mrs Watson and Mrs Ward called
Mrs Watson is very plain - Amelia and Mr Griffen
called. Mr Griffen gave Teresa some pretty Ribbon for a bow
Mr Plenty men came here with a Gentleman who has pur-
- chased a Farm near Halls Mills, who wished to hire
Cox, we were very sorry we had sent him to Chatham -
We moved George and Edward down into the Griffens
rooms. before the Portmans come - I felt so lonely
upstairs last night and this morning without
their noise
6th I have been sowing flower seeds all the morning, and
we finish hoeing cleaning to day - Mr Mc Innis and
Amelia came to Luncheon, Mrs Huggerson called I have
asked her to tea - Mr Mc Innis and Amelia came to dinner. the
Huggessons came to tea, We played Whist
7th received a letter from Helen they will not be here before
the 15th I wrote to her at Cincinatte. Mr Odell called
to ask if George had been confirmed - the day beautiful
I have been putting in more flower seeds, Mrs Richer and
Fanny called Fanny staid to dinner - Amelia came to
dinner
8th Teresa went to Market, Amelia came home with her to
Luncheon, I was not very well. Amelia brought a letter
from Mary who writes in better Spirits, She met Sir Richard
Airey at Aldershott, and they have made friends, which
I am very glad of. Sir Richard has had trials of the heart in
loseing two Sons, and worldly vexations in the public news
that filled the papers in regard to his management or mismanagement
of the troops in the Crimea, all this may have tarnished his
Character, but when in this Country He was one of the most
agreeable, most unselfish, most grasping and most selfless men I
ever met. when we first knew him, how much we all
liked him, and many conversation with him brings the
same feeling of regard back - yearning - is it possible to

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8th Dislike a person that we once have been truely attached to— I think not= we may disapprove=regret=but never Dislike— Mary is going to visit Lady Airey in London— Br Brooke came to dinner Br Kings Freind. Mr Reid has arrived from England and John has asked him the Kings and Br Brooke to dinner on Monday—

9th George & Teresa went to Church I was not well. George went home with the Reids to dine— Amelia Mr Griffen their two Boys John MacBeth, Percy Cronyn and Ellen Hamilton came to tea— I wrote to Sarah— John went to Mrs W. Lawrason to tea

10th Edward got up very early to go with Mr Griffen to Ingersol Road fishing— the morning very cold— the returned ½ past 10 Pm very tired, very wet having caught only five small trout having been thrown from a Buggy and narrowly escaped having their necks broken— Mr & Mrs King, Mr Brooke and Mr Reid dined here. not a very lively party, Mr Brooke Mr King. George and myself played whist

11th John left here for Toronto, to get Col Wellesleys securities to buy Debentures for Mr Bathwick and to hand over to Mr Devereux the Mortgages which He had purchased for him— a cold Easterly storm— Amelia came to Luncheon Mr Griffen wanted Teresa to go there to dinner but it rained too heavily= I have changed Servants to day Betsy and Jane Cummings are both gone, we took in an english Farmers Son who brought a letter from L.d Portman to John until we could get him a place and they refused to make his bed consequently I told them to look for other places

12th the morning bright but cold, Malcom Cameron called very early, we discussed Canadian Politics. Dean Swifts tale of a Tub and the Physiophy of Sleep— He had been to Sarnia to attend the last duties to his Mother who died on Saturday last at the age of 84— Amelia and Mr Griffen called

13th Mr Becher called. He has been a long time absent on the circuit and He goes to Toronto to day to day to attend a law suit between the Gore Bank and the County the Gore Bank wish to make the County pay £5000 of Mr Streets defalcations and if they can make the County liable then Mr Becher Mr Gaudern and Mr Lawrason will not forfeit their Bonds of £ to the Gore Bank of £1000 each the case is to be tried to morrow— Teresa and Mr Griffen walked out to the Kings. Mr King drove them in in his carriage

Mr Potts from Long Point called I was very glad to see him He is a good specimen of a Canadian Farmer who has retired from his farm with a handsome independance and He has a large family who are all doing well and are respected

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May 13th Amelia came to dinner I had letters from Mary & Clara
14th Mr King and Mr Reid came to Luncheon before we left
the table Edward came in with a telegraph from Mr Portman
saying they would be home to dinner, we were all so delighted
at 40 minutes past three they arrived Helen look very tired
Mr Portmans look very well and the Boy is a beauty, He is
very good and a dear little fellow Amelia and Mr Griffen
came to dinner Helen brought two such pretty muslin
dresses for Teresa and a Foulard dress for her and she made
me a present of a very pretty Foulard dress and a Cambric
Handkerchief and several other little things, they were
very kind and thoughtful

15th Amelia came this morning to see Helen Mr Brooke
called He is going to England on Wednesday next He has
been Gazetted as Ensign in the 97th Regement now in Jamaica
Mrs W Lawrason called every one seems glad to see the
Portmans. Amelie was annoyed because the Portmans
declined going there to dinner but they were tired and
wished to see John who came home to night, as they had
not seen him for more than a year, it is his birth day
after dinner they all walked up to the Griffens, John looks
tired and has brought back very little news from Toronto

16th Helen Teresa and George went to Church Mr Brooke dined with us
the weather continues very cold. Amelia spent the day here
Mr Griffen and Mr McInnis have gone to Heron. Amelia feels
very unhappy she knows that Mr Griffen and Mr Portman do not
like each other. she should let things take their course, only
putting in a soothing word, to allay hard feelings as opportunity
offers — Lucy Wilsons engagement with Mr Morris is at
an end. it is supposed that Morris was never very warmly attached
to her and as she was in the habit of riding driving and dancing
with the young men here rather more freely than was becoming
in a young lady in the absence of her affianced, He has availed
himself of the opening offered, and broken the engagement — John
went to Mrs W. Lawrasons to tea

17th Cold rain — Mr Becher came to Luncheon

18th Mr Reid called upon the Portmans, Mrs Wilson and Rebecca
Cronyn called, Mr Becher and Amelia came to dinner
Ellen Hamilton came to tea, Mr Portman and John have
hired a groom and are very busy getting the Stable in order
and are going to buy horses

19th Mrs Becher called I wrote to Mary by the Anglo Saxon

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20th Edward gone to Toronto I wrote to ask Sophia to return with him and spend two or three weeks with us
Amelia and Mr Griffen called
21st Amelia and Mr Griffen have gone to Brantford Mr Nind called Mrs Goodhue and Mrs Watson called upon Helen Mrs Huggerson called also Edward returned from Toronto He went to a Ball at Gouvernment House. Sophia could not return with him as she is taking lessons
22d this morning a little less cold Charley Griffen cut his foot very badly, Mr Portman Helen and Teresa have gone up there —This foot proves to be not badly cut= Mr Duggan from Toronto came to Luncheon Mrs Wilson and Lucy called. Mrs Wilson is distressed about Lucy,s match being broken off, and Lucy looks very down, I imagine when she wrote to Mr Morris proposing to break it off in consequence of his being so very remiss in his attentions, that she had no idea that He would take her at her word, but He caught at the proposal and broke it off at once— it is better so, for He did not care for her and she could not have flirted as she did if she had been very fond of him— I had letters from Capt Knight and Sarah, Amelia and Mr Griffen came to tea
23d Teresa, George and I went to Church, It came on to rain and we got wet coming home— Mr Duggan came to Dinner. Helen wrote to Eliza so I did not Amelia and Mr Griffen called but would not stay to tea— it is the first warm rain we have had in May
24th Malcom Cameron called He wanted to sell mortgages. Amelia called, Mr Griffen and the two Boys came to Luncheon, Edward and George went to Halls Mills to fish, caught a few Rock Bass, in the evening there were the usual fire works to celebrate her Magesty,s birth day. long may she reign over us —
25th Rain with every prospect of a flood, Capt and Mrs Huggerson dined with us Mr & Mrs William Lawrason dined with us also they were asked at five and came at Seven, oclock. Amelia Mr Griffen and Ellen Hamilton were asked for the evening but did it was so wet they did not come. I had a letter from Sophia pleading her many engagement as an excuse for not visiting me. We were surprised to hear of the approaching Marriage of Mrs John Montbenat to Col Thom they are an Antiquated Bride and Bride groom at least 50 and 60
26th Rain. not a soul here all day— the River continues rising—
27th Rain. Amelia and Mr Griffin called— The Revnd Mr Brough— his Son Mr Brough and miss Kate Brough called upon

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27th the Portmans. Capt and Mrs Puckston called upon the Portmans
Mrs Puckston is very pretty, it is a pity that she should not have
fallen into better hands

28th John and Mr Portman went to Kelworth to see ~~Mr Da~~ the late Mr Daffs
Guns, Mrs Ward, Mr Rivers, Mrs Anderson and Miss Moore. Mrs Hom-
-ilton an Ellen Hamilton and Mrs Wilson called upon Helen
Helen was not at home to any of them

29th the day very wet Mr Wilson came to Luncheon

30th George and Teresa went to the Morning Service. John and Mr Portman
went to the afternoon. Tiney and Ellen Hamilton came back
to tea- neither John nor Myself were very well- I wrote to
Sarah and Eliza

31st Mrs Wilson ~~called~~ and Lucy called. Lucy looked very shamefil
not at all as if she was breaking her heart about Mr Morris

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1th Mr Bucher came to Luncheon He is looking ill. Mrs Montgomery
Married to day to Mr Thorn and have left for England Mrs Duncan
Aitken called upon Helen & she looks neither strong nor happy
poor little woman, it is a pity that she has not a better man for
a Husband. John went to Mr Daniels to tea

2nd Mr Wilson came to Luncheon, the weather Beautiful. Helen
went into Town and met Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Hamel coming
to call upon her- the papers are full of Dr Ryersons defalcations.
-The Bank of Upper Canada allowed him interest on Some
Moneys that had remained in their hands over six Month
Dr Ryerson was not aware that they intended to do so but when
the Sum amounted to £1400 He made use of it and after words
when his right to the Money was questioned He referred the
matter to the Government and said that unless the Money
was in law as well as in equity his He would refund it as
He on no account would retain a farthing if not legally his
the Ministry have never gave him their decision but told
him to keep the Money until He heard further on the subject
now the committe of accounts have taken the matter up and
He is outrageously abused and will probably lose his appointment

3rd Mrs W Lawrason called early, wanted to borrow a pattern from Helen
Mrs Mc Cauley came and spent the day, and told us all about the
people at Long Point. Mr Griffen called. Capt and Mrs Haggerson
and Mrs King and Ellen Hamilton called Helen did not come down
Ellen Hamilton looked badly dressed and very plain. I never
feel well any more

4th The 2nd Anniversary of Helens Wedding day Mr Portman made
her a present of 150 Dollars. Mr & Mrs King. Mr Mc Neil and

the Griffens dined with us, or rather with the Portmans who gave the dinner which went off very well. in the evening the non practising Cricketers proposed making up eleven and challenging the London Cricket Club to a match to be played on Monday next the Challengers call themselves the Vagabond Club. the Challenge has been accepted and the match is to be played as proposed on Monday. George is in a great state of excitement

5th The Griffens invited Mr Portman Jack Ned and George. Mr King and Mr Nind to Luncheon to meet Charles De Blacquiere. they all went except John[n] Charles De Blacquiere and Mr Griffen called here. Mr Becher came to Luncheon. Amelia called. got a letter from Eliza who tells no news

6th not very well. did not go to Church. Helen Rivers and George went Mr Portman had a swollen face and would not go to the Becher consequently we all declined. Amelia and Mr Griffen came to tea John went to the Wilsons to tea. I wrote to Mary

7th Mr King and Mr Nind called before going to the Cricket ground Mrs King took an early dinner with. She told me about her being in the family way. and asked if she ought to engage a nurse at once I thought I thought three or four months hence would be quite time enough Mrs King does not improve she grows careless in her dress and vulgar Mr Becher called. He would not lend his Tent for the day to the Cricketers. the Griffens gave a Supper to ~~the~~ a Several of the Cricketers. all from Elden went, including Helen and Rivers - the Cricket match was not played out the Vagabond Club came to have another innings which they are not disposed to take as they know they must be beaten

8th all the Cricketers are very tired. Amelia came down to spend the day, Helen went to return calls. Mr Griffen came to dinner

9th Rain incessant all day - Capt Huggeson brought up before the Police Court for striking a Shop Boy, who came to his front door with Bills and parcels and when He was requested to go to the back door. became very impertinent and struck the door and Capt Huggeson struck him. for which He was fined five Dollars and costs which were three dollars more - Mr Griffin

9th has gone to Hamilton Amelia came to dinner
10th continued Rain ~~Mr Hoe has come to Luncheon~~ Amelia came to tea
Mr King and Mr Nind came to Luncheon
11th Mr Becher came to Luncheon. the English mail came in & had a letter from Mary John had one from Sarah who wrote from Baden Baden Col Dalzell and Sarah are in Search of a good School for their Children. Mary was on the move to a Cottage off L.d Downshires. Amelia came to tea
12th Amelia called. Teresa called at the Huggesons. Rain —
13th at Breakfast it was discovered that Edward had not been home as his bed had not been slept in. we supposed that he had gone to the Griffins to dinner and the rain had prevented his coming home I sent there to ask. he had not been there = we then sent to Mr Parke and to Mr Daniels they knew nothing of him - I was in a dreadful state of alarm, and thought of the Goat Bridge and the high water — of his Dear ship and the Rail Road — I thought of the Creoleana and Chase, and of my first born, and the morning that he was placed by my side on the Sofa a bleeding corpse. the agony was intense for half an hour. all old wounds seemed to be opened - and I was ill for the day — He had met Mr Hutcheson and had gone home with him to dinner as it rained heavily in the evening. He was persuaded to stay all night and as the next day was Sunday He had loitered away the morning little thinking the commotion he was causing at home. and to look back the whole thing appears absurd, but during the 43 years that I have been a wife and Mother, neither Husband Son or Daughter have ever been absent a night without saying why and where gone - Amelia came having caught the alarm. I could not write for the English Mail. Mr Griffen and Amelia came in the evening
14th people say that Mrs Huggeson was the Daughter of a Game Keeper people cannot let them alone and they are so quiet, whose business is it if she is a game keepers Daughter. Mr Wilson came to Luncheon and told us a Lot of Scandal about Mrs Becher and gave a very bad report of Mick Becher and says that he does seem to be as worthless as too many other Boys are in this place — Amelia came to tea — John went to Mrs Bill to tea

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15 the day beautiful. Mr Portman and Helen walked out to the Beckers. Mrs Becker was not at home. Mrs Wilson and Lucy called I asked them all to dinner to morrow

16th Mrs King Mr Hutchison and Mr Becker came to Luncheon - Mr & Mrs Wilson came to Dinner. Lucy went to the confirmation class and returned here to tea. Amelia called I asked her to tea, but they did not come

17th The Lawrasons gave a pic nic. but did not ask us. they gave as a reason that they thought we would not like to meet the Goodhues. it is strange that people cannot let us decide upon whom we should like to meet - if we did not wish to meet any of their guests, we could decline - we were very glad we were not invited as we dislike pic nics and would not have gone - Bill Lawrason called to ask us all to tea to morrow evening Helen declined as her Nurse is absent and she would not leave Baby with a strange Nurse. He then invited us all for tuesday next. when we shall have to go. or they will think we are offended at not being invited to their pic nic - Amelia and Mr Griffen came to tea

18th 44th Anniversary of the battle of Waterloo - the horrors of war with all their worst features are now raging in the East and the plains of Waterloo are visited in peace by the Purest and an inexaustible number of Buttons and Balls sold to the collectors of relics. whilst few remain who took part in that days. what shall I call it. Glory and misery - the English Mail came in. no letters for us - Amelia came to dinner

19th the Thermometer 92 in the Shade - Mr King came to Luncheon Amelia came to Tea -

20th the was so great that I was afraid to go to Church. George went to the Morning Service. Mr Portman Helen and Teresa went to the afternoon Service - I wrote to Eliza and John went to Mrs Bills to Tea. the Griffens came here to tea - the House Maid ill -

21st the heat continues - Mr Portman and John went to a fire in the night. Jack Mathews. Parsons Burnt ~~and~~ Boarding house jumping from an upper window and a House burnt. it was rather a large house near the rail way Station - Mrs Lawrason had arranged to ride with John and Mr Portman but Mr Lawrason went to the office and told John that he would not let his wife go and that his wife went home crying with mortification Mr Lawrason shows very bad taste in telling of their

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21st little squabbles, and it appear to me very absurd his forbidding her riding occasionally with Mr Portman and John as he declares he cannot ride with her being too heavy for any Horse — Amelia called —

22nd Mr Portman. Helen. John and Teresa. went to Mrs Bills party. the evening very hot. the party was one of the best that London can give. Mr. Lawrason told every one that he would not hire with ride with John and Mr Portman and that she was angry — remarks are very general about Lucy. Wilsons driving to the Pic. Nic. with Bill Bailey and their wandering away and not returning until all the people left excepting old Mrs Lawrason and another Carriage party who waited for her — Mrs Lawrason spoke sharply to Lucy

23d the weather continues very hot. the Thermometer 90. .

24th Amelia and Mr Griffen came to Dinner. the Portmans John. Edward. George and myself went to a party at Dr Anderson I knew very few people that were there. many that I had seen years ago I could not recognise. Mrs Puelston was there I cannot help regretting every time I see her that she had not fallen into better hands. as possesses not only good look. Beauty I might say. but good principles and good talents — I came home at 11 P.M. we had letters by the Persia from Mary and Eliza. no news. Mary likes her cottage very much Lady Portman has written to ask Helen to go home for her confinement and the Portmans are inclined to go. I do not know how they will decide. I wish her to remain with me until her confinement is over, very much. she would will doubtless be taken as good care of with the Portmans as with me, but two months in England could not give her the same home feeling that she has here. and it is a long journey to take this hot weather in her situation — with a small child who is in the agonies of teething

25th Mr Wilson came to breakfast and came again to Luncheon George and Edward as members of the Cricket Club go to day to St Catherines to play the Club there who have challenged them George has never seen the Falls, and Mr Becher had offered him a pass to go there. this morning I reminded him of his offer and he gave him one, and John gave him money to pay his expences. so that George has gone on his travels in a great state of delight. with the small drawback of expecting a good beating at cricket at St. Catherines

26th the house hot (Thermometer 95 in the shade) and lonely without George and Edward. We expect Mr Des. Veaux this evening to spend a day or two with us— Amelia came in the evening— Mrs Wilson sent me a present of some Strawberries— John went to the Wilsons to tea. He got a Telegraph from Mr Des. Veaux saying that he had missed the Train and would not be here before 4 oclock in the morning

27th Mr Des Veaux has arrived. this is the 43d anniversary of my wedding day. how fresh and bright and beautiful was that morning and I. how young I was, and full of life and hope. how little I knew of the world or its cares. the world life had not commenced and now it is nearly over. there are but three living of the 25 that were at church there that morning and the youngest of the three is 57 I am 60 My family dispersed my youngest child nearly 19. all are good and doing well My labours and cares are nearly ended

The Bishop of Huron held his first confermation to day. We did not go the day was so very hot. John and Mr Des Veaux went to the evening Service. Henry Griffin and Amelia dined here

28th Mr King came to Luncheon. Mr Des Veaux went to the Kings after luncheon with Mr King. Amelia came to tea. the weather not so very warm Thermometer 86 in the shade

29th We are all invited to tea at the Wilsons to night to eat Strawberries and Cream Edward and George returned from the Falls last night. George is delighted with his first view of the Falls they have as they expected been well beaten by the St Catherines Club— John and I went to the Wilsons they had invited Mr & Mrs W Lawrason, Miss Brought and Mr Reid— Amelia the Mr Baileys and some others, no one went except Ellen Hamilton John & myself the Wilsons had prepared such a nice Supper, and their place was looking so very pretty Mr Beckett, Mr Wilson, and Mr Hutchison, came to Luncheon Mr Des Veaux returned to Toronto by the 4 oclock Train Amelia came to tea Mr Pontman not well

30th Capt and Mrs Heggerson called— Amelia came to Dinner

July 1st The Portmans, John and Teresa were already to leave for New York when Mr Portman got a Telegraph from Col Hampton saying that he had for the present given up his trip to England consequently would not be in New York. this Telegraph changed all their arrangements the Portmans and Teresa have gone to Quebec John is to join them in Montreal on

July Wednesday next. Amelia came to dinner and to remain there
off- Mrs Bell L. called to get John to take her Bouquet holder
with him and have it mended- the English Mail in one letter
4th from Shuldham wants John to read him £100 of his
Interest
2nd Amelia came this morning to say that Capt. Rattallack
had written to Mr Griffin to procure Rooms for the Governor
General on Monday evening next as Sir Edmund Head
and Suite would remain one night ~~here~~ in London of course
wrote at once and asked them here, Sir Edmund and
Lady Head and one of the Suite- John Telegraphed also to Capt-
Rattallack, who immediately accepted our invitation for Sir
Edmund Head. Lady Head does not come- I wrote to Helen
Mr Becher called-
3rd Weather very hot. every body dull and stupid. Amelia called
in the evening John went to tea at the Wilsons
4th the wind is West and the morning is cool and beautiful George
and I went to Church the Bishop had his first Ordination two
young Gentlemen received Deacons Orders- Extra'd to the Sacrament
- Amelia called. John went to the Wilsons and returned full of
my going to England and taking Teresa and Lucy Wilson with
me and they want me to go to the Continent and to remain away
a year or two Mr Wilson offers to pay more than Lucy's pro-
portion of the expence. It might be a very good thing for
Teresa as she could take drawing lessons and learn to speak
French but I have not funds and very little inclination
to leave my quiet home, the Wilson wish to send Lucy away
from Bill Bailey, but I much fear they will not be able
to prevent her marrying him. I wrote to Sarah
5th this morning I was very quietly picking over some strawberries
in my usual morning dress when John came in and told me that
his Excellency would be here in 10 minutes, I dressed in a
great hurry, when another Telegraph came saying
that he would not be here before 1 P.M. at which hour
he arrived. Mr Hopkins an English Gentleman who is
with his Daughters on a visit to his Excellency and Lady
Head came with him and remained here as our Guest
Capt. Rattallack the Governors A. D. C. remained here also
I had no more Room vacant to offer consequently Mr
Leeds and Col Bradford slept at the Inn but Lunched
Dined & with us. Amelia remained with me during the day
and Mr Griffin Lunched and Dined here- Sir Edmund Head

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5 looks better than when I last saw him. three years ago
Lady Head could not accompany him on account of her
visitors. our Dinner went off very pleasantly. very few Gentlemen
called. only Mr Lawrason Dr Wilson Mills and Mr Nash in the evening
Sir Edmund Head and myself. Mr Hopkins and Amelia played & sung
we like Mr Hopkins very much. about 2 o'clock in the morning
the Band serenaded his Excellency and disturbed all of our slum-
-bers

6th John rode out to Mr Kings to ask him and Mr Nind in to Breakfast
Mr Hopkins knows Mr Nind's Father and wished to see him, they
were too late for Breakfast but remained to Luncheon, the
Bishop of Huron called, and remained to Luncheon, Major
Shanly and Capt Rivers called and turned out the Artillery
and Troops for his Excellency's inspection a Salute was
fired for his Excellency who of course was full of praise
the Band returned and played at our Gate during Luncheon
Capt Pulliton called to see Mr Hopkins who knows his friends in
England. I had a long talk with Sir Edmund Head this
morning about Dr Ryerson and his appropriating £1500 of
Interest to himself. He exonerates the Dr from any intention
of wrong but thinks that he ought to write to Mr Hincks
and get a written acknowledgment that he had told him
that any interest which the Bank chose to allow him
upon any public money remaining in the Bank over three months
was his (Dr Ryersons) and that the public had nothing to do with
it as long as all legal demands were paid as soon as presented -
on what would be better for Dr Ryerson to pay over the money
at once, and then Petition the House for remuneration for
his extra services. I shall write to Dr Ryerson and advise him
accordingly - Sir Edmund Head expressed very great surprise
that Mr Portman should become a Slave holder, and that
day himself open should he ever return to England to a
prosecution for felony by any ill natured person who
wished to annoy him - Mr Griffen and Amelia accompanied
Sir Edmund Head and Suite to Goderich - the left by the
one o'clock train - We thought it very odd that Mr Wilson did
not call upon his Excellency particularly as Sir Edmund
Head and Mr Dodd walked over to Mr Wilson and paid their
respects to Mrs & Miss Wilson - I went to bed very tired and very
ill all night - I received a letter from Helen and Teresa from
7 Montreal. they were going to Quebec and then to Saratoga
the weather very Hot

July 7th Mr Becher came to Luncheon and complained of the expence of his house keeping. said there must be retrenchment. that they were now living at the rate of £1500 or 1800 a year— we told him that Sir Edmund Head asked why he was not into the House of Representatives and that John had said he could not get there he thinks otherwise and says he would only have to hold up his finger to be elected. but I think he is mistaken few people can form a right estimate of their own popularity until it is put to the test— he ought to be the City Member but his very expression that he has only to hold up his finger to be returned will be used against, he has made use of it on several occasions and it has already been made use of to ridicule him should Mr Becher ever come forward. Mr Wilson will do all he can to prevent his return— I wrote to Dr Ryerson advising him to return the interest to which his right is disputed. and told him what Sir Edmund Head said on the subject. I hope Egerton may not be annoyed with me— I wrote to Helen and Teresa telling them that John had given up all intention of joineng them— the Thermometer 90 in the Shade

8th Mr Becher came to Luncheon and spoke to John about Mr Griffen's debt to the Gore Bank. Mr Griffen has paid nothing and made no effort to pay any thing. John thought his name was only on Notes for £150 but it appears he is endorser for the whole £900 Mr Becher says he dislikes suing him but says it will have to be done. that he will place the notes in the hand of some other Lawyer— Mr Wilson spoke to me also and says Mr Griffen has over drawn his account at the Bank of Montreal £80 and makes no effort to pay it although repeatedly requested to do so— My poor Amelia what is to become of her— I think she knows nothing about it— Mr Griffen must have been in debt when he came to London— Ellen Hamilton came and sat with us in the evening for a couple of hours

9th Mr & Mrs Wilson and Lucy came to tea and brought some strawberries with them— Mrs Cronyn. Mrs Chandler Blake and Mrs Edward Blake called. I never saw Mrs Edward Blake looking so well. the weather very hot go in the Shade

10th received letters from Eliza, Sarah, and Mary they all seem so happy. Heaven Bless them— Amelia and Mr Griffen came home from Goderich. they called here on their way from the Station and wanted me to go home with them to dinner— the weather is too hot I cannot go out. Amelia looked much better than when she left and was much pleased with her trip

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11th I went to Church. rain in the evening and cold. Mr Griffen and Amelia came to tea. I feel so sorry when I look at Amelia and think that all her life she must be poor just able to live. I am very glad she has no children, they would make her doubly anxious. what a life of care mine has been. always wondering how our many wants were to be supplied and yet there has always been a way provided even in my dearest hours I sincerely hope Mr Griffen may in some way meet his present liabilities but it is no easy thing to support a family of four and pay off £900 of debts out of £500 a year. I do not even know whether Amelia knows that they are in debt and I am afraid to speak to her on the subject — I wrote to Mary. John went to Mrs Bills to tea

12th to day I have had a piece of very unpleasant information Dr Farrer talks of giving up my House if he should continue on it will be at a reduction of £5 a year and £30 a year out of my small income it is a very large item. Teresa and Miguel will be dependant on my thoughts I also discovered that my Son John had paid Doctor Anderson's Bill for £47. which had given me much uneasiness as I could not sell any Land to raise money and I could not pay it out of my small income may God reward him for all his kindness

13th I received a letter from Dr Ryerson in answer to mine. He received my advice with all kindness and acted at once upon my suggestions and has made arrangements to pay over the money at once. He will be a poorer Man but a much happier one. as his right to the money being doubted would make its possession painful, however convinced He might be of his legal right to it. I wrote to him to day — Mrs King called and looked very nice. She has at last put on hoops and her appearance is greatly improved by them — Mrs Aitken called and is looking very ill the hot weather affects her — Amelia came to tea. I think she knows of Mr Griffen's embarrassments John advanced an instalment for him to day and has made some arrangement with the Bank — John is not well to night. no word from Helen — Our dear Baby keeps well —

14th we had just dined when we got a Telegraph from Mr Portman saying they would be home at 4 oclock, they all looked the better of their trip. they returned from Leeds by the way of Saratoga and the Falls. they thought the Company at Saratoga very second class, they said the Lords Grosvenor & Cavendish and Mr Ashley at the Clifton they are to be here the last week in August — Amelia came to tea. the purchases Helen made for Teresa were pretty and careful and well chosen there was an alarm of fire in the night & we went to see it was a small House beyond the Barracks. the Man who owns it said the House had gone to the country to work in Harvest

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July 14th the House was locked up the fire was the work of an incendiary

15th Helen and Teresa busy unpacking. Ld Portman has given Br Portman £900 and lends him £6000 more at 5 per cent to pay for his plantation, it is a great pity the property is in a Slave State. we dined early. Mr Portman and John rode until noon o'clock they called at the Kings. Amelia came to tea

16 I wrote to Dr & Mrs Robertson asking them to spend a few days with us. the day very warm

17th Received a letter from Dr Ryerson. who again expresses his thanks for my advice to him. John Ross the Receiver General has been very kind to him, but advises him if possible to pay the whole ~~sum~~ amount of the interest which he had taken not only the principal but the interest on it during the time which he has had it. Dr Ross has taken a mortgage for £750 at par from Dr Ryerson and is exerting himself to borrow the other £500 Dr Ryerson has the Ballance £125 at his Bankers, and feels most gratiful for Mr Ross's unsolicited kindness Dr Ross thought should there be a change of ministry and any of the money remain unpaid they might make it a pretext for removing Dr Ryerson from office— Dr Ryerson feels that it was my letter to him that opened his eyes to the false position in which he was placed, and he begs of me to regard him as a son in every sense of the word. I wrote to him advising him to suppress a part of his official letter as his enemies would put a very different meaning to one clause of it. than what it was intended to convey Amelia called. Ellen Hamilton came in the evening for short time

18th George Teresa and I went to Church. I did not feel well after Church. John went to Mrs Bells to tea— I was very sorry to hear that John Vanbrittart ~~was~~ is dangerously ill

19th Helen went out to make calls— Teresa, Ears are inflamed she had them bored to day with the hope of removing the inflamation to the outside. Amelia came down in the evening

20th Helen not very well Dr Becher came to Luncheon He had just returned from Toronto— I got a letter from Mrs Robertson she declines my invitation for the present but hopes to visit me later in the season— I had a letter from Dr Ryerson who has paid up the whole amount of the disputed money. He has been enabled to do it through the kind assistance of John Ross. His letter was short

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20th but He says He will write more at length soon. the English mail came in I had a letter from Eliza and Amelia Had one from Mary. Col Crutchley is removed from the Depot at Birr to the command of the Depot at Belfast. Eliza wrote from Malahide She was ill from fatigue— there was a commotion in the House to day Mrs Panton the cook refused to tell Mrs Boatmans Nurse when dinner was ready. I told her if she would tell the house maid that the house maid would call her, but the house maid said she would not mind telling her only Mary the Nurse carried her head so high, I was rather surprised and told both cook and house maid they might leave, they came to their senses and the house maid became willing to do anything was to tell Mary that their dinner was ready Mrs Panton is a good specimen of pride and poverty, she was in a state of starvation when she came to me, & I should send her to the same state if I sent her away now, as her Husband is so Lazy & no one will employ him for more than a day and no one will take her with her Child to service yet she cannot eat cold meat and will not notify other Servants that their dinner is ready. and yet I pity her. She is hard working and has a Lazy helpless Husband one Child and another coming what is to become of her

21st The Boatmans are going to take a cottage at the Falls for a fortnight. they have written about it— Mr Wilson came to Luncheon— Panton absented himself without leave and got Drunk

22nd John left this morning for Toronto, to try and have a Bill altered which is now before the House which if passed into a Law will prevent any Lawyer from holding the Office of ~~Deputy~~ Registar to the Surrogate Court. Mr King came to Luncheon Mr Boatman and Helen finished returning their visits and remained to dinner at the Kings. Edward Blake came here in the evening Mr & Mrs Griffin have gone to Brantford to see Capt & Mrs Barlow before they go to England— The Boatmans go to the Falls on Monday the 26th they are to pay $50 a week for the Cottage and the Board of themselves and Nurse

23rd John returned to day from Toronto, He went to a Ball at Government House and enjoyed himself very much, but did not succeed in getting the Bill altered, He found when He got there that there were two Bills that would have to be altered, and thought it not worth the time and trouble— Edward went

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23 with Edward Blake and Ben Cronyn to Dorchester to fish and had his usual luck. caught nothing
24th George went to St Thomas to see a cricket match. He returned in the evening. John got a Telegraph from Mr Hopkins to meet him and his Daughter at the Station. Mr Portman John and Teresa went to the Station but could not prevail upon them to stay over Sunday as they were expected at Government House. In the House of Assembly Dr McKenzie made another attack upon Dr Ryerson. a Motion was made to grant a sum of money necessary for the Normal School. Dr McKenzie objected to Dr Ryerson being entrusted with any more public money until he had paid over the Interest which was in his hands. The Premier ~~more~~ Sir A. McDonald rose and said he had much pleasure in stating that the money was paid. every farthing of it. How glad I felt that Dr Ryerson no longer held a doubtful position, or retained a sum of money however small to which his right was disputed — Amelia returned from Brantford Capt Barlow and family, to England in a few weeks. He has no knowledge of the cause of his dismissal from as Superintendant of the Brantford and Lake Huron Rail Road. He got a letter from the Directors in England saying that when He received that He was no longer to act as Superintendant — ~~the~~ Helens Baby is not Well —
25th Helens Birth day — John Teresa and I went to Church Dr Hellmuth gave us a very good Sermon. his Text was, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a Salvation — Mrs King and Mr Nind called. Baby not well sent for Dr Brown — Dr Moore not at home — the English Mail came in I had a letter from Sarah ten Eyck Robert not well, they fear that He is consumptive, the Dr. has ordered him to take Cod Liver oil for the next two years. which is not very encouraging. I wrote to Eliza — Edward Blake called and John and him went to the Wilsons to tea. Amelia came home to tea
26th when John and Edward Blake went to the Wilson last evening. they saw something was wrong, Mrs Wilson and Lucy were upstairs crying — so they felt they were not wanted and came away. I suspect Mr Wilson has at last heard of Lucy's flirtation with Bill Bailey. John and Edward Blake went to Mrs Bells to tea — Dr Griffin and Amelia called
27th no calls and nothing new.
28th John went to Toronto again to try and get the Bill altered which is now before the House which will prevent Lawyers from being Registrars of Surrogate Courts. consequently if He cannot get it altered He will have to resign. it is recommended

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28th in the papers that Sir Allan MacNab is to be the Governor of the New Province of Caledonia - the enthusiasm is on the increase about the Gold diggings at Frasers River many are going from Canada and the U. States - Ellen Hamilton came to tea

29th Mrs King came to spend the day but would not stay to dinner Mr King came to Luncheon, Mr Griffin came to luncheon, Amelia came in the evening - We had a heavy shower of rain which was much needed - there are very great complaints of midge and weavel in the Grain many fields it is said are scarcely worth the Cutting

30th John returned from Toronto. J. A. McDonald, Ministry have resigned and Mr George Brown has been called upon to form a Ministry. It is very much doubted whether he can command a working Majority. the late Ministry were defeated upon the Seat of Government question, they wished to abide by the Queens decision. the opposition voted against it. very uncomplimentary to the Queen. after asking her to decide where the Seat of Government should be. I went to the Cemetry which is neglected Cows are allowed to pasture there and of course eat off all the Shrubs planted about the Graves. Mrs Cronyn called she has a consignment of work, Patting, Crochet, Needlework &c. from Schools in Ireland, which she wishes to sell for them. Helen went over and bought to the amount of 10/. John and Mr Portman talk of going to New York to morrow

31st Mr King and Amelia came to Luncheon, after Luncheon Mr Portman John and Mr King went to the Circus, George went to Dr Howard to play Cricket, returned in the evening and went to the Circus Edward went also. I wrote to Dr Ryerson to ask him to forward by express some wine that John and Dr Ryerson had purchased jointly when in Paris last Summer - We are converting the Snake house into a Summer house

August 1st Teresa George and I went to Church. Teresa and myself staid to the Sacrament. I wrote to Sarah. John went to the Old Landmarks to tea. the Griffins came here to tea

2d I walked out to the Beckers Mr Becker is not well He had just returned from Swampscot where He has left Fanny with Mrs Rose of Montreal who has taken a Cottage for the Summer at the Sea side. I took tea at the Beckers and came home in their Carriage. I asked Mrs Becker the Character of two Servants who had lived with her and had offered to me as cooks, one gets tipsy and the other She does not recommend -

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August 3d - Every body is speaking of the change of Ministry and wondering whether the Brown Cabinet will last a day. a vote of want of confidence passed both Houses by very large majorities to day and the Ministry have requested Sir Edmund Head to dissolve Parliament. He has taken time to consider the subject and went fishing again to day and as usual caught nothing

4th Mr Griffen called - Mr Portman and John rode to the Kings John was thrown from his Horse, or rather his horse fell with him and hurt him a good deal, I have had a change of Servants My Husband Cook has come and Mrs Paxton leaves to day - The Brown Ministry have resigned and their resignation has been accepted

5th Great news to day the Telegraph ~~cable~~ fleet has been successful and England and America are united by a Telegraph line a Message came to day from the Queen to the President and the Bells have been ringing merrily - the Governor sent for Mr Galt to form a Ministry but he has declined, it is supposed there will be a dissolution of Parliament. Mr Becher came to Luncheon. I had a letter from Eliza who gives a glowing description of Irish filth. Amelia had a letter from Mary who talks of coming to this Country on a visit. Teresa got her Bracelet Brooch Locket and Ring from the express office yesterday John paid £22 charges upon Articles which cost in England £80, and Capt Knight had paid all expences as far as New York. the charges were enormous and unjust

6th 8 varieties of French Wines arrived to day Dr Ryerson added 1 Don of Claret as a present to me. there is six dozen in all cost when here Carriage, Customs, and all £64 for 5 Don. Mr Griffen came to day and brought the Revd Mr Fehn with him to an early dinner Amelia came also Mr Fehn came to the Country as Tutor to Capt Barlows Son, and as Capt Barlow has been superseded on the Rail Road and is going to England immediately. He wishes to come to London if he can get 15 or 20 pupils at £10. per Annum each which there is but very little doubt but he will be able to do - Mr & Mrs King called Mr Portman and John rode again to day and James Horse fell with him again but fortunately did not hurt him much John will sell the Horse as soon as he can - Mr Portman brought home two young puppies (Beagles) The Artillery fired a Royal Salute to night in consequence of the success of the Atlantic Telegraph

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August 7th The McDonald Ministry have returned to Office and the Brown party give the Governor General unlimited abuse because he would not Dissolve Parliament- Mr Becher and Mr Wilson came to Luncheon. Amelia came in the evening for her Bonnet which Helen and Teresa trimmed- a second game of Cricket came off to day between the English and Irish. the English won this time

8th Mr Portman Helen and Teresa went to Church. I was afraid to venture the heat was so great Verney Cronyn and the Griffen's came to tea I wrote to Mary

9th The weather very hot and dry- Amelia came to tea. I wrote to Dr Ryerson thanking him for the loine- the opposition papers are full of abuse towards the Governor General and the McDonald Ministry at Dundas. Toronto. and Sarnia they have burnt the Governor in Effegy- Edward requests me to note that we have had our first Apple pie. Apple pie to day- it was late in the evening when Mr Portman and John returned from riding

10th very hot- dined at 2 o'clock- Mr Portman rode and spent the morning at the Kings He did not return until 11 P.M.

11th Mr Becher called He had just returned from Toronto- The Queen is to be prorogued on Saturday- Mr Hutchisons Marriage with Minnie Street on tuesday next is no longer a Secret, every body is speaking of it and bets are offered that it will never come off. Mr Griffen and Amelia came to dinner. George went to Guelph to a cricket Match John went to the Band and from thence to Mrs Wills Mr Portman made a great purchase of the late Mr Daffs Guns, Rifles, pistols, &c. worth at the least £200 for $250

12th Mr Warren came to luncheon. It is a great mob with very few kind remarks for any one- as the day was kept as a holliday in commemoration of the success of the Atlantic Telegraph Mr Portman John & Edward amused themselves firing at a mark with the Guns which Mr Portman had purchased. in the evening there were Several Bonfires Lighted and the City was Spontiably illuminated- there has been a regulor organised band of Incendories discovered and three or four have been sent to jail for trial. they belong to No Fire Company and they appear to have no other object in setting fire to unoccupied Houses and Barns- than that their Fire Company may be the first on the Ground their Company has been disbanded

13th George returned from Guelph. the London Cricket Club was beaten. they have been very unsuccessful I bought a Silver Cup from Mr Becher for $5 which

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13 belonged to the late A. A Duff – Helen & Teresa drove out to the Whiteheads to call upon Capt & Mrs Hopton, Mr Portman rode when Helen got to the kings she felt too tired to go any further Teresa walked over to the Whiteheads and found Mrs Hopton who looks older and less pretty than when she left London, she says she has no love for her native Country Canada – and would not live here for any thing. It appears to me an odd feeling I have always fancied a love of Country in all

14th English Mail in to day I had letters from Sarah and Eliza no news from either – Mr & Mrs Becher called with a quantity of Jewelry which belonged to the late Mr Duff a Diamond Bracelet that cost £85 Sterling offered for £65 Currency a very pretty Torquoise make Necklace and Guard Chain offered for £30 Cur – Helen talks of buying it. there are pretty Buttons rings and Sleeve Buttons all cheap – Mr Portman and John rode out to the Bechers after dinner – Amelia Mr Griffen and Mr Fenn came to tea – Teresa not well –

15th I went to Church Dr Fleury from Dublen preached. and asked a collection for the Irish Church Missionary Society. Amelia called after Church but only staid a few minutes John went to the Wilsons to Tea. Helen wrote to Eliza, I wrote to no one

16th Helen has bought the Necklace and Guard Chain for £32.10 Currency for them both the original cost (per Bill) £47.10 Sterling John bought a set of Blue Enamel Diamond Buttons £6.10 Cur and a pair of Gold blue Buttons £1-10 Cur Edward bought a pair of Blue Buttons £1-10 Cur – the House is Prorouged to day they have passed all the Bills they have been fighting for during the Sessions. the Brown Ministry having to go to the Country for reelection weakened the opposition so much that they could no longer retard business, Mr Becher called and John and Mr Portman agreed to go to the house of the late Mr Duff to see if there was any thing they would wish to purchase but they saw very little that they would care to have. there is no doubt but Mr Duffs servant Dow has robbed him to a great extent, He claims all Mr Duffs best clothing and says Mr Duff gave it to him claims a Gun Portmanteau and numerous things and says they were given to him and who is to gain say it. He brings in a Bill as a debt of Honor for £30 a besides a large Bill for services – £125 Disappeared when Mr Duffs Mistress left the house and doubtless her pickings have been great as she took five large trunks

August 16 with her. it is only surprising that she left any of the Jewelry. What a Melancholy end of a young Gentleman of family and fortune (her personal property was worth under £30,000) and only 24 years of age. possessing all that could make life desirable and sacrificing all even life, to drink and debauchery and his Servant Pew who was his fatlish companion. now claims a Gambleing debt of three hundred pounds and robs his Heir of all that he can – how horrible is vice on this world and how dreadful to think of it in connection with the next Amelia called to day. I saw she was in trouble and have observed several times lately when she called that she looked as if some-thing was wrong. but she said not. to day she told us if we did not come at us go occasionally to her house she would not be allowed to visit us she said she had a term every time she came here and it would end in her not being able to come. how sorry I feel for her – Mr Griffin knew how much we disliked her tramping him. can she think that unkindness to him will make us like him better – we have no reason for not going there oftener, excepting that we all like home better than any other place, and Edward and George play Cricket when they have any idle hours and Mr Portman and John ride. the walk is too long in hot weather for either Helen or me, and Teresa cannot be induced to go any where often. they know all this and Amelia calls almost every day. and air and exercise is necessary for her, and we take bath in the garden and Terrace. but if she was ill or any thing wrong Mr Griffin would soon find that she was Amelia Harris to us though she is Griffin to him. Mr Dunn of the Montreal Bank came to tea we all like him very much

17th this is the 4th Anniversary of poor Williams Birth day how painful was his death, and now how thankful I feel that my first born is in Heaven – but it is hard giving up our treasures Fever. Delerium and a long illness to myself followed his death, and it was long before I could say. thy will a God be done

Mr King. Mr Becher and Mr & Mrs Griffin came to Luncheon Mr Jackson and English Gentleman who has lately come to Canada to settle called He seems a nice person – there was a fire this morning in Dundas street, several small Shops were burned. it is supposed the fire was the work of an Incendiarie – Capt and Mrs Hopton called and Miss White Head Mrs Hopton has changed lips in the last six

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Mr Jackson, and called at the Griffins

18th Minnie Street was married Yesterday to Mr Hutchison the
course of true love did not run smooth with them for
their engagement was on and off publicly half a dozen times
at the last broke quit private quarrels. poor Girl her conduct
throughout has been correct, when Mr Hutchison first paid her
attention she was a child in good circumstances and fair prospects
now she was poor and dependant. her Father an Exile from justice
I hope Mr Hutchison may give up his bad habits and make her
a good Husband — Mr Becher called about some things I sent —
— shared from him belonging to Mr Daff — Mr Portman John
Edward. Helen & Teresa went to the Band — George was
discovered walking with Miss Haggitt

19th we have accomplished our visit to the Bechers at last. Mr Portman
Helen, John and myself went there to tea last night. Mr Ridout
of the Upper Canada Bank. Toronto, and Son were there. Mr Ridout
is an old friend of Mr Harris — the appointment of Sheriff and of
Registar have at last been made, and are disapproved of by almost every
one. the only recommendation of Mr Glass who is Sheriff is his being the
Brother in law of Mr Conling the Member who has lost his popularity
and probably his reelection by the appointment. as Mr Glass is an ignorant
uneducated Man and not popular amongst his own class / Mr Ferguson
the Registrar is an Irish Bully, ignorant and very much disliked but
was a warm Supporter of Mr Talbots, He is an orangeman and has a good
deal of influence with his own order and no doubt influenced Mr
Talbots election very much, but there is but one feeling and
that is disgust at his appointment as Registrar, as He is totally
unfitted for the office

20th Mrs Oliver Maclem called she says her Brother there Street is going to
give a grand party at the Falls she does not know whether his invitation
are to extend to London. Mr Griffin and Amelia came to Luncheon. Teresa
called on Mrs Fitzgerson and fancied she was very cool. Ellen Hamilton
came to dinner

21st Amelia called Mr Griffin sent me a very nice Water Melon and
a dozen pears Mr Wilson and Mr Becher came to Luncheon
The Revnd Mr Brough called He feels great anxiety about
the poor, the wheat crops in many places are a total failure
from the Midge and Mildew, there was a very good article
in this mornings free press condemnatory of the appointments
of Sheriff and Registrar. I soon saw from Mr Wilsons
face that He had written it. I had a letter from Mary

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August 21st who regrets the departure of Lord and Lady Downshire for the Continent for a few months Paris she mentions a probability of the Downshire Militia again being embodied. Helen had a letter from Sarah which offended both her and Mr Portman without cause I think. Sarah said she was sorry they had purchased in the South, she had heard New Orleans spoken of as a city surpassing even Paris and Vienna in wickedness, and she cautioned Helen, being herself much the elder, not to become so familiarized with Roman Catholic customs as to lose sight of what we know to be wrong and alluded to the great responsibilities of Mothers as guardians and guides to their Children, but what appeared to give the greatest offence was her declining their invitation to visit them in the South and immediately expressing her dislike to the Americans both Northern and Southern and pronouncing them a vulgar people I think Sarahs prejudices are absurd, but I do not see why they should offend the Portmans. Sarah would have just the same right to be offended because they like the Americans and Slavery - Teresa
20th and Ellen Hamilton went to the Griffens to tea
22d Teresa and I went to Church - I wrote to Eliza - Mr Hutchison and his Bride came home last night and are living in a small cottage near the 25 Acres. John went to Mrs Kells to tea. Mr Portman Helen and Edward walked up to the Griffens. Mr Griffen had just heard of the death of his Brother Colonel Frank Griffen, who died from Apoplexy on the 21st of July at Torquay England He leaves a Wife and two Children and one unborn — Teresa and Ellen Hamilton walked over to the Wilsons
23d Mr Furgason a Nephew of Reg John the Registrar horse whipped Mr Blackburn the Editor of the Town Press. this morning for printing the Article that appeared in his Paper a few Days ago Mr Furgason was fined £5 and costs and bound over to keep the peace - Amelia came to consult about her Mourning John went to the Griffens to tea Mr Griffen feels the death of his Brother very much. to day Muldoon and Mary have been married
24th eight years. that God may Bless them and theirs is a Mothers Prayer
24th I am not very well, Amelia called again about her Mourning She wants our approval of what she gets. Teresa has been all day assisting Ellen Hamilton an arranging the Rooms and getting the Supper table ready for their party. Mr King came here to dress and dine before going to the Hamiltons, she was suffering from tooth ach and not well. Mr Portman Helen John Teresa and George went to the Hamiltons party Edward

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24th had a bad cold and did not go, two of the new arrivals. Mr Jackson and a Mr Stahl knight were there

25th this morning eight years I was watching and a dieing Husband, the weather looks the same and I can scarcely realize that eight years have passed since then what a day of anguish, it makes me tremble to look back upon it, when I think of all his sufferings and all that we suffered- the time is near at hand when we shall again meet

Mr Nind came to Breakfast Mr Portman and he rode 15 miles on the Goderich road to see the country and returned to dinner after dinner all the family except myself went to the Band Mr Jackson returned with them to tea, yesterday there was a meeting in St Thomas about the Southern Rail Road A president and Directors were elected George Shadbolt was made President, there is a probability of the Road being made Mr Hankin and his party were turned out of doors the other party very wisely would have nothing to do with him

26th Amelia and Mr Griffin called —

27th Teresa and Ellen Hamilton went to the Griffins, Amelia called John and Mr Portman rode out with Capt Lennox and one English Gentleman who are travelling in the country after dinner Mr Portman and John went to the Hotel to arrange a cricket match for to morrow between the Vagabond Club and the London cricket Club the Strangers play with the vagabonds

28th a continued Rain yet no one would agree to postpone the cricket match, but played the whole day every one being thoroughly drenched. Mr Jackson Capt Lennox Mr Stahl Lobbidot Mr Peters and Mr King dined with us Mr Nind came to tea we had a very pleasant dinner party Mr Portman was too much overcome by his exertions Wet. No Lunch= and had been mixed with Gin to make his appearance He was very glad to go to bed. Amelia called on her way from Market. & had a letter from Mary and Jared

29th Continues wet. Teresa and George went to Church, every thing went wrong at dinner- pudding only half boiled- Capt Lennox called—

30th Mr Becher came to Luncheon. George Brown is reelected for the City of Toronto there was a very slight demonstration here amongst the Radicals on the occasion— Amelia called Mr Griffin has not been well since the Cricket Match

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August 31st Lord Frederick Cavendish Ld Richard Grovesnor and the Hon.ble Mr Ashley arrived to day on a visit to Mr Portman they are all very young and very agreeable. Amelia came to dinner. Mr Griffen had gone to Hamilton

Sept 1st We asked the Griffen's to dinner Mr Griffen would not come. He says on account of his Brothers death. Amelia had to stay at home to dine with him. Mr Goodhue. Capt Preston and Mr Hamilton called upon the Lords F. Cavendish - Grovesnor and Mr Ashley. They went out riding with Mr Portman and John. we like them very much. There was a cry of fire just after the Ladies left the dinner table and all the Gentlemen rushed to see a House and stable burning opposite the Methodist Church. ~~the~~ and did not return until after 10 oclock giving what we chose to declare a very confused account of themselves John called on the Bishop of Huron who is ill with Fever and Ague

2nd every body very late this morning at Breakfast. The Revnd Mr Okell called by the request of the Bishop of Huron, upon upon Mr Ashley in particular being the Son of Ld Shaftesbury and on the young Lord, Mr Bicken called and told me he had heard from Fanny, from Epsom or Ewell who had seen a young Gentleman who was very anxious to see Miss Harris. Miss Harris of course was very anxious to know who the young Gentleman was. Mr Bicken said a Son of Ld Shaftesbury I made a face at him as Mr Ashley was close to him talking to Amelia. Bicken called upon our guests. He and Mrs Bicken are to dine here to day. Mr Lawrason called upon the young Lord. Amelia lunched with us —

the Bickers came to dinner and have invited us all to lunch at Thornwood on Saturday and then drive to Dorchester and they give a Ball in the evening. Mrs Bicken looked coarse and fat. It would require a great stretch of imagination now to fancy her ever having had a slight figure or pretty face

3rd the morning lovely. Mr Portman and Ld R. Grovesnor went fishing for crawfish. got a quantity which they insist upon having for Supper. Amelia called looking wretched, she would not stay to Luncheon when I spoke to her about it she burst out crying and said it would end in her never being allowed to come here, that Mr Griffen thought himself disliked by all particularly by Mr Portman. I wish he had thought of all of those things before he married. He knew we did not like him and that I did all I could to prevent the marriage. But since his marriage whatever my feelings have been I have treated him with the same cordiality that I have my other Sons in law and I have tried

in every instance to do what I believed to be right. but I see but too plainly that I can never establish a perfect cordiality between Mr Griffin and the rest of my family. there is no sympathy between them and when I am dead poor Amelia will be alone. no child can ever secure their own happiness by going in opposition to a Mother even if that Mother is wrong. I asked both Amelia and Mr Griffin to dinner but he would not come. and she could not. Ld F. Cavendish Mr Ashley and John went to return visits Ld K. Grosvenor Mr Portman Helen and Teresa went out driving. Amelia much to our surprise came to tea she looked miserable when she came in. but cheered up before she left. Admiral Vidal called to day I never saw any one so much changed in a year he looks ill. aged and miserable, and is fretted about his sons. who though very good boys begin to have a will of their own, and the poor Father has become very childish. had I been alone I would have insisted upon his remaining with us until he was better. Teresa. gave the Gentlemen the Lusspass. they declared she had promised them. Helen and Amelia proved I went to bed. which did not destroy their mirth as I heard great laughter several times

4th We had not finished Breakfast. when Mr Becher walked in. and invited us all to a Ball this evening. there was no getting out of it so all promised to go. Mr Brough called. wishing to give Mr Ashley any information about the Church. Mr Ashley was out I invited Mr Brough to Breakfast on Monday. at 10 o'clock Mr & Mrs Portman Teresa and Lord Richard Grosvenor Ld F. Cavendish Mr Ashley and Mr Becher started for Thornwood to Luncheon as the last Carriage stood at the Gate Amelia came down and Becher Ld. F. Cavendish & Mr Ashley would take no refusal go with she must. and did. although from Mrs Bechers forwardness she was quite sure she would not be welcome to her. Mrs Becher looked any thing but pleased when she saw her. but all our party were perfectly indifferent to her feelings whether she was pleased or not. I think Becher does not in the least mind his wifes doings after Luncheon (which was very nice) the Gentleman drove to Dorchester and did not get home to dinner until 8 o'clock. Mr Griffin and Mr Mc Innis came here to Luncheon. Mr Mc Innis looked hurt that Amelia had gone to the Bechers to Lunch – at 10 o'clock all of our party went to the Bechers to the Ball calling for Amelia on the way. the Ball went off very well, though neither Host nor Hostess were very refined. Mr Becher very bored the young Gentlemen a little too much. and Mrs Becher urged

4th their staying on Monday and going again to Dorchester — for beyond what politeness required, so much so that the young Gentleman thought they would be compelled to go to get clear of her — but all were pleased with the party

5th all very late for Breakfast. they had to rush from the table to Church. the English Mail came in last night We had letters from Capt Knight Lhuld ham. Sarah. Eliza and Mary. neither Eliza nor her Children have been well since they have been at Belfast and Mary Dalzell has been so ill that her Father has taken her to England for ~~for health~~ Change of air. I did not write my usual letter to day. We dined early that the Gentlemen might go to a Camp Meeting held near the junction. L.d F. Cavendish L.d R. Grosvenor Mr Ashley Mr Portman John and Edward drove to the Camp Meeting all the party excepting Mr Ashley and Edward returned early, they were later and said they were in search of the other party not knowing that they had come home. both Edward and Mr Ashley had quite enough of Stimulants. Amelia came to tea, the Gentlemen made very few remarks upon the camp meeting

6 our Noble visitors did not leave to day, Mr Wright came to Breakfast Mr Becher called and their Lordships told him they were going away, they were afraid of Dorchester if they acknowledged they were not going. Amelia came down and she has so much conversation that she always gives pleasure where ever she is, after Luncheon they drove out Mr Ashley Amelia L.d F. Cavendish and Teresa in one carriage Mr Portman Helen L.d R. Grosvenor and John went in the other after dinner. Whist and Back gammon. they have decided to leave to morrow. but Mr Ashley is ill

7th We dined at 2 o'clock and our visitors left us at 4 Mr Portman has gone with them to shoot on the Prairies. We felt very dull and lonely after they had all gone Amelia stay. d to tea We like all our young friends Lord R. Grosvenor the best He is quite a perfect Gentleman and seems so good and kind. Mr Ashley is a few years older and more a man of the world. was private Secretary to Lord Palmerston and possesses a good deal of information and can be highly amusing and very agreeable Lord Frederick Cavendish I think has no great flow of conversation and makes himself less agreeable than the other two. Helen and Amelia think him haughty and that he thinks too much of his Rank. Teresa likes him and found him very agreeable. at times his education has been neglected. He reads hard now and tries to improve himself, and I shall not be surprised to hear him called clever in a few years. Mr Ashley was not at all

Sept. 7th well when He left

8th Becher came to luncheon and wanted John to go to Plympton with him John declined. the Griffins were to come to dinner but did not they came to tea. Mr Griffins manner was nice and He was very agreable He told us about old Miss Widders wedding her dress cost £200 it was white Moire with honiton lace flounces, and carpet was spread from her house to the Church for her to walk upon. Dorothy well for Goderich. Mrs Widder from Toronto was at the wedding Mr Griffin thinks her a capital old humbug, and likes her daughters. Amelia Mr Griffin and the two Boys go to London to morrow. I feel sorry to see her go. she is so delicate and unable to stand any fatiegue I wrote to Sarah

9th I took cold last night and have been very ill all day but am better this evening. I did not let Amelia know that I was ill, as she would have felt anxious while she was away— Teresa called on Mrs Hutchison who was not at home John went to tea at Mrs Bills Mrs Murry from Woodstock. Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Duncan Aitkin were there. Mrs Bill told John that the Doctors have pronounced John Vanstittorts illness consumption and that He cannot live long poor fellow his family will be very badly provided for

10th I feel very much better this morning, the house is so dull without Mr Portman Mr Wilson came to Luncheon He wrote several Articles in the Free Press condemning the appointment of Mr Glass as Sheriff and Ferguson as Registrar but did not sign his name to them, the Prototype wrote an Article in defence and said that Mr Wilson amongst others had signed the petition for Mr Glass's appointment. I asked Mr Wilson if it was true He admitted that He had signed the petition. I could not help remarking that if a person was induced from any cause to make an improper recommendation, I thought they ought to be silent afterwards about the appointment— Mr. Mr Wilson spoke of George Brown and said He was a Scoundrel. I was surprised to hear afterwards that He had gone to Toronto and voted for him. and against his old freind J. H. Cameron. it appears to me that nothing perverts the mind like politics. Mr Wilsons standard of right and wrong was so clear and so high when He first came to London, and now He will do what He knows to be wrong. for party. we got a Telegraph from Mr Portman saying that He would be home to morrow ill. Ellen Hamilton and Anna Caddie came to tea. we played Whist

11th Mr Portman came home this morning He had had an attack of Cholera Morbus. He left the rest of the party at Chicago Lord Mc. Governor had also had an attack of Common Cholera

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Sept 11th Mr Ashley had the Ague and a stiff neck besides other ills Lord F. Cavendish was the only one of the party that was well Edward left here yesterday for Chicago upon business had I known there was so much ill ness there I should have objected to his going. at Dwight Lord Richard stole out in the Morn and shot 6 Birds He did not like to have it said that the party had not killed one Bird, Mr Beecher called - Teresa walked out to the Kings with Ellen Hamilton and Annie Caddie Teresa went before luncheon and the Kings gave them no dinner consequently Teresa came home very hungry having eaten nothing but a Biscuit which she asked Mrs Kingston for from breakfast until seven o'clock, the Kings sent them home in a waggon as it rained. the English Mail came in I had no letters. I wrote to Sophia and asked her to come up with Amelia

12th George and Teresa went to Church. I felt too ill to go Beecher called, I wrote to Amelia and Mary - in the evening Mr O'Neil preached his farewell Sermon He returns to Ireland with his family. He is a good man though not an eloquent preacher, the Church here is so poor that they cannot give him as good a living as He has in Ireland. which He will have to give up unless He returns immediately. Mr & Mrs Bill Lawrason and Miss Beatridge called after Church. they told us that Mrs Jones had heard from Mrs Evans who is in England with her Husband who went home for the benefit of his health. the voyage has made him worse and He is now on his death bed the Medical Men say He can live but a very short time. He is a good man and has ministered in the Church in Norfolk U. C. 30 years his change to another world will be a happy one

13th Mr Hamilton called to ask for some money for Mr O'Neil people are collecting for him Mr Hamilton says the Rend Mr O'Neils debts amount to £180 and it will cost him at the least £100 to take his family to Ireland his freinds wish to collect £300 for him but am quite sure they will not succeed - Mr Seymour the Member for Poole (England) called to see Mr Portman who asked him to stay with us. they, Mr Seymour and Mr Portman went out riding. Mr Wilson called and Malcolm Cameron called we like Mr Seymour He must be near 40 years of age He is intelligent but not too clever his sister is married to Mr Knights Brother

14th Mr Seymour left us this morning for Detroit He talks of going to St Pauls and the Red River. Teresa called on the Misses Blake. I went to pay my long promised visit to Mrs Atkin I felt very glad that I did so she was so glad to see me I spent a very pleasant day there Mr Cummings from Chippawa called and stayed there to

Dec Mr Becher had Lunched with us and told Mr Cummings that I had gone to the Atkins. Mr Cumming looks old. It is a long time to look back when we were young and use to amuse ourselves at Port Hyerne— Mrs Horn had her Breast cut off for Cancer a few days ago. about this time next year she will die. poor woman— Mr & Mrs King and Mr Kind Lunched with us yesterday. Edward returned to day from Chicago he saw Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr Ashley. Mr Ashley is ill enable to leave Lord R Grosvenor & Lord Frederick Cavendish have gone to shoot on the Prairies

15th Lord R. Grosvenor sent Mr Portman 3 Doz Prairey Hens, the Nadeidy got up a dinner to Mr McGee which was badly attended and went off very tamely. Ellen Hamilton and Anna Caddie called

16th Mr Becher came to Luncheon. Mrs B. Lawrason called to ask all at Elden to tea She has Mrs Thorny from Woodstock staying with her and Mr & Mrs W. Dixon from Toronto are staying with Mrs Duncan Atkin and Mrs W. Lawrason gives the party to them. the Portmans will not go Mrs Muggerson called and Mrs and Miss Wilson called. Miss Cronyn and the Misses Blake called. Ellin Hamilton and Anna Caddie called and went out walking with Teresa— John. Teresa. Edward and George went to Mrs Bills to tea no dancing. sat talk and whist

17 I got a letter from Amelia who was very tired when she arrived at Quebec. tells no news, she saw Col Hadden and wife John a Pauntant came to Luncheon I wished him to spend a few days with us but he could He looks very miserable. his Medical Men have advised him to spend the winter in a warmer climate. or in other words to go away to die

18th Mrs Dixon returned Teresa's call. Mr Portman got a Telegraph from Wade Hampton asking Mr Portman to meet them in New York next week. Mr Portman and John will leave here on Monday for New York. I got English letters from Mary and Sarah all well

19th Teresa. George. & I went to Church a Negro Clergyman read the prayers. Edward Blake came early in the afternoon and took tea with us. John went to the Bills after tea. for an hour

20th Mr Portman and John are both complaining did not leave for N. York until 4 P.M. Mr Becher called. the suit between the Gore Bank and the District has been argued in Term and the District has gained it consequently. Mr Becher Doctor Anderson and Mr Lawrason will have to pay £1000 each

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20th the amount of their securities to the Gore Bank. for their Agent Mr Street - I received a letter from Sophia Ryerson regretting that she could not return with Amelia as she could not have Toronto during the Exhibition. as they expect a number of visitors - Lucy Wilson has gone to Montreal -

21st I have been very busy all day pickeling and preserving Anna Caddie and Ellen Hamilton came up in the evening. the House very quiet without Mr Portman and John

22nd we have all been very busy getting our house in order during the Gentlemens absence Mrs Cronyn called. we hear by the last mail from Mr Evans

23rd I got a very nice note from Mrs Doctor Robertson who is going to England. her daughter Mrs Finlay is in very bad health. Mr Wilson called

24th got a Telegraphe from Mr Portman He and John leave N. York ~~this~~ Hotel tomorrow morning will be here on Sunday. Amelia and Mr Griffen came home from Quebec Amelia liked her visit very much. they stayed a day with the Ryersons in Toronto Dr Ryerson finds great difficulty in meeting his liabilities for the money paid to Government. He wants to get £2 or 300 from John for a short time if possible. the Griffens dined with us

25th Amelia came to Luncheon. Mrs King and Ellen Hamilton called we expected Mr Portman and John home by the night Train and Helen had refreshment ready for them, lighted a fire and boiled water. and they did not come. We did not attempt to sleep until 5 oclock in the morning. We had no letters by the English Mail

26th Teresa and I went to Church Dr Helmet preached a Black Clergy Man read the prayers - Helen very tired and not very well. the Griffens came to tea I wrote to Sarah - Becher called in the evening

27 Mr Portman and John came home in time for dinner, they had enjoyed their trip very much. Said Mr Hampston and several other Southern Gentlemen, Mr Wanderforde sent a Portrait of Mr as a present to Teresa. He has finished one of me for Helen and one for Sarah - Mrs Becher called

28th Becher called and Amelia and Mr Griffen called

29th Amelia came to Luncheon. I returned with her to spend the ~~the~~ day. the Comet was very splendid as we came home and look larger every night as it approaches the earth Amelia walked home with me. and we hired George who had gone for me. I sent Miss Evans 30 yds of Morning Calico. poor Girls

30th I had have not seen so dark a Sky. for ~~thirty~~ three years as there was to day. the Servants had to light a candle to

Sept 30th eat their dinner by the Heavens looked Grand beyond description there was one heavy Black cloud with a streak of bright white at the top. It rose with such rapidity until the Heavens where covered. the hail rain and Wind was not as heavy as we thought it would be, nor was the thunder and lightning, but every one had a feeling of Alarm at the appearance of the Sky.— Mrs King sent in for Persa. and she was foolish enough to go and it pourd with Rain soon after she left. Mr Becher called. a great outrage has been committed on the Great Western at Chatham— A Southern Gentleman was passing through with a slave Boy ten years old Son Negro made the discovery here and Telegraphed to the Coloured people at Chatham who assembled in a mob of three hundred and when the Train stopped at the Station, they took the Boy forcibly from his Master although the Child cried and did wish to go— Mr Breydges is much annoy.d and intends to prosecute and punish with the utmost rigour of the Law— it will turn the American travel from Canada

October 1st the day beautiful after the Storm— Mrs Becher and Mrs Ellis called. I had a letter from Eliza enclosing a Maltese Lace veil as a present to Ma. dear Eliza— Mr Portman rode to the Kings

2d Amelia called and Fanny Becher who is growing even plainer than she was and her manner is not good It is for too self possessed for her age— Helen & I went to Mr Birrells Whole Sale Store I never saw such a quantity of inferior goods

3d Mr Portman, Helen John, George and I went to Church our new Curate, Mr M'Lean preached I like him very much Amelia walked home with us from Church. Mr Becher called He was not very well. I wrote to Mary— John went to tea to Mrs Bill

4th this is the Birth day of Mary and Eliza they are 33 years old to day. Helen and I went shopping I got a dress for Persa— We came home very tired

5th Amelia called and went shopping with Helen and then returned to Luncheon. a Clergyman from the lower part of the Province called, to ask assistance to build a Church. I could not give him any thing. The Bishop of Huron and the Revnd Mr M'Lean. (our new Curate) called. we like Mr M'Lean very much Mr Portman rode out to the Kings. Persa is to come home to morrow

6th Mrs Becher called. she is very civil and kind to Helen. Persa returned in time for Luncheon. not very much charmed with her visit to the Kings. Johnny asked Mr Bousford (an English

October 6th (Gentleman) here to tea we rather like him He has travelled a great deal— the Weather cloudy. we could not see the Comet

7th very cold wind. Amelia and Mr Griffen called I received a letter from Sarah. who has not received her quarters remittance and is very much fretted. Mr Andrew has made his escape and left the Sheriff liable for his debts nearly £500 is owing to John

8th Mr Griffen and Amelia came to dinner, in the evening We all play'd Monte Teresa Mr Portman and I lost

9th not well to day Toothach and Swollen face— Teresa and George went to the Griffens to tea

10th Helen ill no one went to Church. Mrs Richer called after Church to ask for Helen Mrs Wilson called and Ellen Hamilton came to enquire after her I had a letter from Mary. Amelia and Mr Griffen came down, Amelia offered to remain I told her I would send for her when I sent for the doctor Anderson at 9 o'clock I sent for them both the Baby was born twenty minutes past eleven P. M. She is a fine Boy there is a little disappointment that they had wished for a daughter Helen was longer ill and suffered more pain than when Berkeley was born. I wrote to Elvira and Mrs Knight and felt truly thankful that I had such good news to tell them

11th Helen and Baby doing well Mrs Richer and Mrs W. Landraron and Mrs Wilson called Amelia remained all day with us all the household make a great fuss with the Baby

12 Helen and Baby going on well. Amelia came down for the day Mr Griffen and her dined here Fanny Richer called

13th Mr Mc Donald from Goderich called, Mrs King came to ask for Helen. Amelia was overtaken by a storm coming here and she ran from the Catholic Church when she got here she was quite exhausted, crying and unable to move for some time, poor Girl she has very little strength

14 Helen and Baby doing well. Ellen Hamilton called she is the first visitor who has seen Helen, Amelia and Mr Griffen called

15th Helen not so well, had to be kept very quiet and take Medecine Amelia and Mrs Wilson called. Mrs Wilson was full of trouble about her Boys in the evening we played Euchre John & I lost

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October 16 Helen is much better to day. Lucy Wilson called. Dr Richer came to Luncheon He gave me a pass to Hamilton and one for any body I chose to take with me- Mrs Ward called She say Lady Bury has turned Protestant. and that her reason for doing so is that her Husband being wild and dissipated she hoped that by becoming a convert to his faith she might have more influence over him Ld and Lady Bury are expected at Dundurn very soon no one can imagine what they are returning to Canada for as it cannot be to economize as he will have to return to attend to his Parliamentary Duties- Amelia called —

17 Teresa went to Church Donate to Sarah. Amelia and Mr Griffin called Mr Portman John & Edward walked out to the Rechers but did not get any of his good Port Helen doing well

18th Teresa went to Toronto this morning with Mr Griffen by the Grand Trunk she wants to get a Bonnet for herself and some thing for Helen. there is great indignation in the Town about F. Cornish being appointed to do the Crown Business at the approaching Assize. there is a very strong feeling against the two M. Ps Mr Easting and Mr Talbot they shew that too plainly that it is not the good of the City or County that they study, their sole object is to serve themselves and friends, the appointment of Mr Glass as Sheriff and Mr Furgason as Registrar is very unpopular, and their overbearing conduct in Office increases the dislike that people have to the Men the house was very lonely after Teresa left- Amelia came to Dinner

19th Amelias Birth day. this day she enters her 36th year Mrs Duncan Aitken and Mrs Goodhue called, Amelia came to dinner- Helen doing well John went to the Wilsons to tea

20th Mr King came to Luncheon He told us that Mr Des Voeux had really gone to Cuba in charge of an Heiress He has got all of his Mortgages out of Johns hands and will very soon make way with them and be penniless He has given up the law and now only thinks of making his fortune by Marrying an Heiress- Mrs & Miss Riddone called, Amelia came to dinner- Helen doing well in searching over some papers to day I found the first letter poor Chase wrote from Rome, how full of life hope and happiness she was then poor Girl. and how soon her and her Babes were to rest under the Blue waters of the Mediterranian. why should I regret her every hour shortens the distance between us and

yet it seem as if my heart would break when I think of her
even to day at dinner I had to turn away to hide the agony
I felt when no one thought or spoke of her, what a fountain
the heart is of sweet and better thoughts and but little
understood even by those most dear to us

21st Amelia called, Mr Portman rode out to the Kings. Helen and
Baby doing well.

22nd got a letter from Teresa does not expect to be at home before
Monday. I wrote to her, the pictures arrived from
Mr Wanderforde. I did not know until they arrived that
He was doing a picture of John as a present for me
the likeness is admirable, and it is a delicate attention from
Mr Wanderforde that I shall not easily forget. I wrote
to him to day Amelia and Mr Griffen have gone to
Woodstock to lunch with Mr & Mrs Charles de Blacquiere
Helen sat up for four hours to day

23d I got a letter from Col Crutchley and one from Mary and Shuldham
Eliza has another Daughter born on the 4th - her own birth day
Col Crutchley says she was very dangerously ill and so weak that she
had to be supported by Brandy but both her and Child were doing well
on the 7th when He wrote. Shuldham has bought a Horse for Mary
and wants some of his interest from the Moneys invested by John
to pay for it both Shuldham and Mary seem in good Spirits and
very happy. I had a letter from Teresa she wants to know how she
is to get home I wrote to her to meet me in Hamilton on tuesday next
Amelia and Mr Griffen called they were very much pleased with
their visit to Woodstock they and Mrs Vankittant who has heard
good accounts of her Husband who is much better and intends
returning again in a Month, Mrs Wilson called and sent Helen
& Jessie George went to a party at the Hamiltons

I wrote to Mrs Robertson

24th John went to Church, Helen sat up nearly the whole day. I wrote
to Col Crutchley and Mary. Verney Fromyn came to tea on Wednesday
He goes to Toronto to study Law for a year

25th Amelia came to Dinner, spoke of going to Hamilton with me
to morrow

26th went to Hamilton by the 11 Oclock Train Amelia met me at
the Station Mr Griffen would not let Her go with me She
Telegraphed to Mr McInnes to meet me at the Station Mr Dougald McInnes
came to meet me his Brother had gone to Toronto. Teresa
was at the Anglo American waiting for me. She met Doctor
Robertson at the Station, He had promised to spend Christmas
with. I made my purchases at Mr McInnes's and returned

26 by the goodack Train. I met Mr McInnes at the Station nothing could exceed the kindness and attention of both Brothers on our return both John and Edward met us at the Station and had our room warm and tea ready when we got home Teresa liked her visit at Toronto pretty well she thought there was a little coolness with the Kyersons when she first arrived John could not lend her money

27th Amelia came to Luncheon. I got a letter from Eliza who is getting on well and calls her Baby Helen and wants Helen to stand Godmother ~~for~~ Helen is not well to day- Mr Portman and John ~~went~~ spent the evening with Mr Leath and Mr Beresford. I went to bed very tired

28th Mr Ward the Station Master was dismissed to day he let a Train pass that ought to have been stopped. No accident happened but it was by the mercy of God. Mr Ward told Amelia with tears in his eyes that the agony he suffered for half an hour was beyond description until he heard that all was safe. He felt the justice of his dismissal every body is sorry for him, but it does not do ~~for~~ to allow Mistakes on the the Railroad- Amelia came to dinner very busy. Helen came down to Luncheon John, Edward, George and I played Euchre John and I won

29th Heard from Mr McInnes who is not coming up this week. We played Euchre John & I lost-

Mr Brooke called Saturday 30th

31st Teresa and I went to Church staid to the Sacrament John went to the Wilsons. Amelia called. Col Coffin is staying with them John went there to tea

November 1st Helen not very well Mrs Cronyn called. Mr Becher came to Luncheon. He expects Christopher Robinson to stay with him during the Assizes, wants me to ask him to Dinner to Monday which I shall be most happy to do Mrs Becher continues ill unable to leave her bed. Mr Becher does not wish us to go and see her. He says we would only worry her and that she would rather be alone Her sister Mrs Grant is not with her she has only Fanny to attend to her— Mrs W Lawrason and Mrs D. Atkin and Mr W Lawrason called Helen was not well enough to see them, Amelia got an Anonimous letter reflecting upon Mr Portman and Mrs W Lawrason and saying the most shameful things about the Lawrasons such attacks are cowardly spiteful and contemptible, Mrs Lawrason if done maliciously and if written in fun it is thoughtless and wrong to say the least of it

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November 2nd Maurice & William Portman christened to day by the Bishop of Huron John is one God Father The Honble William Portman the other. He was represented by Dr Robertson who came from Toronto on the occasion. Represented the Honble Ella Portman who is the God mother. Amelia and Mr Griffen were to have been here but said the weather was too bad to come out. but the truth of the matter was that Mr Griffen would not come and Amelia would not come without him. We all felt very sorry Christopher Robinson dined here. after the Bishop left he played Monte Mr Robinson lost 2½ dollars the rest of us left off nearly even

3d the weather is dull and gloomy we have had Easterly wind for nearly a Month. Mr Beckett and C Robinson came to Luncheon Mr Beckett came also Alexander Beckett left to day for England to go to School. He called to say Good Bye and looked as if his heart was full of sorrow at leaving. He has at present the reputation of being a naughty idle Boy. I sincerely hope He may return a comfort to his Parents and a credit to himself

Mr King came to Luncheon Mr Wilson called and had to me luncheon. George went with Mr Wilson is out to day. I hope there may be some opening that He may make his way in the world. Mr Griffen had gone to the Falls and Amelia came to dinner she looked so sad and unhappy poor Girl her face tells but too plainly that from some cause or another She is not happy— Teresa John and George went to a party at the Hamiltons, Mrs Hamilton gave Teresa a party to celebrate the important event of Teresa, having finished embroidering her petticoat

4th Dr Robertson got a Telegraph from Mr Benedict requiring his professional services, consequently he left for the Clifton at 11 oClk. He has to return as a witness in a suit now pending. Mr Beckett and Mr Robinson came to Luncheon Mr Robinson leaves to day for Toronto and returns again on Monday to attend to some Business at the Assize Court which is now sitting. Mr Portman got a Telegraph from Col Hamilton advising him not to go South as the Yellow fever continued very bad and fresh arrivals were sure to take it. Mr Portman was to have left to day. how the time of his going is uncertain— Ellen Hamilton and Annie Caddy called— Kate Brough called

5th Amelia called. House very dull every one is occupied with what is going on at Court

6 Beckett came to Luncheon. Mr Griffen called in

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November the afternoon — We have had easterly wind for a Month
6th and Rain every day
7th George and Teresa went to Church I got a letter from
Sarah and wrote to her — John went to Mrs Bells to tea
8th the Griffens asked Mr Pontman and John to dinner and
Teresa Ellen Hamilton and Annie Caddy to tea, Mr Pontman
was so long in the Court house that he came home too ill to go
to dinner — John went and Teresa followed. Amelia came
down during the day and Mr King lunched here Ellen and
Annie Caddy called, the Lapers are being tried to day for
making Counterfeit Money, Johns evidence was very much
against them He was sent for to night but avoided going
as he was not subpoenied and it is not pleasant to be
forced to send any one to the Penitentiary — Amelia brought
down a letter from Mary, who talks of paying us a visit
Major Bennett of the 20th has sent her a Shawl from India
9th Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Hamel called. Mrs Cridmore and
three of the Misses Evans called they look such ladylike
nice girls Christopher Robinson returned last night
from Toronto and called for a few minutes He breakfasts
with us to morrow Amelia and Mr Griffen called Mr
Griffen has gone to Chicago
10th Mr Robinson came to Breakfast. Amelia has gone
to Toronto Mr King and Mr Robinson were to have gone
with her but failed her when the time came Mr Robinson
Mr and Mrs King came to luncheon and Mr Reade Mr
Becher came intending to Lunch but was sent
for at the Court House Mr Robinson returned to
Dinner — and we played Monte I lost 50 cents at 10 P.M.
Becher just got away from the Court House He looked
wearied and ill and had had nothing to eat since break-
fast at 1/2 past 10 P.M. John Teresa and Edward went to
a party at the Rivers, and came home very late, and said
they had a very pleasant party
11th Mr Robinson called to say Good Bye on his return to
Toronto John & I were the only ones visible. Mr Becher
came to Luncheon He looks very much worn and fatigued
Mrs Becher has been confined to her bed for more than
three weeks. To day Harding was tried and acquitted for
the Murder of Hughes Wilson. Lucy Wilson was
at the Ball last night and Mrs Wilson was driving
about the City all day to day. Surely they cannot

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November 11th Know that a man is being tried for the murder of a Brother and Son who has not yet been a year dead - Mr Portman has bought a pair Black Horses from Dr Farmer for $425 Dr Farmer a month ago asked $1000 and now takes $425 He does not want the Horses and Money is so scarce that He would rather take a small sum cash in hand than sell for a larger sum on time Dr Farmer paid $400 for one of the Horses not very long ago

12th Mr King and Mr Becher came to Luncheon. Amelia returned from Toronto and came home in the evening she was at Government House and saw Lady Macdonald Amelia does not think her so pretty as reported but admires her very much Lady Head struck her as being very vulgar. Mrs Hamilton Ellen and Annie Caddy called

13th cold Dreadful day George went to Toronto to keep Term Terence went to the Hamiltons to tea the Gentry of Toronto gave Lord Elgin a public dinner to day Lord Elgin certainly has played his cards well just before He went to England He was hooted by the public for his brazen immorality and now He is feted. He advocated the cause of the Canadian on the Hudson Bay question. I had a letter from Mary yesterday

14th Teresa and I went to Church the weather is cold with snow Mr Griffin and Amelia came down to tea John went to the Mrs Wells Mr Becher walked home from church with us He does not look well nor in good Spirits

15th Snow enough for bad Sleighing. Mr Wilson called He wanted assistance for some poor people He does more acts of kindness than any one I know of - Ellen Hamilton and Annie Caddy called

16th Snowing all day. Mr Portman and Teresa took a Sleigh Drive Amelia came to dinner John, Edward, Amelia and I played Euchre John and I won

17th heard from Mr Vandersforde who will make copies of all our Portraits for Mary of a size smaller than the originals for $12 a each, Amelia came to dinner Mr Jackson and Mr Stadt - Schmidt came to tea we played Monte Mr Jackson and Edward lost $12½ each Mr Portman won - Mrs Pemberton and Mrs Ward called Mrs Ward leaves to morrow for Hamilton where Mr Ward has got a Situation on the Great Western

18th continues cold. Tom Street called we were very glad to see him as our families have been friends for two generations - Miss Dunn called to return Teresa's visit Amelia came to dinner and Mr Jackson Mr Stadt Schmit and Mr Scott came to tea, we all played Monte

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18th And and Mr Jackson last. Mr Jackson & I and Ned & Mr Johnston playing for money. to play for amusement is all very well

19th the Day dull and Gloomy no one called except Mr Johnston and two Daughters

20th Amelia and Mr King came to luncheon, our dinner very badly cooked John Edward and Mr Portman to whist and supper with Mr Ponsford. the Centrometer stood 3 above Zero this morning and the River is quite frozen over

21st the Gentleman remained very late at the party last night it was 5 o'clock this morning when they returned. I felt sorry that they should have disregarded the Sabbath morning, but it was the first time and reproach was useless. it is not likely to occur again Teresa and I went to Church. I saw Mrs Becher who is looking very pale after her long illness I wrote to Mary

22d Mr Griffen came to Luncheon. Mr Portman John Edward and Teresa went to the Kings to dinner. Mrs King called when we were at Breakfast to ask me to go out but I declined- they all enjoyed their party very much, and Helen and I spent a pleasant evening at home I had a letter from Sarah who is fretting about money matters

23d W. Lawrason called in the morning to ask John Edward and Teresa there to tea in a quiet way they went and spent a pleasant evening Amelia came to Dinner

24th I pruned my Grape vines and lay them down to be covered from the frost- We decided upon asking some people here to morrow I very foolishly allowed myself to feel vexed because there were objections made to three people whom I proposed asking Teresa thought there would be too many people. without a Piano, as we could have neither Music nor dancing I told Teresa that Helen, herself and John might ask who they liked that I would ask no one- I should have said that at first and without anger as I never go out and do not care in the least who they invite as long as they are pleased- my only reason for wishing the Rivers to be invited was because they had all accepted invitations there more than once- and then we were all unhappy the whole evening- Mrs Wilson called and Mrs Augerson and Mr & Mrs McKay. Amelia came to dinner

25th the party came off I believe to the satisfaction of all. Mr & Mrs W. Lawrason were here Mr & Mrs Rivers Ellen Hamilton Annie Caddy Amelia and Mr King. Mr Kind. Mr Stad Shmit Mr Jackson and Mr Scott and Mr Ponsford. Cards was the order of the

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November 25th the evening. the Supper was very nice and they all left here at 1, oclock

26th Mr Ponsford left London to day on his return to England He and his two freinds Mr Jackson and Stal Smit were in tears at parting— Mrs Wilson called she is endeavoring to collect money to pay the Rent for a poor Woman whose Husband has had his right hand cut off and they have four children. John. Teresa. and Edward went to a Concert and Ball given by the Gentlemen or rather got up by them, Teresa had no intention of dancing after the Concert but the Gentlemen requested her and John to open the Ball and she felt a little elated by the respect shown her there were three programmes nicely got up on Satin one was given to Mrs Harding the Members wife one to Mrs Glass the Mayor wife and the other to Teresa Mr Stal Smit came here to go with them but was too late and he followed them Teresa and Edward returned at a quarter past eleven— I was ill all night

27th not at all well Amelia and Mr King came to luncheon Mr Scott came to Dinner. I went to bed early, we had letters from Mary and Eliza, Elizas Baby is christened Helen— Edward is God Father it is the first time he has assumed such responsible duties and which are so generally neglected George returned from Toronto very glad to get home—

28th John & Teresa went to Church I was too ill to go Becher came to dinner and gave me a letter from Mr Daff to read I should think He was sobered and improved since last I saw him, He has given Mr Becher one of his Brothers watches as a small return for his kindness and attention to his Brother Amelia called after church W. Lawrason and Mrs Lawrason and Mrs D. Askin came to tea they are two unfortunate Women, the husband of one is conceited coarse and vulgar and the Husband of the other is debauched dissipated and worthless

29th Mr Scott came to Luncheon, Amelia came to dinner, Mr Portman Mr Scott and Teresa were invited to the Kings to lunch but did not go. Mrs Shanley called, George is to write in Johns office from breakfast until lunch and then study to prepare himself for his examination as an Attorney in February— I am not well—

30th Amelia came and Helen Teresa and her washed up all the Glass, we asked Mr Scott to dinner but he declined— Mrs King called looking the picture of good health— I am not well—

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December 1st Mrs Becher called, and Mr Wilson report says Lucy Wilsons engagement is announced that her Father and Mother have given their consent. Amelia came to Dinner

2nd Mr Jackson Mr Stalschmidt Mr Scott and Amelia came to Tea they played Van John I went to bed early

3rd Mr Griffin and Amelia came to tea I got letters from Sarah and Eliza. Mr Portman, Helen, Teresa, John and Edward went to a Ball at Mr Dennis and came home late, very much pleased, Helen and Gatties enough to serve us for a Month

4th Mr McInnis came up Amelia wrote to me that he and they were coming to dine with us, I then invited Mr Scott, I was very busy all day making mince pies, Mr McInnis Mr Scott and Mr King came to Luncheon – our dinner was very nice and the evening passed away pleasantly although we were all very tired

5th the morning disagreeable, a wet Sabbath. George was the only one that went to Church. I wrote to Sarah – Mr McInnis Amelia and Mr Scott came to tea

6th Mr Becher came to Luncheon, Amelia called and Mr Portman, Helen, Teresa, & John dined at the Griffins, Mr Jackson Mr Stalschmidt and Mr Kind made up the party

7th Mr Scott dined with us, as it is his last day in London Amelia came to dinner, the evening passed away very pleasantly, to morrow Mr Portman leaves us for the South Helen is to follow in a month

8th Amelia came to spend the day, Mr Scott called to say goodbye He thinks he will return to London again in February, We were all so sorry to see Mr Portman go but are very glad that Mr Scott is with him they left by the 10 o'clock Train, Mr King Mr Kind, Mr Stalschmidt Mr Jackson and Mr Laudrason were at the Station to see them off

9th a very lonely day, no one called. I wrote to Dr Ryerson recommending Mr Kind to his particular notice, He is an applicant for the situation of Classical teacher in the Normal School

10th Mr Becher came to Luncheon and has promised to take Helen as far as St Louis. Amelia called John is applying for the office of Recorder so as to make an opening in his office for George. I was not well and went to bed before dinner – John went to the Wilsons to Tea

11th Amelia came to Luncheon. I wrote a letter of introduction for Mr Kind to Dr Ryerson, Mr Kind

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11th called to thank me

12th Teresa & I went to Church. Mr Becher called and Amelia and Mr Griffin came to tea the Registrars Office is at last divided and Mr Gill is the City Registar Mr Ferguson is so much disliked that every one is glad that even the City is out of his hands

13th Helen got a letter from Mr Portman from Chicago He tells Helen not to leave here until she hears that the ice is out of the River between St Louis & Cairo - Mr Nichol from Vienna and his little Son came to Tea. It is strange what stupid Sons a clever Father will have, Mr Nichols Father the late Col Nichd was admitted to be one of the cleverest Men of his day in the Province and certainly his Sons talents are not of a very brilliant order but the little Grandson I should think would be clever, perhaps true to the old saying talent skips a Generation, or is the other theory correct that it requires a clever Mother to make clever Children

14th We had letters from Sarah Shuldham and Mary the Dalzells are a constant worry about their Money matters, Shuldham is the best fellow I know of and he and Mary appear as happy as the day is long - Mr Wilson called. and Mr King came in a great state of excitement to tell us that Mrs King has a Son She had ban very ill and the child was taken with instruments but both Mother and Child were doing well Mr King looked as if he had suffered almost as much as his Wife - Amelia called - Teresa had a letter from Sophia, we wanted her to come up in time for the Lawrason party but she cannot manage to do so

15th Amelia called she goes to Toronto to Morrow to dine with the Hoddens and to bring up Sophia - Mr Hesterbrook and Mrs Mason called - there is a great scandal at Toronto Miss Shreiber a young Lady of the Upper ten - and two other young Ladies (Miss Jessop and Miss Barwick) who move in outer circles of upper tendom are all in the family way the Clergymen have thought it necessary to preach two Sermons pointing out the immorality of the City of Toronto poor Girls how much they are to be pitied Miss Shreiber has no Mother and her Father although a Clergyman I imagine is not a very good Guardian for his Daughters Mr Dawn of the 100th Regt is said to be the Seducer of Miss Shreiber He was known as a notorious profligate, had seduced his Col's wife and was forced to sell out of the Guards yet the people in Toronto made a Hero of him and his

December notice was coveted by all the young ladies, are not the old more to blame than the young

16th I wrote to ask Mrs Vannittart to come and stay here and go to the Lawrasons Ball - Mr Patten of the Trust and Loan Company dined here, we all liked him. We talked over Kingston 40 years ago long before He was born. I knew of only one person living there now that was living there when I left in 1817 that is old John Marks a Purser in the Navy

17th John went to the Station to meet Mrs Vannittart but she did not get my note and consequently did not come. John Edward Teresa and George all went to the Lawrasons Ball which went off very well. the Supper was excellent and abundant they did not return until 4 o'clock, neither Helen nor myself were very well

18 every body tired to day - Sophia arrived in time for dinner Amelia and Sophia told us nothing new, only a repetition of the Toronto Scandal

19th Sophia, Teresa and George went to Church I was not well enough Amelia came to dinner I wrote to Mary and Eliza. John went to tea at the Mrs Wills

20th Mrs Watson and Fanny Goodhue called on Sophia, Teresa and Sophia went to Mrs Wills to call on Mrs Alexander and Mrs Bell came here and called on Sophia, Amelia called Mrs Bell and all the household said we must give a party I consented with a good deal of reluctance it is to come off on Thursday next Mr Ethel Abbott and Mr Jackson came to tea the evening passed very heavily with me and I went to bed ill. Edward was in great spirits He had won his suit against Mr Finnigan the Registrar for charging enormous fees to which He was not entitled and He has to refund. we think it very creditable of Edward that He studied the Law and discovered that the charges were illegal an imposition that the whole country have submitted to for four or five years without making the discovery

21st I was very ill with Influenza all night the party has to be given up for the present I got up at 12 o'clock - Mrs Atkin came in to spend the day, but I could not remain up. Amelia called. I felt better during the night

22nd Sophia went to Lunch with Amelia. Helen and Teresa went to call on Mrs King. who is getting on

December 22d very well. Mr & Mrs Griffen came with Sophia after Luncheon, Mrs Duncan Aikin called on Sophia John went to Toronto to endeavour to get Mr Thompson appointed Recorder. I am better to day but far from well Helen brought the Grapes. She is so kind in getting any thing she thinks I would like

23d I feel no better to day. Amelia came down, Sophia, Teresa and Edward dined with the Griffens. Miss Wilson called.

24th Helen, Sophia and Teresa went out to pay visits. I gave the three servant a dress each. Amelia called. John returned from Toronto he doubts Mr Thompson being made Recorder. John dined at Government House and went to a Ball at Mr Heward's, Lieut Edmund Head had heard of the safe return of Lt F. Lowndes Lt Governor and Mr Ashley, from the Red River. Mr Becher lunched with us, and this is Christmas eve. I feel not well, lonely and low spirited when I ought to feel only thankful for all God Blessings and Mercies to me and Mine. God grant me a more penitent, humble, thankful heart

25th Helen, Teresa, Sophia and John went to Church and stayd to the Sacrament Amelia and Mr Griffen called after Church and stayd to luncheon, Mr Becher and Fanny called. Mr Henry Griffen came with the Griffens to Dinner I got a letter from Miss Griffen who kindly brought a pair of Moccasins and a pair of Gay Snow Shoes that Mary wished me to get for her. We played Duett in the evening

26th Teresa & Sophia went to Church. Rain. I wrote to Sarah

27th Mr King Mr Griffen and Amelia came to luncheon. Mr Wilson called He looked ill and had a very bad cold

28th Sophia and Mr Griffen and Amelia walked out to the Kings to Luncheon, the day was so bad and the walking so wet that I objected to Teresa's going. Sophia came home very tired but said she had spent a pleasant day. Mrs Wilson called. George Brown, the Editor of the Globe is writing some violent and abusive Articles against Dr Ryerson and the School System but Dr Ryerson has the whole Country with him

29th Snow Mr Wilson called. I wrote to Mrs Ryerson to ask leave for Sophia to lengthen her visit

30th Helen and Sophia called on Mrs Wilson. John, Edward George, Teresa and Sophia went to the Bachelors Ball the evening was very wet the Rain fell in torrents and the Ball was any thing but pleasant to Sophia and Teresa as the preponderating position

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30th of the company were Shoemakers Dress makers Grocers &c
31st Sophia and Teresa were very tired after the Ball. I got a letter from Dr Robertson who did not get my invitation to dine with us on Christmas day until after Christmas I got a letter from Mrs Cross who could not dine with us on New Years day. Helen and Sophia walked up to the Griffens in the evening and so ends the last day of the year. where shall we all be at the end of the next, may God enable us to put our whole trust in his mercies both now and for ever

Jany 1st 1859 Helen Sophia and I went to Church the day was mild and beautiful. we had not many visitors, Mr Jackson Mr King Mr Reid. Mr Laudrason and the two young Reids, Dr Anderson Mr Atkin Mr Rivers and Mr Beddome. the Griffens dined with us, neither Sophia nor Teresa were well in the evening the Griffens, George and I played Cribbage. John and Edward took tea at Mr Laudrasons Sam Blake and Benjn Cronyn called

2nd John, George, Sophia and I went to Church I remained to the Lacrahament. John went to the Wilsons to tea. I wrote to Mary

3d to day the election commences for Mayor Mr Norris Mr W Bridle and Mr Anderson were candidates, Mr Anderson has resigned Mr Norris was ahead when the Polls closed this evening— Miss Cronyn and Miss Evans called upon Sophia to day Amelia came to dinner Mrs Wilson called when we were at dinner she was afraid to go home alone there were so many rowdy men about John walked home with her, Edward and Sophia went home with Amelia Sophia intends staying all night with Amelia as Mr Griffen is not at home

4th Sophia and Amelia called but did not stay to luncheon Sophia returned in time for dinner. John came home from the office ill and could not dine with the Goodhues, Mr Becher came to Luncheon Mr M'Bride is elected Mayor by a large majority of

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5th as Mr Reid Mr King Mr Jackson and Mr Ethal Street were engaged here to tea we decided upon having a small party Teresa and Sophia went out to invite their young friends Helen got a Poem from Nordheimer and I prepared the Supper several of the Gentlemen failed us but our party went off very well Mr & Mrs Griffen were here Mrs La Laudrason. Miss Laudrason and Miss Thompson, Miss Street. Mrs & Miss Becher

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5th Mr Ethal Schmidt, Mr Jackson, Mr Mackenzie of the B. Bank and Mr Dunn Edmond was ill with cold and Rheumatism and had to go to bed and John was not very well, but notwithstanding every body seemed to enjoy themselves

6th Teresa and Josephine walked out to the Johnsons with Amelia Mr Griffen Mr Jackson and Mr Ethal Schmidt, I was not pleased with Teresa for going she is not well and it was too long a walk Mrs Rivers called upon Josephine, John came home again from the Office ill. I am very anxious about him He seem to be getting into bad health again He had a letter from Dr Robertson proposing to go to the South with Helen and also to say that He would pay us a visit, I wish John to go South with Helen as change a relaxation from work is necessary to him

7th got a letter from Mary She say Dr Howard intends coming to Canada to live: after a time: He returns to the East Indies in February if his health is sufficiently restored, Helen heard from the Portmans, who fortunately received Mr Portmans letter telling him that the report sent home by Ld Bury stating that Ld. F. Cavendish Ld. H. Grosvenor and Mr Ashley had been murdered by the Indians was not true, Lord Portman was in time to notify all their respective families excepting the Duke of Devonshire that there was such a report and that it was not true before they had heard any thing of it the Duke of Devonshire heard the report in the morning and heard from Ld Portman contradicting it in the afternoon — Helen heard from Mr Portman that morning who looks anxiously forword to her joining him

Amelia called and they all seemed well pleased with their yesterdays visit, Mr King called He is in great trouble about Mrs King who has been too venturesome and has taken cold in her breast, I advised them to foment with hot vinegar. Mrs Becher came to luncheon Mr King Mr Nind. Mr Jackson and Mr Becher came to tea Bun cakes & cold Mince pies — John came home again from the Office ill

8th Cold & Sore John got a letter from Edward Blake, John objects to paying the Agency fees before the suit is settled E. Blake wants every thing paid quarterly. John says unless He had large private means He could not make such heavy disbursements in advance, they are friends I hope it will cause no coolness between them — G. M'Beth called. his visits are few and far between. the night very cold Helen & Josephine Edward & George played Casino. The Revd Mr M'Lean called and brought the Baptismal certificates for Berkeley & Maurice

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9th got a letter from Dr Robertson He wishes to go to the South with Helen and has arranged to do so- Sophia and Teresa went to Church- Doctor Brown vaccinated Maurice a second time as the first was a failure. He is very rough. I would not allow him to vaccinate another child that was under my charge in any way- We stayed to Tea and the Griffens came to tea John went to the Bill Landrovers to tea. I wrote to Elisa

10th intensely cold. Thermometer 29 below Zero- Mr Wilson called

11th Amelia and Mr Griffin called and stayed to luncheon Mr King called Mrs King has an Abscess forming in her breast. I got a letter from Sarah and a letter in French from little Mary Dalzell Mr Wilson came to dinner and Mr Dunn. Mr Jackson and Mr Ethelschmit came by invitation to tea, we talked and played (and) until 10 oclock

12 We weighed Maurice who was three month old on the 10th He weighed 8 lbs when born, that is without clothes He now weighs 15 lbs having gained Seven pound in three Months Mr King called and wanted me to go and see Mrs King who is suffering greatly with her breast. Amelia came to Luncheon and the Misses Johnson called. I drove out to the Kings with Mr Whitehead and Mr King in Mr Whitehead Lumber Sleigh Mr King has a very bad breast indeed and appears to me to be very much Mismanaged. Doctor Phillips attends her and applies Linseed poultice to her breast, I advised Leeches and Warm fomentations with hot water Mr King drove me in and went to ask Doctor Phillips to try the Leeches, which I dare say He will not, and with the present treatment Mrs King will have a broken breast and be ill for six weeks to come Mrs Wood was with Mrs King She seems a kind good woman and very agreeable, but has lost her beauty although not more than 24 or 25 years of age but Beauty fades so quickly in the Country, at dinner I had a long talk with Mr Kind and Mr Jackson upon Theology and Societies & other subjects, Mr Kind is going to Fraters River to seek employment

13 Amelia came to Luncheon. John. Edward. George. Sophia and Teresa went to a Ball at the Gardners, the Ball was a very good one and went off very well. until about one oclock. when there was an alarm of fire, and it was said that Mr Reiners, House was on fire. but it proved to be an empty house next to theirs, which had been set on fire by incendaries. at first. Mr & Mrs Reiners and her Sisters were in a great state of alarm- all the Gentlemen rose

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13th from the Ball to the Fenic in their best coats &c and the Ladies came home
14th every body very tired. Amelia called here, she was in search of a Nurse and Cook for Mrs King, who is very ill her Breat was lanced yesterday, Mr King came to the Griffens very early and entreated Amelia to go out there which she did after spending four or five hours in search of Servants which she succeeded in finding and took a Nurse and Cook out with her, she came here on her way home and stay'd to dinner, Mr Wilson came in for Soup and then went home, John went to the Hills to dinner — Baby was so ill that we sent for Doctor Moore about 1 o'clock in the morning Maurice became so much worse that we again sent for the Doctor, the Child has Influenza
15th Baby is better this morning, Helen got a letter from Mr Portman who is anxiously expecting her at the Plantation but it is quite impossible for her to go until the Children are well, Mr King and Mr Jackson came to Luncheon, Mrs King is better, Amelia has gone there to spend the day. Helen got a Telegram from Mr Portman in the evening, asking when she intended leaving here John went to a meeting at the Tecumseh about getting up a Ball
16th John, Edward, George, Teresa, Sophia and myself went to Church. Amelia called, she was again in search of a Nurse for Mrs King, the Nurse she had taken out on Friday had an attack of Erysipelas and was forced to leave, after Amelia returned home she got a Note from Mr King saying that they would do without a Nurse, I wrote to Sarah
17th Mrs Kings Breast has been lanced a second time, they sent for Doctor Anderson to day who says that she is going on all right, I think she has been shamefully mismanaged. Mr Buchen came to Luncheon Amelia and Mr Griffen ~~came to tea~~ called Mr Wilson came to tea He sent me three or four Cords of Wood as a Christmas present, He is very generous Mrs W. Lawrason and Miss Thompson called Mrs Lawrason and Phoebe called and invited us all to a party on thursday evening next. I half promised to go but think my courage will fail me when the time arrives Baby not so well to day. Helen Telegraphed for Dr Robertson

17th We cannot come until to morrow. Sophia has gone to the Griffins to stay all night— John has gone to attend a meeting about the Ball at the Tecumseh

18th Mr King called and wanted to take Dr Robertson from the Station out to his place to dine, we thought the proposition odd as Helen had telegraphed for him to see her Baby. She told him if he wanted Dr Robertson professionally that he could drive out after he had prescribed for her child. He said he did not want him professionally although we know very well that he wants him to prescribe for Mrs King. Capt Cronyn dropped dead near the Albion Buildings when speaking to his Nephew, poor man he is free from all his troubles, he was tricked into a Marriage when he was very young with a Roman Catholic Lady who was very bigoted, and much older than himself. They have led a very unhappy life. He has left but one child a Daughter who has been taught to look upon her father as a Heathen Heretic— Capt Cronyn has left all his property to his Mother the Bishop, as he discovered that his wife had arranged to leave every thing to the Ladies of the Sacred Heart who are to receive herself and Daughter— Mr & Mrs Watson called. Dr Robertson came up in time for dinner Sophia remains at the Griffins

19th got a Telegraph from Mr Portman that he is coming up Helen Telegraphed back to him not to come as Dr Robertson and John were both going with her as soon as the Children were well enough to leave. Amelia Mr Griffin and Sophia came to luncheon. I got a letter from Eliza and Amelia has one from Mary. Eliza has arrived in England Mrs Laurason called to put off her party in consequence of Capt Cronyns death— Mr Laurason called to drive Dr Robertson out to the Kings Mr King asked him to go out professionally and to drive with him— Mrs King better— Baby no better

20th the Baby slept very little last night. Helen not well Dr Robertson prescribed for Baby and he has been better all day. Capt Cronyn buried to day. the Bishop who is away on Diocesan duties could not come home to attend the Funeral. It rained very heavily and Edward got so wet at the Funeral that he stayed at the Bell Laurason. dried his clothes and spent the evening. John came home from the office ill. Amelia Mr Griffin and Sophia called they have a dinner party to day. Dr Robertson

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20th dines with them. they invited Teresa and Edward, but neither of them went

21st Mr Beckett came to Luncheon, Amelia and Sophia came to tea Sophia remained with us, Amelia was not very well. John called at the Goodhues to ask Mrs Goodhue to be one of the Lady Patronesses of the Tecumseh Ball, and she remained there to tea

22d We invited Mr Jackson Mr Ethalschmidt and Mr Kind to tea the two former Gentlemen came. Mr Kind returned to the Kings. Ellen Hamilton came to tea also, and looked very pretty, it is such a pity that her manner is so bold, if she was quiet and retiring she would be liked and admired for she is amiable and clever, Sophia has evidently made a conquest of Mr Ethalschmidt for she has neither eyes nor ears for any one but her, and her manner is very good. She has advantages which our Girls possess as she is well Educated accomplished and has travelled, that is she has been to England and on the Continent and although not very handsome, she is pretty and pleasing I do not know whether Mr Ethalschmidt is a marrying man or whether he is in circumstances to marry, but he is evidently in love but I think Sophia tries to have too many strings to her Bow and encourages Mr Kind who is a non marrying man a little too much Katharine the house Maid got tipsy, and made confusion at the dinner table— Baby is quite well again, we expect Mr Portman on Wednesday or thursday next— John & Edward have changed their Agent at Toronto Edward Blakes charges were too high, Mr English I believe is to be their Agent

23d Sophia and Edward went to Church and then went to the Griffen's to dinner the Griffen's returned with them to tea and brought Mr Ethalschmidt with them he is very devoted to Sophia, I wish I knew what his means are I wrote to Eliza, John went to Mrs W. Lawrasons to tea

24th I got letters from Sarah and Mary, Mr Spence and Mr Griffen came to Luncheon— Edward went Skeating and fell and a Boy fell over him and ran the Iron of his Skeat into Edwards leg to the bone Dr Robertson sewed up the wound

25th Edwards leg much better this morning than we expected, Mr Griffen and Amelia called, all the young people were asked to Mrs W. Lawrasons to tea Sophia and Teresa had many doubts about going but after a great deal of demurring they went, and were sorry they did so John Edward and Mrs Duncan Atkin were

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25th There and Mr & Lawrasons Manners were as vulgar as usual
Sophia is to leave for Toronto to Morrow

26th Sophia left this morning Mr Griffin Amelia and Mr Stahlschmidt went with her they are all going to the Ball at Government House Mr Stahlschmidt is certainly very much in love Teresa told me to day that Amelia had told Mrs Howel that Sophia's Father would allow her £200 a year this report must probably has come to Mr Stahlschmidts ears and may influence his admiration for her a little it is a pity Amelia ever told this, I should like her to get a good husband who would marry her for herself. Teresa & Helen called her visits are few and far between then Mother in law Mr Lundie is again called into Service into the Commissariat, He is very glad as he has got promotion and an increase of pay the House seems dull without Sophia I do not kindow how it will appear after Helen and her Babies are gone/ we have been all day expecting a Telegram from Mr Portman to say that he had arrived at St Louis but it has not come

27th heavy rain, no word from Mr Portman. John dined with Mr Dunn, M. P.

28th Dr Robertson dined with Mr Meurin. Helen, John and D. Robertson had decided upon leaving here to morrow but a letter arrived from Mr Portman by the evening Mail, saying that he was coming for her and now she cannot leave until she hears from him again as he arrives here Dr Robertson is sadly disappointed. Edward has gone to the Assembly

29th the Assembly was a very good one and much more select than the last— Amelia came home this evening but was too tired to come here, the Ball at Government House went off wonderfully well there is a long puff in the papers about it, there were a great many strangers at it, and several officers of the 17th Regt from Montreal there— there is a good deal of excitement about the Ball which is to be given at the Freemasons and wrangling about the Music, John and a party went the German Band, Mr Stevens and another party went the Military Band— John went to the Bill Lawrasons to dinner— Dr Robertson, Helen, George and I played Whist we have heard nothing more from Mr Portman, Helen does not know whether to go or wait until she hears further from him

30th George went this morning to ask after Phoebe Lawrason who

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January 30 is very ill Helen and Teresa have gone to Church. Amelia called and told us all the Toronto Gossip. Dr Ryerson does not look favorably upon Mr Stahlschmidt and will not allow Sophia to have any thing to say to him Dr Ryerson prefers Mr Kind very much to Mr Stahlschmidt, and Mr Kind told Mr Jackson that the only thing that took him to Toronto was to tease Mr Stahlschmidt by devoting himself to Sophia and Sophia has allowed Mr Kind to discover that she prefers him. Mr Kind has neither the means nor inclination to marry, and is only amusing himself, every one is laughed in Toronto about the Scandal circulating there as Mr Barwick has subpoenaed the Revnd Mr & Mrs Adamson Mrs Widder and several others that they may be examined upon oath as to what they have heard or know about his daughter and the reports about Miss Schreiber are said to be false. I wrote to Mary and to George Peard. John went to the Wilsons to tea

~~February~~ 31st Becher came into Town early to mail his English letters and came here to breakfast. Mr Jackson and Mr Griffen came to Luncheon. Helen went out visiting, Amelia not well has a very bad cold. Mrs Wilson called, she says that Rebecca Cronyn is to be married this week, poor Mrs Horne is to be buried to morrow she had her breast cut off last October for cancer, but it has rather hastened her death in place of retarding it. John and Edward are talking of opening an Office in Toronto and that either Edward or George will go there to practice Chancery business and by that means there will be an opening for George either here or in Toronto, George went to tea at the Griffens, John went to tea with Mrs Duncan & Kate at the Tecumseh. Dr Roberton Helen Edward and I played Whist

February 1st no word yet from Mr Portman. Helen has decided upon leaving for the South to morrow if we hear nothing from Mr Portman to day — Amelia came to spend the day. Mr Griffen called but would not come to dinner and took Amelia Home Edward went there to dine. I called at the Cronyns but did not see Mrs Cronyn, she was not well. I saw Mrs Edward Blake and thought her looking so well and quite pretty. Her Baby is very fat and not at all pretty Rebecca Cronyn bade me good Bye and said she was to be married on the 3rd — Mr Wilson came to dinner Mrs Wilson and Lucy had gone to Port Stanley. Helen paid some farewell visits to day. Helen Teresa and George drove to the Beechers after dinner to say good Bye

2nd this day has been a trying one to me. I felt the shadow

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2nd of a heart ache over me before I got out of bed. Helen is very dear to me and to part with a child, at my time of life, very probably never to see them again is something more than painful. Amelia came down early and we were in hopes all day that we should get a Telegraph from Mr Perlman saying that he was coming but no Telegraph came, and we thought it best that she should go. I got a letter from Eliza and John got one from Col Critchley wishing him to invest £1200 Sterling for him, and one from Mr Desvaux making enquiries about his Brother as he has not heard from him for five months, and John has no pleasing information to give about him nor do we know where he is at present Mr King called to say good Bye to Helen Mr Becher came to dinner and gave Helen and John a pass on the Great Western Becher went to the Station to see them off Mr D. Helen Mrs D. Lawrason and Mr Stahlschmidt called to say good Bye to Helen Mr Robertson is to go all the way to the Plantation, John only goes to St Louis He cannot leave his business longer Col Critchley would think two month a long time for his money to remain uninverted and without interest. I know of nothing more sad or depressing than looking over the disordered empty rooms that have been occupied by those that are dear to us the Bed the Cradle and the Crib are there, only to remind one of those that are gone, that God may Bless them and have them in his keeping is the Prayer of their Mother— how lonely and desolate it is to night, but old age must become more and more lonely

3rd my first thoughts upon awaking were upon Helen and her Babes, dressed and tired in the Mail way carriage, Amelia Telegraphed to Helen at Chicago, Helen answered— just arrived tired but well— which we were very glad to hear— Amelia not well enough to come down— Teresa went to see her— storm very lonely no little sweet voice to day

4th Amelia came to luncheon she has a very bad cold, Teresa dined at the Greffes

5th Amelia came to luncheon and Mr Becher came in later He gave George a Ticket for the Tecumseh Ball, Mrs Macbeth gave a Ball last night Mr Becher wanted to know why we were not there, we had a very good reason, we were not invited, not having called upon Mrs Macbeth's Sister— Kitty. Good hues engagement to Mr Thomas of the Montreal Bank (Clerk) is announced the Marriage to take place in two years

6th George Teresa and I went to Church Teresa & I staid to

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February 6th The Sacrament. I wrote to Sarah and Mary Dalzell
Edward wrote to Mr Desbrisay and to Col Crutchley
7th Edward Blake spent the morning here. He had very little to say
He thought a Governor and Council would be an improvement
upon our present form of Government. If we could have Sir
John Beverley Robinson as Governor — Mrs Becher called and told
me that Mr Lionel Hodgett had a Cancer on the root of his Tongue
poor man. to know that he must die, and with such excruciating
sufferings. I have not cared to think of him since Mrs Becher was
here — Mrs Becher spoke of the young Reids and said they were
particularly nice intelligent lads, she said when John and Mr Burns
them so much that she had defended them from a spirit of
opposition but since then she had made a point of being
civil to them and liked them excessively. John is not
sufficiently cautious how he speaks of people now before whom
he speaks and will make enimies without for a moment respect-
-ing the cause Mrs Becher repeated in earnest all he had said
in jest. that they were excessively conceited Boys and that
when he saw Codrington walking about with his head up forming
himself. He thought he ought to be spanked. so much for
jesting Amelia and Ellen Hamilton came to dinner. Amelia
and I beat Ellen and Edward at whist, and then George and
Ellen beat Edward and me — Teresa got a letter from
Sophia
8th Mrs McLaurason called, wanted me to ask Mrs Vankoughnet here to
the Tecumseh Ball but it is not convenient for me to do so
She did not appear to think that Mr Hodgetts illness was any thing
very serious, Mrs King called she is spending the week at Mrs
Wilsons. Ellen Hamilton called with Mrs King. Amelia came
to dinner. Amelia and I played whist against Edward and George
and we got most shamefully beaten
9th I received a letter from Helen, from St Louis. her journey
had been very fatiguing, and they had found Dr Robertson
selfish and disagreeable. Ellen Hamilton ~~came~~ came to
dinner and to talk about the Ball off to morrow night
10th Ellen told us that Mr Wilson was ill with Gastric fever
Amelia called but would not come with us to the Ball
John came home by the 3 o'clock train, very tired having
straddled two nights. Dr Robertson would not go on with
Helen John left her with great reluctance in the care of
some friends who are going to N. York and have promised
to take very care of her and see her safely landed near

her own home— Ellen Hamilton came here and dressed and went with us to the Ball, every thing went off well at the Ball there were 5 or 600 people present, and all well dressed and well conducted, which I think speaks very well for London as any one could go who could pay 4 dollars for a Ticket, I as one of the Lady Patronesses remained until after Supper, the Supper was the best and prettiest that has ever been given in London, and the Music (Pappenburgs Band) was excellent— Mr Wilson is better Lucy was at the Ball, John came home very soon after 10 o'd, that is about ½ past two, it was near 4 o'clock before Ellen. Teresa and George came Edward did not return until eleven the next day and I am sorry to say He had joined a convivial party and drank more than He ought to have done Ellen slept here

11th every body very stupid this morning Edward came home at 11 looking wretched, I wanted him to go to bed and take a good sleep but He would not, I disliked his being seen until He looked better, what a pity it is that young men will ever take the first step in the downward path. it is hard to recover even one false step there has been Scandal afloat about Mrs D. Askin and Bill Baldwin for a long time, but no one believed it but last night her manner gave rise to doubts more than one as to her rectitude with more than one— Belcher came here to Luncheon He had just returned from Toronto, He said every one He had spoken to pronounced the Ball a success— Ellen Hamilton went home after dinner Teresa got such a nice letter from Mr Portman

12th Teresa went out paying visits she called on Mrs Watson and on Mrs W Lawrason Mr & Mrs Edward Blake called here and Mrs Blake looked so nice I think her so much improved I got a Telegraph from Helen to say that she had left on 13th John George and Teresa went to Church I was not very well Lucy by train Amelia Mr Griffen and Edward Blake came to tea, John went to take the steward to Mrs W Lawrasons and then went to call on Mr Scott who steamer has just returned from the Havanna, Edward Blake told us that last year He made £11,000 by his profession and collected £9,000 of it and Booked £2,000 which is doing pretty as He has only been two or three years in practice but it is said that his Charges for Agency business in Chancery are enormous John says He cannot afford to keep him as Agent as Ed Blake gets all the Money and He does nearly all the work I wrote to China and Teresa wrote to Mr Portman

15th Mr Scott sent up several little presents for the different Members of the family a carved Ivory Card case for Teresa a Sandal wood fan for Amelia a Box of Havanna Segars,

for Edward some Guava Jelly for me and a gold half dollar for Teresa. It is very kind of him He afterwards called and stayed to Luncheon. He does not look well and said the climate of the South did not agree with him He likes Mr Portmans plantation and does not dislike slavery as much as He thought He should and said that He should like a plantation down there very much if the climate agreed with him. He told us that Mr Portman led a very active life that He was on Horseback all day – after Luncheon Teresa went up to the Greffiers to take Amelia her fan of course she was very much pleased with it. She had a letter from Sophia who told her that Mr. Mrs Penn father and herself were very near coming up to the Tecumseh Ball, they had their trunks packed and all ready when Sir Edmund Head called upon Mr Penn father to copy some addresses he and He could not leave, We intend asking them up to the next Assembly. Mr Scott came back to tea. I was not very well and felt very stupid and went to bed – Teresa had a Valentine to day telling her she was as poor as Job and as proud as Lucifer Teresa thought she got off very well not to have more above and that if her latter days were as prosperous as Jobs she would be content. John had one telling him that He was double faced. I do not think it is just. Edward had two, one which I suppose was in reference to the night of the Tecumseh Ball representing him half tipsy glass in hand It pained me that such a representation should apply to one of my family, if only on one occasion. God grant it may be the last — His other valentine was simply absurd it represented him as a Jass –

15th got a letter from Helen, Berkeley has been ill again and her nurse has given her warning poor girl she has her own troubles as her Telegraph was later than her letter I hope she is at last embarked and on her way home. Amelia called for a few minutes – I wrote to Helen

16th Beecher came to Luncheon – distress in the Country is very great farmers are buying wheat in place of selling it the first Soup Kitchen that has been in London has been established here within the last week and it gives relief to 70 poor families – Amelia came to dinner Edward and George played Chess against Amelia and me and they beat us shamefully we decided upon having a dinner party on Friday John invited Mr Scott this evening

17th John ill we put off our dinner party and went to notify Mr Scott to that effect He came up to Lunch and He only is

17th to dine with us to morrow the weather is almost warm and we have only commenced filling the Ice House to day

18th It rained heavily during the night and every thing looks as if our winter was over Mr Scott called and brought us the Illustrated News and Punch. John and Mr Scott rode and then came to dinner I had a letter from Sarah

19th my birth day Oh God make me truly thankful for thy many Blessings and enable me to give my whole heart to thee— Mr Wilson came to dinner John and Mr Scott went out riding. Mr Griffen and Amelia came to tea

20th John very ill again this morning, unable to hold up his head until the evening and then had to go to work to finish Mr Des Voeux, account which had to be sent to England by to morrows mail, Mr Scott called to go to Church with us but we did not any of us go, I wrote to Mary and to little Helen Peard. the weather very boisterous and much colder with alternate showers of Snow and Rain

21st Amelia and Mr Griffen called. I wrote a letter of condolence to Sir John B. Robenson upon the death of his daughter Mrs Lefroy— John invited Mr Jackson Mr Hahlbeckmidt and Mr Scott to tea Mr Scott was the only one that came John proposed an impromtu dinner party to morrow

22d Teresa got a letter from Sophia, insinuating that Mr Jackson is very much in love with Miss Loring, rather a good speculation for Mr Jackson. Miss Loring is said to be a very nice Girl with £1000 a year— Mr Scott gives the Gentlemen a most painful account of the South, on the Plantations are hundreds of the most venemous Snakes the climate warm and damp, and in the Cities he says the vice and immorality exceed description. I am not very well to day, and the Cook is ill so that our impromtu dinner party is a failure— Mr King came to Luncheon Mr Scott Mr Hahlbeckmidt and Mr Dutton called they were going out riding with John

23d Eliza the Cook was so ill this morning that she has gone home, a black man is coming to Monday in her place until she gets well— Mrs Becher Fanny and Mr Becher came to Luncheon Amelia called in the morning and Mr Griffen called He is going to Toronto to morrow— Nancy my old Servant called here to day she has the dropsy and came to Town to consult Dr Anderson Nancy lived with me for twelve years and was with me when Sarah, Mary, Eliza and Chase was married and she was here when George and Teresa were born and she was here when Mr Harris died, Nancy looks to

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23d to me like a dear friend and had she chosen to have remained with me she should never have wanted a home as long as I had one but her only sister moved away and she would not remain so far from her

24th Mr Buchan came to Luncheon. John Edward and George dined with Mr Scott yesterday, Mr King Mr Kind Mr Sheffield Mr Jackson Mr Stahlschmidt and Mr Griffen made up the party Mr. Jackson got tipsy and used insulting language to Mr Hammond who came in for a few minutes and he abused all Canadians and Canadian Lawyers in particular. He said he would not trust any Canadian John wished he had been strong enough to knock him down, but as he was not, he turned his back upon him. at the time Mr Jackson had drunken courage and was disposed to call him out, but thought better of it. Mr Scott called. John, Edward. Teresa and Mr Scott dined with Amelia, Mr Griffen not at home I was not very well

25th I wrote to Helen — Mr Scott called John. Teresa and Mr Scott went out walking, Amelia came to dinner and Mr Scott came to tea Amelia and I played whist against Edward and George we each won a rubber

26 Amelia called Edward went to the Griffens to dinner Mr Wilson came here to dinner He is looking much better

27th John received a letter this morning from Mr Scott which surprised us very much, it was a formal proposal for Teresa He in a very Gentleman like manner said that he did not think it right to continue his visits here without telling us that Teresa was the great attraction and that if we would sanction it he wished to make her his wife promising to make her a good husband &c we thought it not best not to tell Teresa at present as it would make her feel very awkward when Mr Scott called, and as we told Mr Scott that our acquaintance had been so very short that it would be better for all parties that we should know more of each other, that we felt very much flattered by his proposal and wished him to continue his visits as hitherto, and if our mutual liking should continue and that if he could gain Teresa's Consent he should have ours. such was the substance of John's answer though not expressed in the same words, Mr Portman wrote to Teresa that if Mr Scott proposed for her not to take him what his reasons & objections are we do not know, as far as we can judge Mr Scott is an excellent match He has upwards of £1000 a year and his conduct appears to be very correct in personal

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27th appearance He is certainly the reverse of Handsome but I do not consider beauty an essential in a matrimonial connection I do so wish that Mr Pontman had told us what He knew objectional about Mr Scott as it is we cannot help feeling doubtful what we ought to do— Edward took Johns answer to Mr Scott and asked him up to tea— George Teresa and myself went to Church, Mr Becher called in the evening and brought Me a hat and a Book from Mrs Becher I cannot understand the change that has come over the Becher lately they have warmed up to us so very much— I hate to speak Mr Scott and Mr Jackson came to tea Mr Scott looked a little awkward at first but soon got over it, I received him as usual and said nothing, John went to Mrs Bicks to tea

28th Mr Griffin and Amelia called Mr Griffen brought Me a new Book to read= The Red Priest= Mr Griffin is certainly very kind and attentive to me— Mr Becher came to Luncheon and brought a dress coat which is too small for him and gave it to George which was very kind of him, the English Mail came in and I had letters from Sarah, Mary & Eliza. Eliza has at last got the Shawl which Mr McInnes bought for her and she says it is a beauty Mr McInnes had paid many a visit and took My picture to her both her and Thaddeus like Mr McInnes very much Mary is sending out by him a ring to Teresa and an Inkstand for me— Edward dined with the Griffins, John spent the evening with Mr Scott

March 1st Teresa and I went to Mr Egans to get our Photographs taken to send to Mr Wanderforde, It is a very tiresome business, I sat seven times and got three good ones, one for Amelia one for Mr Wanderforde and one Mr Egan kept Teresas were a failure. Teresa got a letter from Helen which was written on board of the Boat and sent on when she landed, she travelled very comfortably after she got on board of the Steamer and the Children were well, I felt so relieved from anxiety and so thankful that she has arrived safely— Mr Scott came to dinner after dinner Mr Scott and Teresa and George and I played Cribbage, Mr Scott I think improves very much upon acquaintance. Mrs Cronyn called, she wants me to get her a Home Stamp from Cincinatti

2d Mrs Cronyn called She had just come up from Toronto to attend to her Uncles Will. He is an Executor, Mr Scott called. I asked him back to dinner, and He came Mr Wilson dined here also John dined with the Griffins George & Teresa and Mr Scott and I played Cribbage

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3d Teresa got a letter from Sophia who is very gay. Mr Scott called and brought the Illustrated News and Punch. Teresa was not well and did not see him, when we were going to bed she told me she would not marry Mr Scott. that she did not like him well enough— Oh great God enable me to put my whole trust in Thee and to believe that though will over rule all things for good—

4th I told John their morning what Teresa had said last night He said He liked Mr Scott that He believed him to be an upright honorable man. He knew He was not a man that would take much with Ladies but said Teresa must decide for herself— Amelia called the time appeared so long since she had been here. I got a letter from Mr McInnes speaking so highly of Shuldham Mary and the Children. Mr Becher came to Luncheon. Mr Attorney General Rose has come up from Toronto to visit the Bechers and to go to the Ball to night John. Edward. George and Teresa all went to the Ball. just before Teresa left we remarked how out of humour John was. and Teresa asked me if I had told him what she had said about Mr Scott the night before. I told her I had. she said she had thought all day that it was that which had vexed him. I then told her about Mr Scotts proposal. which she had respected. I then told her how open and honorably He had behaved. I then stated his worldly advantages, and that I believed that He was a worthy man and would make a good Husband against this is that He is excessively plain and not at all a taking man with Ladies. but that I considered him superior for superior in all the [redacted] advantages to a Gentleman to any one here. She spoke very rightly and said with her present feeling it would neither be just to Mr Scott or herself to marry him she did not know whether she could learn to like him better I told her to think well before and be quite sure she was right before she declined an offer such as in all probability that she might never have again. if we could only see clearly what is right, but we are so apt to be influenced by our own wishes or prejudices and likes and dislikes. too often formed without cause or foundation and which would not bear the test of common sense for a moment

5th The Bachelors Ball, the last of the season My journal decided was a success. there were a few strangers present one was Mrs Rose from Toronto. Mr Scott and Mr Becher came to Luncheon. Mr Becher asked Jack and Mr Scott to dinner and they went, a Mr Kirkpatrick from Kingston was there

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March 5th both John and Mr Scott thought him a great prospect Mr Rose arrived late in the evening, we that is George and I and Teresa and Edward played Cribbage for a short time and then went to bed. I wrote during the day to Mr McInnes and to Cincinnatte for Hatch for Mrs Cronyn. Amelia and myself and I wrote to my Brother Edward

6th the day lovely. Teresa, George and I went to Church Mr Scott joined us on the way and sat in our Pew. Teresa flutters like a young bird when she sees Mr Scott she cannot help feeling nervous and awkward although she does not know that she is adore of his matrimonial wishes. Mr Griffen Amelia, and Verney came down I thought they were all going to stay to tea John had gone to dine with Mr Scott Ned went to the office. I went out to hurry tea and Amelia Teresa and myself sat by the dining room fire leaving George with Mr Griffen and Verney we were not there more than ten minutes before Mr Griffen and Verney came in to say they were going Mr Griffen evidently in a huff because we had left them although He sat with a Book in his hand reading all the time we were there. I hope Verney was not offended as we meant no neglect. I think touchy people are very much to be pitied, they are always punishing themselves. Amelia and Mr Griffen go to Toronto to morrow to a Ball at Mrs Medders. I felt half inclined to let Teresa go but when Mr Griffen went away we decided at once that she should not go: as she was to go by Mr Griffen's pass and He most probably would impress upon her the greatness of his own civility and the Madness of hers~~elf~~ I wrote to Eliza and told her of Mr Scotts proposal— Teresa wrote to Mary

7th Teresa went to the Griffens Amelia wanted her to go to Toronto very much Amelia was to leave by the eleven o'clock Train. Teresa returned very much inclined to go with Mr Griffen at 3 o'clock but I had decided that she had better not. when in walked Amelia she had been too late for the Train, Amelia was so anxious that Teresa should go that we all tried to get her ready in time but could not. and the Griffens went without her Mr Beecher came to luncheon and in the evening John and I beat Ned and George at Euchre. after we had done playing John went down to the Inn and asked Mr Scott to dinner to morrow

8th I wrote to Helen. and think it very strange that I do not hear from her. Mrs Beecher called. We had Merchant Mr Reid Mr Scott came to dinner our dinner was very nice but one decanter of Wine had been watered so much that it was

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8th Scarcely wine and water Catherines weakness betrays itself too often — Mr Leath was crap and very much out of humour about something He snubbed us all, He became better humoured before He left but was not very smileing even then. I wonder if He is bad tempered and if that is the reason Mr Portman told Teresa not to marry him, I wish I could hear from the Portmans, at present Mr Leath is in a position that No Gentleman in regard to Teresa that no Gentleman would hold for very long. He is now held on approbation to see whether we not Teresa will like him, before He is allowed to speak to her. I wish we could hear from Mr Portmen. I am very much afraid that Teresa will make a mistake and refuse him without any good reason, and if She does I can read her future but too plainly. She will by and bye form an attachment to some young fellow that will take her fancy and marry as she will think to please herself, and place herself in a position in which she will never be happy. I can only pray that God may guide and have her in his keeping. In a few years at the furthest I shall have done with all worldly cares but I think I should feel more content and more that my work was finished if I could see her what I believed to be well married. Mr Stahlschmidt came to tea

9th Ash Wednesday the morning lovely. Teresa has gone to Church I am not very well. Mrs Wilson and Lucy called and asked me to spend Friday with them, John went to Mr Dunn to tea George went to Mr Leath. and Edward went out Teresa and I read and then went to bed

10th Mr Griffen and Amelia called they returned from Toronto last night, the Ball at Mrs Wedders was a success and every thing most pleasant Mr Jackson was very devoted to Miss Loring but Amelia says Miss Loring does not regard him with favor, Mrs Loring thinks him bad tempered which I am sure He is, the morning after the Ball Miss Loring went to Barrie to avoid Mr Jackson the Griffens dined at Government House, it was a State dinner and Amelia says and Darlia says it was one of the pleasantest parties she was ever at, every body where so kind and so attentive to her Amelia is a very great favourite at Government House, The Heads are coming to London before the Government go to Quebec and are to stay with us, Miss Loring, Miss Blanch Wedder and Sophia are all coming up to meet the Griffens and as soon as we are inclined to send for them which will be as soon as we have fine Spring weather. John asked Mr Dunn and Mr Leath to dinner, Mr Leath seemed in a better humour than when last He dined here, He-

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10th excused or rather explained his manner on that day by saying he was not well, the next day he confined himself to the Sofa. He got letters from England informing him of the death of an old Aunt who has left him £9000 and a remote chance of £50, 000 more — I like Mr Dawson he is a great talker and a very good talker, but is very bad health and has had a crosse in a love affair. He was engaged to a Lady in Montreal, when he was sent to London, and when he came here he commenced something his house for his Bride, when the engagement came to an end, no one knows for what cause, but John thinks he is not very happy

11th Mr King came to Luncheon. Lucy Watson called for me and I went with her to the Wilsons, the afternoon was very wet the Doors were very Glad my Mr Wilson was very kind and attentive to me, the dinner was very nice but every one seemed to wear a look of discontent and unhappiness Lucy does not look in good health the Children were very well conducted but I felt it a relief to get home again who can tell what Marriages will prove happy, they were young (that is not old) and married from affection for they neither of them had any thing and have risen together in the world, and now have wealth and position, and yet I think I never visited a house where there was less happiness, good temper I believe is the greatest sweetener of this life, and neither he nor Mrs Wilson possess good temper The Revnd Mr McLean was at the Wilsons to tea He is very far from reserved in his manner but He preaches good Sermons and I believe He is a good man, John dined with Mr Scott

12th Amelia, Cook got married this morning after giving a few hours notice, Amelia and Mr Griffin came here to dinner and Mr Scott came to tea Amelia and I and Mr Griffin and Edward played Whist. We left off even.

13th I did not go to Church not being very well, Teresa was the only one that went. Mr Scott sat in our pew. We have no letter yet from Helen. Teresa walked up to the Griffins after Church John went over to the Wilsons but returned to to tea, He had the same impression that I had, that happiness was not a guest at present at the Wilsons — I wrote to Mary, Teresa wrote to Eliza and John wrote to Major Miller

14th The English Mail came in I got a letter from Capt Knight who has just returned to England from Rome making the journey in three days and four nights, the shortest time in which the journey has ever been made. He told me that the Prince of Wales who is now in Rome, only just escaped being robbed by Banditti, the Dilligence that was one half hour in advance

14 of them were robbed, but when the Prince's carriage arrived at the same place the Robbers had disappeared, The Prince travels as a private Gentleman, without escort. John got a very nice letter from Bayard Taylor who will be here to morrow at ½ past 3 P.M. Mr Scott came to Tea although it was raining tremendiously, John and I and Mr Scott and Teresa played Bilboquet

15th I wrote a note asking Mr & Mrs Watson to dine with us to day but they have visitors staying with them and could not, Bayard Taylor arrived at ½ past 3 P.M. He looks older and much changed in his appearance with much more the Manners of a Man of the World and I think in very way improved, His Manners are easy and agreeable and He is free from Yankeeisms, We had a very Cheerful dinner party, Amelia and Mr Griffen, Mr Scott and Mr Dunn all excepting myself went went to Bayard Taylors Lecture which was upon the Inhabitants of the North, Norway Lapland &c and was thought very good, they that is all our dinner party returned to tea and brought Mr Watson and Mrs Becher with them Mr Watson had called upon Mr Taylor during the day, Mrs Becher brought up the subject of Her and Amelia, not writing, as the fault was Hers we told Her so, she made a poor defence, but one thing is certain we would have to think much more highly of Her than we do at present if even there was much intimacy with Her and if she was not Bechers wife we should not know her at all, it is but justice to say that at times she can be very kind and make herself very agreeable but she does not command respect Mr Taylor showed us the Dequamatype of his wife and Baby Dequarratypes never flatter, but I should think Mrs Taylor not only good looking but a perfect Lady, Her position and the way her dress falls about her and the disposition of Her Hands all show the ease and Manners of a Lady, He has promised that they will visit us at some future time— Tom very anxious about John last week He fainted in the Street, to day He came in in such distress that He had to have Mustard plasters on His back and breast and then as soon as He is a little better away He is at the office with so much to do, I do not think He ever knows what it is to feel well, this cannot go on very long, there will be a breakup or He must get relief— if any thing were to happen to him, I too should die I could never survive another great sorrow— no letter from Helen

16 Bayard Taylor left this morning at ½ past 6 Teresa, John and George got up to give him breakfast and see him off— He was much amused at an uncomplimentary Speech that was made to him— last night after the Lecture, He took out his watch and

observed that He had Lectured one hour and twenty Minutes. Mr Adams who was standing next to him said He thought it had been much longer — we spake of Thackery who is a freind of Mr Taylors. I said He appeard to have a feeling of hostility towards the Titled Aristocracy of England and that eleven of his works were, that they always left me impressed with the feeling that He was not a happy Man, but that He was more Sour than Sad. Mr Taylor said that Thackery's Lectures on the Georges, had caused him to be cut by nearly all of his Noble freinds — that Ld Lansdowen cut him, and that Ld Palmerstone would have cut him, but Lady Palmerston would not allow it. He was with Thackeray when Ld Lansdowne sent him an invitation to dinner. Mr Thackeray said, ah. Ld Lansdowne has discovered that I can do without Him better than He can do without me — it struck me as being a very conceited speech — this evening I had a letter private — Mr Portman says Mr Scott gets drunk that when going down the Mississippi that He got so drunk that He fell out of his birth and would not believe it in the morning until He saw the blood on his elbows and knees and that He is fond of telling dirty stories which shows a depraved mind, and that He romances to a great extent, I told him that I had gone to Mrs Bells when the letter arrived but Edward said at once that He did not believe that Mr Scott was a Drunkard that He may have been drunk more than once but that He has been in London a good many months and that He has never seen anything that would lead him to think that He was in the slightest degree intemperate, He admits that his conversation is not at all times such as we could listen to, but not worse than the common style of conversation of young men — so much for Edwards defence of him = George I think would not be quite content to see Teresa married to him — when John came home and read Helens letter, He said that He felt satisfied that from many little circumstances that Mr Scott was not a Drunkard — Teresa I think felt delighted that she knew why Mr Portman told Her not to marry him and she felt herself now at liberty to refuse Him Mr Scott without having a feeling that she might be doing wrong in refusing a worthy Man, (though not a very attractive one) to end this evenings discussion on the Subject — John brought us the Melancholy news of the death of Frank James (Pearson) she took cold after her confinement, became delerious immediately and remained so until her death recognising no one not even Her husband — she has not survived the Infant Boy

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16th of Her wedding day, we were all very much attached to her she was so full of life, health and happiness, to die so young - Mrs King came in to day and asked Teresa to nurse her Baby, while she pay'd visits and did her shopping, Teresa gave a reluctant consent, it was a strange thing to ask, but the Child was very good, and we had him for five hours He is a very fine Boy, Mr King came to Luncheon -

17th Mr Griffin Amelia and Mr Scott came to Luncheon, Amelia had a letter from Helen, Helen sent a ~~Box~~ Gold Buckle to Teresa by John, from St Louis and John forgot all about it, Helen wondered that Teresa never said any thing about it, and wrote to ask if she had ever got it, it had been resting quietly in Johns Trunk But he had never thought of it. Edwin Portman has had a fall from a Horse when hunting and hurt his head L.d Portman is very much afraid that he will never quite recover from it He has been recommended a Sea voyage and L.d Portman talks of sending him out to Mr Portman, Teresa did not wish to see Mr Scott, but as all his conduct has been most honorable to her the least she can do is to ~~act like a Lady~~ behave like a Lady to him. I liked him better yesterday than I ever have before and I think a wet man of sense, might very soon give him a polish that He would hardly think himself susceptible of - Judge and Mrs Small called, Amelia and Teresa would not come in, Teresa went home with Amelia to dinner, John went to tea with Mrs Duncan Aitken

18th John ill again He does not know what it is to have a days health, James Ingersol from Woodstock called I was very glad to see him He is an old friend and an Honorable good man Mrs W. Lawrason called, she thinks Mr Hodgett has cancer poor Man, He has now gone to New York to consult Dr Mott we scarcely know how to give Mr Scott his dismissal, and yet it must be done, and soon, for He has done every thing that is right towards us, and from our manner and frequent invitations to the house He has had reason to think that his suit was favorably received, but as Teresa has decided that she cannot marry him an explanation must take place - I cannot help wishing that the result had been different, that is if He is as correct as we suppose him to be, ~~or~~ when I die she will find herself very lonely and dependant, but we cannot force the affections, and Money alone will not make people happy, but Money excludes a great deal of unhappiness

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19th Change of weather it is much colder and a regular March snow storm. The Carpenter came about fitting up the Library as a sitting room, the Books are getting very much injured by our constantly using the room as a common sitting room and John thinks it best to build a Library, and in the meantime pack away the Books - and fit up the room afresh purposely for a morning sitting Room - Mr Becher came to Luncheon He told us that Mr Scott was to have an operation, or in other words have his Cancer cut out of his tongue to day, poor Man, I have never known the knife save a life from Cancer Dr Scott may be a very skilful operator but I have no faith in the operation, John is not at all well although I think He is a little better than He was yesterday

20th Teresa not very well John and I went to Church Mr Scott sat in our pew He and Mr Jackson walked home with us and returned in the evening to tea Mr Griffen and Amelia came to tea, I wrote to Sarah, Teresa wrote to Helen

21st Teresa & I have worked very hard to take a Catalogue of the Books and remove them from the Library The Carpenter comes to morrow to make some alterations in the Library as we are going to convert it into a morning sitting Room as John intends building a Library. Mrs Watson called and Mrs Ward called John spent the evening with Mr Scott Mr King came to Luncheon

22nd The day beautiful we have been busy all day sending places for the Books Mr Becher came to Luncheon, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Cronyn called, Mr Scott came to tea, I do wish I knew whether He has a weakness for drink, John, Edward, and George all think not Amelia called for a few minutes only

23d The weather beautiful, no one here to day, excepting Mr Scott who brought Punch and the Illustrated News, I had a letter from Sarah and one from Eliza, Eliza has had a miscarriage and her Baby is only 5 months old, Amelia had a letter from Mary - the prospect which Mr Scott most probably will become Heir to has been Registred at £60.000 - Teresa walked up to the Griffens John went to Tea at Mr Dunns

24th Amelia called Her and Mr Becher staid to Luncheon in the evening I sent George to ask Mr Scott and Mr Barton to tea, they had not been here but a very short time before I was told that some one wanted to see me in the dining Room, When I went there I found it was Amelia Mr Scott had been to see her and told her all his hopes and fears in regard to Teresa, I found that she had been in his confidence, from the time He had written to John and John also had gone to Her and Mr Griffen and consulted

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24th what answer He had better give Mr Leott, and John here had advised us not to speak to any one on the subject, as Teresas decision was so doubtful that it would be best that no one should know any thing about it, the consequence is we all looked mistrously at each other when we might all have consulted what was best to be done if John had only spoken openly— Mr Leott was tired of uncertainty and gave Amelia a letter to me and another for Teresa If I thought best to give it to her— Mr Leott depicted his own unhappiness under this painful uncertainty, and his hopes and fears and promises of being a good Husband in a most loved like way, I sent for him in the dining Room and told him I would give Teresa his letter after he left that evening and that I would write to him the next morning poor Teresa did not know what to do, if she was quite sure that He did not drink, she would decide in Mr Leotts favour, Mr Leott told John that both He and Mr Pontman were tipsy when they left St Louis this being once tipsy would not make him a Drunkard but then would Mr Pontman say what He did unless He had strong reasons for believing what He said, we must know more of him than we do at present

25th We decided upon telling Mr Leott that our acquaintance was too short to venture a life happiness upon, and that at the end of two months if He chose to renew his proposal and that if she then thought as well of him as she does now that she would accept him and that in the meantime they were both at perfect liberty to withdraw, I asked him up to Luncheon and told him Teresa, and our decision He said that He would consent to whatever she proposed, that He was too much attached to her, to give up the slightest chance of ultimate success, Teresa had been up to the Griffens in the morning to have a talk with Amelia, she was so much excited and agitated that she was almost Hysterical, and could not go down to see Mr Leott, as Mr Griffen who came to Luncheon we intend writing to Shuldham and asking him to go to Roxborough Shire and make some enquiries about Mr Leotts antecedents, for if He is really as good a man as all of my Boys and the Griffens think him and as wealthy as we know He is, it would be folly in Teresa to refuse him, but if He should be in- temperate in his habits it would be madness to marry him if He was as rich as the Rothschilds— Malcom Cathemore called, John is ill again. poor fellow He is never never well

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26th Mr Griffen Amelia and Mr Scott came to Luncheon. Mr McInnes is to be up to night. Mrs Becher called. She been calling upon the Griffens it is the first time she has called upon Amelia since Amelia has gone to housekeeping John went to the Tecumseh, and came home late telling us that Christopher Robinson would Breakfast with us

27th Mr Robinson over slept himself and did not come to breakfast, but went to Church with Teresa and George— I wrote to Shuldham and asked him to make enquiries about Mr Scott— John and myself are both ill with colds— the Griffens, Mr McInnes, Mr Scott and Mr Robinson came to tea. I think Mr McInnes much improved He is quieter and dresses better, We are all very fond of Mr Robinson Mr Scott feels very awkward in the house He does not quite know what position He is to take in the House

28th The Griffens Mr McInnes, Mr King and Mr Scott came to Luncheon, Edward has gone to Toronto to attend to his Chancery Business. Teresa went to the Griffens, Mr Scott was there, He wanted Her to accept a ring from him but she declined, as if she does not accept him at the end of two months it would have to be returned and if she accepts him, then it will be time enough to give the Ring

29th We are all invited to tea to morrow evening at the Bechers neither John nor I are well enough to go— I wrote to Helen = Teresa went to the Griffens and they walked home with her— Mr King has got himself rather in disgrace at the Kings the other day He offered a Ring as a prize to the Lady who would make the best shot with a Rifle. Mrs King Mrs Whitehead Mrs Harvel and I believe Miss Whitehead and Miss Hamilton were the Ladies who contested for the prize I do not know who won it, but Mr King incautiously confided to one of his freind that the Ring was given to him by a Lady of easy virtue in London, the story has got about at least a dozen people know it, and He is in a great state of alarm. for fear the Ladies who contested for the prize will find it out, which they are quite sure to do

30th Amelia and Mr Scott came to Luncheon. Mrs Becher had invited Mr Becher to her party. Mrs Cronyn called we had a long talk about Church Matters. Amelia came to dinner— Teresa and George went to Mrs Bechers, Edward returned from Toronto at 9 o'clock and followed them, Edward brought very little news from Toronto— Dr Ryerson intends writing a history of Canada and wants information from all who can give it, and expects a good deal of assistance from the

31st the party at Mrs Bechers was rather successful. Mr Scott was there His manner to Teresa is very Gentlemanlike, He does not compromise her in the least consequently he saves her from a great deal of remark John, Amelia and Mr Scott have gone to Toronto, Mr Scott and Mr Jackson called here before Mr Scott left— Mr Becher called and

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31st Miss Mossenberd called to pay her farewell visit as Miss Mossenberd she is to be married next week to Mr Raoden, she looked so nice, bright and happy, we got letters from Helen and Mr Portman, things are not going well with them on the Plantation, they all their cotton fields are again under water there will be no Crops again this year, Helen does not write in very good spirits she says they have been too prosperous, and that they must have a reverse Mr Portman writes Private to John and says let Teresa marry Mr Scott if she likes Him. but to be sure that he has the money he says he has, now it is evident enough that it was from a momentary impulse caused most probably by Mr Scotts not liking the South that made him write to Teresa not to take him if she had the chance, Mr Scott made no secret to John of having been to pray when he left St Louis and only wondered that John had escaped— Helen speaks two or three times of if she should come north poor Girl, I know what her secret yearnings are and am quite sure they will be on their way home early in June

April 1st The two English Mails came to gether this morning the Persia always makes quick passages we had letters from Sarah Mary and Eliza, Sarah advises us to find out who Mr Scott is before we give him any encouragement— no one here to day

2nd Mrs Cronyn called and paid for her Share of Hams. I wrote letters, to Helen. Sarah & Eliza, we are very dull when John is away— Edward and George both went to the Griffens to tea

3rd Amelia returned last night John and Mr Scott are to come home on Monday they remained to go to a party at Mrs Widders and they and Miss Loring were to dine at Mr Ryersons on Sunday— Teresa and I went to Church and remained to the Sacrament— Teresa then went home with Amelia and they all came here to tea and brought Mr Jackson with them Mr Jackson is in great hopes of marrying Miss Loring

4th Mr Becher came to dinner He goes to Chatham to morrow to attend the Assizes, Mr Wilson came to tea, and John came home from Toronto at 9 P.M. He thinks Miss Loring a very clever Girl, but rather strong minded— at Mrs Widders concert she threw open too many doors for so small a party— Mr Price is very attentive to Sophia, and we are all much in hopes that he will propose for her as it would be pleasing to both her Father and mother— John gave Teresa a very pretty collar and sleeves, he has still a very bad cold but is better than when he left for Toronto. He has brought such pretty paper for the little Sitting Room

5th Mr Scott and Mr King came to Luncheon. Mr Scott gave Teresa a small Diamond Ring very pretty but not very good and a Bracelet of the new metal called Aluminium it is very pretty Mr Scott came to tea I thought him very agreeable

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6th Amelia called. Teresa went home with her to Luncheon. We discussed Mr Scotts presents pretty freely, in the morning we decided they were very good. We are very busy cleaning House and gardening

7th Wrote to Mr McInnis about carpeting Mrs Becher and Mrs Wilson called Mrs Wilson staid to Luncheon. the Revd Mr McLean called and made himself very agreeable. Mr & Mrs G. Lawrason and Mrs Vankleek called. Amelia called and is in great trouble about the Civil Service Bill should it pass in its present form it will reduce their income £30 a year with a very small chance of its ever being any benefit to them

8th Mrs Wilson called and I went out to Peglars Garden with her and bought some Verbena, while I was absent Mrs G. Lawrason called and asked John Teresa and myself to dine with to day Mrs Wilson remained to Luncheon, Lucy came for her. Mr Scott came to Luncheon. We went to the Lawrasons to dinner there was no one there but Mrs Vankleek and ourselves Mr Griffen and Amelia came to tea

9th Mr Becher came to luncheon. I wrote to Helen. Teresa called at the Griffens and Mr Scott walked home with her. Amelia called Mr Scott came to tea and we played Cribbage, Dr King is found Guilty of poisoning his wife, from the evidence given on the Trial He appears to be one of the most hardened wretches I have ever heard of

10th. Teresa and George went to Church neither John nor myself are very well, the day very disagreable, a cold rain. Amelia and Mr Griffen came to tea.

11th Amelia called, Mr Scott came to Luncheon, Mr Wilson came to dinner and Mr Scott came to tea

12th Amelia Mrs King and Mr Becher came to Luncheon. Mr Scott called we got English letters from Mary, Eliza and Home Bankers Mary and Eliza are rather in favour of Teresas marrying Mr Scott but acknowledge that they know nothing about him. Mr Scott and John went out riding, and Mr & Mrs G. Lawrason Mrs Vankleek Mr Jackson and Mr Scott spent the evening here W. Lawrason Mr Jackson Mrs Vankleek and myself played Whist Mr G Lawrason John. Mr Scott and Teresa played Cribbage, John lost his temper because Teresa did not attend to the game, the evening was pretty stupid, they went away at 12

13th Teresa and I went into town to look for Carpeting and Garden seeds Mr Scott and Mr Stahlschmidt called Mr Becher wants John or Edward to go to Montreal for him, to endeavour to secure some Contracts upon a suit which is to be tried at Sandwich next week John is not strong enough to travel day and night but Edward is going

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13th John and Mr Scott rode and Mr Scott returned to tea
14th Edward left this morning at 8 o'clock for Montreal. John got a letter marked private from Mr Portman and requesting us not to shew it to Teresa of course it was about Mr Scott but saying only what he had said before, I dislike any thing private but John thought it best not to shew the letter as Mr Portman was positive in his request, Amelia came in the evening and John walked home with her
15th Teresa and I went into Town to look at Carpeting, Amelia came to Luncheon and Mrs King
16th Amelia and Mrs W Lawrason called here after their Marketing was over I went to the Atkins to see Mrs Lundi who is to leave here on Monday for Ireland Mr Lundi is in the Commissariat and is stationed there Mrs Atkin would not allow me to return but insisted upon my staying to dinner Mrs Lundi has two very fine Boys the youngest has a wonderful Memory and is the finest most intelligent child of four years of age that I ever saw I enjoyed my visit very much, George came for me in a Cab
17th Teresa and I went to Church Mr Scott sat in our Pew and walked home with us I wrote to Helen and to Mary John and Mr Griffin dined with Mr Scott Amelia and the Boys came to tea with us
18th I got a telegraph from my Brother Edward who is coming up Mr Griffin and Mr Becher came to Luncheon Mr Becher is on his way to Jamaica Mrs Vankleek and Mrs Lawrason called Mrs Vas — returns to Woodstock to morrow Mr Scott ~~Became~~ came to tea My Brother Edward arrived at ½ past nine He is looking very well indeed, He wished to consult about the Sale of his Harbor, and wishes John to go to Port Ryerse on Friday to draw up the Articles of agreement I am very glad that He is about to sell the Harbor as it has already involved him in Debt
19th My Brother and I lunched with the Griffens, Amelias housekeeping does her credit, both house and table are exceedingly nice Mr Scott and Mr Jackson called at the Griffens when we were there Mr Scott had lunched here Edward returned by the 5 o'clock Train I got letters from Mary and Eliza, they both think that Teresa will be a great fool if she refuses Mr Scott unless we are satisfied that his conduct is not what we can approve of
20th Amelia and Mr Scott came to luncheon, and Mr Scott

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20th returned to tea

21st we were all very busy cleaning the Drawing Room and rehanging the pictures, when I got a note from Amelia telling me that Mr Griffin had seen Mr Hincks (The Governor of Barbadoes) in Toronto and that he was coming up to see us and would be here by the 10 P.M. Train, consequently it was necessary that we should exert ourselves to get our house in order, Mrs Atkin came in to spend the day, but when she saw the state of confusion we were in she returned to come again Amelia, Mr King and Mr Scott came to Luncheon, Mr Scott was to dine with the Watsons we asked him to return here to tea which he did John and Mr Griffin met Mr Hincks at the Train Amelia was here, Mr Hincks is looking very well, but older and his hair has whitened a good deal since I saw him three years ago but he has lost none of his cleverness nor has his eyes lost their Brilliancy, Report says that he is to succeed Sir Edmund Head as Governor General of Canada, but many think it would be a dangerous experiment to place one who had so lately been a leader in politics in the Country at the Head of affairs as he must have many enemies as well as friends, He has one saving trait in his character that qualifies him better than most men for a difficult command. He appears to forget all opposition and endeavours by a kind courteous manner to convert his enemies into friends consequently his political opponents are not as violent in their opposition to him as they generally are to a successful opponent

22nd Mr Hincks's reception by the public in London was not very warm, a deputation came over from St Thomas and presented an address to him. I think he was never wonderfully popular in London, I asked him if he wished me to ask any one to Dinner he named Judge Richards as there was a probability of his being in London and Mr Becher who was not at home and his Nephew Mr Hincks who is an Engineer on the Grand Trunk, Mr Becher and Judge Richards did not arrive in time so that we had only Mr Griffin, Amelia, Mr Scott, and Mr Hincks the Nephew to dinner, we had to dine at three as he had to leave at ½ past five, We were much gratified by his visit as his time in the Country is very limited. His family went direct from Barbadoes to England, and he is on his way there.

Mr Scott remained to tea

23rd very cold and Boisterous, Mr Scott and Mr Becher came to Luncheon, John left for Long Point, He has gone to

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23rd Draw the Deed of Bargain and Sale of Port Ryerse. Mr Scott and Mr Jackson called in the afternoon, the English Mail came in we had no letters. Pirsa went to the Griffens Mr Mc Innes sent Amelia a Dress, which all think not pretty Edward came home at nine, he met with great kindness and attention from Capt Raines and Mrs Raines in Montreal. He found his journey very fatiguing from Montreal 45 miles back in an unsettled Country, but succeeded in saving the papers intrusted to him.

24th Easter Sunday George Pirsa and I went to Church Pirsa & I remained to the Sacrament. The Bishops Sermon was very long and very rambling and His Sermons are generally so good. Pirsa went to the Greffens to dinner, they all came here after dinner but would not remain to tea. Mr Scott and Mr Jackson came to tea. I wrote to Sarah

25th Pirsa got a note from Amelia asking her to go to Brantford with her and return this evening. I gave her leave to go, but they went to Hamilton in the place of Brantford, saw Mr Mc Innes, got some Gloves and returned through a heavy rain. Mr Wilson called, but I found the evening very lonely. I wrote to Helen. I think Pirsa from some cause unknown to me is deciding against Mr Scott. I pray God to guide Her right. as far as I can see and judge I should feel much more confidence in her marrying him than I did. We have all decided that He is much more of a temperance Man than an intemperate one and as we have now known him for eight months we think we should have discovered any habit of exageration, but all his statements appear to be correct and his connections good. but how weak is human judgment in all things how often I feel this most painfully in My endeavours to do right again I can only pray that God may guide us

26th Mr Scott came to Luncheon, Amelia called

27th Amelia and Pirsa called on Mrs Muir and at the Wilsons. Lucy is very ill and looking wretched, as there is consumption in the family people fear that she has a tendency that way. John came home looking better than when He left. My Brother has sold the Harbor of Port Ryerse. John went to Toronto and has got such a pretty Carpet for our little Sitting Room. Mr Scott came to tea

28th Mr King and Mr Scott came to Luncheon. Mr Scott gave Doctor Lyndoch to Pirsa we suspecting that He was very close had given hints that we would like the Book. Pirsa expressed a great wish to read it, not that we cared a farthing about the Book only We wished to see if He could give, and when the Book came we all felt ashamed and could not help feeling that we

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28th were the Mean party. I always fel a contempt for people who give hints for presents— Pereza went to the Griffens. Mr Scott and Mr Jackson called there, and they with the Griffens walked out to the Poplars Green House Mr Scott gave Pereza a very pretty Bouquet. when they returned they all dined with the Griffens. John went up to walk home with Pereza

29th Mr Scott and Mr King came to Luncheon, Pereza not well her long walk was too much for her I got a letter from my Brother Edward He is afraid that He has done a bad thing by telling his Mother Amelia and Mr Scott came to dinner. the day beautiful I put some flower seed into the ground, the Aurore was splendid in the evening

30th Mr Scott and a Mr Ramsay from Montreal came to Luncheon the English mail came in I got letters from Shuldham Mary and Sarah. Sarah surprised me by the announcement that She was again to become a Mother after nearly eight years respite Shuldham has gone off delighted like a school Boy on a holiday to make enquiries about Mr Scott. both Sarah and Mary think Pereza will be very silly to refuse Mr Scott unless there is some-thing really objectionable in his character, they laugh at the idea of objecting to him because He is ugly. and it is true a plain face wears well one if there is kindness and goodness with it, and beauty soon loses its charm if kindness and goodness are wanting. Mr Scott returned after Luncheon and brought me some English letters to read and also a letter from Mr John Scott to me wherein He speaks very highly of Mr Scott who is here. Mr Scott brought other congratulatory letters from some of his Lady freinds. He has evidently led them to believe that his engagement was a reality not a fancy and He will be in a very awkward position if Pereza refuses him He brought a very handsome Watch and Chain and three rings one Ruby, 1 Diamond, one Emerald and Diamond and one Pearl &c. all three good and pretty and offered them to me for their acceptance. I advised him to keep them for two or three weeks until her decision was known, or in other words. until we heard from Shuldham. Mr and Mrs John Scott sent out an Agate Bracelet and Shawl Broach, the best and handsomest of the kind that I have ever seen Those also were offered for her acceptance and declined. He then asked me if I would take charge of them for the time being, which I did. Mr Jackson called— John dined with Mr Scott I wrote to my Brother Edward

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John and I went to Church I remained to the Sacrament. Mr Scott and Mr Jackson called the Griffins and Mr McInnes came to tea. Mr McInnes looked very much as if he felt disappointed when he looked at Teresa, I am sure he thinks that Mr Scott has been accepted. John dined with Mr Scott I wrote to Eliza

2d Mr Becher came to Luncheon. and Mr Scott called, Amelia and Mr Griffin came to Dinner. Mr Scott came to tea. I was very busy all the morning planting flower seeds

3d I wrote to my Brother Edward who is very discontented with the bargain he has made in selling his Harbor I am as much grieved as he is that the necessity existed for his selling it. but there was in my opinion no alternative, by keeping it he would only have become more involved. I wrote to Helen also. Mr Scott came to tea

4th Amelia Mr Griffin and Mr Scott came to Luncheon. Mr Griffin got a Telegram from Dr Ryerson to say that Miss Ryerson Miss Lowing and Blanch Widden would come up on Saturday if Amelia or Mr Griffin would go for them. Mr Scott came to Tea John got a letter from Mr Portman

5th Mrs Wilson called Lucy is much better. Mr King Mr Griffin and Mr Scott came to Luncheon. John brought me two letters from my Brother Edward who is in a state of Mental Wretchedness because he has sold the Harbor. I wrote to him at once Mr Scott came to tea

6th Amelia did not go to Toronto the weather was so hot she was afraid to venture. Mr Griffin and Mr Scott went. Amelia came to tea Edward looked into the Act which breaks the Entail upon Port Ryerse and finds that not only is my Brother Edwards Bargain with Mr Richie null, but that all the Sales which both him and George have made are illegal they appear to be in a pretty mess I do not know what is to be done. Edward sent them his written opinion and I wrote to Edward also

7th our visitors, Miss Lowing Sophia and Mr Price have arrived Miss Widden stays with Amelia, they came up with Mr Griffin and Mr Scott, I think them all nice Lady like Girls and I like Mr Price, Miss Widden sings very well indeed, Amelia Mr Griffin and Miss Widden came to dinner, Mr Scott came to tea

8th we got English letters this morning, Sheddan went to Warwick and made enquiries about Mr Scott and all he heard was in confirmation of what Mr Scott has already told us, so that all objections on my part will be withdrawn and now Teresa must decide for herself. Mr Price, Miss Lowing Miss Ryerson, Teresa and Edward went to Church I told Teresa to ask Mr Jackson

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8th to return to dinner He begged to be excused and bowed in a very stiff manner He walked home with them from Church Teresa and Sophia taking great care to let him walk with Miss Loring at the gate Teresa again asked him to call during the afternoon and to come to tea all of which He refused almost rudely, we can not understand it unless He fancies John is trying to cut him out, but He need not fear, even if John had any designs upon Miss Loring He would not interfere with Mr Jackson, he sent down after Church for Mr Scott to come to dinner and He had the good manners not to stand upon ceremony but to accept a few minutes invitation we all like him very much He is intelligent and agreeable, in the evening it rained the Griffins and Miss Bidder did not come to Tea Mr Price returned and Mr Scott came, I wrote to Shuldham

9th Miss Loring, Sophia, and Teresa got up at 5 o'clock to take their long talked of walk around by Mr Broughs & Blackfriars Bridge, Nice way to give them 20 minutes start and beat them, they say He cannot, but the morning was wet and they could not go, but no one slept after they got up, and such very early rising did not agree with any of them very well, they looked very leady towards night. the Griffins Miss Bidder Mr Wilson and Mr Becher Mr Scott came to Luncheon, Mr Jackson told Mr Scott the reason He did not come here was that John had not called upon his friend Mr Drake, as his friend has only been here three days I do not consider it a sufficient excuse for his rudeness He called after Luncheon and sat all the afternoon and I asked him and Mr Scott to return to dinner which they did, I would not have asked Mr Jackson only I wish him to have the entree of the House during Miss Lorings visit. Miss Loring and I had a long talk about him she says she would not marry him. that she knew very little of him and had not thought of him in a matrimonial light, I told her I thought He would propose for her if He had an opportunity and it was for her to accept or refuse, I told her that Mr Jacksons intentions were honorable and that He wished to pay her the greatest compliment that a man could pay a Lady man, at the same time I know He would be a very bad match and if He does not tell her his true position I should feel in duty bound to do so before she accepted him if I saw that she looked favorably upon him. He cannot return to England and is liable to arrest even here, His Character is free from reproach as far as we know but it would be madness for a Girl to marry a Man inextricably involved and without a Residence The Griffins and Miss Bidder staid to dinner I was

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9th not very well. Mr Price left after Luncheon He hopes to return early next week and bring his Sister with him, We all gave them endless commissions to buy Book work and all sorts of things, We all like them very much —
10th War, War, War, all the papers are full of War Austria against Sardinia and France, Miss Widden came to spend a few days with us Dr Scott and Mr Becher came to Luncheon, Mr Scott John, Mr Griffen and Edward have taken all the young Ladies out driving Amelia was not well enough to go and Teresa tried to get off going as she is not well, but she could not George left for Toronto this Morning to pass his examination for Attorney God grant that he may pass. He was very low spirited and nervous poor fellow Becher has promised him that he will be there on Monday at the last examination — Mrs King and little Miss Whitehead called, upon the young Ladies, Mrs Workman and Miss Goodhue called also, Mr & Miss Wilson & Mrs & Miss Becher called, they all came home charmed with their drive, Teresa and Miss Widden gave a Tea party and no one came except Mr Scott, Mr Jackson, Ellen Hamilton and the Griffens, but they seemed as happy as if there were more of them and sang and danced until 12 o'clock. I went to bed and left them
11th I got a letter from Helen who is not well. I wrote to her to come home as soon as she could, the Water in the Mississippi has not subsided and there has a further rise commenced they apprehend great disasters the whole length of the River I got letters from my Brother Edward who is in trouble about his harbor Edward will have to go down and see about it Dr Scott and Mr Becher came to Luncheon and they, the 4 young Ladies and John walked out to the Beechers, Mr W— Lawrason and Mrs Duncan Askin called, old Mrs Askin called all the party from Elderslie went to the Griffens to dinner and they asked some more people in the evening and they had a small dance, Mr Jackson behaved strangely and rudely Mrs Rivers called
12th The Griffens Miss Widden Dr Scott and Mr Stahlschmidt came to Luncheon. Mr Jackson called and accepted an offer of making some jelly for Mr Drake who is ill, a Riding party was arranged Mr Scott, Mr Jackson, Edward and Mr Dunn were the Gentlemen Mrs Becher Miss Loring and Sophia were the Ladies who were to go John would not go as Mr Jackson is evidently so jealous of his attentions to Miss Loring and he is of such a violent temper that we were afraid that he might commit himself in some way that would make things

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12 Loring feel very uncomfortable and thought it best for John to avoid a collision, but Miss Loring decided that her manner to Mr Jackson should convince him that his attentions were disagreeable to her and when He offered to put her on the Horse she preferred the assistance of the groom at the same time she declined Johns assistance and Mr Scotts, but Mr Jackson rode off in a fury and went through the streets like a Mad man we congratulated her upon having freed herself from his attentions He behaved so rudely that she did not acknowledge his acquaintance and I cannot ask him here as long as she is my Guest, after they were all gone John went out with Teresa and gave Her a lesson upon Riding Alethia Mr Griffen Miss Widder Mr Leatt and Mr Dann came to dinner Mr King and Mr Thalteshmidt called when the party were out riding Mr Kings Brother and friend have arrived at New York and Mr King talked of going to the Falls to meet them but is afraid He may Miss them as He has had no Telegraph every one was very tired in the evening and went to bed early

13th Red and Sophia were to have gone up the River morning for Miss Widder and then to have gone hunting Ferns but Sophia thought better of it, Red went and Miss Widder returned to Breakfast Mr Leatt came to breakfast and they arranged a driving party to call at the Kings Mr Dann was to take Alethia and Miss Widder Mr Leatt and John were to take Miss Loring and Teresa and Red was to give Sophia a Buggy drive but poor Red had to go to Long Point to arrange the Port Dover Harbor business and Mr Griffen took Sophia both Sophia and Miss Widder like Red attentions and Red has a secret weakness for Sophia they are both nice Girls Miss Widder with out being handsome is a stylish Lady like looking Girl and Sophia has always been almost as dear to me as one of my own Daughters, Mr Leatt came to Luncheon and I told him that He had our willing consent to marry Teresa if He could gain hers, we have all learned to like him, & I believe if she marries him she will secure her own happiness, we have been a long time coming to this decision, but we heard so many things unfavorable to him, that we could not give our consent without knowing more of him- Mr Scott came to Dinner

14th I learned to day that Teresa got a fall from Mr Wilson Horse, when taking a riding lesson with John, she received a bruise on her arm but was not otherwise hurt. Mr Scott came to breakfast and Luncheon John got a Telegraph

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14th from Edward to say that his Uncle Edward had come to London and that He would be home at three. My Brother arrived very soon after the Telegraph and remained until Edward came they then had a consultation about the Port Ryerse business and ~~return~~ then my Brother returned, my Brothers George and Edward do not wish to hold to their agreement with Mr Richie and they can get out of it, but both John and Edward think that it will not be quite right or honorable in my Brother Edward to avail himself of a quibble to avoid it, my Brother George who condemns the Sale will prevent it if He discovers that He can do so, we have each our hands of it, except Edward being employed as legal adviser, John and Miss Loring Mr Scott and Teresa went out Riding, Mr Richie called & told me that He would be unable to go to Toronto on Monday to attend Georges examination He said He was too ill to go I am so sorry, I got a letter from George and He thinks He can pass without any trouble as He has answered all the written questions, Mr Griffen, Amelia, Miss Widder Mr. McInnes, Mr Dunn and Mr Scott came to dinner in the evening the young Ladies wrote the invitations for our party

15th this is Johns birth day, Mrs W. Lawrason sent him such a pretty Bouquet with a kind of congratulation, John gave Miss Loring the Bouquet and I shewed her the congratulations John thought I was wrong, and that Miss Loring ought not to have known that the Bouquet was given to him, but I know I was right, for Miss Loring if she placed any value upon a compliment from him could not help feeling that He had paid her one in giving her a Bequet that was given to him on his birth day by a person that He had a great regard for, had He given it and said nothing when its history became known, which it certainly would both Mrs Lawrason and Miss Loring would have been offended, He should either not have given it at all, or He should have or have had no reserves about it, open straightforward conduct, even about a Bouquet is always the best, all at Elders except Teresa went to Church Mr McLean gave us an excellent Sermon coming out of Church I spoke to Mr Wilson and asked him, as He is going to Toronto if He would go in time for Georges examination He answered me rather abruptly that He could not then He spoke about the Horse which He had lent Teresa when Mr Scotts Groom

was bringing home the Horse Mr Wilson met him and ordered him to get off the Horse and lead it, the groom told him he knew how to manage a Horse. that he had had the care of better Horses than ever Mr Wilson owned. they were both angry and I was very sorry that we had asked for the horse. Mr Scott came to Dinner we spent a very quiet afternoon. Ned was at the Griffins John and Miss Loring sat on the Terrace until he went to the office to write English letters Mr Scott and Teresa talked and Sophia and I moped. the Griffins Miss Wilder Mr St Innes and Mr Dunn came to tea Mr Dunn & I had a long discussion upon the civilization of the world

16th Mr Scott came to Breakfast last night I gave him an invitation for Mr Jackson to come to our party on tuesday evening yesterday as we came out of Church Mr Jackson stationed himself in front of the gate to see if Miss Loring would bow to him which she did he went to Amelia and apologized for his conduct so I thought it was as well to forget the past and as Miss Loring wished him invited I sent the invitation but he left for Toronto this morning and will not be back in time all our party Lunched at the Griffins and dined with Mr Dunn, Ellen Hamilton came in the evening and sat with me and offered to assist me to morrow to prepare for the party. but I declined she is a good little girl, Miss Loring Sophia and Teresa left Mr Dunns at ½ past 10 Amelia was rather annoyed at their leaving so early but as they were to be up late to morrow evening I thought it best they should come home early

17th Miss Loring, Sophia Teresa, John, Edward and Mr Scott took an early Breakfast and Rode. they were to have gone to the Griffins to dinner, but were tired and preferred a Cosy dinner here. Mrs Watson called and told me she intended giveing a party on thursday evening. We got our house in order and had an hours rest before it was time to dress John got a Telegraph from Mr Price to say that he could not be here until to morrow we were all so sorry Dr Lethalschmidt called last evening just as I was going to bed. he had returned from Toronto and had brought a parcel for Sophia just as our Guests began to arrive George returned from Toronto he had passed his examination and was sworn in an Attorney I felt so glad our party went off very well. with two exceptions Mr Johnston & Mr Barton got tipsey. I will never

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17th ark them here again, if a gentleman can forget himself once in that way he may a second time - the Band played very well, the Supper was very good and all the Ladies looked nicely dressed - all the Guests were away at 3 o'clock and we were in bed at 4 -

18th The Servants had the House nearly righted when I came down stairs at ½ past 10 = all our party went to Mrs W Lawrences to Luncheon afterward Miss Loring and Sophia returned their calls, Mr Scott came to dinner, Amelia and Miss Widdin called, Ted and Miss Widder went for a drive ~~Miss Widder and the Griffins remained to dinner~~ but left early Mr Sophia dined at the Griffins, Edward went to the Station to meet Mr Price and called at the Griffens on his way home and brought Sophia we all had Supper and hurried to bed, very tired

19th Mr Price brought me 2 pair of Moccasins and some bark work for Teresa and three nets for the hair one for Sophia one for Teresa and one for Amelia, I spoke to Sophia this morning about her flirting with Mr Thalschmidt and Ted and told her very foolish she was. that Mr Thalschmidt could not marry if he would that he was poor and that Edward however much he might like her was not within two or three years of Maturimony and in that time his feelings in all probability would change toward her, that it would be folly in her to refuse a good offer upon the mere hope that at some future time Edward might propose for her. I told her that I thought Mr Price's visit was to her and that I liked him very much that I thought he possessed great energy of Character and that he was an honorable good Man and would make a good Husband, she answered me curtly that she did not like him and could never like him well enough to marry him I told her to think well what she was doing, and that if she was determined that she would not marry him, she was right in not giving him any encouragement, in my opinion she is a little foolish flirt, and that Mr Price is well without her as she would never make him a loving good wife, she would not go out riding because she was one of the party, Amelia Miss Widder Mr Thal-schmidt and Mr Drake came to Luncheon, Miss Loring Teresa Amelia John Mr Scott and Mr Price went out riding George and Miss Widdin went for a drive I asked Mr Thalschmidt and Mr Drake to remain

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19 to dinner. Sophia was delighted she spent the afternoon on the Terraces with the young Gentlemen Ellen Hamilton called and Mr Dann and they both joined Sophia and Mr Ethalshmidt and Drake I do not much fancy Mr Drake he was very noisy at dinner. I like Mr Price very much. after dinner they all went to a party at Mr Watsons and came home at 2 o'clock Something seemed wrong with Miss Loring and Amelia made her tell what it was Miss Loring had got a letter from her Mother cautioning her against Jack, James Morris had told Mrs Loring that he were all Match Makers and that John was on the look out for a wife with money Mrs Loring advised her daughter to return home, Amelia told Miss Loring that John had property and income enough of his own to support a wife and that she thought him in every respect as good a match as there was in the country and as for asking her here to marry her to John she might be assured that John would not propose for her in his own house and that we ~~knew~~ that our connections were better and our position as good as ~~any~~ that of anyone in the country and that we thought we paid Mary one a compliment that we asked to the house, and that our invitations were free and select. Miss Loring is a very nice Girl as far as I can judge upon so short an acquaintance and I certainly think that if John makes love to her She has had no discouragement from her she has appeared as well pleased to listen as he was to talk she proposed going home on saturday. We told her if she must go George would see her home, John gave her a beautiful eye Glass which he brought at Tiffany in New York she seemed much pleased and took it conditionally that is if her Mother approved she made some demur about going and riding with John we at once met her views offered to give up the riding party on that Amelia would ride with John, but she did not give up the ride. and rode with John I hope she is not acting as John is no flirt and he certainly has met all his advances. and if she is merely amusing herself I shall feel very very sorry for her

20th Mr Price Miss Loring Sophie and Edward went to the Griffens to breakfast. Mr Scott called at two oclock Mr Scott came for Teresa to go to

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20th to Mr Dunns to Lunch the Griffins and all the Eldon party were invited after Luncheon they all came here Sophia Ned and Miss Widden went for a Drive and Mr Price returned to Toronto we all felt so sorry to part with I do not know any one I have liked so much upon so short an acquaintance Mr Scott Mr Dunn and all the Eldon party went to the Griffins to dinner Mr Scott says and Edward thinks that Mr Dunn is very much in love with Sophia, he certainly has the art of making the Gentlemen like her Ned says He will give her up for a Templeton if she refuses Mr Dunn who would certainly be a very fair match but I should infinately prefer Mr Price to him I had a great many calls to day after our party Mrs Wilson and Lucy called though they did not come to the party Mrs Wilson was in one of her Doom moods - she spoke of Mrs Watsons party and said that Mrs Watson was so disappointed that Miss Price did not come up as the party was given for her, as much as to say not for us and our visitors - no letter from Helen I feel so anxious about her Mr Scott continues his duration to Teresa I wonder when he will decide either to accept or refuse him

26th Sophia went to the Griffins to breakfast, it Rained until 2 o'clock Miss Loring Teresa and myself sat in my room sewing I like Miss Loring very much, She is a Girl of very good abilities but there is a Something wanting I hardly know what it is, probably it is the want of a Mind superior and more experienced than her own to guide her, She being an only child has had her own will all her life and has never been encouraged to read, yet she is very anxious to acquire knowledge. Mr Scott came to an early dinner and then Miss Loring and John, Teresa and Mr Scott went out riding Edward, Mr Dunn Miss Widden and Sophia went for a drive, they all returned here, with the Griffins Mr Ethalbechmidt and Mr Drake and had a Shakespeare reading, We had Supper and Separated at 12 o'clock, Jack will propose for Miss Loring and certainly she gives him all the encouragement He could wish for, things went wrong with Mr Scott and Teresa to day, when Mr Scott came to dinner He had evidently taken a very little too much wine it alarmed me, as He had been accused of intemperance and I told her when she was going out riding that if she urged her to give him an answer not to ~~do so~~ to day, if not necessary at

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21st his appearance and wished to know how it had occured. John told me that He had been in Mr Scotts room and He had opened a Bottle of Burgundy and He suppond that Mr Scott had taken a glass too much coming out into the hot sun it had affected him which I believe was the case but sun enough Mr Scott urged Teresa to give him an answer and said if she would wear in the evening a ring which He had given He would take it as an acceptance on her not doing so as a refusal He looked at her hand as He was going away and saw that the ring was not there and said good night without making a remark - Sophia says she will not have Mr Dawn and her manner is very correct towards him. Mr Dawn told Edward without hesitation that He admired Sophia more than any Girl He had seen and that He would try to win her unless he was a candidate for her hand he pleaded not Guilty of any matrimonial intentions towards her and said that she had been looked upon in the light of a sister ever since she was a child, at the same time Mr Ned knows that she likes him better than any one and that if she would propose for her that she would think of no one else. she told me this only a few days ago. It is a curious world we live in, and the course of true love never ~~is~~ runs smooth. Edward cannot marry at present but I believe in his heart He likes her as well if not better than any one else. though He is very sweet upon Miss Widdon just now, and both her and Sophia are very jealous of his attentions to each other, He is very like a Donkey between two bundles of Hay, He would like them both

22nd we all got up very late and had to eat a hurried breakfast in time for Church, Miss Loring, Sophia, Edward George and Myself Great Sophia went home with Amelia to dinner. Mr Scott dined with us. He looked very low spirited and accepted my invitation to dinner with hesitation. the Griffens Miss Widdon and Mr Dawn came to tea.. Mr Dawn is very much in love with Sophia and will propose for her if encouraged - We have had no English letters this week and no letter from Helen

23rd our visitors leave to day. Miss Loring got up very early and dressed herself very nicely. I knew she wanted to spend an hour or two with John. I went to his room and told him to get up and do the agreeable. which He did. I think there is no doubt but Miss Loring is to be had for the asking. but would it be wise to propose until He knows more of her. Mrs Loring is said to be a wheedling woman. Miss Loring admits that her mother is a guide to her. it has always been my theory to judge the Daughter in a great measure ~~by~~ by the Mother

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24th Mr Scott and Amelia came to luncheon and remained to dinner Mr Griffin dined with us also- we have a genial household Mr Scott is in love with Teresa (I wish she was in love with him) John is in love with Miss Loring, that is understood I believe- Ned and Miss Widder are very much in love with each other for the time being and George looks on with supreme disgust and thinks they ought all to put on caps and Bells, Edward Amelia and Teresa had an animated discussion with me about Johns wishing me to leave the house as soon as he married, I told them that I had always said that if Teresa married, George had his profession and if John married- that I would go to England, if I could muster up courage to leave my own home, but that I will know that when I went out of the Gate and turned my back upon my home and home associations that I bade adieu to peaceful content, here I believe I am respected by all who know any thing of me and I have a fair

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24th Friends who are strongly attached to me—for me to leave all that I know of friends and country with a conviction of a doubtful return, I know will be a hard struggle although I go to see my Daughters. I have never in my life left home even for a few hours without reluctance. I have often said that I thought it best for young people to be by themselves for sometime after their marriage. It is upon their suggestion. I think that John spoke as urgently as he did for me to leave at once should he marry in the Autumn I expressed my dislike to a distant voyage and said if Helen wished me I would go for the winter with her to the South— Edward spoke very warmly and very kindly and said John could not mean it, and said that if John or any one of my children ceased to cherish me with the greatest tenderness or ever forgot that I alone had borne them through every difficulty and made them all what they were, ill luck would befal them, and that if any one of them knew that John even hinted that I had better go visiting when he got married that he would be cut by every Brother Sister that he had and that not one would write or speak to him—except on business, and I am quite sure that such would be the case— how little children know a Mothers heart or how much love it contains, I know what Johns manner ought to be to me, he ought to humbug me into the belief that I was his dear and much loved Mother— and that his first thought would always be to make me happy and comfortable and that he felt quite sure the first wish of his wife would be to make me happy, my going or staying would be all the same but a person likes to be flattered. I have never intended to stand in his way if it was left optional with me, but this is my home which I love, when I die it shall be his— if I leave it for a time for his or my pleasure I shall return, should I live when I am weary of wandering— and should John and his wife prefer taking an other house to having me in the house with them they must do so and I must get some other child to come and care for me in my old age It appears to me so strange that my presence should disturb the happiness or that my absence should be necessary to the happiness to a son that I have loved so much or to that he would take a wife that objected to his Mother I have always endeavoured to smooth difficulties and I am sure I shall try to make none for John and his wife.

25th Mr Scott called this morning I think Teresa has decided in his favour I told him I should be very glad to see her married to Mr Scott if she liked him well enough to make him a good Wife— but that she must reflect

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to him and could not like him well enough to marry him
to write to me and I would break it to Mr Scott and that she
had better not come home for some time, on Sunday she must
give a decided answer either one way or the other. Ben and
Archie have gone to Toronto Teresa is to stay at the Widders
who give a grand Ball to morrow evening and if she takes Mr Scott
she will come home on Saturday, Mr Scott came to Luncheon. Mrs
Anderson and Miss Rutherford called and Mr Booth and Mr Thomas
called I got a letter from Helen who is better but not well and
will not be able to leave the Plantation before the middle of June
I had a letter also from Miss Loring it was a very nice letter but a
little flowery

26th John, Edward and Mr Griffen have all gone to Toronto to Mrs Widders
Ball both John and Ned are over head and ears in love I hope it
may all end well and that they may both secure their own
happiness. I got up very early and wrote to Sarah and Eliza and
Helen. Mrs Mackey called she spoke of the Widders and said that Blanche
had money independant of her parents, that her Grand Mother had
left her money. I enjoyed the days quiet with George, after dinner
he went pruning the Trees of dead branches, we walked on the Terrace
until late. then came in to tea and Cribbage. George was very much afraid
that I would feel lonely having no one sleeping on the same floor
with me. He is so thoughtful, kind and good

27th We expected Edward home at 3 o'clock but he did not come until
9 P.M. and then we talked until 12 I think he has got pretty
well over love for it He says Mrs Widder is a D— old humbug
I believe there has never been but one opinion on that
subject. Her Ball went off very well John and Miss Loring
were very devoted to each other

28th Mr Beckett came to luncheon. I never saw him in such
bad Spirits. He said every body said that Teresa was
to be Married to Mr Scott and asked him. but he knew
nothing about it. I told him I could not tell him
that she was going to be Married as she had not when she
left home made up her Mind on the subject, but was to
decide while away and if she refused Mr Scott she would
remain some time in Toronto. John and Teresa came home
at 9 P.M. they both looked very happy and well pleased
John with his prospects and Teresa with hers she has
decided in Mr Scotts favor. I hope she will be happy, they
all came home with a feeling of pity for Dr Pyne on and

Sophia and a feeling of disgust for Mrs Ryerson, She grows more vulgar opinionated and penurious as she grows older, Mr Price has gained if it was possible to do, so in the opinion of all at Eldon. John Mucklow and Teresa, come home liking him as a Brother. Sophia like a very foolish Girl has lost all the chance she ever had of winning him and now when too late regrets it. no sensible good man, will come to marry a flirt, and she cannot be content with one admirer

29th I went to Church, Mr Scott came to dinner and the Griffiths came to tea Mr Wilson paid me an hours visit before Church He also asked me about Teresa and approved of the marriage that she is going to make, He spoke of his Daughter and young Bailey, and is evidently much disappointed with her choice but from her delicate state of health He is afraid to offer violent opposition to her wishes, I asked him if He did not think it would be much better to take W. Bailey by the hand, and give their Marriage his consent and countenance, that his character was not only unreproachable but that He was liked by all who knew him, and that as his Son in law with his approbation and countenance He would hold a very different position from what He held now, and that there was no reason why He should not succeed in business and accumulate wealth as well as others. He assented to what I said and I think W. Bailey and Lucy will receive no more opposition from Mr Wilson Amelia does not like Miss Loring very much, she thinks her a weak man without mind and very penurious, but Miss Loring she likes very much, and if John marries her I shall feel so glad and so thankful if she makes him a good wife, I like her much better than any young Lady that I have seen, and hope I shall learn to love her as a daughter

30th Mr King and his elder Brother who has just come from England and a Mr Marshall a friend of theirs who is a new arrival also Mr King, Mr Scott, Mr Wilson and Amelia all came to Luncheon we like Mr Kings Brother very much, Mr Marshall seems a very nice person but is in very low Spirits having very recently lost his wife, Amelia and I had a long talk about John she says John felt hurt at my misunderstanding his wish that I should go to England as soon as He married. He knew my daughters wished me to go, and that He thought, the sooner I went as I am getting old, the better I would be able to go, but that while He lived the best room in his house would be mine and that He would not marry any woman that would not look upon me as a Mother I felt sorry that I should for a moment doubted his right judgment

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30th his affection I knew He could never withhold from me. the future, in this world, can never be very bright to people who have seen sixty years. Bereavements, old ties severed, separations, with all the infirmities of old age, feebleness, perishness, weakened intellect, and selfishness is what we all have to look forword to— but I make one constant fervent prayer, that I may receive God many Blessings which are given to me with a grateful heart, and that I may never be the cause of sorrow or unhappiness to any one. Teresa is going to marry Mr Scott I feel that I have influenced her in this decision. God help me if she should prove unhappy, how am I to know whether I do right or wrong. had I influenced her to decide against him would that have been right. I have believed that it would not. and she trusts so much to me that decide herself she would not. we find it hard to choose the right when the way is clear before us. how are we to choose it when the way is dark— I wrote to Mr Scott of Edenburgh and to Mrs and Miss Loring— on Saturday evening Basil Hamilton and a lad by the name of Murry who is a very bad character broke into Mr Wilsons office with the intent to rob but were discovered and when Mr Carroll attempted to take them Basil Hamilton made free use of his knife it all appeared in the paper this morning but from delicacy towards Mr Hamilton they did not say whom Son Basil was and from the same feeling Mr Wilson has not had them arrested. Basil has been allowed to run wild about the streets for years— Mr Scott came to tea

31st Mr Scott came to Luncheon. Teresa John and Kim went out riding Mr Scott returned to tea

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1st John has been very much fretted to day. He got three dunning letters from Mr Becher one on Sunday morning, one on tuesday evening and the third this wednesday morning for a debt of mine for money borrowed of Sir Richard Airey, Mr Bechers last letter was not only uncourteous but sneering almost insulting. John was making arrangements to get the money but could not do so until after the 31st as he had to put in a note at the Bank for it. and has now paid Mr Becher the whole sum £174 I feel so sorry that He should all his early life have a weight of debt upon his shoulders. it is true He will be compensated in the end, but now there is nothing but a Sacrafice of property which would fall upon my sons, as my daughters get almost nothing— could enable me to meet even a small debt— I often feel that the mortification which I have to endure when I have to go to my Sons for money is necessary to keep my proud heart humble, Joys and sorrows, pleasures and pains, all alike will come to an end by and bye

June 1859, 1st Mr Scott came to Luncheon and Mr Teresa and John went out riding, He gave his Horse Chatham to Teresa and told her if John married Miss Loring that He wished her to give it to Miss Loring as a Wedding present, nothing could be kinder or more generous He certainly was calumniated when He was called Stingy, a distant Cousin of His a Mrs and Mr Alexander from Toronto dined with us they seem very good people but are not in a very Aristocratic Circle Mr Archer and Mr Steffen dined here, I got a letter from Mary, She is getting stronger and in better health, In the evening Mr Beckett sent me a plate of Strawberries the first of the season and a note endeavouring to make a joke of Johns annoyance, Beckett is evidently very sorry but He was much to blame his manner of Dunning was ungentlemanlike and uncalled for, that He has wanted money badly himself I am sure, It was not Col Steeys interest alone that was concerned or He could simply have told John that he must pay a higher interest, or pay up- I am very sorry but one unkind act must not do away with the mutual Kindness and friendship of years

2nd we had a very heavy thunderstorm during the night, the heaviest I have known for years. the Barracks were struck and set on fire but the fire was extinguished by Capt Hammond and his Brother who live in the Barracks, a young Lad 19 years of age who lived in Talbot Street with his Mother. was found dead in his bed in the morning, his Mother was not aware that the house had been struck by lightning and when she went to call her Son (Wm J Riddell) to breakfast she found him dead the lightning had come down the Chimney, thrown over a Stove and gone out at the corner of the Room tearing off several boards of siding, they could not trace the lightning to the bed, but the Coroner said that it struck the young man above the ancle went up his side to his Ear and passed through his head- I was not well, Amelia came and sat sometime with me, we got a letter from Mr Portman who appears to be pretty tired of the South He says He is 20 years older within the last six Months and that He has had nothing but trials and vexations since He has been there The flood, his wife and Children ill, his Negros ill and a stupid Nurse- Mrs Hugessen called and She looked so pretty- Mrs Wilson and Fany called, Fany looks very thin and poorly- Mr Scott commissioned Mr Price to buy something pretty for Teresa to day the Commission arrived three Bracelets a Brooch and Ear rings, all good and very pretty. He is certainly

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2d very kind and generous to her - He came to tea but I was so unwell that I went to bed = Ellen Hamilton and Miss Street called

3d the weather has turned quite cold to day Mrs Street and family have left London to join Mr Street in Chicago, poor Ned now his life has not been a very happy one Mrs Mc Laurason and Kate Brough called Mr Scott and Teresa went out riding. I wrote to Helen at Louisville Lucy Wilson called to ask if I would be at home to morrow as her Mama wished to come in and spend the day with me if I was disengaged - Mr Scott came to tea all appears to be right between him and Teresa. She seems happy and contented

4th Mrs King called. She appears to pay more attention to her dress since her brother in law has been with them Mr Scott came to luncheon Mrs Wilson came to spend the day. Mr Becher called but as there were several people here there was no allusion to the coolness between him and John I have had an unusual number of visitors to day - Mrs Duncan & Ken, the two Mr Kings, Mr Marshall Mr Kind and Mr McLean, Mr Scott to Dinner and Mr Wilson and W. Wilson in the evening Mrs Wilson speaks of Lucy Wilson and Bill Bailey with approval and regrets, she is willing to the match and yet thinks Mr Bailey not good enough for her daughter and appears to envy Teresa making so good a match, Amelia and Mr Griffen called - My journal came under discussion and Edward said it did not contain one kind word of any one individual. can this be so. I must endeavour to correct so great a fault and look at peoples good qualities more and their bad ones less

5th Teresa and I went to Church it was Sacrament day, at one time all of my family that were old enough used to attend the Sacrament Table now it is only Amelia Teresa and Myself, and occasionally John. It is with sorrow I say this - I had a letter from Eliza and Amelia had one from Mary they tell us no news, but are all well. We had a most killing frost last night. Corn, potatoes and all tender vegetables are ~~killed~~ injured throughout the Country our Grape vines have suffered severely the Thermometer stood 2 or 3 below the freezing point, consequently there was ice where ever there was a little water Mr Scott came to dinner and Amelia came to Coffee

6th Mrs Becher and Fanny called. Mrs Becher spoke of Teresa's approaching marriage and offered congratulations, she alluded to the Ball we gave when we had our young Lady visitors and said the reason she did not come was because we had not invited her Sister Mrs Ellis who was with her, she said we had seen her Sister at Church and knew she was with her. I felt very sorry that we had been guilty of such an unintensional neglect, as I like Mrs Ellis very much, and her misfortunes would shield her from any intentional

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6th Neglect from me— Edward went to Long Point to day with Mr Griffen Edward has gone to draw the Deed of Port Ryerse for Mr Secker as the bargain is at last concluded Teresa and Mr Scott went out riding, Mr Scott returned to Dinner. Amelia came to Dinner George went to St Mary and returned at 9 P.M.

7th Mr King and Mr Scott came to Luncheon, Mrs Hammond called and Mrs Havel called, Mrs King gives a Ball on Friday evening Mr King appears very anxious that I should go, but I had much rather go and spend a quiet day with them. We have invited the Kings and all the young English Gentlemen to dine with us to morrow Mr Ethalschmidt called and Mr Secker called. He complains very much of the hard times and scarcity of money. Teresa and Mr Scott went out riding. John dined with Mr Scott who had a party of all his English friends. Amelia came to tea

8th Mr Scott and Mr Drake came to Luncheon, there is to be a Ball at Government House to morrow evening Mr Ethalschmidt and Mr Jackson are going and intend staying at the Widders, Mrs Widder was very anxious to have Mr Richard King. and did not much want Mr Jackson and He would have been very clean of going there, if He had known how cool his invitation was. John is going to Toronto also with the intent of going to the Ball, and to see Miss Loreing. and to propose for her most probably. I sincerely hope all may end well. our dinner party went off very well. Mrs King's not coming left us the unlucky number of 13. We had the two Kings Mr Marshall Mr Kind. Mr Scott Mr Drake Mr Ethalschmidt Mr Jackson and Amelia John. George Teresa and myself making the 13 Mr Griffen and Edward did not return although they were expected. Mr Ethalschmidt Mr Kind and Mr Drake leave London on Saturday for Fraser's River. We all doubt their doing better than they would by remaining in Canada. Amelia got a letter from Helen the Postmans expect to be here by the 20th Mr McInnes came up by the 10 o'clock P.M. train and came here for Amelia. He stays with the Griffens

9th To day Doctor King was to be hanged for poisoning his wife, the feeling in the Country is very strong against John. Slept at the Rectory last night &c all to leave by the 6 o'clock Train this morning for Toronto— Mr Scott Mr McInnes and Amelia came to Luncheon Edward and Mr McInnes returned from Long Point. Edward has arranged about drawing up the papers and all parties appear to be satisfied, for which I feel truly thankful. Mr Griffen and Edward were highly amused with the primitive manners of the Long Pointers

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9th and delighted with the beautiful Country that they passed through— Mr Scott and Teresa went out riding. Teresa is so timid on horse back that she thinks seriously of giving up riding. Edward and Ingrid dined with the Griffins Mr McInnes and Mr Drake dined there also. I do not like Mr Drake very much. He will pass much better in a Ball room than at a small Dinner party. Mr Scott came here to tea

10th George went to St Marys but returned in time for the Ball at the Kings Mr Scott came to Luncheon and dinner, and drove in the Cab with Teresa Edward and George to the Kings party. Mr McInnes called in the afternoon Mrs Sam Blake and Vasey Cronyn called. I went to bed, not very well

11th Mr Becher came to Luncheon He spoke to me about the vexed feeling between him and John. I admited the difficulty of getting money from John, but said that John had always more calls for money to pay my debts than He had money to pay with. He said that my hate to Sir R. Airey had appeared in his half yearly account twice without principle or interest paid on it, and that at a lower interest than He got from others, and that something had to be done, or he'd. I said that if He had told John that He would have to pay a higher interest for the money it would have been all right. Becher kept leading me on to say something more. I told him I judged between them as between two Sons that if John was wrong when He received his note on Sunday not to have answered it on monday morning or called at the office and told him what arrangements He could make and that He was very wrong to have expressed himself as He did in the third note, that He asked John if He intended to repudiate the whole thing. I told him there was no one act of Johns life that should have called forth such an enquiry, and I told him that the taunt at the conclusion was in equally bad taste, in where He says that what He has done might satisfy a person even in Johns exalted position. He laughed and asked me if I could take that seriously, that it was all chaff I said it was not easy to take one part of his letter in sober earnest, and the other part chaff. He said I must recollect that He had known John from a Boy. I said yes but He is 29 now. He said very true, but the truth was that He was Dun'd hard pressed for money, which I am quite sure was the case, but Becher and ourselves are too close friends, knit by too many ties to be separated by a few unceremonious duns or unhappy expressions at the same time I am very glad that the Money lent from Sir R. Airey is paid. Mr Scott came to luncheon. John returned by the 3 o'clock Train He enjoyed his visit to Toronto very much

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11th if he has prapond for Ship Loring He has not told us of it
I wrote to ask Mr Landys to stay here during the Synod. It
was daylight when the Eldon party returned from the
Kings they all thought the party was a great success Mr Scott
procured a Bouquet from Toronto for Teresa, Mr Ethalschmidt Mr Drake
and Mr Finlayson left today for Prairy River. Mr Ethalschmidt felt
very sad at bidding adieu to London John. Edward. George and Mr Scott
went to the Station to see them off. Mr Scott returned to dinner
John again urged me to go to England this Autumn. He thinks
I would enjoy a visit there, and that it will be my only chance of
ever again seeing my Daughters and their families, and that I
shall very soon be getting too old to go. all this I know and would
be very very glad to see my Children, but the thought of leaving
my home sickens me. I was ill and feverish all night and am
far from well this morning. My dislike to leaving home is almost
a disease, at this moment I think I could look at the Road to the
Cemetery with more pleasure than the road to England, yet I shall
go to England but never return, only once for 20 years has the thought
of going to England given me pleasure and then only for a few
moments, a few days ago Mr Scott told me there was four Inches
of Walk at Peniat Bank and that it was so very pretty for a few
minutes the feelings of youth returned and I thought how
I should like to wander about alone, and then the conviction
returned that even a walk to Amelia fatigued me so much
that I did not get over it for two days. My days for right
seeing and enjoying anything but quiet are passed I could
wish to die amongst familiar objects even if the faces I
have most loved were away, but God will be done, He is every
where and with his help I will give up all my own worldly
wishes and I will try never again to put down my thoughts
on this subject. I had a letter from Mary, who tells Teresa
to announce her approaching marriage, herself to Capt Crutchley as the kindest
that He felt hurt at Helen not doing so

12th George and I went to Church, I was ill all day. Mr McHatten sat in
our Pew and came home to dinner with us Very cross the
Griffens, Mr Scott and Mr Jackson came to tea. I wrote to Eliza
and Sarah and told them to expect me in England in October
Mr Scott has sent to Paris by Mr McInnes to get a quantity of
pretty things for Teresa which are to be left with Mary
until she arrives in England. Mr Scott is very anxious to
have the wedding day named I said it might be either
the 15th of August or the 1st or 8th of September

June 1859 12th Mr Scott wants Teresa to go to Teviot Bank before the Autumn destroys its beauty but Teresa would rather spend a month visiting places of note in the States. I think the 1st of Sept. will be the day, and then they can go to England after the equinoxial Gales are over

13th Mr Scott came to luncheon. I was not well, but kept very busy fitting up what used to be the Library, the room looks so pretty. Amelia came to dinner

14th I got a letter from Eliza enclosing a note from General Kenna with information about Mr Scott. all we hear of him is in his favour. Amelia and Mr Griffin called. Mr Becher came to luncheon and is going to give me a pass on the Great Western to Hamilton for to morrow, as I wish to go there, to purchase some things for Teresa. Mr Scott came to luncheon but goes to Mr Whitehead's to dinner. Mr Whitehead gives a dinner party to Mr Kind who leaves on thursday for Van Couvers Island. Mr Kind called to say good bye. Amelia had a letter from Mr Price. He cannot come to Teresa's wedding. He sends me two pouches, for Mary.

15th We go to Hamilton to morrow. Mr Becher sent me a pass. We have had such a heavy rain to day. John wished me to write and ask Lady Head to dine with us next week. I have done so. Amelia came to dinner and Mr Scott dined here. John walked home with Amelia and I had a long walk and talk with Edward, on the Terrace. He will not hear of my going to England unless I wish it

16th I got up at 5 and was at the Station in good time. no one in the house was up but the Servants. John heard me close the gate and followed me down. Amelia met me at the Station when we arrived at Hamilton we went to the Anglo American and Breakfasted and then went to Mr McInnis,s and made our purchases. He was very kind, we dined with him at his Mothers and then went out driving and saw the water works, there are a great many Splendid views about Hamilton, we returned here at 10 P.M. Mr Des Vaux. John. Edward. and George all met us at the Station Mr Des Vaux has come to London to visit us I think him much improved. I found Mr Scott here. and Teresa not at all well. ~~she~~ she had cold and Earache. Edward. George Mr Scott and Mr Des Vaux all went to the Station at ½ past 11 to see Mr Kind off on his way to Van Couvers Island. Mr King and all his friends were very sorry to see him go

17th I have been very busy all day. when one days absence appears to make an accumulation of little jobs for me to do ~~Edward~~ The Indian work I sent to Montreal for and mind it is very pretty. I sent part of it to Mary. Eliza and Mrs E. Knight

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17 I wrote to Mr McInnes and sent the parcels of Indian work to him who will take them to England. Amelia and Mr Scott came to Luncheon, Mr Bustenherd and Mrs Brown called and Mrs McBeth called I like her very much she is a very good woman we got a Telegraph from Mr Portman they are at Louisville and will be here some time next week Mr Scott came to dinner and gave Teresa a set of plain gold Buttons they are very pretty Edward has gone to Dorchester to fish. Mr Dunn came up in the evening but I was so tired that I had gone to bed

18th George started at six for Hamilton to play a Cricket match between Hamilton and London. Edward returned from his fishing excursion with his usual luck. having caught nothing Mr Becher called and asked the Eldon party to tea at Thornwood the Misses Gzowskies are with them Mr Scott came to Luncheon, the Misses Gzowskies and Fanny Becher called the Misses Gzowskies are much improved in looks and manner but are too noisy and speak too loud. I do not think it possible for a young girl to be Ladylike unless she has a gentle quiet manner. Amelia called. Mr Scott dined here and then. they all went out to the Bechers. George came home very late long after I was in bed

19th the London Cricket Club got beaten at one innings, George returned rather mortified Mr Des. Veux and I went to Church there was a double ordination, of Priest and three Deacons. Dr Helmut gave us a very good Sermon. John went to call upon the Wilsons but when he got near the house he heard loud voices. there was some domestic disturbance and he returned he met Mr Dunn who returned with him to tea Amelia and Mr Scott came to tea, Edward and Mr Des. Veux went to the Bechers and returned at 9 o'clock without any tea of course we laughed at them— the Lawrasons have had encouraging news from Mr Keogh Sir Benjamin Brodie says it is Cancer but that he has cured worse cases and another celebrated Physician says it is not Cancer and that he has cured worse cases the consequence is all Mr Keogh's friends feel very hopeful of his recovery, which I think. notwithstanding the Medical report very doubtful

20th I have been very busy all the morning, giving Teresa, some clothes out to be made and wrote to Mr Greer Mr & Mrs Becher called Mr Gzowski Telegraphed for his daughters their mother is ill. Mr Scott came to Luncheon and dinner

21st Mr Becher has had another Telegraph from Mr Gzowski. Mrs Gzowski a Son and is doing well. The Revd Mr Landys arrived last night late I did not see him until this morning. Mr & Mrs Becher called with the Baby who has grown very pretty. Mr Becher and Mr Scott came to Luncheon I had a letter from Eliza enclosing a letter from the Hon Mr Scott

June 21st 1859 who speaks very well of our Mr Scott. Edna appears to be very gay
Amelia joined our dinner party. We had Mr Sandys Mr Des Voux and Mr Scott
22d I went to Church expecting a Sermon but there was only prayers
John got a Telegraph from Mr Price to say He had sent us a Salmon from
Quebec. He is so very kind. Amelia called. We had only our usual dinner party
23 a melancholy death has taken place, it is in the papers to day, Capt Prince who
has charge of the Police in Toronto has long been engaged to Miss Penrose
of Quebec, and they were to have been married to day a few days ago He
got a telegraph saying that she was very ill which Telegraph was followed
the next by another saying she was dead, He has gone to attend her funeral
which is to take place to day which was to have been her Wedding day —
we got a Telegraph from Mr Portman from Louisville saying that Berkeley
was ill and that they were unable to leave, John Telegraphed back to know if
the child was dangerous and if He should go to them. the Telegraph was
answered in a marvelously short time, only about four hours going and
returning. the answer was that the child had Diorrhea and in no immediate
danger and they hoped to leave on Saturday. this was a great relief to us, we are
all so fond of the dear Boy. Mr Sandys did not dine with us to day. Amelia
called, Mr Drake and Mr Thalbehmdt have sent her their Photographs from
New York. Mr Pepperny sent us some Beautiful Strawberries, and Cucumbers
24th Mr Des Voux left us this Morning for Toronto, Amelia called Mr Scott
dined with us but Mr Sandys dined out. John got a letter from Sophia
telling him that Miss Loring wanted him to go to Toronto as she is going
to Montreal for two or three weeks, John has decided upon going and
remaining over Sunday — the Salmon arrived to day in beautiful order
25th John left for Toronto this morning at 6 Mr Sandys left for Chatham
at nine so that we are quite alone again Mr Scott came to Luncheon
and Amelia and Mr Griffen called. we dined quite by ourselves Mr Scott
came in the evening
26th I was not well enough to go to Church Teresa was the only one that went. it is
very painful to me to see such disinclination upon the part of John Edward and
George to attend Divine Service I cannot account for it but fear that I have
in some way neglected my duty. God grant that they may be brought to
repent and amend how helpless I feel to keep in the right way my self
or to guide others rightly. Mr Scott came to dinner and the Griffens
came to tea, the Griffens had a dinner party yesterday, the Bishop of
Huron, Mr King, Mr & Mrs Oliver King Mr Marshall and Mr Dann
27th this has been our first very work day — Mr Becher and Mr Scott came to luncheon
— no word yet from the Portmans. I engaged a nurse (Mary Russel) for Helen to day
Amelia came down to tell that she had heard of a very good Servant for her
John came home at 10 P.M. looking very tired but very happy. He has
proposed and has been accepted by Miss Loring. I believe no arrangements

27th has been made as to the time of marriage, I am very glad and rejoice in her prospect of happiness. I think highly of Miss Loring and sincerely hope she may make him a good wife. and every man ought to be married before they are thirty. often and often in my heart have I prayed that God would Bless him and now I pray that God may bless them both

this is the 9th Anniversary of my wedding day and the fourth Anniversary of Amelias. time with me is drawing to a close

28th Mr Scott came to Luncheon and dinner, Amelia came to dinner no word from the Portmans. the weather very hot

29th this morning when at breakfast I received a letter from my cousin Dr Pyron telling me that Miss Loring had called upon them and told Sophia that she was going to be her cousin, that John had proposed for her, and gave them to understand that although delighted with her offer yet in the excitement of the moment She had not given him the decided answer which she ought to have done, and that she wished Sophia to write and say that she Miss Loring wished John to write to her and also to her Mother. I had tried to impress upon John that either too much or too little had been said, but he has written to day most fully to Miss Loring and her Mother — Amelia and John came in and we were discussing ~~the~~ the letters to Miss Loring and her Mother when in walked Helen and Mr Portman. Helen though tired looked much better than I expected to see her and Mr Portman looked as well as I ever saw him look, and Baby has grown a very fine Boy, but Berkeley looks very pale, thin, and delicate, poor little fellow He has been very ill but has not forgotten any of us. the Portman come back looking very happy and seem to be well pleased with the South notwithstanding flood and fevers — Mr King called to welcome their return, Amelia remained all day and helped Helen to get her things righted. Helen brought up a pretty dress for each of us of foulard silk

30th I wrote to Eliza, Mrs Aiken and Mr Scott came to luncheon Mr Jackson called on the Portmans Mr Barton got a fall from John's Horse which throws every one who tries to ride him. When bought He was thought to be such a gentle colt but proves to be vicious in breaking. Mr Scott brought in Mr Barton to get a glass of wine as He was a good deal shaken by his fall. Mr Portman Helen and Jack went out riding Mr Scott and Amelia came to dinner

July 1st John this morning got his answer from Mrs & Miss Loring. it was as we knew it would be a cordial acceptance and an invitation to visit them immediately, I sincerely hope He has secured his own happiness in this connection. Mr Becher. Mr Wilson. Mr Scott and Amelia came to Luncheon Mr Griffin called. Mr Scott came to dinner

2nd I was ill during the night and have not felt well all day

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2nd Mrs Wilson called, and Mr Becher called and brought me a cucumber Mr Scott came to luncheon, John has gone to Toronto to arrange all about his marriage, Amelia Mr Griffen and Mr Scott came to dinner and I thought we spent a very pleasant evening. Edward and George went to the Opera last night was the first time an Opera has been given in London

3rd Teresa and George went to Church I was not well and Helen could not leave her children, Mr & Mrs Becher and Fanny called after Church Mr Dunn called, Mr Griffen and Amelia came to tea. I told Mr Scott that I wished I had told him to return next Lent then to marry Teresa and he was in a great fright and told Mr Griffen that he thought I wanted to put him off again and that if so he should pack up and be off altogether, I was glad when they told me what high indignation he was in and thought that if Teresa wished to break with him she could do so, I told him to act for himself and if she could not marry him with all her heart and make him a good wife to break of the engagement, that Mr Portman said as long as he had a home she should have one. I told her not to be influenced by Johns going to be married or by the wishes of any one but do as her own heart dictated and she has chosen to marry Mr Scott, it is now her own act, God grant she may be happy

4th Helen and Teresa have been very busy all day preparing to go to to Toronto to get Teresa's Trousseau John gave Helen £50 it will take all of £50 more besides the £50 bought at Hamilton, Mr Scott and King came to Luncheon, Mrs King called, Mr Griffin and Amelia came to dinner and Mr Scott, Mr Portman made a merry evening past of very pleasantly ~~Helen, Teresa Mr Port~~ John returned from Toronto his marriage with Miss Loring is all arranged and announced but the day not named in talking over matters with Mrs Loring it appears that Miss Loring will have at her Mothers death over £12000 so that she will be very well off indeed, but that is a very secondary consideration to her being a nice wife

5th Helen, Teresa, Mr Portman and Mr Scott all went to Toronto this morning Helen Teresa Nurse and Baby are to remain at Dr Hagerty's Mr Portman and Mr Scott at the Rossin House - Amelia and I called on Mrs Hutcheson, who has a very fine little girl, during my absence Col Phillott, Mr Marshall and Mrs Hamilton called, Mrs Lawrason called after I returned she says they have discouraging accounts of Mr Medcalf, Col Phillott, Amelia and Mr Griffen dined here although it is five or seven years since I have seen Col Phillott he does not appear to me to be a day older he talks about nothing but I believe that is not his object in coming to the Country

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6th the morning wet and I wrote to Mrs & Miss Lowe & the London and Toronto Cricket Club played and had a drawn game the London Club were very much pleased as they have been beaten in all the matches they have played for some time past, George made the best score, Mr Patterson came to dinner and Col Phillott came to tea, Mr Patterson is very like Major Duff of the 23rd and seems a very nice young fellow

7th I got up early and wrote to Sarah, Mrs Wilson and Ellen Hamilton called, Amelia Mr Griffen, Mr Patterson and Mr Becher came to luncheon Mrs & Miss Whitehead called upon Helen, Mr Richard King called John and Mr Patterson went out riding, Mr Patterson dined with us last week a large party of the Elite of Toronto - the Hon. Mr Vankoughnet and wife The Hon. J. H. Cameron and wife Mr Morrison and wife J. A. McDonald The Hon Mr Cayley wife and Children Col. Prince Miss Cadden Miss Dickenson and a number of others, started on an excursion of Pleasure to the Isaac Ste Mary, they embarked on board the Ploughboy at Collingwood, they encountered very rough weather and some of the Machinary broke leaving the Boat altogether at the mercy of the Winds and Waves, the Wind blowing them direct on an inaccessible iron bound coast, they cast their Anchors overboard so that their dragging might impede the Boats progress to destruction a little and when within a few yards of the breakers the Anchors held in a 12 fect water, When the accident at first occurd three Gentlemen of the party volunteered to take the ships boat and go 70 miles the nearest port for assistance, the Lake was so rough that there was hardly a chance of the Boats living, but they did arrive safely and a few hours after the party had expected a landing a steamer arrived and took the Ploughboy in tow and they all arrived safely at Collingwood, having had anything but a trip of pleasure

8th I wrote to Mr Price to thank him for the Salmon John not having done so I received a letter from Mary and John our son Col Dalzell Mr Patterson called to say good bye He appears to be a very nice young fellow Col Phillott and Becher came to Luncheon The Revd Mr Beatridge and Mrs Mc Lauraon called I do not admire Mr Beatridge he is in manner very unlike a Clergyman - We dined alone, and I read Adam Bede and like it

9th The morning very hot and close, Mr Griffen came to luncheon and told me that Amelia is not well, I sent for a Lab and went to see her, She had an attack of common Cholera and was very ill, Dr Brown had been there and prescribed for her, She is better This evening Col Phillott dined with us, The Portmans, Ferris & Mr Scott came home by the 9 o'clock Train, hungry and tired, every body in

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9th Toronto were civil to them. they Dined at the Wedders and at the George Allans, Mrs Allan they think exceedingly pretty and well mannered. George Allan they think very pompous and very proud they all like Mr Wedder, and Mrs Wedder amuses them, the gives good parties and is such a polite flattering humbug, Dr Ryerson was as kind as he could be and professes a very great liking for Mr Portman and wants him to stand for a Theatre, and several of the ministry wish it also, Mr Portman has every requisite to make himself popular, if he chooses to take a very little trouble he may be a member or any thing else he wishes to be, Mr Portman does not establish Blanche Sudden very highly. He says she has no conversation, excepting of the most frivolous kind, Sophia they all think a very nice little Girl but all agree in not liking Mrs Loring they think her a good deal like old Mrs Watson and if this is good a woman he may touch her faults lightly they say she talks a great deal about high Society, having been accustomed to such high Society, people can generally tell by our manner and conversation what sort of Society we have been accustomed to, they saw very little of Miss Loring and Miss Smith as they left Toronto for Montreal the day after Helen went down, but they liked what they saw of both Theresa and Miss Smith. Theresa could not make all the purchases she wished, they could not find any thing in Silk or any other material fit for a Wedding, nor was there a dress Maker in Toronto that they could trust a dress with to be made, and now they will have to go to Detroit and see what can be done there

10th The weather very warm no one from Eldon went to Morning Service The Children not well. Mr Scott came to Dinner and Col Phillott came to tea, I have arranged to go to Detroit to endeavour to buy the remainder of the things which we want for Theresa, Mr Portman Theresa and Mr Scott went to the Griffens to ask after Amelia, who is better and down stairs

11th there was not as great a turn out of orangemen to day as usual, they were very orderly and dispersed as usual without committing any excess Mr Becher came to Luncheon, I asked him if he could get Theresa and my self a pass to Detroit, he was very kind and said that I his Mother should always have a pass, he asked me to go to Thornwood to dinner I drove out with him no people could be kinder than he and Mrs Becher were and treated me with the tenderest attention as if I were their own Mother Mrs Becher wrote to a friend of hers in Detroit to ask if the things which I require for Teresa can be purchased there. Mr Portman and Edward drove out in a Cab to bring me home they had left Helen at the Griffens and picked her up on our way home

13th Col Phillott came to Luncheon and remained until it was time to go with

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13 the Brain. I felt sorry to bid him good bye, knowing that in all probability ~~that~~ we should never meet again in this world. Mr Scott Amelia and Mr Griffin came to Dinner, the Thermometer 92. in the shade. Mr Dutton called

12 the weather continues very hot, neither the Children the Servant Jane nor my self have rested, Mr Scott came to Luncheon and Dinner

15th I was so ill with Bowel complaint that I had to keep my bed Catherine ill also I sent for Dr Mason who prescribed for us both, one of the Nurses is ill and William not well enough to return to his work. Helen sent all the Gentlemen to dine with Mr Scott, the Thermometer 92 in the shade, Mrs Cropper and Mrs King called. Edward went to the Griffens in the evening and found they had moved. He followed them to their new house Mr Griffin paid that he hated Mr Postman. Mr Scott, John, Edward and George for not going to assist him to move his furniture, the weather was rather too hot for people to volunteer labor that they were unaccustomed to

16th I feel much better and Catherine is a little better, William has returned to his work. Amelia came to see me. She looks ill and I think she felt that we had not been kind to them yesterday in not asking them to dinner, but from the illness of our servants we could not manage to get dinner for our own household, we had intended to ask them to dinner as a matter of course. we had a Shower this morning and very heavy thunder but have not heard of any damage done. we heard to day of the death of a Sister of Mr Price's, (Mrs Porters) and her child both in one day from Dysthania after a very few days illness and two of the Misses Price are ill with it. It is a most frightful Disease. Mr Becher called and seems so kind and affectionate to me

16th I am not well but better. Mrs le Lawrence called, this excessive hot weather is very trying to Myself and Children, Mr Scott came to Luncheon but did not stay to dinner He went away a little huffy, but returned to tea

17th the Thermometer continues above 90 in the Shade, John got information that some people were trespassing on a Lot of mine in Walsingham and George went to day to look after it I sincerely hope he may not get ill from the heat, Amelia came in the evening to see me, they are just getting to feel themselves at home in their new residence

18 No one went to Morning Service, the weather was so oppressively hot and neither of the boys I were well enough to go. Mr Scott came to dinner Amelia and Mr Griffin came down in the

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17th afternoon, but would not play to tea. We thought because Dr Portman Helen and John left them and went to Church. Amelia sat with me for sometime and was nice and loving like my own Amelia. I wrote to Mary

18th Mr Becher and Mr King came to Luncheon, the Baby not well, Amelia came to tea Mr Portman talks of building on the Walsh Farm Mr Scott came to dinner

19th I received a letter from Miss Loring in answer to mine written as soon as I knew of her engagement her was a very nice letter she wrote to Edward and Amelia also and must be truely glad that that sort of task letter writing is over, in future it will be easy to write— the Baby is ill we had to send for Dr Brown, and sent for him again in the evening as Baby appeared to be no better He is teething and the hot weather is too trying for him Amelia and Mr Scott came to dinner

20th I made an effort this morning to go to Detroit or Buffalo to get passes for Teresa but Mr Becher went to Toronto and I could not get a pass and will have to wait until He returns, the morning is cool and the Baby appears to be a little better I got a letter from Eliza who does not respond very warmly to my proposal of going to England this Fall, she evidently thinks there is something behind=hand told= and says I am wrong to give up housekeeping as my remaining here would be beneficial to both John and his wife. Mr Becher did not go to Toronto this morning He came to Luncheon and gave me the passes to Suspension Bridge and back, we go to morrow I went to the Griffins, it is the first time I have been in their new House I do not think the house better than their former one but it is nearer, every thing— the post office, home and the market Amelia and Mr Griffin talk of going with us to morrow Dr Portman and Helen are full of plans for a house they went with the Architect to look at Mr Riddells House, which they do not like as a whole, a part of the house they think very good indeed Dr Scott came to dinner

21st very busy all the morning getting ready to leave for Buffalo Dr Scott went with us we left here by the 12 o'clock train, we did not see a solitary individual on our way down that we had ever seen before we arrived at Buffalo at 7 P.M. we discovered ~~that~~ the National Hotel was a very second class house, not fit for us to go to. we went to the Clarendon Mr Griffen came to us and was very kind in doing any thing He could for us. Dr Scott searched the Directory and found where Mrs Hamilton lived I wrote to her and expressed a wish to see her the next morning at 10 or 12 o'clock— we went to bed very tired

22nd I paid Dr Scott one dollar the price of the Tickets from the Suspension Bridge to Buffalo, a Mrs Hamilton called. but not the Mrs Hamilton that I knew. She was kind enough to go with me to Mrs James Munro Hamiltons on Pearl St, I should not have

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22 Knowon Mrs H., as the Kelly Eveagn that I used to Knowo. She looks so much older. She was very kind and gave me as much information as she could about getting Dresses and getting them made, and the Mrs Hamilton that I did not Knowo. went with us to several Shops, but I could not get what I wanted as the Shops are not much better supplied than those in London, we met Mr Griffin and Mr Scott and returned to the Clarendon to dine, after dinner our old friend Mrs J. M. Hamilton went with us to the Dress Makers, a Mrs Thompson at No 3 Church Street and left three dresses to be made. we could not get a good white silk for a wedding dress we then went to a Milleners and I ordered a Bonnet for Myself, we got some Shoes a Cloak and some muslin for night Caps. Mr H. was very kind and offered at any time to do any thing for us. We left Buffalo at 6 P. M. for the Falls, the charge at the Clarendon was two dollars and a quarter each. we staid at the Cataract House which is very clean and very nice Teresa and Mr Scott walked around Goat Island and did not return until dark. I went to the Ball room with a Southern Lady that appeared to be very few nice people and no Dancing Gentlemen as the Ladies danced with each other which I think is very bad taste

23rd I got up early and went to look for some cridan work and found the Shops not yet opened after Breakfast I went again and bought some Maple Jams for Eliza we left the Cataract at 10 A. M. the charge there for one night a tea and breakfast was two dollars and a quarter each and the return Tickets from Buffalo one dollar so that our trip has cost us 11 Dollars. Mr Beckers Papers. raised us 14 dollars, we arrived home at 3 P. M. Mr Portman met us at the Station has passed Sabbath at Paris on his way to Toronto to see his Lady love, poor Helen had been ill while we were away and had some lumps out out of her throat but seemed better when we returned. and the children were both looking better Amelia came to tea Mr Scott brought up such a pretty travelling Bag for Teresa, it cost £4 it is not much prettier than Helens which cost £30. I went to bed very early and very tired

24th Helen and Teresa went to Church Mr Scott came back with them to dinner I wrote to Sophia and asked her to get a white Silk dress at Mrs Lyons for a wedding dress for Teresa. and wrote to Mr Dunstan at Mr McInnes, to send me 8yds Black Silk. Amelia came and brought a letter from Mary. Very Evegn came to see us but would not stay to tea nor would Mr Griffen

25th I was very much annoyed this morning to find several new things which I had had made for Teresa missing. We suspected Helens nurse. Mary Russel, but she denied it in a very forcible way

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25th knowing any thing about them, I went to her room to search for them and found hid in the straw bed tic a quantity of paper and Envelopes, which confirmed my suspicion that she had the missing things, but as she would not confess although I told her if she would do so and say she was sorry that we would let her go and say nothing about, but she was very hardened, and very stubborn. I sent for a police man and she answerd his questions with great cunning, in the first place she did not give her real name, then she gave a wrong place as her home, and denied having any trunk or clothes excepting the few she had here, but when she found that we knew she had a Cousin in Town and that we were going to search her house she confessed that she had stolen the missing articles and gave the Key of her Trunk which was at her Cousins, (Mr Lains) Brock Stephens the Police Man, went to Mr Lains with George and Catherine the house Maid to identify the things, taking Mary with him, when they opened her trunk they found a quantity of things which I had not miss'd. Linen Sheets, Napkins pocket handkerchiefs Curtains petticoats &c besides the Articles which I had miss'd. I felt sorry for the wicked Girl and tried to get her off but could not, she is sent to the Recorders Court to be tried and will be in Jail until the 1st of October poor creature I feel so sorry for her. Amelia called, Mr Scott came to dinner

26th The News of Peace between France and Austria came to day, very much to the Surprise of every one Mrs Cronyn called the Bishop is going to the Sea Side and will not return before the 1st of Sept for which I am very sorry as I could very much prefer him to Mary Teresa as she has married all her Sisters excepting Mary, she was absent when she was married and Mr Brough officiated. I got a letter from Sophia saying that she had got the dress and wished me to send the money which I did immediately £10 - by post Sophia says I need not be surprised if John is not at home before thursday he cannot tear himself away from Miss Loring Mr Cronyn spoke of Miss Loring in the highest terms from what she had heard of her. Dr Helmet croped in the Steamer with her and was loud in his praise of her all this I was very glad to hear particularly Dr Helmets approval of her. Amelia and Mr Griffen called, Mr Portman and Mr Scott rode out to the Kings and returned to dinner, they speak of going to the Prairies the 1st of August to shoot Mr Portman had a Telegraph to day from Mr Glyn to ask where he was Mr Portman gave some vague answer to it as he is not very anxious to see him. Edward Telegraphed to John to come home as he was wanted in the office

27 John returned by the night train and walked into my room much to my surprise, he has arranged with Miss Loring to be married in September. Mr King came to Luncheon. Mrs Leeches called and

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27th then sent in the pattern of a very pretty night cap, their very kind Mr Portman and John rode, Mr Scott came to dinner

28th I wrote to Eliza. I am not very well. Dr Brown came to see the children who are better last night George got a letter from Mr Jackson accusing him of having said that Mr Jackson had to make his escape from England and that and that He came on board of the Steamer in a Pilot Boat, and other ill natured remarks. ~~and that~~ Mr Portman called upon Mr Jackson who said that Charley Hammond and Mr Templeton had heard George say so and had no objections to their names being used to day George called upon Mr Hammond and Mr Templeton and they could not say positively whether George had spoke of Mr Jackson, leaving England to escape arrest or whether some other person had said it when George was present 8 Months ago George said it was such a long time since the supposed conversation took place and a very small matter to make a fuss about now particularly as Mr Jackson openly spoke of his misfortunes which were brought on him by others by no fault of his own. I feel sorry that any of my family should be accused of saying anything that would hurt his feelings Mr Portman is busy with the plans of his house. I think He will purchase and build Amelia and Mr Griffen called. I went to bed not well Mrs Becher had asked us all to tea but we were none of us well enough to go

29th I got a letter from Eliza for Christmas and Eliza sent such a pretty Chain and Locket to Teresa as a wedding present, Mr Scott came to Luncheon and dinner Amelia called. I took Aconite and felt better this evening this is Georges birth day, hitherto He has always been good and correct May God keep him and guide him through life, is the prayer of his Mother

30th The Portmans Mr Scott and Teresa went to the Griffens to Luncheon Mr Becher came here just in time to go with them, It is the first time He has ever been in their house, after they left I felt ill I think I have a sort of intermitting fever every day. Amelia and Mr Griffen called, Mr Dunn and Scott dined with us, I went to bed very early

all the family are sorry that John does not take a house for himself when He Marries, there is but one feeling that his manner to me has not been what it ought to be, and they think my old age will not be made as comfortable as they think it ought to be, had John taken a house Mr Portman would not have built, but for my sake would have remained here during my life, and kept the family together, Helen would have assumed all the duties of housekeeping and all the expenses Edward George and my self contributing enough for our keep, I should as a matter of course prefer my daughter to live with me to a daughter in law, however kind and agreeable she might be, but as John is constantly to have this place I have always looked forward to his bringing his wife to live here, and as I know that He has arranged to do so, I do not

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30th think I should be doing right without done just cause to say that He should not do so. although on a former occasion when his intended Bride refused to live with me. He had no hesitation about leaving me to get on as I best could. with three unmarried daughters and one Son not out of his teens, should He again urge me to leave the house before Mr Portman has given out the contract for his house I should feel that I was too indifferent to the future, not to exchange the Son for a daughter who has always been kind and who would watch my declining years with tender care, May Gods Blessing rest upon them both for their Generous offer. they knew that I can never feel so much at home in any place as at Eldon, therefore they would stay with me — Mr Wilson called

31st Teresa and George went to Church. John and I had a long talk about the future He thinks the whole family turn against him as soon as He thinks of Marrying. He is mistaken all the family wish him to Marry, and like all they know of his loving, but as it is a proverb that Sons are only Sons until they have wives and his urging me to go to England and saying that I must go as it was best for him and his wife to be alone when they were first married. It was sounding a note of alarm, and all the family instantly became jealous and watchful of any arrangements that were to affect me they all said my going or staying must depend upon my own wishes and not upon the will of any one else. but we are all glad He is going to Marry and are pleased with his choice. and as far as it depends upon the members of the family we will all endeavour to make them both happy

Mr Leatt came to dinner and Mucha came to tea

August 1st things did not go so smoothly to day, Mr Leatt showed temper in an argument with John about English taxation, and we know so little of Mr Leatt that we are all ready to take alarm, at the slightest indication of any thing wrong. Mr Portman said He was very much out of humour in the morning and complained that He had been detained here Shilly Shallying at a loss of £100 a month. I told Teresa and she spoke to him and told him not to suffer such loss on her account. that He could go to England whenever He chose. Mr Leatt was very unhappy and said He had spoken in jest, but altogether we did not quite like it. It is painful to be doubting as to the right an wrong of this match within two weeks of the Wedding day. but so it is. Mr Leatt was here at luncheon and dinner John had a long talk with me and agreed to take my Irish Lands, that is John Edward and George and pay my debts. which amount to about £1200 the Lands I should think are worth double that sum. but the Rates have to be paid and the interest on the debt. and it is very uncertain when I may be able to sell any of them, at the same time I trust that it will be a good bargain for them. by paying the interest on my debts and the taxes on the Land they can hold on until

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August 1st thing got a good offer He spake about our housekeeping after his marriage and said that He was willing that Edward George and himself should equally divide the profits of the office provided they equally shared the expences of the house. I think nothing could be more fair or generous

2nd Mr Wilson called in the morning and then came back to Luncheon. The Misses Gzowskies have come up to Thornwood to Mrs Beckers Ball in thursday evening. Mrs Becker gives a Ball upon Fanny coming out. Mr Gzowski and Mr Becker called. Mrs Dr Anderson and Miss Moore called upon Helen. Mr Scott ~~called upon~~ came to Luncheon and Dinner. Amelia and Mr Griffen called

3rd Mr Scott came to Luncheon and Dinner Mr Becker came to Luncheon Amelia came to dinner George went to Toronto to a Cricket Match

4th sent plate &c to Thornwood for Mrs Beckers party. Mr Wilson came to Luncheon after dinner all the family insisted upon my going to the party I went to the Griffens Col Caffin was there and is to go with us to the Beckers Mr Scott engaged the City Hotel Omnibus which will take us all. The Beckers took a great deal of trouble to endeavour to give a nice party, they had a Tent on the Lawn for a Gentlemans dressing Room, and a part of the Verandah Curtained and Sofas &c. but omitted to Musicians and the Piano for Music which was a Mistake they ought to have had the Band. the Supper was very good but the Sherry was execrable Fanny Becker looked very nice and Ladylike. She is by far the nicest Girl in London. The Misses Gzowskies looked very nice also and were very plainly and prettily dressed. though nice cheerful good tempered Girls there is something about them I cannot describe what, that seems to negative what ought to be pleasing. The Beckers party was as good as they could give in London, but it must be confessed that the general Society is not of a very high tone It was two oclock when we got home and as I went to Chaperone the last Miss Harris. for the last time I think it will be a very long time before I go to another party. George returned from Toronto by the 10 oclock Train and followed us to the Beckers. The Toronto Cricket Club were beaten by the American Club. Mr Des Voeux came up to the Beckers party

5th I Breakfasted and drove to the Dressmakers before the rest of the family came down Stairs. We met Capt Fitzgerald at the Beckers party He came with the Kings. and said that He had a letter of introduction from General Kinnah to us but had lost it. and did not call He left London to day but told John that He would return again in Sept when He has promised us a visit Amelia Mr Scott and Mr Des Voeux came to Luncheon. Mr Scott and Mr Des Voeux came to dinner. Mr Portman and Helen rode to the Kings. they asked Mr Richard King to dine with us to Morrow

August 1859 6th John left this morning with Mr Des Voeux for Toronto. Mr Buchan and Mr Wilson came to luncheon the Misses Gzowskis and Fanny Buchan were to have come to dinner, but begged to be excused as Helen Gzowski had a head ach, her head ach did not appear to be very tenacious as she was driving about Town all day. Mr Scott Mr Richard King Mr Griffin and Amelia dined with us. Mr R King has left his Brothers and is staying at the Tecumseh. on Friday night there was a quantity of Gun Cotton in his bed by way of playing him a trick. It stuck all over him, and the sheet and was horrid nasty, he thinks it was Mrs King that did it, yesterday morning he packed his trunk and came into the Tecumseh to remain for a few days. He told Mr Griffin the cause of his leaving but Elmer King does not know the cause, He was with Richard King all day yesterday and asked him what was wrong but R. King would not tell him, and only said that He was going to patronize the Tecumseh for a few days. It is such a pity that any thing should have occured to make his residence not pleasant at Henley for the two Brothers appear to be so strongly attached to each other. I can scarcely think that Mrs King would do such a malgan foolish thing - Teresa was not well and was in very low Spirits, Mr Scott had said that He had asked his Cousin Miss Beatrice Scott to live with them, and Teresa naturally enough did not like it, she said that when she came to know Miss Scott she might like her and be glad to have her with her but to be forced to live with a person that she might not like, who was much older than herself and who would feel herself entitled to approve or disapprove of whatever she did, was more than she would undertake to bear, she spoke to Mr Scott who drew in and said that He had only asked Miss Scott to be at Terrace Bank when she arrived and that most probably they would not remain a week there I do not feel quite happy about her Marriage and yet I know not what to object to - we cannot get a wedding dress from New York and I do not know whether she will have one made of Tulle or put off the wedding until the 1st of Sept - Helen and Teresa were both speaking to me about Johns being dilatory in business - Helen says Mr Portman is much vexed because John has not made out his Sisters account, and that unless John is more punctual in his accounts that both himself and Lord Portman will take their business out of his hand, and Teresa says that Mr Scott thinks him so procrastinating, that if George is equal to managing his investments He will give her money to him or otherwise He will employ a Lawyer to search title and invest for himself - It made me feel very sorry I do not know what John can be thinking of, if He cannot keep the accounts made up to the day He should employ assistance, people that place money in his hands have a right to know all about it

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better for them. I believe Father has done as well as it was
in his power to do by all the money in his hands and that he is
truely honest and upright - but it is unpardonable his not having
his accounts ready when called for and made up punctually they complain
of Edward and he loses their confidence by never giving a satis-
- factory answer, their hopes seem to rest upon George. I
wish he would think less of Cricket and work more after
his bread - it is not the top that Harris and Brothers would sustain
by the withdrawal of their Money but it would destroy all confidence
and ruin the Firm in that way - there is nothing but care, vexations and
anxieties in this world - oh that I could realize the Happiness of a Heavenly
grounded hope of a happy future

7th Teresa and George went to Church. Henry Griffin sent Teresa a very
pretty Silver Card case, with a nice Note as a wedding present
It was very unexpected, and very kind of him. I felt more
pleased and grateful for it than for any present that she has
received. I felt that she was a friend of hers on making, and that
there was affection with the gift - if I could only feel that
her Marriage would be a happy one, but it appears to me that
she is helplessly drifting down the stream, in short that it is her
fate from circumstances, that she should marry Mr Scott and perhaps
when she is married we shall all give up doubting and feel pleased and
satisfied. Mr Scott came to Dinner Mr Becher and the Misses Glowskey
called they did not say any thing about their not coming to dinner
and of course I said nothing. Amelia came for a couple of hours. I
wrote to my Brother Edward and to Mr Dunstan about a Wedding
dress

8th the Misses Glowskey called and Fanny Becher I asked them to luncheon
to morrow Mr Becher and Wilson came to Luncheon. Amelia and
Mr Griffin called. the weather is very hot

9th John came home at 3 o'clock this morning. He enjoyed his visit to
Toronto very much he staid with Mr Des Voux and found every
thing very nice there. I got up early and superintended the making
of the Wedding Cake and then went to the sewing Woman and
called at Amelias and came home ill from the heat, the Misses
Glowskies Fanny Becher and Mr Becher came to Luncheon
I wrote to ask Blanche Widder to the Wedding, contrary to my
intentions or wishes. but Mrs Widder seemed so ~~determined~~ determined
that she should not only come but be Brides Maid. that
rather she could not accomplish, her coming to the Wedding
mattered very little one way or the other and so I invited Blanche

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9th Yesterday Helens Nurse Anne Hill who was hired for her in New Orleans was sent away. notice had been given to her for a month that they would not keep her but she had persuaded Mr Portman to send the other Nurse away and keep her on and thought that she had succeeded until she was told to pack up her things, she was hired with rage and in a quarter of an hour afterwards we found the Children just pussley with her Brains knocked out. she had been taken by the heels and struck against a post or something there was no doubt about it being her as she hid the other Servants nat to allow her to go near the Children she is a horrid Girl, and in her passion would do any thing. We discovered that she had read all Mr Portmans letters ever since she had been with him and that since she had been here she had read ours, Mr Portman paid her 14 dollars a month but she had no money to pay her expences back to New Orleans and Mr Portman gave her 22 dollars over her wages. it was what she did'nt deserve for she had been deceptive untruthful and unkind to the Children. we were very glad when she was out of the house as we were afraid that she might set fire to the house or do some other wicked act, she is an English Girl with a disposition such as I have read of but never have had the misfortune to meet before. Mr Portman and Mr Scott dined with the Kings, and said that there was a sort of bickering between the three that is Mr R. King and Mr & Mrs King nothing can be more unpleasant than for visitors to witness anything of the sort. George went to Brandt Pond to day to play Cricket but returned in time to go with Edward to Mrs Muirs party

10th neither Edward nor George seemed to have enjoyed themselves very much at Mrs Muirs party. George was very tired after his Cricket some person or persons. very mischievously took up some boards from the Bridge over the small stream which the Guests had to cross coming from Mrs Muirs. fortunately it was discovered as the night was a very bright Moonlight and no accident happened. I have suffered from the heat to day which was intense Amelia called. Mr Scott came to Luncheon and dinner

11th I wrote to Mary. John and Mr Portman rode before breakfast and it made John ill He is not at all well and not strong enough to bear any extra fatigue. Amelia Mr Griffin and Mr Scott came to Luncheon. the heat has moderated and a person can live to day. Mr Muir has offered a reward

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11th of 50 dollars to discover who took up the boards in Bridge there is a suspicion that it was a theft the Misses Buckley John got a Telegraph from Mr Wanderforde to say that he would be here on Wednesday next. Mr Scott dined here

12th Teresa's 20 Birth day and the last one she will spend at home as Miss Harris. May God Bless her and enable her to fulfil her duties in this World and lead her to himself— Amelia and Mr Griffin last evening gave Teresa such a pretty Teneas China Cup & Saucer as a Wedding present. to day I have had letters from Sarah and Mary Sarah writes in very low Spirits about herself and her approaching confinement, and wishes me to take charge of Mary if any thing should happen to her I hope and pray that she may be spared to bring up her Children no one can replace a Mother Amelia called Mr Scott came to Luncheon and Dinner

13th I could not sleep very well toward the Morning and waked up with one of those depressing feeling that I used to have during my days of deep sorrow. I could not restrain myself from crying. and to avoid waking Teresa I got up and went into the little spare bedroom, and on my knees I sought support and comfort from my Saviour, all the time I had a sense of fear which I seldom or never feel as if there was some one near me and looked around two or three times thinking Teresa might have followed me. as I came out of the room I saw what I supposed to be one of the cats coming towards me and go under the chair close at my feet I lifted the chair to take the cat and put her out not liking the cats to have access to the Childrens Beds. but there was no Cat there, nor any where else. unless I was not there at all and the whole thing was imagination I cannot account for the appearance and disappearance of that little white animal. the passage was light enough for me to see a pin upon the floor. Mr Griffin and Amelia came to Luncheon, we were very busy all day fitting up Johns room for Mrs Loring and moving him into Georges room Teresas dresses from Buffalo arrived but are detained in the custom house & I shall have 25 per cent duties to pay on them they were to have been brought over the river and put into the Express office on this side, as the material was purchased on this side and only made up on the American side of the river. Mrs Wilson called and thinks that Lucy will not be at home in time for the Wedding. Mr Scott Lunched and dined here

14th no one from Eldon went to Church, neither John, Teresa, Helen. or myself were very well. I most unexpectedly got a letter from Miss Stiers our old Governess whom I have not seen for 20 years she asked me to name a day when she should come. I named tuesday next. and shall be very glad to see her. I wrote

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19th to Sophia, Mr Portman and Edward dined with Mr Leath Mr Griffen returned with them to tea. Amelia came to tea, and worked a number of Teresa's clothes for her, a very few days more and she must leave me, the thought makes me wretched I cannot sleep at night but get up and wander about the house, but hope and fear, joy and sorrow all must have an end, Teresa and I walked under the trees on the side walk for an hour or two, it may be our last walk together

15th we had much trouble in getting our things from the custom House but Mr Strathey at last allowed them to pass by paying 6£ dollars duties the Dragoman kindly made but very expensive, Amelia came and assisted Teresa to pack her things, we were very busy all day and very unhappy. John is not well and not good humored and when Teresa asked him if he would get her things from the Customs he said he would have nothing to do with them. He did not say what was the fact that he had no time but that George would look after them whilst he did, Teresa was very much hurt she said for years she had attended to Johns slightest wishes and for him to give her such a rude answer when she was to leave her home for ever in four days, her heart was full and she spent this evening as she has several others crying. Mr Bushby came to luncheon and and John looked so out of sorts and out of temper that he and all the family wondered what was wrong. Amelia asked if it was because she was here as lately he always frowned when she was here, we told her no but that he was ill and worried, upon the whole it has been a disagreeable day though with some bright spots in it. Mr Leath wrote such a kind letter to me asking me to live with him and said that it would add so much to the happiness of himself and Teresa nothing could be kinder than his letter, and I am sure that he wishes what he says. John read the settlement and Mr Leath will to me the latter £10.00 stg on Teresa which is left to her disposal to will if she survives him, and by his will, should he die without children, he leaves her the entire income of all his property during her life, at her death it is to go to some of his relatives, if she has one child she is to have £500 a year during her life besides her portion if more than one child it is to be £300 a year for her life neither can be more liberal. John seemed very sad and out of spirits when he read the will to me before we went to bed. He and Teresa had had some cross words brought on by her asking Ellen Hamilton to the wedding, he said he would withdraw his name from being Executor to the will and from being trustee in the settlement I hope he will not as he all have entire confidence in him and he does not know how much his illness has changed him

August 1859 15th now does she know, at times how crass his look and manner is, but whatever his words may be his acts are right, I many times think she has not a long life before him, and whom I have always looked to as the head and support of our house is now my one cause of trouble and I know it all arises from ill health, but from whatever cause it arises it will make him unhappy when he is married for a young wife naturally expects her husband to be cheerful, joyful, and good tempered, and if they are not the natural feelings, they cannot long be restrained after marriage. I pray God to bless him and restore him to health and happiness

16th Teresa's wedding dress arrived from Mrs Lyons in Toronto, it is quite very prettily trimmed with lilies of the valley and orange blossoms I wanted to get her a richer dress but could not. Mrs Wilson came in and assisted us in dressing, she looks very sad, and seems completely broken down, she says Mr Wilson leads her a wretched life, and that what one woman in a hundred could or would bear with him, she told me that her and Lucy had scarcely decent clothes to wear, and were afraid to get or ask for anything, and hinted that he spent his money freely enough upon others, oh how wretched ungovernable passions do! Sin makes people, he is unhappy himself and makes others wretched. John and I had a long talk in the garden, he too feels unhappy and dissatisfied with himself and all around him but with him ill health is the cause of all. He wishes to do all that is right but his manner of doing things, is often offensive, and he complains that we are all cross and that Edwards temper has become very disagreeable. I must speak to Edward, it has been a long family affection and a loving bearing and forbearing of each others faults that has made our family what they are, and it is always best to look at things as they are, and let each one open their own eyes, to what is wrong in themselves, and endeavour to correct it. When a disagreeable state of things is fairly established, then it is no easy matter to effect a change, may God give me wisdom and judgment to do right and to endeavour to lead others right. Being sour and discontented cannot improve our position let it be what it may, but good temper and smiling faces lightens the heaviest burdens, if we have to refuse a favor or do a disagreeable thing, and do it in the kindest and most considerate way we can. the act is the same but the effect towards ourselves and others is very different, it is said of some men that they will make more friends when refusing favors than others will in granting them, which is quite true, for people make friends of all who know them, others may be liked very well until they are known, when a selfish or uncourteous manner will

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16th strange that a feeling of dissatisfaction should have arisen
within the last few weeks in a family where bond has been love for
each other and now one months general good humour would be all
right, no matter what was given or withheld, what granted or refused
if all was done kindly lovingly and with good feeling. for doing
right always carries conviction — one day more and then
Teresa is away for ever — never to be mine again. my youngest
child: and I may have a few declining years to look forward to. may I
use the time which God may give me to prepare for my own de-
-parture which must soon take place

19th another Anniversary of poor William birth day has passed away -
we were all so busy preparing for Teresas wedding, and were so tired when
night came, the Lorings did not arrive until noon dinner time
which gave us time to finish packing for Teresa and get their rooms in
order. The Excursion trains to Dee Bladen walk across the rope below
the Falls were so crowded and there were so many of them that it caused
delay in the up trains. Miss Smith did not come but is to be here to morrow
Mrs Loring reminds me very much of old Miss Watson and I am told she
is equally good and charitable, she has a funny old maidish look about her
Miss Loring of course looks a little embarrassed and is not yet quite at
her ease. I heard from Miss Stiers who has postponed her visit until
after my Wedding Guests leave viz. Sophia and Miss Weddon did not
arrive at the Griffins until 10 P.M.

18th how wretched I felt this morning, I got up as soon as I could see and wrote
to Sarah and Eliza, it was fortunate for me, that I had to be very busy.
I could only come into my room occasionally to see Teresa, and her spirits
sank as the hour approached for her marriage and departure. Sophia
came over to see us and then returned to the Griffins to dress. Mr Portman
Edward and George, breakfasted with Mr Leath, the Guests were punctual
in their attendance at one o'clock but the Ceremony did not take place
until two. Teresa, spirits gave way altogether towards the last and it
was some time before they could get her sufficiently composed to come
down stairs. I saw the necessity of commanding my own feelings and did
so to the best of my power but Teresa and Mr Leath pronounced their
vows very feebly. she looked very nice, the Breakfast was very good
and pretty and went off well there was a good deal of speechifying Mr
Leath returned thanks when the Brides health was drank and made a
very good speech, and Edward spoke very well and amusingly when
he returned thanks for the Brides Bridesmaids. Mr Beckett proposed my
Health in a very kind and complimentary manner to me, but introduced
the subject of the approaching Marriage of John and Miss Loring

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18th and urged its taking place at once, had she made a slight allusion to it it would have passed very well but she dwelt upon it until it became painfully embarrassing to Miss Loring and all present. the Brides maid were dressed in Persian trimmed with Blue and they all looked very pretty, they were Miss Loring, Sophia and Fanny Becher, Fanny I think will make a very nice woman she has a very quiet good manner. our guests were Mr Mrs & Miss Wilson Mr & Mrs Becher Mr King and Mr Wanderford who arrived that morning and Miss Smith who arrived a few minutes before the ceremony commenced the Clergyman the Brides Maids and our own family made up the party Mr Wilson sent his carriage to take them to the station and Mr Snyders gave them a Can to themselves, which I was very kind of him Mrs Harris the Cook threw an old shoe after them for luck and Teresa was gone The Griffins and Miss Widden came back to Supper I retired very early Amelia Helen Mr Portman and Sophia were so kind to me Sophia came and took Teresa, place in my bed. Mr Portman knew how sad I felt. he came in to affectionately the last thing and kissed and said good night, how wretched this World would be to us if there was no one to love us or for us to love

John Edward and George have always been so much accustomed to their sisters taking the lead in the House and playing the agreeable that they make very bad boys I felt ashamed to see Mr Portman and Mr Griffin doing butler and attending upon our Guests and my own sons quietly maintaining their places at table and directing their attentions to cutting up the joint before them while Mr Portman and Mr Griffin were here there and every where seeing that every one was attended to

19th I got up early and tried to write a little and then went to see about Breakfast soon after Breakfast I was taken ill and had to go to bed. I sent for Dr Mann who gave me some Medicine and told me to keep very quiet my head was very confused, we had asked the Wilsons and the Bechers here to tea but had to put them off every one about me were so kind and considerate— Neither Mrs Loring nor Miss Smith would ever be friends of mine choosing if I lived in the same City with Mrs Loring one half hour in a year would be as much time as I should ever devote to her. I have no doubt but she is a very worthy good woman, but we could never be agreeable companions for each other and Miss Smith is not the sort of young Lady that I should ever do more than mere civility required, to me a loud voiced bold looking woman is very repelling and such is Miss Smith I have always advised my sons to look at the mother before

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August 19 they made love to the daughter, Miss Loring I am happy
to say present is not like her mother and I can only hope she
never may be like her. Mr Becher called and brought
me a Book to read which was very kind of her. Mrs Wilson called
upon Mrs Loring. Sophia came again and took Teresa's place
poor Teresa what a vacancy she has left, there is no one left to
take her place and I can never possess a Childs warm love
20th I felt very weak this morning when I awoke, but Helen sent
me up a nice breakfast and I felt much better after I had eaten
all the family excepting John and disgusted with Mrs Loring's
pushing Manner she almost insisted upon taking the
head of the table last night and again this morning Helen
had as much as she could do to retain her seat. I dare say
she may mean it kindly but if she was a Lady bred she could
never do such a forward vulgar thing, even if I had no
daughter, a Lady in feeling would have waited to be asked to
preside. I feel thankful that Miss Loring appears to possess
nice feelings, I do not know how it will answer Johns
bringing his wife in here, could I have foreseen that a
Son in Law would have been a Son to me I should have felt
much less anxious for the future than I now do, and every day
the thought of parting with Helen & Portman and their Babies
and being dependant upon John and his wife for all the little
attentions which my own daughters have ever paid be more
more and more painful and yet I feel that it is my own doing
I have always told John that he should live here if he chose
and now when I can do what I should like so much better. can
I break my word, not without good cause — how busy thought
is and how much more readily the mind retains an unkind action
than a kind one — Sophia has not been well to day. Amelia
and Mr Griffin came to see me Blanche Widdicombe called. I got a
letter from Mr Scott his first as a married man. I got one from
Eliza. I felt so much better after luncheon that I went
down stairs and was caught by visitors. Mrs Beddome
Fanny Becher and Marian Goldwicke, they came to call upon
the Lorings, Mr Portman and Helen dined at the Griffin's, all
the rest of the Eldon party went there in the evening
21st this day passed much pleasanter for all parties Mrs Loring
seems to have given up the management of affairs and has fallen
into the place of a visitor. Miss Smyth has not laughed so much
nor so loudly. I have no doubt but they are both excellent people
in their own way. John Edward and the Lorings went to

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21st Church. Mr Griffin Blanche Widden and Sophia went from the Griffins. and then Amelia come here, and from my window I saw sitting on the Terrace such a Cheerful looking party Mr Portman, Helen. Mr Vandersforde. George and Amelia. I could not resist joinging them. We noted ourselves a couple of Bottles of Champaign and some Wedding Cake, and made merry discussing Mrs Loring until they returned from Church. We all like Miss Loring and her manner to her Mother is our admiration the hartless Jente not to see her Mother as she is. and must feel painfully at times I wrote to Teresa and feel glad that there are so many guests in the house for a few days as it keeps me from thinking. Mr Portman Helen, Amelia Blanche, Sophia and George went to afternoon service and then they all returned to tea

22nd Miss Widden returned to Toronto this morning, Mr Portman, Helen, Amelia and Sophia sent out all the cards and wedding cake, Mr Portman Telegrapshed to Mr Scott to take a room for him at the Cataract if Blonden walked the rope again on Wednesday Mr Scott answered all right room taken Mr Portman will go down Tomorrow Helen and Amelia talked of going also and asked Miss Loring and Sophia if they would go. but when Miss Loring included Miss Smith in the party they thought it would be quite too large, and thinking of it afterwards I am quite sure that Teresa would not see any one excepting her sisters and Mr Portman, their going to the Falls is much more to see Teresa than to see Blonden— Helen and the children have succeeded in having good Photographs taken for Mr Vandersforde to paint from Mr Brough called. at Luncheon we had in addition to the visitors in the House, Mr Brough and Amelia. To day Catherine came to me with a complaint that she could not stand it to attend upon our Lady Guests that is Mrs & Miss Loring and Miss Smith. that they made Messes of their Bed rooms and that it made her sick— I told her as long as they were our guests they must be attended to. but after thinking it over I told Catherine that when called upon again for such services, that she might say that she had never before been called upon to do such work unless people were ill and that she did not like to do it, and that if Mr Harris knew that such were the habits of any of his visitors that he would be very much annoyed. I may add that he does know it and is annoyed and mortified. can the Daughter of such a Mother make a good wife— after dinner Helen went to call upon Mrs Hamilton and Miss Dunn

23rd Mr Portman went alone to the Falls, Mr Vandersforde did not wish her to leave as he wants her to sit for her picture, Amelia came in the morning and Sophia returned with her for the day

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23.d I had a long talk with Edward about the general ill humour that pervaded the house, which if not checked will not only destroy our domestic happiness, but destroy the family our strength has ever been in our unity, all admit that the evil complained of exists, and that we are none of us exempt from blame, we cannot correct each other, but each one can correct themselves, and those bickerings and fault findings about each other, must end, if we cannot command we had better be silent, and if we cannot live lovingly together we must separate, and do so to prevent disagreables, and not wait until ill feeling is established, now I know that our hearts are all right towards each other, but each one fancies some little petty grievance which would vanish like vapour before a good humour. Mrs Loring seems to have taken her place as a visitor and given up the management of the household and things have gone all smoothly to day. I like Miss Loring and would sooner John would marry her than any one that I know, I think her perception is so quick that she would very soon correct her little short comings

24th to day Helen intended to return some of her calls, at Breakfast Mrs Loring told her not to slip away without her as she intended to foster herself upon her, Helen said she was sorry but that she had already made her arrangements, but would order a carriage for her at any hour she wished. Mrs Loring said oh thank you: Mrs Loring told me the day before that she intended going with Mrs Pourtman I told her then that I knew Helen had made other arrangements, Edward, Helen and Sophie dined at the Griffins, John and Miss Loring took a long ride and did not return until ½ past 8. preferring a cheap dinner to returning earlier, I never felt very well or happy any more. Edward came home ill took Blue pill bathed his feet and went to bed. I knew in the morning that he was not well, he was so very deaf and his deafness always worse when he is ailing, I think Miss Smith improves upon acquaintance

25th Nine years to day since Mr Harris died, I shall be glad when this week with all its freshened memories is past, for it always brings back some of the agony of that painful time. Mr McInnes arrived at the Griffins last night, but was so late as to time that he did not come to see us, he saw Mary just before he left England and says she is not looking well, the things he brought for Teresa in Paris he says are beautiful a Habit Shirt Sleeves and Pocket Handkerchief at Brussels Point, cost £32- Stg that is wholesale prices without duties and without profit, he says if Teresa had bought them at Stewarts they would have cost £600 he bought her a dozen pocket Handkerchiefs for $8.00 which had they been purchased paying duties and profit

25 would have been twice that sum. He is a very kind warm hearted good fellow
He brought Amelia and Helen each such a pretty Bag— I sent a couple
of Cases to his mother— Mr Vanderford left us this morning
I wrote to Mary, John Mrs & Miss Loring went out to return calls.
Helen returned some calls and then met Mr Portman at the Station He
returned not well and had not been well all the time He was away
He says Mr Scott and Rosa are very spoony, and that she acts the spoiled
child to perfection, she has never had money at her command before
and I hope she may not become extravigant. Mr Portman did not come
down to dinner and as soon as dinner was over Helen Amelia, Sophie
and I adjourned to Mr Portmans room and almost died ourselves laughing
at the love making of the new married couple. I sincerely hope their love
making may never end, Mrs Duncan & Miss Loring called upon the Lorings
Miss Johnston called upon Sophie and Mrs Johnston called upon
me

26th Mrs Loring returned with George to Toronto George has gone to play
a return Match of Cricket with the Toronto Club Helen is not well
Amelia called and asked Mr Portman and Helen and Edward to dinner I wished
Edward not to go, as a friend of Miss Lorings, the Revd Mr Stinson dined
here and the Edward remained to dinner Mr Portman was unwilling to go to
the Griffins without Helen, and she went though not at all well Mr Stinson
has exercised a good deal of influence over Miss Lorings religious
views which were at one time very unsettled, and she was disposed to report
says to join the Plymouth brethren, she feels very grateful to him for
conversing him that their own Church is the right one. I do not much like
Mr Stinson He appears to me to be a cunning shrewd man but I should never
have discovered that He was a Clergy man nor that He was very pious
but I know that I am not easy to like people it is easy to see that He is not
a gentleman by birth although He is not vulgar. I had a long talk with
John and advised him to take a house for a couple of years at all events
the more I see little things developing themselves the more I am convinced that we
should not all live happily here, and it is placing his young wife in a
wrong position, she cannot come here and be head as long as I am equal
to managing my own household, however willing I might be to resign
in her favor the other members of my family would not accept from
her even was she willing to offer them, those kindnesses and home attentions
that they expect from me, and those hundreds of little daily occurrences
that would estrange us from each other, and hard as it would be
for me to miss Johns face from his place at table and his long talks
at night, yet I think it would be best for all parties. I do not like
Mrs Loring and she would naturally wish to see her Daughter often
and her visits would always be an annoyance to me. I John thinks

that it will not be best for us to live together, but He wishes me to live with my Daughters, and He knows here, if I did'nt Edward and George would leave also, if I did'nt so Edward and George would leave also and the family would be broken up, but I cannot leave my home, and feel truly thankful that one of my daughters and a Son in Law is willing to live with me and take care of me in my old age, may Heaven bless them for the wish, I told Johnnie to think well of it and do what He thought best, and that I could not give up my home whilst I lived and that it would be better for him to go before there was a coolness then afterwards

27th this is an Anniversary of Sarahs Wedding day, and the ninth Anniversary of the day Mr Harris was buried— Br Atmore came to breakfast, Amelia came early and sat until luncheon I am not well, Br Portman got a telegraph from Mr Leatt to say they were about to leave Toronto in the Boat for Quebec, Gordon they have not written, Miss Loring and Miss Smith went to pay visits, Mr Portman took Sophie Helen and myself to see the Kennedy farm, it is pretty but very wild looking and will require a great deal to be done to it, but it has very great capabilities— John and Miss Loring went to dine with the Bell Lawrasons, Amelia and Sophia dined here, in the evening we played Monte, Ned was the only loser

28th Helen and Miss Smith went to Church, I was not well enough to go and said my prayers in my own room, after dinner John and Miss Loring came to my room and Johnnie told me that He had decided upon taking a house for a couple of years at all events, I felt very glad, because I think it best, Mrs Loring will naturally wish to be with her daughter and when she becomes infirm it will be her daughters bounden duty to take care of her and have her with her, I feel that I could not live with her and I too shall be glad to have my Daughter to care for me, as no one else can, a son however kind He may wish to be, cannot be to a Mother in her old age and illness what a Daughter is, how can a Daughter-in-law however good, be expected to bear and forbear as ones own child, and yet it is painful to me to see Johnnie go, Blessed as I am above Mothers, in my Children, yet I can never be without anxiety and care

29th Last night there was an Aurora of unusual Beauty which continued all night, illuminating every thing like a bright moon light— and changing colour from bright red, to a milk white, it radiated from the centre of the Heavens I got up several times in the night and looked out of the windows, and could see the flowers in the Garden and move about with ease in my room, without a candle, although there was no Moon Br Becher returned from Lake Huron and called, Mrs Askin called to ask me about widows cap for Mrs Pinkston, Capt Pinkston died on

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29th on the 27th of Selerium Portman after having wasted a life, his redeeming qualities were a general kindness of heart, and unavenging kindness and affection for his wife, who well deserved all his love, He squandered an independance and died almost in want, the settlement on his wife will give a support to her and her Son, Mrs Gronyn called, but would not congratulate her upon Percivals marriage, as she knew what it was to part with her last daughter, she left her card upon Miss Loring. Miss Loring was not well. Mr Portman Helen and Sophia went out riding, Mr Griffen and Amelia called

30th Mr Portman offered John a House to live in rent free for one year as a wedding present and we that is Miss Loring myself Mr Portman and John went to see the house and I believe John has decided upon accepting Mr Portmans offer, He thinks by expending £25 upon it that it will be more comfortable than any house he can get. neither Miss Loring nor myself are very well. Amelia came to Luncheon poor dear old Nancy is ill worse than she has ever been since she has been here. she went to Dr Woodruff this morning he gives her very little hope that He can do any thing for her. she must go to my Brother George as soon as she is well enough to travel John and Edward got invitations to a Ball at Government house, John will go to Toronto with Miss Loring and wait for the Ball. I wrote to Miss Rivers Mr Portman got a Telegraphic from Mr Scott saying that they would not be in New York for a fortnight. I have had but one letter from Percy and feel very anxious to hear from her, Mr Portman is making arrangements to fit up the house and repair where needed I think we shall all be so happy with him and Helen and the dear little Boys

31st I received a letter from Mary she tells us no news. John and Miss Loring went to the Griffens to lunch, and then went house hunting they have decided that they like the House the Griffens used to live in the best. I advised John not to think of himself for a moment, but to take any house which Miss Loring preferred. Amelia came to dinner. Helen felt hurt at something that Edward said which led her to think that there was an impression that she had caused John to take a house because she wished to remain here, and she said if she thought John believed that, that she would not stay in the house a day. I told her that she knew she had not done any thing wrong and that if she minded every chance word that was said she would never have a moments peace. the only thing in this world is to do right according to our knowledge and then we need not mind what people say

Sept 1st this Morning Miss Loring and Miss Smith returned to Toronto John escorted them down and will remain there a few days, we all like Miss Loring and believe that she will make John a good wife. Miss Smith is a very good sort of Girl but is not a Lady, although better read and informed than many Girls and she plays very nicely on the Piano, Amelia came to breakfast and remained until after Luncheon and then returned again to dinner. I shall not see Miss Loring again until she returns here a Bride, as I will not go to the

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wedding if I can avoid it. Weddings in my own family call forth many painful feelings to me, that I shall be glad to make any excuse to remain at home George and Sophia went out riding

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Carpenters came early to commence work in the garret where they are going to put up two Servants bedrooms. Got a day Telegraphed to Quebec to Mr Scott, answer came to day not there Sophia went up to the Griffins with Berkeley but returned to Luncheon after Luncheon Mr Portman and Sophia went out riding Miss Dann and Miss Bell called. Amelia came to dinner, and thought that Mr Portman was disappointed because she did not send down a Brace of Partridges, but she thought they would keep until Mr Griffin returned. I was not well and took Blue pill

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very busy, and not very well. Amelia called, and Mr King called. We expect Capt. Fitzgerald to day and they all go on Monday to the Prairies to shoot Mr Portman and Helen both spoke complainingly of the way John and Edward managed their money, they express perfect confidence in their integrity but are discontent that they have so little money paid in but there has been two years of unusual depression and John has thought it best to give people time. He has been remiss in having his accounts made up to the day, but I believe John has managed his money as well as it was in his power, and has been more than fortunate in not having met with losses during these hard times. Amelia heard from Mr Griffin who has had to remove Alexander McMicken from the Post office for meddling with public money to the amount of £70 (it was at first reported to be £500) which his Father has made good, and is almost broken hearted that his Son should have ruined himself and disgraced him

4th Mr Portman, Helen, Sophia and myself went to Church and we remained to the Communion. John came home in the night. He has arranged that his marriage shall take place on the 3rd of November and he has also arranged to get his furniture from Jaques and Hayes. We went to the Ball at Government house, it was the Governor Generals farewell Ball, Sir Allan Macnab was there and a number of people from a distance. I wrote to my Brother George about Nancy who goes tomorrow to him to be treated for the Dropsy. Amelia called

5th Mr Lawrason got a Telegraph from Mr Redaut off Father Point He is so far on his way home to dec. Nancy has gone to Long Point. The Griffins came to dinner

6th Amelia came this morning to take leave of Helen. We were all very busy all the morning, and very busy getting Helen ready to leave they went by the 4 oclock Train and expect to be in New York to morrow night. I wrote to Teresa who I hope is in New York or that she will be there by the time Helen arrives. Edward dined with the Griffins

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7th We got a Telegraph from Mr Scott from Quebec telling us to send our letters to the New York Hotel, the Revd Mr Landys called I took up a large box of plants and Tulip Roots for him to take to Chatham with him Mr Becher called He has just returned from Quebec. He went that far with Mr Bridges who is on his way to England, Mr Wilson came to Luncheon He was in great good humour, He said some complimentary things of Edward and spoke very kindly of John, He was laughing at Sophia ~~and said~~ about getting married and said that I believed that marriages were made in heaven, but that his was made in the other place. Mrs & Miss Mills called, and Mrs Hutcheson called. Tom McLean called He is as good natured as ever, but oh how coarse and fat he has grown, Amelia came to dinner in the evening Edward and Sophia. George and I played Patience George & I won

8th John is not well He has had tooth ach. Malcolm Cameron called. I never saw him looking better, I wrote to Sarah. Mr Buchan called. Mr Rideout has arrived at the Lawrason in a wretched state of suffering. Amelia came to dinner in the evening we played Cribbage

9th I was busy all day preserving, just before dinner John asked me to go and look at some furniture that he is talking of buying. I gave my approval Amelia came to Dinner and brought a letter from Miss Griffen and from Dr Griffen, they both wrote to say had seen Teresa and that she looked young, fresh and happy, I was glad to hear of her, although I think it strange that a stranger should be more mindful of my feelings than she is, she has written to me but once since she left.

10th Amelia came here to make some Brandy Peaches. Mr Wilson came to Luncheon. The Bishop of Huron called, He is looking so well his trip to the Sea side must have been very beneficial. Amelia came to dinner and we played Patience

11th I was ill all night with bad cold and sore throat. Some evil person last night cut our Cow in a most brutal manner, it looks like the full blow of a sword on the Ham, We had to send for a Cow doctor to sew it up, the poor Animal seems to have lost half her flesh during the night, I do not think I had an enemy in the world that would have done me an injury, the family and Servants suspect William Golby, my discharged Servant, who when drunk is of a vile temper, almost any one but himself would be afraid of the Dog, it is hard to suspect any one of so brutal an act. I have no letters by the English Mail. Sophia and George went to Church I wrote to Teresa Amelia and Sophia went to evening Service. Amelia returned to tea, She had a letter from Capt. Mead from India and one from Mary

12th John is much better. I have a bad cold Mr Wilson and Buchan came to Luncheon Mr Becher has just heard of the death of his

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12th Mother, Mr Griffin has just returned from Chicago Heard Amelia called, Malcolm Cameron came to tea, and he played Chess, He wanted to get money from John. but John could not let him have it. I got a letter from Helen from New York she has heard nothing from the Scotts Sophia and I wrote to Helen

13th the weather very cold for the season, Amelia and Sophia went out visiting Mr Beehan called and sent a paper a the Great Western to Miss Steers Sophia and I wrote to Helen

14th we put up the Hall stove. last night was very cold every thing that is tender is killed by the frost we asked the Dawns to tea to morrow evening Mr Watson called Sophia and Amelia called on Mrs Cronyn = we are all very indignant at not hearing from Teresa

15th John continues very unwell. I am seriously alarmed about him. and doubt his living very long. I have been in great trouble to day. first there is Johns illness which always lies like lead at my heart - and then there is Mr Griffins debts. Amelia until to day has been kept in ignorance of how much he owes. but as there was a prospect of his Creditors, suing him John and Edward thought it necessary to tell her. poor Girl how my heart has ached for her. John and Edward have arranged that Mr Griffin shall live upon £300 a year until their debts are paid, and disperate the remainder of his Salary amongst his creditors. poor Amelia will find £300 a year very little for their support and to Educate the Boys, she consented at once to sell her Piano to meet a first payment and expressed her regret that she had not known from the first, her true situation - and I can do nothing to help her - yes I can pray that her troubles may lead her to lay up treasures in heaven — the Dawns did not come to tea and we were all so glad, for we were not in Spirits to see any one. Sophia and I wrote to Helen. I wrote to Mary

16th I had the same old pain at my heart all night, and felt miserable in the morning. John suffers constantly with the back ache and looks wretched. Mr Street from the Falls, Mary Fuller and Amelia came to Lunch, it is the first time I have seen Amelia since she has learned how poor she is. we neither of us alluded to the subject. but there was the trace of mental suffering in her face. I was very glad to see Mr Street and Miss Fuller the Street family are amongst our oldest and best friends. I very much wished them to stay as a longer visit but Mr Street pleaded business, and declined — I got a letter from Helen who has heard nothing from Teresa. it is very strange that she does not write to me - the Portmans leave New york for London on tuesday next. after dinner I went to the Griffins much to their surprise, I had not been there very

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16th long before Edward walked in, and we commenced a game of whist, whereon came John, after we came home Saphia persuaded John to pack up to go to the Falls to morrow, he is to meet Mrs and Miss Lorring and Miss Smith at Hamilton and they go with him to the Falls.

17th John left this morning at 6 o'clock He had been ill all night with tooth ach. I hope his visit to the Falls will do him good. Amelia and Mr Griffin came to tea, and we played whist. Amelia tries to look cheerful but it is such a hopeless effort. It is so hard to put herself poor and to think that the only of all her sisters should have to economise for her bread. I thought when John handed his linen over to her, that it was that she might superintend its making, I had no thought that she herself was going to make it to earn a few dollars. the work would be easy but the necessity hard, hard, to bear

18th to day Teresa has been married one month, I should be glad to know that that she is happy poor child, and that she can make her husband so. Saphia Edward and myself went to morning service, Saphia and George went to the evening service. Amelia returned with them but would not stay to tea as Mr Griffen would not come Mr McLean certainly preaches excellent Sermons, I think he must do good, all who heard him to day felt his influence -

19th I got a letter from Helen and a Telegraph from Mr Scott who is in Sarnia Teresa has written and the letters have been lost, they have been ill with colds, but are all right now. John came home in the evening looking better

20th Mr Becher called on his way to Toronto, Mr Wilson came to luncheon I got letters from Teresa, Helen, Elsie and Col Dalzell I felt so glad when reading them (for they were all so cheerful looking and happy,) until I looked at Amelia's unhappy face, if her troubles only lead her to her Saviour, then will she not thank God from all her heart for her trials and feel that if He was leading her to himself, she little knows how heavy her troubles lie at my heart - the Scotts intend coming home for a week before they go to England I am so glad, Helen says she will be at home not later than Saturday next - Mr Dunn Miss Dunn and Miss Bell came to tea

21st Saphia got a letter from her father, who is becoming anxious for her return, which I am not surprised at for He must be very lonely without her. She is a dear Girl, and I have suffered much less at parting with Teresa than I should have done had she not remained with me - John asked me this morning about going to his wedding. Miss Lorring had written

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21st to him about it. as she had heard that I did not intend to go. I would rather not go, but will go if my staying away is to call down a remark- but weddings in my own family have become painful to me, as each marriage is a cloud gone, although I am glad they are going to be married and with them to marry. yet I cannot help feeling that they are no longer mine, and that I am old and lonely. it is not selfishness. for rather than have James marriage broken off I would give up my home and go any where: but about his wedding. Nancy, being away. I felt that both Helen and I could not leave the children, and that they would rather see two young and cheerful face there than mine, but we will both make any effort rather than hurt any ones feelings. Amelia called expecting to see Miss Sturs but she did not arrive by the 3 oclock Train. Mr Wilson came to Luncheon, and Mr Becher called on his return from Toronto Miss Sturs arrived by the 10 oclock Train. I should not have known her and yet she looks younger and better than I suppose she would. I was very glad to see her and we sat up until 2 oclock talking

22nd Mr Wilson and Becher called to see Miss Sturs and remained to luncheon Becher appeared to be very glad to see her Mr Wilson never cared for her He brought a small Chimney Clock as a present to John it is not very pretty. I bought an Inkstand as a wedding present for John also the Jew told me it was made of Lava, but I very much doubt his veracity as He showed me a large white Cornelian Brooch at least two inches long and of width in proportion. and said it was a beautiful Opal. Amelia came to see Miss Sturs, we got a Telegraph from Mr Portman to say that He would be home to dinner, they arrived by the three Oclock Train and had left New York the evening before, they Mr Scott and Teresa were in New York they intend going to Philadelphia, and Washington and then they will come home and are to sail from Boston on the 19th of October, Helen says the Scotts are very happy and very Spoony I am so glad to have the Portmans home again they make the house so bright and cheerful I wrote to Eliza

23rd Mr Becher and Mr Wilson came to Luncheon, Amelia spent the day here She looks so sad and unhappy. I got a letter from Col Dalzell Sarah has a Daughter and is doing well, they call her Charlotte after Dean Chaffe, and I got a letter from Mary who very much to my surprise is going to have another child, Mr Portman Sophia and Miss Sturs went out walking as Miss Sturs wished to see what change 20 years had made in London

24th Sophia and Miss Sturs went to see Amelia, we are all invited to dine with the Bechers to morrow. Mr Griffin called He looks out of Spirits, as well He may. Mr King came to Luncheon, after luncheon

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24th about our going out there to Morrow. Alucia came in the
evening and sent for me in Georges room. She had brought home
Johns Linen which she had turned for him. For the first time
she spoke to me about their affairs, she was in great distress and
could hardly speak. Mr Griffin I know sets her against her family
and makes her think that He is ill used. She spoke handy of John
and said that He wanted to get an execution out and sell all their
things to secure himself and said that Edward had told her so
I told her that I was confident that she had misunderstood
that if John wanted to sell her things it was to bring them in and
have them where they are, to prevent any one else selling them
and taking them away, but she was hard upon John and asked me
if I thought He would give her one Dollar to help her. I said
probably He would not give her any thing but if she stood in
actual need of assistance that John was to be relied on and
her Brothers would do more for her than any one else she
said yes Ned, but not John, if it was not for John, she would
find out now, that Edward neither could or would involve
himself in the way they have done to save Mr Griffin, at this
moment Mr Griffin has not one friend in the world that would hold
a helping hand to him excepting John and Edward who do
it for Alucia, not him, while talking to her I told her
what I am very sorry for and what I promised Mr Portman
not to tell that is that Mr Griffin had borrowed £50 of Mr Scott
which Mr Griffin repaid through the Bank, which note Mr Scott
endorsed. I feel more sorry than I can tell that I repeated this
but at the moment I thought she ought to know it
Miss Sturs, Sophia, Edward, and myself played Cassino
25th Miss Sturs, Sophia Edward and I went to Church, we went to the
Beehers to dinner Mr Portman Helen and George came also
Mr Dunn was there, Miss Sturs admired Thornwood very much
and the place is very pretty, the Beehers Twins are beautiful
Children. They were all so kind and attentive to us, Miss Sturs
Sophia and Edward came in to evening Service, the Portmans
and myself came home early but I was compelled to go to bed in me-
-diately I felt so unwell
26th Mr Wilson came to luncheon Alucia and Mr Becher came to see
Miss Sturs off, she returned to Louisiana to her charge as Governess
Governess in the Southern States as much better paid for their
Services than in the North Miss Sturs get $1500 a year and
$2000 a year is no unusual Salary in the South Governess never

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get more than £400 a year and very few so much. from £100
26th to £300 is the usual salary. Miss Evans possesses more energy
than any woman I have ever met. she has struggled through poverty
and lived for several years upon the smallest sum possible. that she
might have the more to give to her Father and Mother. after their
death she saved money that she might travel for a couple of years
she visited England and went the usual line of travel on the
continent. she perfected herself in French studied German and Italian
and although she had learned singing from childhood and sang very
well indeed. yet she took lessons in Italian singing. she acquired a
speaking knowledge of the different languages that she studied as
well as a reading knowledge. she is the best read woman I have ever
met. Mr Bachus Amelia Sophia and Edward went to the Train with
her an hour after she left. Mrs Wilson came to call upon her well
knowing that she had gone

27th Amelia and myself were a great part of the day at Johns House cutting his
carpets. I feel very much in hopes that Mr Griffen has seriously set to
work to economise. and to endeavour to pay his debts. by doing so he would
find people more willing to assist him. God grant that it may make both
him and Amelia think more of a future world and less of the present
than they have done. John is not well. never well. this evening he told me
that he would not pay for the things which he told me to get at Mr Innes's
for Teresa amounting to £270 for an instant I felt myself in a position
that I did not know how to turn ~~to~~ as I would never incur a debt
that I saw no means of paying. on this occasion I did not feel under
any great obligations to John as I knew that Mr Scott investing
would much more than pay for all that he gave to Teresa. and
Ned had told me that if Mr Scott would give him, the £10,000 to invest
that he would not only give Teresa her Portion but a couple of ~~Hundred~~
pounds in her pocket. I had told John this. and he said of course he would
give her all that she required. and now when he refused to pay. after
my first surprise was over I looked at him with sorrow. as I felt
and know that ill health has destroyed the even ballance of his mind—
a few minutes afterwards. he denied more than half of what he had said
and I am sure that he believed that he never had said what he did—
he said of course Harris and Brethour would pay the Bill, and spoke
right and kindly of Amelia and Mr Griffen. and confirmed his conviction
that Mr Griffin was really trying to pay his debts— how sad it makes
me. as the conviction daily comes that John's health is getting worse
not better— I dreamed a few nights ago that we were both travelling in
the same carriage, that he got out first. that I drove a short
distance and got out also. I many times think that his journey

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27th on the road I shall go but very little farther
28th this morning when I spoke to Edward about Mr McInnes, Bill
I found that it was already paid; that John had paid it; how strange!
He must have confused it with something else, his memory seems
to fail him so very much. Edward got a letter from Mr Scott
they are still at New York, but intend coming home before they
go to England. I wrote to Col Dalzell. Mr Portman is looking
about the place and having every thing cleaned, repaired and put
in order Eldon will look like a new place. Edward and
Sophie went out riding — Miss Lucas and Miss Bell called
29 John and I had a talk about a decisive arrangement being come to in the
office as to what portion of the profits each one was to have. John
thinks he ought to have £1000 a year more than Edward or £600
from the business and he himself retain the profits of the Registry
to the Surrogate Count. My own opinion is, that it is about what he ought
to have, out of the rest of the profits to pay George £600 a year for two years
and then the profits of the Office to be divided equally between the
three Brothers, with the exception of the £1000 a year extra to be paid
to John, I am sure they will do much better together than they will sepa-
rate and if the firm continues prosperous there will be a good
living for them all, may God Bless them and keep them united, for
when they separate their strength will be gone. Helen and I went
into the Town and bought common cracking for John, finding
his house up Earls Court much more than he or I thought it would
Amelia called and brought a letter from Teresa, who lend some patterns
of her new dresses and says she will be home next week. Edward
Blake called, Mrs Ld. Lawrason called, they have to economise as well
as many others, they have sold their Horses and Carriage, Sophie
and Edward took a long walk, from all appearances I should think
that Edward has serious thoughts of Matrimony, and I should
feel very glad, if he was out of debt, with a moderate income, just
enough to support them, but it would be madness for him to think
of marrying until he is out of debt, he would place himself exactly
in the position that Mr Griffin is in, which even a man blinded by love
could not think pleasant. I like Sophie next to my own Daughters
and shall be glad to have her as a Daughter but not to see her with
the cares that Amelia has — Amelia came down in the evening
and sat stitching while the rest of us were a nursing ourselves
she would not let me give of her hour Linen to a work woman
but does it herself to earn some money. Poor Girl and she once looked
to wear a Coronet amongst England's proudest Nobles, she might

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29 than accepted the fate that she has
30th Ned and Sophia were early up, and went for a long walk
before any one else were moving. John left for Toronto by
the 12 o'clock Train. Mr Portman has his men shingleing the stable
Painting the House &c and cleaning the yard and putting all things
in order. after Luncheon I went into the Town and bought some more
things for John. in the evening I wrote to my Mother Edward and
Miss Loring

October 1st after breakfast this morning Edward led me into his room and
told me that He had proposed for Sophia and been accepted, and
now comes the anxiety whether her Father will approve of it I fear
He will have difficulties in that quarter, I am so fond of Sophia
and so pleased that Edward has chosen so well, that I shall use all
my influence to arrange things with her Father. Helen Mr Portman and
myself when discussing it, thought it best that I should go to Toronto
to Morrow or the next day and tell Dr Ryerson every thing, make a
statement of his debts and his prospects, and get Dr Ryerson sanction or
disapproval of any arrangements we wish to make, Edward wishes
to be married in Six Months, to that I will not consent even if Dr
Ryerson would, which I am sure He will not, Edward He must pay off that
unfortunate debt which his Land Speculation has led him into
before He marries and find himself involved in expences which will
take all his income, I wish it were otherwise and that He was free of
debt, Dr Ryerson is very fond and very ambitious for Sophia, and did not
like Edward when He was living in Toronto, and whether He will give
his consent at all to the Marriage is doubtful, I think they may
both do worse than Marry, Edward is a good tempered warmhearted
young Fellow, who I think will make a good husband, and whose
prospects are fair for making an independance, Amelia came
down but I did not tell her what was going on I thought I would
leave it for Edward to tell, but I must as soon as possible let Dr
Ryerson know how matters stand. I got a letter from Elvira
and Sarah & Col Dalzell, the contents of their letters gave me great pain
the inclosed extracts from Ld Carnwaths letter and Col Wellesleys, both
complaining of Johns neglect of their affairs, and his want of punctuality
I know all who have money in his hands have cause of complaint
It is with the greatest difficulty that any one can get an account
from him and He is unpunctual in his remittances, yet I have full
confidence that his money affairs are all right, but the owners
of the money will not have that confidence as they can only know
him as a man of business, and although at this moment He has it

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1st in his power to secure a business that would make the three Brothers independant, yet at this moment the Scales are evenly Balanced for him ruin in one Scale and Independance in the other. Should one of those people withdraw their Money from him. every dollar He has would follow it, it would be a blow to his Character that He could never recover as a man of business, ill health is I think the cause, He has lost all arrangement and system from a want of energy, how it is to end God only knows. I have hoped that George would soon be able to keep up the investing part of the business. Edwards attention has never been given to that Branch, but both George and Edward must now both give it their close attention and endevour to recover confidence, for if they remove their money from John I fear that my representation would not give them confidence in the other two members of the firm. ~~I wrote to Bishop Loring and Ivy~~

2nd Edward, Sophia and I went to Church, we remained to the Sacrament I felt sincerely thankful to see Edward partake of that ordinance once again, Amelia sent us a very nice haunch of Venison for dinner Helen, Sophia, and Edward went to evening Service, Mr Griffin and Amelia came home with them to tea, Mr Becher came in to tea also we all chaffed him about his humbugging Hamma to the Judges, He was in great Spirits, He was in great Spirits, had just returned from Goderich where He had had much more business than He anticipated—

3rd I wrote to T. McLean about a Nurse, Sophia and Edward went out riding Amelia called, she is in a little better Spirits than she has been since she became aware of their debts, after dinner I went to the Griffens and spent the evening Mr Griffin and John came home together at 10 oclock, John is looking much better and is in very good Spirits, He is not to be married until the 9th of November I did not tell him about Col Dalzells letter, for I knew it would keep him from sleeping

4th this is Mary and Eliza's birthday, they are now 34 years old, John brought up house Linen and various articles towards his house keeping, I this morning told him what Col Dalzell had written, He admited the justice of all He said, and told me that now George was becoming so efficient in the office that He would be able to keep up his accounts better than they have been kept, He did not speak of his ill health, which I know is the cause of all that is wrong— The Ashfields communicate today, and Mary Ruttel is to be tried her cousin came to me to beg that I would not appear against her; which I have never intended to do, unless I am compelled to do so I have no wish to send any one to the Penitentiary, however bad they may be, what is done to me I must forgive as I ~~expect~~ hope to be forgiven. I at last have engaged a Nurse for Mrs McLean who has promised to go to her to morrow

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4th Mrs Gill called. I wrote a most painful letter to my Brother Edward— when Nancy returned here, on the 3rd she told Helen that Georges wife and Daughter had told her that Edword within the last few months had taken to drink and that he went to a tavern to spend his evenings, the News was very distressing to me. He is one of the last people in the world that I should have suspected of falling into such a vice. and that when nearly sixty years of age. He that has always been so temperate so upright and good in every way. oh have we not reason to pray that God will keep us from evil, and ought we not daily hourly ask his support lest we fall— I wrote the most affectionate letter that I could word intreating him, if there was truth in the report which I could not believe, to turn from what would ruin both Soul and body Nancy came home on the 1st my Brother George could do her no good I was very glad to see her back, but whether she will ever be restored to health again is very doubtful. Sophia got a letter from her Father this morning telling her she had better return home, as I was no longer alone, and we feel that it is better she should go, since Edword has proposed to her, it is not right that she should remain here in hourly intercourse with Edward unless she had her Fathers sanction— and Edward does not wish to speak to him until he can lay a full statement of his affairs and prospects before him— which he intends doing when he goes to Johns Wedding Sophia will return the end of this week. without seeing Teresa

5th I was excessively busy all day and very tired. Amelia called— Nanny Whitehead was married to day to the Revd Mr Rose of Thorald. in the evening the Whiteheads gave a party asking only young people. Sophia, Edward. and George. went to it. they said Mr & Mrs Whitehead tried to make every thing pleasant, but the party was very dull— it was 2 o'clock when my young people returned— a Telegraph came in the evening from Mr Scott giving the result of the Cricket Match at New York. With all England Eleven the English beat the New Yorkers in one innings and had 60 to spare Mr Scott said they would be home on Saturday

6th Sophia got a letter from her Father who has given her leave to remain until Monday, to see Teresa, Amelia Mr Griffin and Mr M'Innes came to luncheon Mr M'Innes is looking very well and seems in good spirits about his affairs. Amelia looked wretched and had evidently been crying Edward and Sophia went there to spend the evening

7th this morning I got ready to go into the Town with John— who is again ill— to purchase some things for him, when at the Gate we met the Telegraph Boy with a Telegraph from Mr Scott to say that they would be home by the 3 o'clock Train. I returned and communicated my News— and left Helen to make the necessary arrangements, and then

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7th went with John to make our purchases. Amelia called just before I went out and told me that Mr Griffen had been at St Thomas yesterday and that Mr Ermatinger had shown him some of the proof sheets of the life of the late Col Talbot, wherein Mr Ermatinger had spoken most disrespectfully of Mr Harris, we are of course all very much hurt and annoyed that 9 years after the sin his grave, that his name should be brought forward in a way to hurt all our feelings. at first it was decided that I should write to him in a friendly manner and request to see the proof sheet where Mr Harris is mentioned and then request him to withdraw what is offensive to us, and if he would not do so, for John, Edward, George and Mr Portman to go over, and do the only thing left for them to do give Mr Ermatinger a horse whipping. Mr Becher came to luncheon and we spoke to him about it, he said that he had known for several months what was going to be published, that Mr Ermatinger had shown the sheets to him in Montreal and that he had written to Mr Ermatinger condemning the remarks upon Mr Harris and others and advising him to withdraw them sheets, but Mr Ermatinger said it was too late now and that it could not be done, Mr Becher thought my writing to him would be useless, but that Mr Ermatingers servility was beneath our notice. I met Mr Wilson and told him about it. He said if it was him and his Father that was spoken of disrespectfully that he would beat old Ermatinger within an inch of his life. Amelia came to dinner and felt disposed to go to St Thomas and endeavour to see what has been written— The Scotts arrived at 3 o'clock Teresa looks the same as when she went away, only improved and more womanly and she looks so happy. Mr Scott looks very tired and not very well but very happy and contented. I am so glad they came home before going to England. I was glad at first and satisfied that Teresa has done a wise thing and got a good Husband, she now is as fond of him as she is of her Mr Scott gave me a beautiful full length picture of Teresa which Mr — Vanderfords has painted, it is the best of all the Portraits I have seen of his painting. and it was very kind of Mr Scott to give it to me. Teresa gave Edward a signet ring and George a set of Carbuncle studs and Sophia a very pretty fancy Bag and a Photagraph of her and Mr Scott, and the three Servants a Red Winter dress each. Sophia told Teresa about her engagement to Edward

8th I felt so happy and thankful this morning to again see so many of my Children around my Breakfast table. I went to Johns house to finish cutting his carpets. after Luncheon Mr & Mrs Becher called. they thought Teresas Portrait the best likeness they had ever seen and the best finished picture of Mr Vanderfords painting Mr Griffen called and Amelia came to dinner Teresa gave Amelia two

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8th twenty dollar gold pieces in place of a Tea Set of China which she had spoken of giving to her. poor Amelia put her head on Teresa's shoulder and cried Mr Griffin asked Mr Leatt to take up the note which he had endorsed for £50 and begged of him not to tell John any thing about it. how compleatly that system of falsehood destroys all confidence, John and Edward when endeavouring to arrange his difficulties asked him to make a full statement of all his debts and Mr Griffin said he had done so, and then we discovered this £50 which he had borrowed of Mr Leatt, and we cannot be at all sure that there are not more debts untold, poor Amelia what a fate to be tied to a man in whose word she can have no confidence. Mr Leatt is so sorry for her

9th Mr Leatt, Teresa, Sophia and Edward went to Church in the Morning Mr Portman Helen and George went to the evening Service, Amelia and Mr Griffin returned to tea, Judge McLean and Mr Becher called after morning Service, it is some three or four years since I have seen Judge McLean and he looks very much aged in that time. Sophia partially packed her Trunks in readiness for her departure to Morrow

10th Sophia left us this Morning and returned home, Amelia came over and we all felt sorry to see her leave, but thought it not right that she should stay here any longer until we knew whether her Father would approve or disapprove of Edwards proposal. I hope no difficulties may be thrown in the way, for they are very much attached and we all like her better than any one out of our own family. I wrote to Mr Estnatinger expressing my regret that one whom we had for many years considered as a friend should publish any thing of Mr Davis that would hurt our feelings, and telling him how reluctant I was to believe it. and asking him to allow me to see the proof sheets in which Mr Davis's name is mentioned- Teresa had several calls today, Mrs & Miss Goodhue, Mrs W. Lawrason and Miss Lawrason, Mrs & Miss Muir, and Mrs Wilson- Mr & Mrs Becher and Amelia dined with us, poor Amelia looks heart broken. to me the evening was very dull. I did not feel very well, and Amelia's unhappy face made me feel very unhappy- John got a letter from Col Phillott, who says there are to be two new Regiments raised in Canada and wishes to know whether George would like a Commission in one of them, it is very kind of Col Phillott to look out for him, but his professional prospects are much better than any he would have in the Army, an Ensign with only his pay and no means of purchasing his steps, has not a very brilliant prospect before him

11th to day the first Free Fair was held in London, it was very well attended the Horses were of a very inferior sort, the Show of Cattle was better, a great many Cattle were sold, mostly to Americans, to day Lucy Wilson, Mrs Hutchison Mr & the Misses Branch and Mr & Mrs Leatt called upon Teresa, Mr Leatt Teresa, Helen and myself went out driving. Amelia came to tea

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12th I received a letter from Mr Ermatinger who denies having written any thing unkind of Mr Harris, unless He has altered what He had written. those who read it thought it unkind whatever Mr Ermatinger may think—
Amelia came to Luncheon and Mr Griffen called afterward, Mrs Duncan & Miss Mr & Miss Dunn and Mr & Mrs Hamilton called on Teresa, I received a letter from Sophia and one from my Brother Edward, who says He is not intemperate and that if it will do away with any fears that I have, that He will never again taste of any Spirits, dear Edward I am thankful for this assurance for I know you will keep your word

13th Amelia came to Sit with us for some time, there was more trouble to day about Mr Griffens affairs, when Edward went to renew the Note at the Gore Bank they refused to renew, unless Mr Griffen paid up his over drawn account, He had to tell his building society they have to do so, but what was worse He had not told them that, He owed the money, they have already discovered £75 of his unacknowledged debts, Edward begins to despair of Mr Griffen being able to recover himself, we asked Mr Griffen and Amelia to dine here to day as Teresa is to leave for England to morrow. Ellen Hamilton called and looked bright and cheerful I showed her Teresa's picture and asked her if it was not a good likeness, she said it was a very flattering one, which was bad taste as Teresa was present, and it is not flattering it is exact— Miss Bailey and Miss Hodges came to collect for the poor, We did not know that Teresa had our money by Teresa. John has been ill all day, at dinner I was so ill that I could scarcely sit until the cloth was removed and Helen had to clear the Table Mr Griffin found the house very dull and left early, I had to go to bed

14th Mrs Wilson called, with a request from the wife of the Revd Mr Scott, that I would speak to Judge McLean of Mary Russell and endeavour to get her sentenced as lightly as possible, Mary Russell says that it was Ann the head Nurse who instigated her to steal the things, and that Ann was to have them when she returned to the States, all of which is false, Helen had already spoken to the Judge in her favour. which I am now very sorry for, as I now believe Mary Russell to be one of the worst of bad Girls, from several things that have come to my knowledge lately, yet to be the accuser and to send a Girl to the Penitentiary is to me very painful, should the escape now, the Penitentiary will be her destination before very long— all the morning we were all very busy getting Teresa's things ready and her trunks packed, Amelia came early and remained until Teresa left, Mr Beecher and Fanny came in when we were at dinner to say good Bye to the Scotts, Fanny has just returned from Hamilton and is looking very well, she is improving in manner and looks daily, and is a very nice Girl, I had tried for the two last days to nerve myself for the parting hour with Teresa, and had strength given me to bear it pretty well, but with her young arms around my neck and

her warm fresh face to mine I felt that it might probably be our last
embrace. if so I pray God to have her in his keeping, and that we may meet in
a better world. she has a kind good Husband and every prospect of happiness in this-
they left here at 4 P.M. all at Eldon (excepting myself) the Griffens, Mr Becher
and Danny saw them off at the Station. John went with them as far as
Hamilton, on his way to Toronto. He was ill all day. I hope his trip to Toronto
may benefit him. how desolate a house looks after one of the household have left.
there is the empty room, the vacant chair at table, the fragments of discarded dress
thrown about and the familiar step and cheerful voices no longer heard.

15th Amelia called here before we had breakfasted. and came again after breakfast. Helen
gave her the ten dollars that Perera had left for her, at first she refused to take it. but
Helen told her. that Perera said they would not have time to get it changed at
New York and if they did they must lose by it. and that she would rather give it to
her. Amelia took it. and burst out crying. and went home avoiding seeing any of
us. poor Girl. how sorry we all are for her. all our family would have our last words
with Amelia. but not with Mr Griffen. we had no visitors to day, and the house
seemed very lonely

16th Edward and I went to the morning Service. George went in the
evening. Amelia came here in the afternoon and Mr Griffen went to the
Kings. Mr Becher called in the evening for a Moment on his way to see
Mr Ridout

17th George left London for Hamilton. by the first O'clock Train, to play the great cricket
Match with all England Eleven. the weather could not be more unpropitious
it has rained nearly the whole day. The Painters have commenced their
Labors in my room. I have had Gas put in it. every thing will look so neat and
nice. John returned from Toronto at 10 P.M. looking a little better than
when he went away. but his breathing and speaking is quick and short
God grant that he may recover his health. Nancy told me ~~yesterday~~ to day that
She no longer wished to keep the Keys. I wished to know why she told me
that she could not keep things right and do justice to me that Pen
and other things disappeared in a marvelous way. I told her Catherine
should leave I had long known that she was not to be trusted but thought
wine was her weakness and I endeavoured to keep that out of her way
to no man I shall tell her that I shall no longer want her

18 poor Catherine felt surprised when I told her that I should not want her any
longer. and yet she looked as if she had expected it. and knew the cause. I feel
sorry that one so quick and intelligent should be so deficient in moral principle
I wonder if there are any honest truthful Irish Roman catholics. I have never
met one— All England's Eleven are beating the Canadian 22 at Hamilton as
a matter of course. George and D. Bailey got out without making a run
I had a letter from Miss Steers, as nice and kind as she is good

19th a cold disagreeable day. no one here. I went into the Town and bought

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19 & Mr Thing for Johns. Hard. This is Amelia's birth day, she has not yet returned

20th George came home by the night Train, not at all cured of Cricket He made a very good catch, and his play has been praised in the papers one of the English Cricketers said that any one who could make that catch was worthy of playing with the all England eleven. We cannot help feeling pleased that he was praised even for his play at Cricket, and yet we think it would have been better for him had his play been a total failure – I wrote to Sarah and Teresa. The day has been very cold and the ground covered with Snow, no one called, Amelia not yet returned

21st Amelia came home last evening, and here to Luncheon to day, she says that George was made quite a Hero of at Hamilton in consequence of his making the best play against the English Eleven at Cricket. She told us no news only she says Mr M'Innes contemplates making me a present of a handsome velvet cloak, which will certainly be very kind of him Mr Portman has decided upon starting for the South on Thursday next I went for Stone the Dentist, and look forward with no great pleasure to having a tooth drawn to morrow. Edward should hear a letter from Sophia, and He is determined in his own mind to be married within a year, I should be glad if He could do so but not unless He was free from debt. Johns health appears to me to be a little better, his hair is coming in quite thick again

22nd the Trees and ground is covered with Snow, and it certainly is uncommonly cold for this season of the year. Amelia came to breakfast, to partake of our first Buckwheat cakes, of this Autumn – the Dentist, (Stone) came and drew two teeth for me He first tried some liquid which has lately been discovered for deadening pain around the Gums, and it certainly had the effect, for I am sure that I felt much less pain than I should if it had not been applied. Mr King came to Luncheon and Amelia came to dinner John and I had a run, for sometime past neglected talks, which we used to have in my room before the went to bed, He seems much better, and more as He used to be. I hope after his marriage He may have better health

23rd Mr Portman Helen and Edward went to the morning Service, George went to the evening Service, Mr Bicker called and the Greggs's came to tea

24th I went to Johns House to see about putting down the Carpets, Mr Strathy was there to attend to it. Mrs King called to ask John, Edward and George to a party at their house given on Mr Richard's Kings birth day

25th the day seven last Called, Mrs Ll. Lawrason called, Amelia came to Luncheon she had had a long visit from Mrs Perrin at Ancaster, who says people told wonderful stories about my Teresa, that she was forced into a hateful marriage, when her heart had always been Mr Ethalochmidt's, it is curious how people can invent such falsehoods. I was afraid that she did not like Mr Scott well enough to marry him but when I proposed

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25th to her to breakfast she would not. and when she came home whatever fears I had were set at rest. for I never saw two people more in love with each other. Mr Portman did not leave to day-

26th Mr Portman left us today. we were all so sorry to see him go. and there was one of those disagreeable occurrences, that to speak of seem trifling and yet cause much pain took place just before he left. his dinner was not so nice as it ought to have been. I had ordered what I knew he would like for Luncheon and thought Helen would know what he would like and see that it was there. she was not very well, and busy with Mr Portman and thought that I had seen to every thing, and between us both he had only a luncheon and not a dinner. Helen felt hurt and I felt that, had I been younger it would not have happened. and I cannot help feeling painfully that I am losing my activity of mind as well as of body. Mrs Lucia came to say goodbye to Mr Portman Helen told me that yesterday Mr Lawrason had attacked him for not remaining to Johns wedding, and said that if she had wished she could have managed to have had it, that if it had been any one that she liked that he would. we thought it a great piece of impertinence of Mr Lawrason what right has he to suppose that Mr Portman does not like Miss Loring and how can he know that Mr Portman need not go South at the time he says that he has to go. Mr Portman said when he first returned that he must go South early in October and would have done so if the yellow fever had not commenced there at the time it usually begins to abate — Mr Loyd dined here he brought letters of introduction to Dr Ryerson, who gave him a letter to us he appears an intelligent nice young fellow of a wealthy class of English who I imagine have made money in the last or the present generation he is superior to most of the young Gentlemen of the same standing that I have seen, to day has been a regular London day nothing steadily and sleighs out. a

27th Dr Brown was called in to Lame Baby, I guess, I asked him to see Nancy, he says she cannot be cured, that her complaint is dropsy of the womb, that tapping will relieve her but not cure, she is so very ill to day, and has almost made up her mind to be tapped to morrow. I had a letter from Col Dalzell and from Sarah, full of complaints about Johns want of punctuality in Business it distresses me for I know they have had grounds for complaint arising a good deal from Johns want of health, from the difficulty of collecting in consequence of the money crisis, at the same time I believe all money in his hands are safe and that he does what he can and just by them all — I wrote to Mary, Mr Griffen left for Washington to day Edward and George have gone to a party at the Kings

28th The Trees this morning are weighed down with snow but the weather

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28th Has moderated a little, it is thawing to day, I went to the Dentist and had a cast made for my mouth, preparatory for making a new set of teeth, taking the cast is a most disagreeable necessity, Nancy was ill all night that she made us [illegible] to be tossed, we sent for Dr Brown and she submitted to the operation, twice he poured hot Abdinan, with no result he could not reach the water, he says there is a nasty cold tumor and that she cannot get relief in any but by an operation of the most dangerous kind, that is to take away the womb, and that not more than one out of three recover from it, poor Nancy it is so melancholy to think her case so hopeless, Amelia came to dinner, she is not well and looks so miserable, and Johns health is so much better and he looks so happy, and so full of hope, the King's party was very successful, Mr Marshall was there he had returned that day from the Red River, Edward and George had to walk home the Cab broke down soon after they left the King's

29th I was all the forenoon endeavouring to write to Sal Bedwell, who frets too much about his money, which John has invested for him, it is all safe and well invested, but she is always fearing something wrong if his accounts and remittances are not to a day, what I wrote I disliked, and must write again to morrow John left for Toronto, he begins to feel low spirited about leaving his old home, and has some natural fears I suppose, whether the change will be for his happiness, I have every reason to think it will, we all approve of Miss Loring and think her a nice Girl although we do not like her Mother, I pray God to Bless their union, Amelia came to dinner she looks very unhappy, to day she had a note from Mr Leatchard saying that Mr Birrels account of £20— was placed in his hands for collection this makes £100 of debts more than he acknowledged when Edward tried to arrange his affairs and got time for him, I am afraid that she will get into bad health, she looks so changed all cheerfulness is gone, and not five years married, Helen got a letter from Mr Portman from Chicago and a Telegraph from St Louis where he had arrived safely

30th Helen Edward and George went to Church, Helen became faint and had to leave I sent for Amelia to come to dinner, but she declined as she had to write to Mr Griffin, she came after dinner, I spoke to her as kindly and delicately as I could about Mr Griffins affairs, and tried to arrange a plan to pay Mr Glen and Mr Birrel, poor Girl she talked to me composedly and said she would rather we told her all we knew about Mr Griffins affairs, that if she would only tell her every thing she would feel much happier, but he would tell her nothing, and the fear of greater evils than really exist was making her wretched, she restrained her composure until I left the Room, and then she burst into a fit of crying, and was unable to come down stairs for some time, how unhappy their pecuniary embarrassments could be borne up against if his conduct had been honorable and truthful, but all, all has

been false and bad, and it is that connection that is breaking her heart—
I pray God to help her— I wrote to Capt Dalzell

31st The weather looks a little less like January than it has done, they were
enabled to have their Boat Race which has been postponed from week
The Club too poor to give Silver — to week for fine weather, the prize was a Pewter Mug to each man in the
winning Boat, the first Race the bets were 10 to 1 against the Boat George
was in, the second race 5 to 1. George Boat won all three races
although he has never pulled an oar a dozen times in his life
He came home pleased because he had won when no one expected
him to do so— He will have to give up those amusements, a man whose future
independance, depends upon his own exertions, should, have no time
for them. I have not seen nor heard from Melia to day. John came
home in the evening looking very happy. He says Elizabeth's wedding
dress is the prettiest dress he ever saw, the Lace veil cost £75 and of
Course must be very pretty. I got a letter from Teresa which was
sent from the Ship by the Pilot and ought to have been here a week
ago. Helen got a letter from Mr Portman

November 1st I went to the Dentist again about my teeth, and found Amelia there when I returned
she looked more cheerful, the weather has become pleasant and rather like
Indian Summer. Mrs Paulton called, she says Capt Paultons friends wish
her to go to England, which she think she will do in the course of a year

2nd to day John discovered that Mr Griffin owed Mr Freer £75- and Mr Lawless about £10 in
small S.C.M.s He came home in a very bad humour in consequence, Amelia was
here. He said nothing of the cause of his ill humour before her. but her look
of anxiety and fright for fear there was something about Mr Griffin
was painful to see, she could eat no luncheon, and Helen and myself gave
every reason we could think of, excepting the right one, for Johns ill humour
— what an existance hers is at present, if Mr Griffin even now would only change
and become a new man, (but can He without God help?) there might be a peaceful
future before her, by strict economy in 8 or 10 years He might pay his debts— if We
could only find out how much He owes, it would be a relief to know the worst
but his word is not to be believed, John has his own anxieties to day, Miss Loring
wrote to him about a Mortgage which was given her as part of her fortune
left by her Father, in the hand of her Guardian J. W. Lemenon the Mortgage
is from Mr Stanton on property in St Thomas given to her for £500 the property
is not worth £150. judging from this her £500 may dwindle down to a very
trifle, the money is a very Secondary consideration if she makes a good wife
Mrs Watson called

3rd this is a day set apart for thanksgiving for the Bountiful Harvest We
have had, Edward and I went to Church, Amelia returned to dinner
I wrote to Eliza— and I received a letter from my Brother George
John and Edward rode out to the Kings

November 1859 4th John and I had another talk about the Griffeins. I told him I thought it would not be right of him to avail himself of the first excuse to sue Mr Griffein and secure himself, which he says he will do. Edward and John have induced other creditors to withdraw their executions and direct Mr Griffein making such payments as he can quarterly in failure of such payments, they will then proceed against him, but it appears to me that John should not be the first to do so, I think he would be accused and justly of having acted dishonorably. He says not- and that he cannot afford to lose £300 - even if his sister has to be sold out. that if he does not do it, some one else will, God help you my poor Daughter your Brother Edward is your best friend here Mr Beecher called. He has been a long time about attending the different Notices. we spoke to him about the Milwaukie & and he did not speak very encouragingly about them Mr Portman Sold $10.000 in them and Mr Scott and John another $10.000 Mr Beecher thinks the next interest due will not be forth coming John thinks they are good but thinks it will be best for Mr Scott to take his share of the $10.000 as an investment they come due in 1866 and if paid will give 15 per cent but they cannot be sold now, they were bought with the idea of selling again soon and John has not the money to make such an investment and yet I do not quite like his handing them over to Mr Scott if there is a doubt about their paying well. He would have shewn the prospect had they sold well and it appears to me that if there is any loss he ought to share that. but pro- -bably that is his intention. Mr Scott acted very kindly and generously by him Helen got another letter from Mr Portman the most from him very day John and George went to Mrs McLaurens to surprise the gang a parting surprise to John before his Marriage. poor Mr Redout is sinking very fast it is thought that he cannot live many days - I wrote to my Brother George.

5th a beautiful Indian Summer day. Mucha came in before we had done our breakfast with a letter from Mr Griffein who was on his way to Quebec and expected that he would have to leave for England to day with despatches from the American Government to L.d. Elgin about Postal arrangements about two hours later in the day she got a ~~letter~~ Telegraph from Mr Griffein saying that her Brother Henry had gone and that he would be at home on Wednesday next. we should have been very glad if he had gone to England provided he could have made any thing by it but the chances are that he would only have involved himself deeper in debt Mr Bennetts of the Revenue gave John a Surprise this evening he had bot some Champaigne to John and paid it in their way. He returned early there were only three there besides himself Edward and George. He said the surprise was very nice

6 John Helen and myself went to Church and remained to the Sacrament Dr Helmuth preached a very good Sermon. there was an ordination of a Deacon

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6 Mr Becher called He is going to send me a pass to go to Toronto to John Redding, this is his last day at home as a Bachelor. He has not been very well for the last week. I hope his marriage may prove a blessing to him both as to health and happiness. Amelia came to tea. She looks a little more cheerful than she has done

7th Amelia came early to help Helen pack. Helen left for Toronto at 12 John followed at 4. She looked very happy, and I trust She will be so. Edward told me that John and Jane had a long talk last evening about their affairs and that John had proposed that his liabilities. Edwards and mine should all be assumed by the firm of Harris and Brothers and that my wild land Edwards St Thomas property and all lands that John has purchased in his own name should be held by the firm as common property and that when they could each take in the firm £500 a year that the £250 which He was to have according to their first arrangement that Edward is to be given up and they are to share and share alike and that in a year or two George is to come in on equal terms. this is as it should be and it tells well for John when leaving us that his last act should be not only just but Generous. May God Bless them for it and keep them in the right way

Amelia went to day and told Mr Helen part of her Bill and asked him to give them time He was very ready to do so and said He would never have had them if Mr Griffin had been even civil to him when He asked for it She then went to Mr Birrell and paid him a little and asked for time Mr Birrell granted it readily and seemed to sorry for her. She has complained of Mr Griffin, she with her needle has earned £9 Dollars all of which have gone to pay his debts. She was more like herself to day that is in confiding affection towards me, but She is spirit broken and heart broken, and her life seems so hopeless, for I fear Mr Griffin will never change and She behaves herself so well, and discards all pride, and tries to do the best she can

8th I was very busy all the morning packing my trunk and getting ready to leave by the 12 oclock Train, Amelia was so kind in doing all she could and seeing to every thing. The Bishop, George and myself went with Mrs Becher and Fanny in the Direction for which was so comfortable that we did not feel the least fatigue, we read, had Luncheon and talked at our ease all the way to Toronto. at Hamilton Mr Reynolds came to the Train to see Mrs Becher, and every one were so civil that we had. When we arrived in Toronto we found Helen and Sophia at the Station waiting for us. with Dr Ryerson Carriage. Mrs Becher and Fanny went to the Woodsides. George went to the Normal House. Dr and Mrs Ryerson appeared very glad to see me. immediately after dinner Dr Ryerson and myself went to the Library, and I spoke to him about Edward and Sophia. I stated Edwards hopes and fears and prospects as nearly as I could. He did not say any thing for some time and then laid great stress upon Edwards deafness. which precluded all

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8th hope of his ever taking part in Political life, and in the end decided that it was rather an advantage than a disadvantage to keep clear of politics, Sophia was in a state of great agitation to know what her papa would say. I told her that I could not say positively what his decision would be but that I did not anticipate much opposition. I saw John for a few minutes on my way into Town He seemed excited and nervous. Helen had called at the Lorings and saw Elizabeth. John invited upon Helen and Sophia, lunching with him at the Rossin House and would hardly consent to their leaving him He had not yet seen Elizabeth but was to go there in the evening—

I went to bed very tired

9th The morning wet and very gloomy, Dr Ryerson met me early and said that He had thought over all about Edward and Sophia and would give his consent to their marriage that is when He is free or nearly so from debt. I thanked him and when Edward came in a few minutes afterwards, I told him what Dr Ryerson had said, He then spoke to Dr Ryerson himself and then to Mrs Ryerson, Mrs Ryerson shewed a good deal of feeling and could not speak of Sophia, leaving her without saying She told us that Sophia was extravagant in her ideas and that she was afraid that Edward would not find it as easy to support a wife as He imagined— the Rain held up a little before we went to the Church, but the day was dreadfully dull, and the Church was dreadfully hot. The Bride went through the Service very well and looked rather more self possessed than John did. Her dress was Honiton Lace and very pretty the veil of the same material, and she looked very pretty only a little too much colour. I would rather see a Bride pale than flushed, Her Dress and veil cost about £70 Sterling. They were married by the Bishop of Huron assisted by the Revd Mr Stewart—a Gentleman that I do not like— I should think there were a hundred people at the Breakfast, nearly all of the Elite of Toronto, there was scarcely standing room, and yet the Breakfast went off very well every thing was very nice, John got through his speech pretty well and Edward caused the people to laugh, but I could not hear what he said Dr Ryerson returned thanks for the Mothers of the Bride and Bride Groom and complimented us very highly, The Bishop took in the Bride to Breakfast and John took in the Brides Mother, J. W. Cameron our Host took in Helen and Lt Col James Macaulay took me in, Mr Loring had all the presents laid out for inspection in the Drawing room, and the things were very pretty, but <u>for the Harris's</u> would have professed not making a display of them, every thing went off very well there was no display of feeling, John looked much the most excited of any one, and several times, I who knew him could see that it was as much as He could do to keep back the tears— there was only one little disagreeable that I could have wished, had not taken place— The

November 9th 1859 Church was so very hot that Helen and I left before the Bride consequently, we arrived at Mrs Londags about 2 minutes before her we went to the Drawing Room, and after embracing the Bride when she came in I seated myself on the far end of a Sofa that was near the door, which I supposed was the place where the Bride had decided upon letting to receive her Guests, She stood talking to Helen for a few minutes and then turning round said, Where am I to sit, I said where you please my dear you can choose your seat, but you had better not go far from the door or the Guests will not be able to approach you, I pointed to the end of the Sofa nearest the door and said you had better sit there and then all the people as they can congratulate you, she said no that would not do for they would walk over her, and still I was so stupid that I did not see that she wanted the only seat that was accessible, the one where I was sitting, and when she saw that there was no chance of my taking a hint, she asked me if I would mind taking another seat, of course I would not, all seats were alike to me but I felt vexed at my own stupidity, she wanted me to take the other end of the Sofa but declined, as I should have sat between her and her guests as they entered the room, it was just one of those little things that are nothing in themselves, and yet I could not help wishing that it had not occurred When we returned to Dr Ryerson's Helen was fatigued and ill, and had to pack up to return to London by the 4 o'clock Train, Edward felt very happy that all was arranged with Sophia, both He and George spent home with Helen they could not be away from the office Sophia's face beaming with happiness went with them to the Station, when they met Mrs Becher and Fanny and all returned to London in the Directors Car, I was so glad for Helen was too ill to travel in the common Car, and the said Mrs Becher was so kind to her about 12 miles from Toronto John and his Bride joined them they had driven that far, they stayed at Hamilton that night

10th spanning with Rain, all day, I had some shopping to do but could not venture out, I remained in the Library all day reading a Novel — Almost a Heroine = in the evening they had some people to dine with them, there was a Mr Haine who had returned to England on a visit from Victoria, and had taken as He called it a run to see Canada, He is a Man of wealth and information, He had been Provincial Secretary and several times formed on of the Government of Victoria, He was very anxious to get a thorough knowledge of the School System of this Province with a view to this being adopted in Victoria when He returns, Mr and Mrs Deggan and Mr George Ryerson dined there also

11th the Morning fine but very cold, we went out shopping in Hide & Chy

after Breakfast, and after we had done our shopping Sophia and I called upon the Blakes Mrs & Miss Blake were from home but Mrs Edward Blake and Anna were at home, we liked our visit. on our return to Dr Ryersons we met Mr Griffen, who went home with us to Luncheon He said that he had met John and Elizabeth at Hamilton the day before, as he got out at the Track they were going into it Mr Griffen told me that he wanted her to race then said and let him see her face but she would not. I felt pained for her for indeed he was in just the behaved most indelicately, after Luncheon Mr Griffen returned to London Mrs Lowndes called and asked me to dine with her but I was engaged to Mrs Widder, Mrs Pennafather called I rather like her. Sophia and I dined at the Widders. Mr & Mrs Robinson Mr & Mrs Clarke, who ~~sing~~ plays very well. a Mr Selby who sings very well and a Dr of the Rifles Mr Hunt made up the party that is in addition to their own family. The Widders have a very nice house, beautifully furnished, the dinner good and well served, after dinner Music and I enjoyed the evening very much after dinner Blanche Widder asked Sophia to go to her room with her, and when there she asked her to tell her whether it was true that she was engaged to Edward or not. Sophia told her she was Blanche was silent for a moment and then kissed her and wished her every happiness, we both felt sorry for Blanche, as we felt quite sure that she herself likes Edward, when we came away she told Sophia to remember that she was to be Bridesmaid

12th the morning very cloudy and disagreeable, Mrs Lowndes came with some things for me to bring up for Elizabeth, Sophia is to come up at Christmas, Dr Ryerson spoke very kindly of Edward and seemed almost as well pleased as Sophia. He came with me to the Train, I was glad to see Malcom Cameron and Miss Killaly in the Train, ~~he arrived~~ in London at 3 o'clock Edward met me at the Train with a Buggy there was not a Cab to be had they were all engaged for the Funeral, poor Mr Kidout had died on thursday morning after 8 months of intense suffering, and he was buried to day, Helen and Amelia had a nice Luncheon for me and every thing looked so nice Helen is so kind and thoughtful for me. Amelia told me that Mr Griffen said that Elizabeth was rude to him when he met her in Hamilton. I said there was a little to be said for Elizabeth and told her what Mr Griffen had told me about wanting her to visit her dad, I said that he must know that Elizabeth must have hated his chaffing her, and I said that Sophia said if it had been her she would have hated Mr Griffen. Edward brought me a letter from Mr Griffins Brother in law Sheriff Lewis, wherein he says that Mr Griffin has retained Money of his for lands or Mortgages to the Amount of £200 and upwards every four days we discover more

of Mr Griffen, la[illegible] letters, poor Amelia's situation is hopeless as it is utterly impossible for them ever to pay their debts. what He has done with the Money is a Mystery to us, and it is impossible to place reliance upon any thing that He says, the poor Girl seeming to try to help herself, have we[illegible], her life is hopeless in this world. She has a living death before her. He says that He is ordered to England and is to take home the first Mail from the Western States through to Portland under the new arrangement between the two Governments and that He has a free passage for himself and Amelia, his expences paid and £50 extra with a Months leave after He arrives in England. I believe He is to go to England and most probably He will have his expences paid, but I very much doubt a free passage across the Ocean for Amelia, glad as I should be that she could go and see her Sisters if she was differently situated, yet I shall object to her going now, as it would only increase her wretchedness, she that has not a dollar to Bless herself with, how can she go. and We know not what portion to believe of what Mr Griffen tells us Edward says He will show her Sheriff Lovells letter and will also tell her about the £75 to Be Free

13th Edward and George went to Church, Mrs Becher returned with them and her and Fanny are to come on tuesday next to spend the day, Amelia called and told me that Mr Griffen was surprised at Sophia's indelicacy in thinking that He either Married Elizabeth or wished to marry her, He said He only saw her for a very few minutes, I said I had only repeated what Mr Griffen told me Sophia being present that she knew I was a Matter of fact person and did not suppose when people told me any thing that they told me the truth. that in all probability I should not again have thought of what Mr Griffen did say, if she had not told me that Elizabeth was rude to him, and I thought it was but justice to her to explain why. Mr Griffen and Amelia called in the afternoon but would not stay to tea. Mr Becher came in for a few minutes I wrote to Eliza

14th I have been so busy all day. Catherine left me this morning very unwell I believe, but she was not a tract worthy Servant, Mr Becher came to Luncheon

15th Mrs Becher's child ill with croup, they could not dine with us, Mrs King called and the Revd Mr Hutchison from Woodstock He is a Nephew of Miss Sturs. Mrs Wilson called. the day fine almost Indian Summer

16th Mr Griffen called. I got two letters to day from Mrs Loring one to tell me that she had sent us some things for Elizabeth and the other to tell me that she had heard from Elizabeth and John and

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16th to tell me how very happy they were. I got a letter from Pomeroy first from England. I was very glad to get it although it told me but little more than that she had arrived safely in England Mr Becher came to Luncheon. He remarked to me upon Adelaide looking so very unhappy, and asked if it was Mr Griffins embarrassments that fretted her. I said yes. He said how absurd. that thousands of people were in debt and got over it, that it entailed no disgrace, so I should say if Mr Griffins conduct had been truthful and upright. Helen went to return some calls. I wrote to Pomeroy and to Mr Turner to thank him for the velvet for a cloak which he so kindly sent me

17th Amelia and Mr Griffin came to luncheon. Mr Brown sent me a Doz quail. neither Helen nor myself are very well. Edward told me this evening that Mr Hammond had been brought up before the Police, for an attempted Rape upon a young Girl. He told Edward quietly that he had met her on the Beach and kissed her and had walked home with her but denied any violence. the charge fell through the Girl could not prove that it was Mr Hammond. poor Mrs Hammond must feel rather unpleasant. John Furniture from Toronto arrived to day

18th this day commenced disagreeably. I had given Kabart notice nearly one quite a month ago, that I should no longer want him, this morning I sent for him and paid him the £2 10s 0d, which was the Ballance of his wages, he then told me that he would go as he did not wish to stay where he was not wanted, but that I had hired him for a year and that I should pay him for a year, Edward came in and told him to go. at once when he was hired I told him that if I liked him and he liked his place I might keep him a year or longer but that I never wished to keep a Servant that was dissatisfied nor did I wish to keep one that I did not like therefore I always then for I always stipulated that if they wished to leave they should give me sufficient notice that I might get another Man or Woman as the case might be and I would give them a months notice if they did not suit me and upon this agreement I acted. when I gave him notice he made no objection and said he was quite willing to go. I have certainly been unfortunate with my Servants this Autumn and have had some of the worst that could be found— I went to the Dentist and Helen did some errands in town. Amelia came in and brought (to Edward) a very pretty dress that Mr McTurner had given her. He is certainly very kind. Amelia and Mr Griffin called again with Mr C. De Blaquiere and then the Griffins returned to dinner. Edward and George were invited to a party at the Wilson but the night was so wet and dark that they did not go. I got another letter from Mrs Lowry she sent the Cook they have engaged for John & her husband has come with her in hopes that if he will send away his Groom Charley and take him, they hold out a threat that the Cook will not stay unless

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18th her husband is engaged. I had told Mrs Loring that I would let her know when the house was ready for the Servants. but she did not wait for any communication from me, and now I do not know what to do with her

19 a very heavy pain all day. I wrote to Mrs Loring and my Mother. Edward Mr Decker came to Luncheon, Edward and George say that every body are speaking of Mr Hawthornes conduct and the charitable think that He was either tipsy or deranged. He has drank freely ever since he had a sun stroke and has never been quite himself since

20th Helen and I went to the Morning Service. Edward and George went in the evening. Amelia and Mr Griffen came home with them to tea. I wrote to my Mother Edward about rent from Mr Fraser and I wrote to Harry

21st Mr Griffen left for England the 1 day. He goes to Chicago first and takes the mail through and is to sail from Portland on Saturday. early to day I commenced sending up John's property and at one oclock I went to the house to unpack and arrange and came home at night very tired and went to bed immediately after dinner

22d I have been busy all day at John House. Helen came to the House for a short time, after I returned home Amelia came in for a few minutes she took very sad about Mr Griffen going away

23d Amelia came home very early, She is going to Quebec if Mr Griffen approves she will meet him at Stratford to morrow. I wish her to go as I think it will cheer her up, and cost her nothing, as the Corporation the Rail Road. I went around the Banks to day and picked out all that belong to John I hope to morrow to send all his things to his own town. the English Mail came in but no letter for me, I expected one from Teresa, Helen got letters from Mr Portman's family. Walter Portman and a Mr Worden talk of coming out next June Mc which would be very pleasant for Mr Portman and we should all like it. I got a letter from John from Baltimore, He says his health is much improved. but wishes they were at home

24th Amelia ran in for few minutes before she left for Quebec, poor Daughter she seems the one solitary one of the family, she has separated herself from her own family, and has not found a companion that she can trust I pray God to give her strength to do her duty in this World, and that He may lead her to Himself in the next. I sent up early and finished things to day, and then went up and arranged his Books and furniture Mrs Wilson called during my absence. Helen came up to see me after she had sent off the last load of things, but I had nearly finished all there was to do. Edward got a letter from Sophia this morning she inquires a conversation she had had with Mrs Wilder. Mrs Wilder says Blanche has no chance of marrying in Toronto and wants

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24th Blanche to do something for her with R. King, in other words she wants Blanche or me to invite her here that she may be in the way of meeting R. King and the fond mother thinks Blanche's only to be known to be loved but the Mother would be blind if she was not about wishing her daughter to be married as it only draws ridicule upon herself and Daughter, and Blanche is really a nice Girl

25th the day wet and disagreeable. Mrs Wilson called late in the day. She told me that Mr Jackson was very devoted to Lucy and asked me what I knew of him of course I spoke well of him as far as my knowledge went. I alluded to the cause of his leaving England which I had always understood reflected no discredit upon him, that he is a man of violent temper and a kind heart is as open to her observation as it is to mine, Mrs Wilson is evidently delighted with his attentions and drew a comparison between him and Bill Bailey that was not very flattering to the latter Lucy called for her Mother and looked in a great state of delight

26th Helen was cheered up by a letter from Mr Portman. it is the first that has reached her from the Plantation. Mr Becher came to Luncheon. and my room was finished to day, after having made every mistake that it was possible to make in putting up the paper. I hope it may be ready for me to take possession of on Thursday night

27th Helen & I went to the morning Service and George went to the evening Service. Edward and I played at cross purposes and annoyed each other I was very sorry for he is trying so hard to do what is right, that it pains me more than I can tell, when I know that I have hurt his feelings— I wrote to John and to Mr Dunlop about some Investing

28th the news of the morning is that Mr Powrey has failed for £40-000 and that a great number of his friends are sufferers to a very large amount, we hope that the statements are exaggerated, in a few days the truth will be known I received a letter from Pirera, she had seen both Elena and Mary, Elena she thinks is looking old but Mary not in the least changed, Pirera and Mr Scott were to leave for Scotland the next day

29th Mr Powrey's failure is a very bad one. and he has made his escape, which looks like dishonesty. Mr Birrell. Mr Adams, Mr Parke. Mr Leathard and Mr McGee all lose heavily by him. to day I went to the Dentist. and when I returned I found my room so nicely fitted up, Helen had not told me that she intended doing more than Blacken paint and paper it, but Mr Portman had given her money to furnish it also I found every thing new. Bedstead. Chairs Curtains Table & Toilet Table. it is strange that pleasure should cause a person to Cry but for some time my heart was so full that I could scarcely keep back the tears and could not even smile, and yet it is not the having a nice room with every thing new in it. but it is the feeling of being cared for and thought of in old age. I can only hope that their Children

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29th May he ever kind and thoughtful for them when they are old
and [illegible] God in his Mercy Bless them both — Edward gave me one of
Sophias letters to read this evening, I was much pleased with it and
think He will get a good wife, who will use all her influence for good
Mr Becher has taken an investment from Malcom Cameron of £10,000
which Edward refused. it is Col Arneys Money, and Edward thinks
Mr Becher will have a great deal of trouble to get him money back
and will find that in reality He will get a very low interest for it
all his Securities on nearly all are Mortgages on Wild Lands. upon
which most probably Mr Becher will have to pay the Taxes or they
will be sold for them. Mrs Cosgrave called

30th Helen and myself Spent a very busy but a very quiet day, no one called
Edward and George went to a party at the Rivers in the evening, we expect
John and his Bride to Monday

December 1st We got a Telegraph from John saying that they would be at home at 5 Oclock
the Train was delayed and they did not arrive until 6 oclock John is
looking much improved in health, Elizabeth was looking very
well but very tired. they of course have enjoyed their trip very much
and look very happy. they dined with us and then took possession
of their own house. It seemed so strange to see John go away
to another house in the evening. as soon as we got the Telegraph
to day Helen and I went to their house to give a last touch to the
arrangements - Helen had letters from Mr Boxtman to day and thinks
He will be home next week

2nd this morning I got letters from Mary, Eliza, and Miss Rivers.
two of the letters had been recovered from the wreck of the Indian
both Eliza and Mary had been Teresa and like her, they think her a
very good figure and that she is a sharp clever Girl of her age
and they like Mr Scott but think He wants polish, but He is a good
Man and a kind Husband which are Sterling qualities. John came to
Luncheon I wrote to Amelia

3rd Mrs John came to Luncheon on her way from Marketing and shopping. Helen
is not very well. Edward and George dined with John. Mrs Becher came in about
4 oclock she had been to the ~~Train~~ Station to meet Mr Becher but the Train
was late, and she came here and sat for an hour, her manner seemed odd we
could not make it out

4th I got a letter from Mary who wants her Brothers to draw up a Settlement which
Thos Dunham is willing to make upon her and her Children, She had not the means
of making a Settlement when she married and now she is afraid she may not
survive the approaching confinement. John has promised to draw
up what they require George and I went to Church. George did not
remain to the Sacrament. John and Elizabeth came to tea and all

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4th Ke then as Mrs J. Harris and hope we may continue to do so. John was not very well but was very agreeable. I wrote to Eliza

5th Mr Becher came to Luncheon. He says He has not bought £10,000 worth of Mortgages. He has only written to Sir Richard Airey on the subject Becher leaves for New York to morrow to meet Mr Bruyères. He takes Mrs Becher and Fanny with him. Mrs John called I thought her very nice. Helen met her in the room and said her manner was anything but nice to her. Edward dined with John

6th Henry Nash all day. Helen had a letter from Mr Portman who expects to be at home between the 10th and 17th

7th Cold and Snow. John came to Luncheon, and when luncheon was nearly over Elizabeth came in. John went and opened the door for her and received her nicely and affectionately. his manner was just what it ought to have been, they have trouble already with their Servants the Cook whom Mrs Lorring engaged in Toronto turned out very badly and have discharged her & had a letter from Mr McInnes. who is coming to see us before He goes to England. I wrote to Mary and to Mr McInnes

8th John and Elizabeth came to Breakfast. Elizabeth wanted to see how my Omelets were made, as her Cooks there a Failure. John is not very well The Bishop of Huron and Dr Helmet called. I was very glad to see them as they are two good and clever Men. Mr Becher came to Luncheon and spoke to me about Mr Griffen whom He thinks is not an upright honorable Man. John and Elizabeth came to Dinner

I wrote to Sarah

9th John came to Luncheon and remained for two or three hours He was not well enough to return to the Office to day I engaged a Housemaid who is to come to us on the 24th

10th Elizabeth came this morning to arrange about going to Church to morrow, she's afraid that John will not be well enough to go Mr McInnes called. George and him have gone to St Thomas and are to return to dinner. Dr Ryerson arrived at 5 P.M. and is looking as well. He brought my Cloak, just in time to shew it to Mr McInnes who gave me the Advice. It is very handsome. John came to Luncheon and thinks He will be well enough to go to Church with Elizabeth to morrow. This evening I paid Mr McInnes for the Carpet in the little Room and for Helens dress, as she had no money down stairs, in discussing accounts we spoke of Mr Griffen. Mr McInnes without intending to say any thing against Mr Griffen told us several things that reflected very much upon him. For instance He could not account for his being so much involved that when with him He was always particularly economical. that when travelling together it never cost Mr Griffen any thing. that of course He Mr McInnes always

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10th asked Mr Griffen to go with him and that Mr Mc Innes always paid every thing, but it was very easy to see what a generous man like Mr Mc Innes thought of it. He said Mr Griffen had told that He had purchased a quantity of Land in Clinton. We told him that was not for himself, that it was for Sheriff Ward of Quebec. Mr Mc Innes would scarcely believe us & he said that Mr Griffen had told him that it was his own and paid for. He then told us that Mr Griffen had borrowed $500 of him about the time that Helen was married and had never paid it and that Mr Griffen owed him in all about $700 it appears to us that Mr Griffen owes every where and every body what he can have done with the money we cannot imagine. He neither drinks nor gambles. Mr Fraser is suing him for £70 and an Execution will be in his house as soon as he returns if not before, what is to become of my poor child she will always have a home with me and with her Sisters and Brothers but her heart will be broken

11th I went with Dr Ryerson to a little Methodist Chapel in the east Side of the Town Dr Ryerson text was. He saved others Himself He cannot save = He is an eloquent and a sound Preacher but He did not know the congregation that He was to address and his Sermon probably was not appreciated as highly as it would have been had it been delivered in the Church in North Street. His appearance in the pulpit is most pleasing, and one feels that what He says comes from his heart John and Elizabeth came home to dinner Mr Mc Innes visited the Train last night and He came to dinner. Mr Mc Innes's manner is good and Gentlemanlike when he is alone. I like him very much Edward and George went to hear Dr Ryerson Preach in North Street Church at ½ past 6 P.M. Mr Mc Innes would not remain to tea

12th before I left my Room this morning Helen sent in a Telegraph from Mr Portman to say that He would be home at noon. the whole household became in a State of excitement immediately, every body were so glad He came home tired and hungry having travelled all night. Berkeley is so fond of his Father He seems content to know his dear Papa is near him but when his Papa does not notice him He will pat and kiss his forehead hang about his neck or run between his legs when standing up — Dr Ryerson called upon Elizabeth and the Bishop and went out to Luncheon Mr Wilson and John came here to Luncheon. it is Mr Wilson first call for a very long time Dr Cooney and the Revd Mr Sanderson called upon Dr Ryerson just before we went to dinner the Revd Mr Kennedy and the Revd Mr Watson called upon him at Noon Dr Ryerson went to a Missionary Meeting Mr Portman found a man in Chicago by

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12th The name of Tuttle on a name very much like it. who has known Mr Griffin for many years, and speaks very lightly of him. and asked Mr Portman if he thought Mr Griffin would ever come back. He did not know who Mr Griffins wife was, we can hear no good of him from any quarter. Helen got a letter from Minnie to day. Edward and George went to a party at the Hamiltons

13th Edward and George said that it was rather a good party at the Hamiltons Mr Jackson was very devoted to Lucy Wilson. Will Bailey was there and did his best. very good naturedly. to hold his own with her rival— John and Elizabeth did not go. John said he was not well but the true reason I believe was that a Cab had not been ordered and Charley was away until too late— Dr Ryerson left us at 12 He seems well satisfied with Edward and his prospects. Mr Portman and Helen called upon Mrs John Mr & Mrs Macbeth called here. John came to Luncheon— the Dining Room Chairs arrived from Toronto, and we are all pleased with them

14th John came to Luncheon. Mr Portman and Helen went out driving. Mrs King called

15th & wrote to Rivers & Miss Peters and answered Mrs Gzowski's invitation to a Ball Mr Becher came to Luncheon Mr Portman and Helen went out driving and came home again Ellen Mining appears to disagree with her

16th Mr Portman and Helen went to the Bechers to Lunch. Mrs Becher was a little odd and the lunch very nice but very plain. they thought Miss Reynolds —who is an inmate to the Bechers— pretty. Helen is better to day but not looking at all well. John came in time for tea He brought the Letter Count which he had drawn up. for Mary. for her to read. poor Nancy has another of her ill turns

17th John and Elizabeth called but would not stay to Luncheon. Helen went into the Town to do some shopping and Mr Portman has been very busy buying Hay Straw &c

18th very wet and rowdy George went to Church in the Morning Mr Portman and Edward in the evening I got a letter from Elvira and Edward get one from Mary, they make a good many remarks about Mr Scott and their want of manners they are down upon him lying upon the Sofa in the Drawing room, and his coming to dinner with a Net String around his neck in the place of a white tie, and also about coming to breakfast in Slippers after two days acquaintance. poor Mr Scott. has not stayed quarter very well— John called. Helen is not very well—

19th Very stormy & cold ailing this morning. I wrote to Mary, John and Elizabeth called John looks in much better health, and they both look so happy. I feel so truly thankful to see it. however well people may think they know each other before marriage, they will find that the real knowledge of Character comes after Marriage. our Larder was robbed last night of 6 Brace of Prairie Chicken. we suspect a Black man who is in the habit of selling us things

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20th I felt ill and low spirited, it is only those who are subject to a depression of Spirits that know how distressing they are, Mr Portman is worried about his goods, which have been forwarded from Cairo as freight instead of coming by express, as directed. which accounts for the delays. We heard from Hungerford to day who says the Dinner Service and Glass were to leave New York this day, but not the Breakfast Service Mr Becher came to Luncheon. Mrs Becher and Fanny have gone to Toronto to the Governor's Ball. Johnn came to tea & lunch. The Bishop of Huron and the Revnd Mr Landys called upon the Portmans. Mr Landys has just been made a Dr of Divinity. He said the honor had a drawback in the shape of fees

21st I got a letter from Mr Scott and from Teresa. poor Teresa has been very ill poor Child among strangers at an Hotel thank God she is better. they both write most kindly and affectionately. Perrot's Bank is to be sold on the 11th of next Month, at Auction, and Mr Scott expects to be able to send early in May £25. 000 for Harris and Brothers to invest. which will be a great thing for them. Edward had a letter from Shuldham, all well. John and Elizabeth came to hear our news from the absent ones. Eliza had written to Elizabeth and I had a letter from Sarah also. John and Elizabeth go to the Bachelors Ball this evening Elizabeth wished to go and I encouraged his going. Edward and George went

22.d The Ball was rather a failure, and very mixed. even Mr Craigie & daughter were there. last year this time He was in jail under sentence of Penitentiary but was pardoned. Edward and George thought Elizabeth did not look very nice and not dressed in the least like a Bride, Edward got into a bad temper with Mrs Becher. He was dancing with Fanny who was going backwards when something caught the sole of his Boot and tore it half off and he nearly fell Fanny went quite to the floor but was up and dancing in an instant again and did not appear to blame Edward but when the dance was over and He took her to her Mother Mrs Becher was furious, told him He did it on purpose, that she knew what a vicious disposition he was, this is unlucky after telling the Boys so often that they must always look after Fanny as they would after a Sister and let that she had partners and all the little attentions paid her which young Ladies require when out. Edward felt much mortified as of course the Gentlemen are severely blamed on these occasions, and yet He could not help it. Mrs Becher said She would go home immediately as she would not hear him He sent young Reed to her who succeeded in persuading Her to remain some time longer. Johnn said she was not over her vexation when she left. and vented it on her Servant Hannah. I got a Telegraph from Amelia saying that she would not be home until to morrow morning. & immediately Telegraphed to Sophia to ask Blanche Wilder to come up with her. and wrote to Mrs Wilder to invite

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22nd her (Blanche) John came to tea Luncheon

23rd The day very cold. Mr Portman and Edward went to the Station to meet Amelia Sophia and Blanche they waited there an hour and a half & the Train was late and then found they had not come. When we were at dinner we got another Telegraph from Amelia to say they would be home at 9 P.M. We thought Blanche, the Train was again late and they did not arrive until near 11 P.M. Amelia looked very glad to get home, but her face shows that her heart is sad, Mrs Lovel wanted her daughter to come up with Amelia but Amelia had the courage to tell her, that Mr Griffen was too much involved for her to increase their expences in the least, and that she could not invite any one to visit her. I was very glad that she had the courage to tell the truth, as I looked at her I felt the full force of that parable in Scripture and thought she was a precious Jewel in a Durnier Mount, poor Girl, I pray God that her trials in this World may lead her to lay up treasures in Heaven, Sophia looked so nice, and so happy

24th I received a letter from Eliza, they had seen Mr Griffen, and discovered that he only liked George Berkley, and Sophia, & all were family He told Eliza that he was going to Berlin, Eliza is to be confined again in May- the two Kings, Mr Marshall and Mr John H. came to luncheon we want Mr King and Mr Marshall to remain to our party they have not yet decided whether they will do so or not. Amelia came to dinner she had a long talk with Mr Portman about Mr Griffen and her affairs she acknowledges without hesitation that she cannot believe a word that He says but thinks she knows the amount of his debts, which I am sure she does not, for she did not know of the 400 to Mr McInnes nor do I think that she knows of the 400 to Mr Freer, poor Girl she cried as if her heart would break, and said she had been 10 days with only one Meal a day and yet she would not come home for her Meals, all the Money she got the Day out went until she has not a Shilling left to buy food. Mr Portman told her He and we did not like Mr Griffen and would not give Money for his support, but that she should have any and every thing belonging to any of us, she does not know how he has spent his Money, but Mr Portman thinks that she suspects that it has gone upon a Mistress, which we suspect also, she said Mr McInnes signed a Check and told her to fill it up for any sum that she might need, have Kind of him, when He is already a loser of 400 and knows what a vagibond Mr Griffen is- We all feel so sorry when we look at her She such a favorite with every one and so gentle so agreeable and so kind and good and to think of all the family that she is the one unhappy one- Melancholy thought, for Christmas Eve when I have so much to be thankful for

25th a lovely morning. Sophia gave me a very pretty Brachett, I gave the Servants Brooches and there was a General giving a little presents

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25th Helen told me that Mr Portman had last night given Amelia a Check for £50 Helen told him she would rather he gave it to Amelia than her. He thought he would not give her any thing as long as she lived with Mr Griffin but that he could not talk with her and keep his promise, it is a large present and very very kind of Mr Portman — Mr Portman heard of his China and Glass this morning it will be here to morrow — My new Servant (Charles maid Maria) came last night all from Eldon went to Church this morning excepting myself John and Elizabeth came to luncheon and returned again to dinner just before dinner I was foolish enough to speak to Amelia about Mr Griffin's debts, there was something led to it and she spoke so calmly that I was deceived and thought that the great pain was over that she felt that she knew the worst and could speak of it with firmness and composure which she did in appearance. I advised her not to fret, but to take things as they come and that things might turn out in the end better than she thought but after I left her she cried so that it was very long before she could come to dinner I felt so annoyed with myself for having spoken to her that I was ill all night, there is no use in my trying to sympathize with her or trying to gain her unreserved confidence, she feels that she married against my will and I am the last one she will ever confide in or come to for sympathy. I can only use my influence with others for her good but she turns from her best friend and one that must share all her troubles, Amelia went home early and I went to bed

26th Mr Rucker and John came to Luncheon. Mr Rucker spoke about Mr Griffin and told me that a woman that Mr Griffin had seduced lived 10 Months with the Kidwells, that her conduct while there was faultless and that they all pitied her, that Mr Griffin had spent no money upon her on the contrary that he had excited disgust by his heartless cruelty towards her. He told either Mr Lawrence or Mr Kidwell that they had better get rid of that woman as she was a bad character, and they felt that the bad that was attached to her character came through him, Mr Rucker did not know any thing of the Child on whom it was but John told me that the Child had been with old Byron for nearly four years of course Mr Griffin must pay for its support. He told me that the Child's mother was married and that she had the Child with her and imagined that some of his money had gone to make that arrangement but he is untruthful in every thing and we cannot make out to whether the woman that was at Mr Kidwells is the Child's mother or whether she is a second unfortunate Girl that has been seduced by him. Mr Rucker said that the Revd Mr Child by Mr & Mrs Kidwells recommendation gave her a Clergyman's letter of good Character and she went to Chicago to seek employment — the hateful memory of Lewis Wilson and Lucy called

27th Mr Portmans Goods arrived all safe from the South. Soft hair called

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December 27 upon Mrs John. H— and Mrs W Lawrason called here upon Sophia John came to Luncheon and Mr Beecher called. Edward paid my debt to Birrell to day. I feel so thankful every debt that I am paid from me. Amelia came to dinner and looked a little less unhappy. Mrs Wilson told her on Christmas day that Mr Jackson had settled every thing between themselves and wanted Her to break the Ice to Mr Wilson. but she thinks Her own affairs are more than she can manage

28th Mr Wilson and Mr Beecher came to Luncheon we were discussing Mr Ermatinger's life of Col Talbot. in which Mr Wilson has been mentioned in not the most flattering way. He treats it just as he ought to, and laughs at the whole Book. the Misses Goodhue called upon Sophia. John called and Mr Verny Cronyn. Amelia came to dinner. Sophia was not well enough to go to the Ball. She has a Double fancy as a Lady Patroness I had to go Early. Mrs John called and sent for me. She wore her Wedding dress and looked very nice and pretty. John met us at the door He looked at Elizabeth with such admiring eyes and they both seemed so happy the Portmans, Amelia, Edward and George came very late. the Ball was not very well attended but went off very well. Lucy Wilson came with the Kings and Mr Jackson was most devoted. Bill Bailey looked on at a distance but Lucy looked so thin, pale and delicate, that I should almost doubt her ever being a Bride. Sophy Matthews was decidedly the prettiest Girl in the room. We had a private Dressing room for our party which proved to be the room that had been occupied by Mrs Duncan & Miss and furnished by her, every thing had been sent from their board. and they have gone into some small house, there stand her Piano her Furniture and Pictures as she had left them. and the poor Girl had gone to live in poverty and distress with a drunken worthless Husband

29th we all felt very stupid after our nights dissipation. Mr Portman got cold and a stiff neck and remained in Bed until our Dinner. John called and seemed to be content with the success of the Ball. Amelia sat with us for some time, but seemed as if her heart was full of some trouble

30th when at Breakfast this morning. Amelia sent a message that she wished Edward to come and see her. it frightened me so that I did not get over it the whole day. I knew she must have some fresh trouble. they would tell me what was wrong but when she came down her face told plainly enough that she was in some fresh trouble. We have discovered that Mr Griffin has borrowed $60 dollars of Mr King $60 of Mr Ritchie no one can tell where his debts end. their things will be sold for taxes very soon if not paid— Elizabeth called. Mr R. King Mr & Mrs C. King Mr Marshall. Mr Duck and Amelia dined with us. our dinner was nice. but Edward acquired himself very badly at the

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December 30th head of the Table, and neglected our Guests so much that it spoiled our dinner. I felt very vexed— after Dinner we played Monte and Whist

31st the Thermometer stood at ½ past 7 at 12 below 0— I was not very well Amelia came in soon after breakfast. Mr Richard King and Mr Marshall called to say goodbye they leave for England on Monday they are nice people and we are very sorry to see them go Mr Richer came to luncheon and John called expecting to see Blanche Hidden who was to have been here at 5 P.M but the Train was late and Mr Portman waited at the Grand Trunk station until nearly Seven. when she arrived. this is looking very well but tired and so ends the year 1859 and great are the changes in the Harris family. during the year. Teresa married and gone. John married and in a desperate Establishment Edward engaged and to be married in a few months. the Portmans given up the intention of living in the South. and have arranged to live with me during my life. Business prosperous and every thing satisfactorily arranged in a partnership with my three Sons. how much to be thankful for. and yet there is a heart ache remaining. My poor Amelias. future looks dark indeed. I can see nothing before her but Poverty. disgrace, and wretchedness. caused by her worthless Husband. I pray God to give her strength to bear her hard lot. and I hope her troubles in this world will cause her to lay up treasures in the next

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January 1st Sunday the Thermometer 10 below Zero Miss Hidden Sophia and Edward went to Church I was afraid to venture out I asked John and Elizabeth to dinner but they declined on account of the cold John came and sat with us for some time Amelia came after dinner she remained home to see Mr Marshall who has taken Home Alligator Pear Seeds home for Sarah. Mary. & Eliza I left Edward and Sophia conversing in the Drawing room. the rest of the party in the little Sitting room and came to my own room & and wrote to Eliza

2nd yesterday being Sunday all the visiting took place to day. the night was very cold 12 below Zero. but the morning bright and beautiful. and sleighing good. 3d
good. Mr King. Mr Jackson & Mr Hutchison were our first visitors. Mr King was in very low Spirits he had just parted with his Brother and Mr Marshall. at the Station on their way to England our next visitors were George Moore & Cronyn of Montreal Mr Templeton W. Street & the two Macbeths. then came Mr Glashagne and Don A Mr Aitken from Richardsburgh and Mr the Deputy Sheriff a very unprepossessing looking man and Mr Duncan Aitken who was very drunk and most disgusting looking— Mr Lawrason the two Reids and Mr Beatridge called. The Bishop of Huron, Mr Rivers, Dr Brown young Mr Strachan and Mr Aitken made up our number of visitors. John sat for some time with us but would not stay to dinner Mr Portman and John paid their visits together they called at the Richers, Mrs Richer was most violent

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2nd against Edward She says that He made Fanny fall on purpose and that He knows how fond of practical jokes He is. She says She saw him coming out of her cellar once Where He had been trying to turn off the Gas, and tho that if He had called there She would not have seen him She says a Gentleman told her that He saw Edward trespass Fanny and make her fall. Edward says no Gentleman could tell her such a thing for a Gentleman would not tell a falsehood, and as for her cellar or Kitchen He never was in either of them and does not know the way to them. Mrs Beecher makes herself appear like an idiot Lucy Wilson was found yesterday in her bed room in a fainting fit poor Girl She looks to me as if She had not a very strong hold of life Amelia came in the evening, She looks so old and miserable

3rd Amelia came in before We left the Breakfast table she brought a letter from Mary who had seen Mr Griffin, Mr Portman went to endeavour to get his China through the Customs but failed and He cannot get it to day they insist upon unpacking it all and I believe they do it to annoy him The Revd Mr M. Lean called and paid us a very nice visit I like him very much and think him a truely good man John called and Mr Wilson came to Luncheon Mrs W Lawrason and Phoebe Lawrason called on Miss Calder and Sophia. Mrs & Miss Beecher sent in their Cards but did not come in. I suppose their indignation against Edward is too great to admit of their coming here. Amelia went home immediately after dinner in the afternoon Mr Portman Blanche and Sophia went out for a drive

4th very cold and Boisterous. John came to luncheon Mrs Wilson, Lucy & Mr Jackson called to say that they would accept our invitation for the evening. Mr & Mrs Watson declined — our party went off very well Mr Mrs & Miss Lawrason Mrs Wilson Lucy and Mr Jackson. John & Elizabeth and Mr Dunn were here we had Whist, Roots, Music & a nice supper — the Dinner Service and Glass arrived to day they are very good and very pretty

5th I felt sorry from bad late hours do not benefit a bad cold, John came to luncheon and Mr Dunn came in Amelia Blanche spent the morning with Amelia but they both returned to Luncheon Mr Portman got up a Tandem and Helen Blanche and John went driving with him. I was not well enough to go to dinner and did not go to Elizabeths tea party. I felt sorry as it is the first little party that She has given. Amelia and all at Eldon excepting Augusta. Went there were no others excepting Mr Dunn invited. Helen said the party went off very well She liked Elizabeth and every thing was very nice Mr Portman drove the party there and back in his Sleigh they had to go in two detachments Something was wrong between Edward and Sophia. they both looked unhappy but Edward looked miserable. Helen spoke to him He said He did not know what was wrong with Sophia but that her manner was

January 5th quite changed towards him. Helen told him that Sophia was equally unhappy that she was crying whenever she was alone Helen when she came up stairs sent Sophia down to him. I hope Sophia will not prove of a sullen stubborn temper. it would make him very unhappy. He cannot cherish anger long. nor could he bear it from another - if he thinks that I am not pleased with him. He will come to me and ask if I am angry with him and what for He is unhappy if He imagines there is the least unkind feeling towards him. and if his wife should wear a cold manner to him for three or four days at a time I do not know what the effect would be upon him. but certainly not good. He would not mind a quick temper, who said all and more than they thought, and then kiss and make friends. He is one of the best tempered fellows I have ever known, although He possesses keen sensibilities

6th Mr Beecher called and made me a present of a gold eye glass, which was as kind as unexpected. I asked him if he could believe that one of my sons would do any thing to make Fanny look ridiculous He said no. Ned was only clumsy, and that Mrs Beecher did not think that Edward made her fall on purpose, that she said what she did not think because she was angry and abroad and that she would get over it I should be very sorry that Beecher should think that we could do any thing unkind to any of his family a bit more than we would to each other. to me He is as a Son - Mr Portman - Edward Blanche and Sophia went out driving Mr Portmans Tandem driving is very successful. Elizabeth called and looked very nice and very happy. Helen was not well enough to go to Mrs Lawrences and Mr Portman would not leave her. Amelia came to dinner and did not intend going to the Lawrences but when she found that Helen could not go she went rather than her Papa party should be a failure. as John and Elizabeth did not go. Amelia. Blanche. Sophia. Edward and George went

7th a January thaw with Rain. Sophia went out driving with Edward they called upon Mrs Beecher and Mrs Wilson and left Blanches cards, we asked John Elizabeth and Mr Dawn to dinner they all declined so we spent a quiet evening and played Cassino

8th I got a letter from Eliza, and one from Mr Griffin. He did not write to Amelia which He ought to have done, the streets were so wet that I did not go to Church - Edward. George and Sophia went. Amelia came to dinner and John called in the afternoon

9th we persuaded Sophia and Blanche to leave us to day but they Telegraphed to their parents for leave to remain longer, in the evening Blanche got a telegraph from her Father to say she must come home to morrow I thought a good deal about Sophia, having shown so much temper to Edward, and at last decided that I would speak to her When she is once married I could say nothing. I told her she was wrong and advised her as the ruled her own happiness and the happiness of her husband. never to go to bed angry nor never let her husband leave

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9th the house estranged from her, that very few men would bear a sullen disposition and that I was sure Edward would not, that if she had cause for vexation to express her displeasure and then let it be over, she took what I said in very good part. and acknowledged that she had been wrong, and I hope she may be more guarded in future, I think she is of a jealous disposition but she felt a little jealous of Edward attention to Blanche and then she could not get over Edwards ungallant speech, when they came late to dinner, that she could see what had detained Blanche but could not see what had detained Sophia (she was not so nicely dressed) Amelia and Mrs John came to Luncheon and after Luncheon Mrs John Blanche and Sophia went out to pay visits but it came on to rain and they had to return, John came and had some tea and Luncheon, Mrs Watson called, and The Revd Mr Sullivan called and brought a note from the Revd Mr Hutchings who wished me to lend him the ten dollars that Miss Steers had left with me to buy a Gravestone mentany for him he had got it in the States and so I sent him the Money, Amelia came to dinner and we played Cassino

10th Amelia came to breakfast and to see the young Ladies off. John came also to see them before they left. we were all sorry they could not have remained the week with us and I think they were both sorry to go, when Sophia comes to London again it will be as a Bride and I hope she may be a happy one, and make her Husband happy. his wife ought to be kind and good, to soften his affliction of deafness, and I hope she may be more than hearing to him, George went to Portsea with them and will remain to a Ball which is to come off to morrow evening Mr Des Voeux sent us cards with a very kind note to me. Sometime after the young Ladies had left a Telegraph came from Mrs Bridder giving Blanche leave to stay until to morrow but it came too late—Mrs John called and Amelia came to dinner. She looks so very unhappy, my poor child

11 Edmond was invited to dine with the Sykes to day and as I had not yet been there I thought I would go with him, Mr Portman told John what I intended and he invited the Portmans and Amelia. Elizabeth called and invited Nancy to go and attend upon the table as her own Servant is very awkward. so that she made up a Family party. it was very strange to the Cook to have no dinner to get at Eldon. John house and house keeping have an entire new face, a House Keeper, she will learn after a time how much of our happiness as well as comfort depend upon trifles. Mr Portman got a letter from Mr Scott and John got one from Mr Scott and Teresa they were nice and kind, Teresa is still under the Doctors hands, poor Girl, she says she always carries the last letter from home in her pocket until another arrives, John was not well and yet he seems better than before his Marriage— I wrote to Mary

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12th Mrs John called. Mr King came to luncheon. Mrs Astein and Teresa called I never knew any girl that had such a flow of spirits as Teresa has. she keeps on laughing all the time she is with us. George came home in the evening He did not seem very much charmed with the Ball in Toronto. He went to the Ball with the Widders and staid there all night. they were very kind to him but He thinks as Edward and Mr Portman think, that Blanche does not show to advantage at home. Her mother makes too great an effort to show her off. Amelia came rushing in in a great state of alarm she thought the house opposite to her was on fire. it proved to be only a chimney but she did not get over her fright all the evening

13th Amelia came early and remained to Luncheon she is invited to tea at the Bishops to night. Helen paid her £5— for the use of her Piano I think she was very glad to get it as I doubt her having any money Mr Portman and Helen drove out to the Kings. John and Elizabeth came here for a Bath. their Cistern water was so black from coal soot that they could not use it. they go to Toronto to morrow

14th I was so ill from cold that I had to keep my bed the greater part of the day. but felt better towards night— Mrs King and Mrs W. Lawrason called Amelia was here nearly all day John and Elizabeth went to Toronto. Edward told me that John was not well I hope his trip to Niagara has done him good. after I left the dining room. there was some unpleasant understanding between Helen Edward and Amelia which was very painful to me. what trifling mis-conceptions call up angry feelings. I am sure that both Amelia and Helen would have smiled at anything that Edward could have said rather than have caused him an item of the pain and misery that he caused when any thing is said that hurts Edward it pains me as much as it does him, from his deafness he cannot understand half of what is said and very often makes inapplicable remarks. but if he had his hearing as the others have, there is not one of the family that could get the better of him for he has natural wit and a quick apprehension. He works hard and encounters many disagreeables in the office during the day at home I have always en-deavoured to cheer and encourage him. and have had the gratification of feeling that his conduct in the office and out of it is just, generous and honorable and may a Mothers best blessings rest upon him

15th I was not well enough to go to Church Mr Portman and Helen went. I went to Teresa. Amelia came to tea

16th neither Helen nor myself were very well. I drew out the heads of my will for Edward to put into form for me. Mr Bethune came to luncheon and Amelia came to dinner— George walked home with her and we found letters from Mr Griffin who says Mary Reid has a son born on the 24th of December Mr Griffin has gone to Paris but expects to sail in the Steamer of the 11th

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17th I got a letter this morning from Shuldham telling me of the birth of ~~his~~ a Son and Mary doing well they are both in a great state of delight I also got a letter from Sarah who is vexed and putty annoyed with John who wrote to Col Dalzell that He had sent a remittance of £137.10 when He had not done so, Edward would not believe that John had not sent the money but in searching the Books He could find no memorandum of his having done so He then Telegraphed to Toronto for John to come home so as to save the Mail, Mr Becher came to Luncheon I am very poorly all day and went to bed early, not long after I was in bed John arrived and when He came into my room He looked so worried and vexed that that such an admission should have occurred that in place of scolding him I found it necessary to smooth matters over and to tell him that it was one of those unfortunate occurrences, that there was no guarding against. He had written to say that He had sent the money and thought that He had done so, but He was ill at the time and in three weeks He was to be married and He had as He thought sent the money one Month in advance so that He might be free from care on his wedding trip— I felt sorry for his mortification as the Dalzells had several times complained of his want of punctuality, He staid here all night.

18th John took good care to send the money by to days Mail, it is Mr Portmans birth day John and Amelia dine with us, John expected Elizabeth up by the 9 o'clock Train but she did not come so He remained here all night

19th about 6 o'clock this morning Elizabeth knocked at the door she had been all night on the Train it had broken down three times which caused her delay, she went to bed for a few hours— We got the English Mail this morning I had a letter from Eliza and one from Sarah with one from Bobby and one from Arthur Dalzell, Eliza writes as if she was not very well pleased with any Body Helen got a letter from Teresa and Edward got one from Capt Knight— George went for Lucine to day— Mr Portman Helen and Mrs John went out driving as Mr Portman and Amelia called here on her way to spend the day with Mrs B. Lawrason John and Elizabeth dined with us. Amelia called on her return from Mrs Lawrasons to ask whether the Rutherford pudding she had made for us was good. the only complaint was its extreme richness

20th Edward wrote to Sophia disapproving of her dancing five times in one evening with her former admirer, Mr Killaly and then allowing him to walk home with her and her cousin Fred Duggan, Edward wrote a very kind but a very proper letter to her, as a flirting Manner is neither

20th creditable to her nor to him, John came to Luncheon, Amelia was not well but came to dinner, I am sure from her looks that she has some fresh trouble

21st To day they have commenced felling the Ice house, Dr Becher came to luncheon and John came in late. Helen sent Amelia such a pretty Hood which she had made for Her, Amelia wore it when she came to dinner and looked so nice in it. Mrs Johnes called and Edward dined at Johns, we play'd Sabina Dr Portman and Helen beat as they always do

22nd I wrote to Mr Dr. Vaux to thank him for sending us Tickets to the Assemblies in Toronto—George and I went to Church and Mr McLean preached the best Missionary Sermon I have ever heard, and I think him one of the best Preachers I have ever heard, I found John here when I came home, he would not dine with us, Amelia came in the afternoon but left for evening Service Edward got a letter from Sophia in answer to the one which he wrote to her about her dancing five times with Mr Killaly and then allowing him to see her home, She is sorry and mortified, and a little vexed, but I think she will be more guarded in future, she wishes to do right but is very fond of admiration, Edward showed me his answer to her letter it was kind, but at the same time he spoke decidedly of what he disapproved She ought and must be more particular in her manner, We cannot bear to hear her spoken of in the way that Lady Wilson is yet I have no doubt that neither any wrong

23rd John and Elizabeth called, Edward got another letter from Sophia with less anger in it than the first, and with more right feeling, We all know that she meant no wrong, Mr Stanley came to the office this morning to tell John that Mr Freer had sent him instructions to sue Mr Griffin immediately and that unless it was paid there was nothing left but for him to do so. John said he had no means of paying it, but that Mr Griffin would be at home in a very few days. I had been in hopes that the Money Mr Griffin had got from Mr Richer had been to liquidate this debt, her conduct is base in the extreme if she borrowed that Money to flourish in England and on the Continent with

24th I walked to Amelia's with Berkeley and we again spoke of Mr Griffins affairs and I am always so sorry after I have said any thing about them to her and think that I never will allow myself to speak of them again. Mr Becher called and wants me to go to his reading of Selections from Thackery, and Dickens work, on Thursday evening, but I cannot go out at night without taking cold, when we were at dinner, English letters were brought in, I had one from Mary who is getting very well, Amelia came in & she had a letter from Mr Scott, who writes in great Spirits, Teresa she says is quite well they were to leave Edenburgh for Perth & Bank the next day. Amelia had a letter from Mr Griffin who was to sail on the 18

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24 – 18th She did not tell us what was in the letter but seemed very much out of spirits
25th Berkeley and I took an half hours walk. I then finished my letters to Sarah, Mary and I wrote to Mr Arthur Salwell, Mr King, Mr Becher and Mr Wilson came to luncheon John was here during luncheon but too ill to eat anything. Amelia came to dinner and afterwards went to Mr McLeans lecture, after dinner we played Casino, and just before I went to bed Edward frightened so much about Johns state of health that I have not yet got over it. Edward said they the three Brothers went on the ice to skate and Elizabeth went with John to look on, she spoke to Edward about John and said she could not help feeling very much alarmed about him, for he had not had one well day in the last fortnight, Edward told me that he had had the same feeling for some time, that John was getting worse – and what can be done for him – Edward told Elizabeth to keep him from the office as much as she could, not to let him come until late in the day and then to call for him early in the afternoon – It sent me to bed with a heart ach and disturbed my sleep during the night, it appears to me that his death would kill me
26th John called to day and seemed better – Amelia did not come, the Bank protest of the note on which Mr Freer is endorser was sent to her. She sent for Edward Edward said his heart ached for her, she was in such a fright at it and her hand shook so that she could scarcely hand him the paper, poor Girl no one can bear her troubles for her, and I fear that nothing but the Grave will end them
27 Berkeley and myself took an half hours walk and went as far as Amelias she looked to day a little more settled as if she had made up her mind to the worst Mr Portman drove out to the Kings, His Breakfast Service of China came to day from Hanworth, it is exceedingly pretty. Mr Dunn and Amelia came to dinner Amelia went home early Mr Dunn and Paul Mr Portman and Helen played Jenino as usual Mr Portman and Helen beat, Edward went home with John for in the office and staid to dinner
28th I did not feel well enough to walk to day, Becher came to Luncheon, and there came a note of invitation to a party on Ludnesday evening next from Mrs Becher, all at Eldon were invited in the note, Mr Portman and Helen were named but the did not name George and Edward, not wishing to ask Edward and yet not wishing to appear to leave him out, if she sent half a dozen notes Edward would not go, unless she apologized to him for the way she abused him when she fell with Fanny, Mrs John called, Amelia came to tea we played Cattina the Portman beat as usual
29 ~~Edw~~ George and I went to Church, I think Mr McLean is the best Preacher I have ever heard. Amelia John and Elizabeth came down in the afternoon to early tea. Amelia went to evening Service
30th Elizabeth sent for me to shew her how Meat ought to be cut

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30th in the different points. Ann have looked very nice and she looks happy and contented I think she will make John a good wife and that we shall all continue to like her. Mrs Wilson called while I was out and wanted Helen to work for a Bazar. Helen showed her a pile of Baby Linen that had to be got ready in a very short time. Amelia came to Dinner Dr McLean had been to see her He wants her Helen Mr Portman and any that will join to take charge of a Sunday School Amelia would not consent until she had consulted with Helen, they seem disposed to undertake the charge of a School, Mr Portman Helen Edward and George played Catina the Portmans won as usual. I wrote to Mrs Haden

31st very cold, Amelia came to us she had heard from Mr Griffen who is coming out in the Steamer which is now due. Edward is ill with a Bilious attack we had to send for Dr Wilson, Edward was a little better this evening—John called to see Edward and to take a Bath a Telegram came from Dr Ryerson to say that he would be here this evening at 11 Oclock, I had some supper ready and his room warm, but did not sit up, as I was not well. George went to meet him. Amelia came to dinner and after tea we had a dull game of Catina, got up to please me, because they thought I would be cross because they played without me the former evening, I played because I knew they would think I was cross if I did not, Amelia played (when she wished to go home with the Children) to make up a table for me Mr Portman played because others played though He only came to play with Helen, so the game of Catina was not very bright every body played because they thought they ought to— I wrote to Eliza and Mary Dalzell, Mrs Riches wrote to ask for the name Books and to ask for candlesticks forks, spoons &c for her party

February 1st Dr Ryerson looked very tired and hard worked. He held his Educational Convention as say there was less intelligence shown here than in any section of the country that he has visited, at all other places he has been met with some shew of respect and cordiality, and that people seemed to have some idea of what they had met for, but here they did not know whether they had voted for or against a Measure Dr Wilson as Chairman did not render Dr Ryerson the support that I am sure he wished to do, but his political supporters are the Irreconcilables and they are very hostile to Dr Ryerson, and Mr Wilson would give offence to that Party if he acted independantly, to be a slave to politics involves many Sacrafices and too often that of our own sense of right, Dr Wilson called in the Morning but Dr Ryerson was engaged preparing his lecture for the evening Mrs Wilson called and says Lucy is not well, the Wilsons want us to ask her here for a few days which we have done, Edward is better and when the Doctor called he had gone to the office, the Dr went there and ordered him home Elizabeth is not well and could not go to the Riches party, and John would not go

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February 1st without her— John called— Dr Portman got a sudden attack of Tic— and could neither go to Dr Ryerson's lecture nor to the Becher's party and of course Helen could not go. George went with Dr Ryerson, and then after his Lecture He went to the Becher's. Mrs Becher had arranged for a large party, and there were very few there. I always feel sorry to see an empty room when people have put themselves out to give pleasure to others

2nd Dr Ryerson left at ½ past 7 for St Thomas. Mr Wilson called and expressed his regret at the result of the School convention and said He could do nothing. (He might have added without offending his party) ~~and might have added without offending his party~~ He made some remarks upon Dr Ryerson's dress and said He ought to have worn Black. Mr Wilson again expressed a wish that I would ask Lucy here, which I have done Mrs Wilson says Lucy's illness is caused by her feeling about her two Lovers that She likes Mr Jackson best, but I think Bill Bayly will break his heart about her and that She cannot bear to give him pain. I told Mrs Wilson as She could only marry one, it would be an act of charity to decide which. that it could not be very pleasant for those two young Gentlemen, nor for her, to keep vibrating between them. I should doubt her ~~going~~ coming to marry any one. Mrs L. came to Breakfast but had to return soon as Mrs W. Lawrason was coming to spend the day with her— Mr Portman drove to the Port Stanley station to meet Dr Ryerson who returned in time for dinner. He was better pleased with the School Convention in Elgin, they seemed to have made themselves acquainted with the subject and knew what they wanted. I did not feel altogether content with what Dr Ryerson seemed to expect from Edward. his ideas are in large. He thinks Parker House is the only house fit for him to take that He has been, at the same time He gives Sophia nothing to commence with excepting her Piano at the same time He appears to expect her to walk into a good establishment, although we have told him that Edward has every thing to make by his own industry, and for them to live quietly and economically for several years is absolutely necessary to their future welfare. Dr Ryerson told me that both Mr & Mrs Wedden would be very glad if George would propose for Blanche. I told Dr Ryerson that I liked Blanche, but that George could not think of marrying for three or four years but if people would only let things take their course such a thing might come to pass as his proposing for her

3rd Mrs L. came before we had done Breakfast. Mr Portman drove Dr Ryerson to call upon Mrs Hoskin and around to Lee Parker's house Dr Ryerson left at 12 o'clock. Mr Portman Mr King and Mr Jackson drove out to Mr Portman's Farm Mr King went to appraize all the cattle Grain &c and Mr Cushing

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3d was satisfied with the appraisal and took what Mr Portman offered him which was £8 12s, they returned to Luncheon, John and Elizabeth called to see Dr Ryerson before he left – Amelia and Mrs Lawrason called. Mr Portman got a Telegraph from Sophia to know how Edward was – Amelia spent the evening with us and we played Casino

4th I wrote to Robert Dalzell, Amelia got a Telegram from Mr Griffin who has arrived at Portland and is going to Quebec before he comes home He expects to be here on Tuesday. John came to Luncheon and Amelia came to dinner

5th Helen Mr Portman and I went to Church and staid to the Sacrament Mrs Wilson told us that Lucy was coming to spend a few days with us this week, Amelia came home with us from Church and remained until time for evening Service John called and told us that Elizabeth was ill I advised him to send for the Doctor which he has done, I wrote to Teresa

6 I went to see Elizabeth and found her in Bed, but better, she is very anxious about Johns health, and wants him to spend the next winter in Rome She proposes that Edward shall go into their house and live during their absence in place of taking a house and furnishing it for himself, I should be very glad if John could go as I am sure it would be of great service to him, Amelia came in the evening she was nervous and not well, she had no tidings of Mr Griffin I had a letter from Teresa who is at Perrot Bank, she likes the place so much that she is sorry to sell it, she wants me to make out a list of Silver and Linen that she had better bring out with her

7th Mr Portman and Helen drove out to the Farm, I got a note from Elizabeth again urging the necessity of Johns going away for change of Air and rest from work, John called for a few minutes and seemed rather surprised at the way we were disposing of him and his house I got a letter from Elisa marked private in which she speaks of Mr Griffin, who has annoyed them all by his manner of speaking of Amelia, calling her a miserable little thing. He has called her to be miserable indeed – Sarah sent her such a pretty lace collar and sleeve (Brussells Lace) Elisa enclosed it in a letter – she came to dinner and looked out of spirits although she had heard from Mr Griffin who will not be home until Thursday, when we were at Table Mr Portman said so many people were enquiring about Mr Griffin when he was to be home and George said a good many were asking him also He supposed they wanted to see them, Amelia said she supposed so, a minute after she left the Table and went to her room to cry, she could eat no dinner and went home we all felt so sorry for her and sorry that George should

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7th have spoken as Heded

8 John and Elizabeth came to Luncheon John went to Toronto at 2 oclock He says He has decided upon going away in the Summer and remaining away for 8 months or a year Mrs Lawrason and Phoebe called and Lucy Wilson came just in time for dinner she had been walking about all the afternoon with Will Bayly and He walked as far as Gate they stood there a long time talking. in the evening we played Casino — Amelia came in after Mr M Teans lecture she looked a little more cheerful than I expected to see her Charley Griffen told me this morning that she was lying on the Bed and not well, I suppose fretting herself ill

9th Mrs Wilson came to Luncheon Mrs Lawrason called in the morning and got a Ticket for the Concert. Amelia came to dinner Mr Griffen does not come home until Tomorrow morning at 5 oclock Amelia Lucy and George went to the Concert, the proceeds of which go to the Benevolent Society, we played Casino Mrs John came after dinner

10th Elizabeth and Mr Wilson came to Luncheon. Mr Griffen did not come home until 12 to day. Amelia sat up all night and of course is not well to day Edward came to me and asked me whether it would not be best for him to go and see Mr Griffen that He had to speak to him on business and He thought it would be better to keep on speaking terms I told him to act for himself and do what he thought was right, both him and George went to the Griffens in the evening, but did not look very cheery when they returned and had very little to tell, at all events they told very little. Mr Griffen has brought out a good many things for Amelia — I got a letter from Miss Steers — Mr Portman Helen and Lucy and I played Casino, the Portmans beat as usual —

11th Mr Beeher came to luncheon. Lucy did not seem well to day but insisted upon going home when the Sleigh came for her about 4 oclock, we wanted her to stay until after dinner, and Mr Portman offered to drive her home, but she would not, about half an hour afterward Mr Portman and Helen went out driving and in one of the back Streets near the Depot they came across Lucy and Will Bayly walking — there is something very wrong about that Girl, she is engaged to Mr Jackson but I doubt her ever marrying any one. Mr Griffen called this morning, He is looking very well, and brought a good many pretty things for Amelia but they give no pleasure when we know that the money he paid for them was dishonorably obtained. John returned from Toronto and He called home with Elizabeth on his way home — George & I beat Mr Portman and Edward at Casino

12th I was not well enough to go to Church, Edward was the only one from Eldon this morning Mr Portman got a very civil note from Mr Griffen, sending him the half of a Stilton Cheese, Amelia had asked him if he would accept it from her and Mr Portman said he would but to day it came altogether — from Mr Griffen, of course Mr Portman wishes to have as little to say on

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12th with him as possible, at the same time on Amelia's account He dislikes to treat Mr Griffin as He otherwise would, but Mr Griffin has too little delicacy and is too pushing to give Mr Portman up easily, Mr Portman did not answer the note and had not decided whether He would accept the Chair or return it. When in walked Mr Griffin and Amelia on their return from evening Service, He shook Mr Portmans hand most cordially and was so sorry He Mr Portman was not in when He had called the day before and hoped He would accept the Chair, was sorry He could not find him a whole one. Mr Portman stood fasting, and took the Chair, but went to his room as soon as He could make his escape Helen did not appear, Mr Griffin ate his Supper without any appearance of annoyance, but Amelia could not eat and looked very unhappy— John called in the afternoon. I wrote to Elen

13 Mr Portman went out to the Farm, Mr Wilson came to Luncheon. Mr Portman Helen and Edward called on Mr & Mrs Daniel, Mrs John called. &

14th Mr Becher came to Luncheon. Edward, Mr Portman and the Kings went over to look at the Furniture that belonged to Mr Pomroy. Edward took Mr Mills the Cabinet Maker with him to value it, and intends bidding for some of it, Mrs Cronyn and Mrs Edward Blake called. Amelia came to dinner George and I beat Mr Portman and Helen at Casino— I got letters from Sarah Mc Scott and Mrs Macnab, Mr Scott has sold Tim at Banks for £22. 555 Sterling. He sent me a plan of the place it must be very pretty. I was to have spent my Birth day, the 19th of this month with the Macnabs, but Sir Allan is laid up, helpless, with the Gout and our Dinner party can not come off, his birth day and mine are on the same day of the same month, but I am one year his senior

15th I wrote to Mrs Macnab— John and Elizabeth sat with me for an hour John proposed an alteration in my Will regarding the 25 Pounds which displeased me very much. I went into Edwards room at night and had a long talk with him— Mr Mills succeeded in buying for Edward the very handsome Rosewood Sofa for nine pounds each, which was not more than half their value and two easy Chairs and 4 Drawing Room Chairs to match He got them all at less than half their value and much less than half their Cost

16 Mr Portman drove out to the Farm before He left for Toronto, I think He would not have been very sorry if He had been late for the Train. He dislikes going from home so very much— to day Mr Mills could buy nothing at the Sale, every thing went for its full value and more Mr Adams wanted the Furniture which Mr Mills bought yesterday put up again to day, He said that Mr Mills had not the Money to pay for it and Mr Mc Murray the Auctioneer wrote to Edward to know if He was to pay for it, Edward thought it best to get the Furniture

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16th away as soon as He could

17th Mr Becher came to Breakfast. Malcom Cameron called. He has a great dislike to Mr Wilson, and says Fanny is very ill. John called. Edward told me that John has one of his ill turns in the office to day, that He could not see. Amelia and Mr Griffen called, they dine with John this evening. George was not very well, but went to the Assembly for a short time as it is the last of the Season

18 Amelia called, Mr Becher came to Luncheon. Mr Portman returned at six laden with parcels from Mrs Loring to Elizabeth, a Saddle and wooden Tray for carrying dishes a Bundle of night Shirts and a Bundle of papers respecting as the said Edward the most of those things she asked him in a note to bring as cautiously to save the carriage She is a woman with the last delicacy of any woman I ever saw Mr Portman was of course disgusted He says Miss Smith is to visit Elizabeth next week. Mr Portman has been made very much of and seems pretty well pleased with his visit, but thinks that Edward ought to make time to visit Sophia. as every one are talking her about his not going to see her, Mrs Ladden has rather given up George for Blanche and is looking forward for Mr Portmans Brother, She expressed great anxiety about Helen and asked Mr Portman to Telegraph as soon as she was confined

19th the 62nd Anniversary of my Birth day, I went to Church with Helen and Mr Portman in their Sleigh, the Bishop preached on Charity— Edward called at the Johns, and said that He was going to Toronto on tuesday to return on thursday they asked him to bring up Miss Smith. the Griffens called on their way from Church (evening Service) and had Supper He goes to morrow to Chicago. I wrote to Harry

20th Mr Portman and Helen drove to the Farm John and Elizabeth called. John was not well, and not in a very good humor. they drove out to call upon the Johnstons, Amelia came to dinner. John called again in the evening and brought me a letter from Eliza, He deemed all right. on Saturday evening Edward very foolishly by way of Bullying George accused him of cheating at Euchre, George and Mr Portman were playing together, George denied the accusation and I scolded Edward for making it. Mr Portman said He would not play with him again after they all left the room. I told Edward that an accusation of false play should never be made at Cards, though we do not play for Money, even if the accusation was true the only notice a Gentleman should take of it would be not to play again with the Individual in question. He said He was only Bullying George, I thought He ought to be as Gentlemanlike to his Brother as to any one else, if not more so. I had lectured Edward and thought them was an end of it. but this evening when I proposed

a game of Carina. Mr Portman said no He was not going to play. I felt so hurt and sorry that I could not say a word. what little things disunite families, and I feel that I am the cause of this break. for I have encouraged our playing, and have several times had my doubts whether I was right, as it was keeping George from reading, but I cannot read very much by candle light. nor can I see to thread my needles, and often my evenings hang heavy, and then Edward comes home tired with office work and after dinner sleeps on the Sofa, taking cold, and I thought Carina would amuse him as well as myself. but I have been wrong and my intellect is not and must not depend upon card men for the amusement of an hour, so good bye Carina

21st Edward came home to Luncheon. very angry, He said John was so insulting and abusive in the office that He could scarcely stand it. John was angry because Edward refused to do some business for Mrs Loring while in Toronto. Edward said it was his first visit to Lobo & He went down to spend A.th Wednesday, only and that He had neither time nor inclination to do business, particularly when it could be sent to an Agent and done equally well. I told Edward that James ill temper arose from ill health and that He must keep a guard upon his own, there can be no friends like Brothers, and they had better bear and forbear with each other— Amelia came to tea. George went to a party at Captain Haggets this evening. to day Miss Haggets was married to Doctor Nellis, Amelia came to tea, and Edward packed up ready for an early start to Toronto— The Bishop and Mr Patteson called

22d the morning very fine but in the evening we had lightning thunder and heavy rain— the melancholy news of the loss of the Hungarian has been Telegraphed to day, it is supposed that all on board are lost. at first we heard that Mr McInnes was expected but in her but Amelia Telegraphed to Dougal McInnes, who says his Brother will not leave England before the first week in March. which we were very glad to hear— John called their house was flooded last night by the Rain. the Roof is bad. Amelia came to dinner but left early. She expects Mr Griffin home to night Edward left at 6 o'clock this morning for Toronto— Mr Portman rode out to the Kings— I wrote to Teresa

23d the Ice broke up in the River to day. and grounded just below the Dam turning the whole River into our flats. in the flats the Ice grounded for a time and it was not until after dark that the great crash came. we heard a great noise and even a tremor of the house. Edward came home at 10 He went to Johns with Miss Smith, and found John ill in bed I knew He had not been at the office all day but thought He was seeing to his horse to stop the leaks, the Rain coming in at night and his being up, has given him cold Edward brought us no news from Toronto

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24th this morning the whole force of the Rivin is through our flats it will do us an immense injury, cutting away the Bank and taking away the fences, the hand that gives, takes—

John called He has been very ill indeed for one night and a day, poor fellow I wonder if He will ever be well on strong— Mr and Mrs Daniel called Mrs Daniel looked very nice, young, fresh and comely. Mrs John and Miss Smith called— Amelia called, in the evening Mr Portman proposed a game of Cassino as Edward must make a fourth I was very glad to play, but I could not sit at a table making him a black sheep unfit to play with, now that that feeling is done away with I do not care who plays

25th Mr & Mrs King came to Luncheon, there seems to be any hope that any of the passengers in the Hungarian are saved

26th George and I went to Church, after dinner Mr Griffin Amelia and Mr Meredith from Quebec called. John was here when I was at Church

27th Mr King called this morning and appeared a good deal excited, He wished to see Mr Portman at the Office and they went away together, Helen and my self wondered what was up, after some time Mr Portman returned and told us they wanted him to stand for the East Riding of the County of Middlesex. which He has consented to do, should Mr Pollett resign His Seat or should it be true that is lost on Board the ill fated Hungarian Mr King Mr Whitehead and several others have already commenced a canvas for him— I cannot say that I am glad that He is going to enter public life nor do I know that I am sorry, yet I doubt whether it will tend to their happiness, they have so much now to make them happy, that it seems like a venture in which they may lose more than they can gain, yet He is young and needs employment— Mr King and John came to Luncheon. I got a letter from my Brother Edward and one from Mr Fraser telling me that James Ryerse claims some 6 or 8 acres of my Farm at Long Point I wrote to James and told him my Title was to good for me to give it up, undisputed possession for nearly sixty years and the Boundery, Marked out by Government Surveyors all that time can hardly be disputed now— I wrote to my Brother Edward and to Mr Fraser Mrs Becher called and looked very dirty, I suppose she has got over her ill humor Mr Becher has gone to Quebec John, Elizabeth and Miss Smith are to dine with us to Morrow

28th when Mr Portman came to Breakfast this morning, He was rather out of conceit of standing for Member, and some letters which He received from Col Hamilton about Renting and purchasing his Plantation, decided him upon withdrawing from the list of Candidates, and He has nearly decided upon going to England in August upon a visit— I went

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28th wrote to Amelia to ask her and Mr Griffen to join our dinner party. the said Mr Griffen was in Toronto and that the Weather too ill to come. I went immediately to see her and found her hard at work sewing and looking wretched.- John Elizabeth and Miss Smith came to dinner. John is looking very miserable and when I shook hands with him it made me shudder. his hands were so thin and soft so like the hands of a confirmed invalid. after I went to my room and thought of poor Amelia and how unhappy she looked alone and ill with nothing to cheer her. I could not help crying- how glad I should be to have her with me in my old age, and how much happier she would have been if she had never left me

29th a Telegram has come up this morning that Government House (Spencerwood) at Quebec is burned- George told us when he came to Luncheon that Mr Griffens things would be sold to morrow for Taxes, no wonder poor Amelia is ill and looking wretched, no help that John or Edward could give him would save him from ruin, no reliance can be placed upon his word or his principles- Edward went to see Amelia after dinner She said she was much better and in good spirits, She expects Mr Griffen home late this evening. Edward thinks she does not know any thing about the probability of their things being sold for Taxes- The Postmans are talking very strongly about going to England in August. I wrote to Sarah

March 1st Mr Griffen returned last night and has arranged his Taxes this morning Amelia called and looked better although she has the remains of a Cold Mr Wilson called on his way from St Marys and wanted some Breakfast He says Lucy is ill and He wants us to ask her here for another week. John called He was not very well. from imprudence in eating- no further news of the Hungarian

2nd Mrs Wilson came to Luncheon, she was not in a very amiable humour I asked Lucy to spend another week with us- the water is very high to day the whole flats are flooded. John called, I was ill after dinner I think some mushrooms that I ate did not agree with me We played Cayenne Edward and I against Mr Postman and Helen for a wonder we won-

3rd I was ill all night- I dreamed about dear Chapin & thought she was at home with Mr looking as gentle and loving as she always was, & thought she had been engaged to Capt Knight, but had been estranged from him for some time. but was endeavouring to win him back again. and He because Chapin had cast him off had devoted himself to other Ladies but was willing to return to her. and with the inconsistency of dreams. I knew that Chapin was dead and that I saw him for the first time since her death and that He looked so changed. He was dressed in Black evening dress with knee Breeches, Black silk Stockings and dress shoes and his face looked nearly as Black as his

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3d Dress. we did not speak. this was a dream of indigestion. and it is the only time I have dreamed of Chase since I heard of her death. I would be very willing to dwell another night to have the same dream of her Amelia came to Luncheon - Mr Becher called He had just returned from Quebec. He is going to offer himself as a candidate for the East Riding of Middlesex. but He said if Mr Portman would stand He would withdraw Mr Portman said He would not stand. but He did not know that He could support Mr Becher as He stand pledged to support the Candidate nominated by his party and unless Mr Becher should be the man named He could not support him. Mr Becher is one who ought to go He has the interest of this part of the Country at heart and He stands well with the Government. I do not know how it is but He does not stand well with the General class of voters. Mr Portman though a stranger stands very much better and it is thought would be returned almost without opposition if He would consent to go the great Western wish to get Mr Becher in the House to advocate their interest — Mr Griffin called

4th George and I went to Church I remained to the Sacrament George did not John called after dinner but looked neither well nor happy. Mr Portman and George each took a Ticket for Mr Hammonds Raffle, and Mr Portman this morning found that He had won a Horse and George a Gun I believe they are about of equal value although the Horse was considered the best prize but I rather think Mr Portman would not refuse £30 for Him. the Tickets were three dollars each. I wrote to Eliza

5th The Electioneering excitement still continues a large number of Conservatives insist upon Mr Portmans standing many of Mr Bechers friends who would prefer him think it useless to bring him forward as He could not get in and it would be the means of returning a Grit. Mr Adams is making himself very busy with Mr Portmans private character and says that He dare not return to England. if Mr Adams was worthy of notice He would get a horsewhipping. John came to Luncheon, and John Bowell called, it is many years since I have seen him He looks well for his age I was very glad to see him. for He was always one of Mr Harris's staunch friends — Berkeley had his Cap and Cloak on and was allowed to play in the Garden but by some means He got the Gate open and made for Dundas Street. it was not very long before He was missed, and after searching about the Garden. Helen thought Mr Portman must have taken him with him, but sent the Servant Man to see, Mr Portman returned quickly but had not seen the Child. we then became alarmed and commenced a search for him in earnest. Helen heard that He had been seen at the upper end of Dundas Street, and Mr Portman found him on the track of the Rail Road John. Edmond and

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5th George and myself were all in search of him I met Mr Portman with him and he handed him over to me and ran home to tell Helen that he was found as we were afraid of the consequences with him in her situation Master Berkeley was as happy as a king and had enjoyed his run wonderfully — Amelia called and Edward Blake who does not look very well. Mr King came to dinner after dinner Mr King Mr Portman and George adjourned to a meeting of the Boat Club Helen had a letter from Teresa

6th Mr Portman offers a prize of a Silver Cup to any one who would win the Boat Race for three successive years. John and Mr Becher came to Luncheon. Mr Becher vexes us by being quite sure of his election when every one else says he will not get in. He says it is unnecessary to take any trouble, that he thinks there will be no difficulty, that there is no fear of being returned. His absurd security makes even his friends lukewarm. To day there has appeared in the Globe a letter from a Sister of Mr Talbots regretting that she could not get ready to come out with her Brother in the Hungarian so that there is no longer a doubt about Mr Talbots being drowned. Poor fellow. Helen had a letter from Mary. but no News

7th Mr Portman lunched with Mr Dunn, they are all excitement about the Election Mr Becher is coming out to morrow with his address, he brought it here this evening for us to see, it is a very good address and non committal I never saw any one so deceived about their own popularity, he thinks people will be but too happy to have the opportunity of returning him, he will not Electioneer and will not ask any one to Electioneer for him, and if he is returned it will be by the Conservative party disliking the man, and because they can get no one they like better — John called —

8th Mr Portman away early this Morning. Electioneering for Mr Becher and was very successful excepting at Brickwells where they tore up Mr Bechers address — the Meeting to day which was for the purpose of inviting the Prince of Wales to ~~visit~~ invite him to visit London and also to express their approval of Sir Edmund Head and their high esteem for his Character. the address from the Town Council to Sir Edmund Head was almost insulting but they had a Radical Majority Formwith was rather the leading man at the meeting and spoke very well, Mr Lawrason spoke well also the Meeting had no direct reference to the Election though Mr Portman thought that Becher ought to have been there. He went to Toronto this Morning. John came to Luncheon. Amelia called and Miss Smith called. I got a letter from my Brother George and his Son James about a disputed line between his and my Lands

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9th Willy is better. Dr Brown came to see him and remained to luncheon. John came to Luncheon, and was to go out riding with Mr Portman, but when he went home for his horse, Elizabeth had sent the Groom into Town and evidently was angry, and whatever she said distressed Elizabeth very much she hurried into town after the Servant and took his gun off and sent him home as quick as possible she then came here to ask Mr Portman not to go out riding without John. I felt sorry for her for she had that Mutiny tearful look. Mr Portman went for John but he had returned to the office and did not ride. Mr Portman is very busy Electioneering for Mr Becher I dislike Elections. and have good reason to do so, as at the Township Elections the Radicals made it the test with their candidates that they would not support Mr Harris in office because he was a Conservative. Miss Smith called to say good Bye as she leaves to Morrow. Amelia called

10th Mr Becher came to Luncheon and appeared very much out of humour. Mr Becher has purchased a Lot of Land at a wild land Sale for taxes if redeemed he will get 10 per Cent for his purchase money if not redeemed in one year, he keeps the land Edward holds a Mortgage for Mr Portman on the Land, and as it would be less expence and trouble to get the Sheriffs deed than to foreclose his Mortgage if not so he offered to make Mr Bechers money 25 per cent if he would transfer his claim to him otherwise he must redeem the Lot and foreclose his Mortgage. Mr Becher could lose nothing by the transaction and Edward might save time and trouble but Mr Becher refused in no very courteous language, and told Mr Portman as they went out that he sent a very bad messenger when he sent Edward Harris to try and get the land. He said a person in Edwards position to offer him five dollars. which is the sum that would make her 10 per Cent 25 I do not know why he dislikes Edward, Edward says that if Mr Becher condescends to make small purchases that he has no right to despise small sums. after they went out from Luncheon Mr Portman met Mr Whitehead who told him that the Conservatives were holding a meeting at Steles Tavern, and that they would not have Mr Becher at any price, and that they had sent him to again request Mr Portman to come forward and if he would not do so they would get some one else Mr Portman came back to the house to ask what he had best do. Helen is very reluctant that he should come forward at this election. but as we all rather wish him to do so at the next. we do not think it would be wise for him to offend all his supporters. and if they brought forward another Candidate they would feel in honor bound to support him at another Election, taking all of these things into consideration Mr Portman decided upon standing and called at Mr Dakins to tell Mr Becher the State of affairs and that he had agreed to stand if he got the Nomination at the Convention if Mr Becher got the Nomination he would give him all of his support. Mr Becher seemed very much surprised and said it was

10th very extraordinary. He has been under the impression that He was very popular and had only to say that He was willing to stand to be elected. Many of his friends have told him to the contrary but He would not believe them and it seems very strange to me that it should be so. Mr Becher's conduct has ever been honorable and upright and his worst enemy can only say that his manner is peculiar and that they do not like him and will not have a Lawyer. I feel sorry for Mr Becher. He is the man that ought to. He is an old resident a good man of Business Honorable and has the interest of this part of the Country at heart. at the same time I cannot help feeling pleased at the very great compliment paid to Mr Portman who has only decided upon making land a his home within the last year and who is very young and almost wholly unknown to the voters after Mr Portman had consented to stand We felt doubtful how the transaction might appear to the public, regarding Mr Becher although we knew that Mr Portmans conduct had been open and honorable, but as we did not wish the shadow of a doubt to exist in the minds of any one on the subject we wished to get the opinion of some disinterested person on the subject, We of course thought of Mr Wilson although He was named as an opposing candidate but we knew that, that, would not prevent his seeing things as they would appear to others and giving a correct opinion and one that might be relied upon. and we were not disappointed He said there was no injustice to Mr Becher or to anyone else, if He accepted a nomination, his party having refused Mr Becher and invited upon his standing He advised Mr Portman not to send out an address or visit after the ~~Election~~ Nomination nor to make his appearance in the Electioneering field but to write a letter to some of his leading supporters giving a Summary of his political views, and have a number of Lythographed copies so that his supporters might have something to show to the voters, that they might know in some measure what the views are of the Man they are asked to support, and then if He is nominated to come into the field with all his energy, not like wise only. Mr Portman will take his advice Amelia and Mr Groffin called _

11th I went to Church John and Elizabeth came home with me and dined with us, after Dinner Mr Portman and John drove out to Becher and told Mr Becher what He was going to do and that if Mr Becher could get the Nomination He would support him. Mr Becher said He would not try for the Nomination but should, stand independent of it, Mr Portman told him that He hoped He would believe that He had disinterested for him in all sincerity, without any intention of standing himself, Mr Becher said of course my dear Sir of course. He had not the slightest feeling about it, if Mr Portman would reconcile

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11th it to himself. I did not like the expression as it showed but too plainly that Mr Beckham was annoyed and yet the whole thing has arisen from his own over confidence He said He had only to crook his finger to be returned. people got hold of the expression and made use of it against him, and I told him so, and cautioned him against making use of that expression nearly a year ago, when He made use of it to me, we were all vexed with him here, for He would neither work himself nor authorise others to work for him. He would like to have Mr Buckleys support but would not ask him for it, nor allow Mr Portman to ask in his name, and people will not support a man that thinks it unnecessary to use even common civility towards them. Mr Becher told Mr Portman that Mr Johnston was going to stand, and that He would devide the farming interest Mr Portman said He did not care in the least, his freinds had almost compelled him to come forward and if He was not nominated He should be just as well pleased, thinking in that case his freind would have to support him at another election. Mr Portman thought it would be as well to know whether Mr Johnston really did intend to stand so he and his drove them on their way home, Mr Johnston said He had no intention of standing unless He was very strongly supported, in the evening Mr Portman and George drove over to Mr Wilsons, Mr Wilson approved of the letter which Mr Portman had written for his Constituents. Mr Wilson spoke very strongly about Mr Beckham electioneering against him and for old Dixon a Man that Mr Becher knew to be dishonest and a bad character Mr Wilson can neither forgive or forget it— Amelia called in the Morning and brought the Pratotype— I wrote to Mary

12th I wrote to Thy Brother George and his Son James, about some land that they appear to think belongs to them— Mr Portman is in a state of agitation about the Election and I think secretly wishes He was well clear of it. John came to Luncheon

13th Mr Portman went out early and did not return until near six o'clock and then He was wearied and disgusted. He was told that some worthless vagabonds were attacking his private character. I cannot help noticing the difference in people before Mr Portman consented to come out to a very many people urged him to come forward and said the county would support him that Mr Becher was unpopular and could not get in that He was disliked for his manner and that they would not have a Lawyer and that Mr Portman had only to say that He would stand, and He would be returned without any doubt or difficulty. but now the tone seems a good deal changed and many whose support was spoken of as decided and positive are now considered doubtful. but such is the world. John came to Luncheon Amelia came to Luncheon also and appeared much more cheerful than

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13th She has been for a long time, Mr Griffin gives her all his Salary and allows her to manage it as she best can and to pay the debts that are the most pressing and she is determined to live upon £250 a year until all debts are paid. There is one thing that I very much dislike and that is Mr Griffin withholds his confidence she can learn nothing of the State of their affairs from him He neither tells her what debts are owing or what payments he makes. she can only find things out by Chance. and then there is no Security against his contracting new debts, but we must hope for the best and pray that God may Bless her efforts

14th Mr Portman has been away amongst his electioneering friends nearly all day Amelia and John came to Luncheon. Mr Griffin called. I wrote to Mr Wanderforde

15 Edward and Mr Griffin went to Walsingham this Morning. Edward went to see a Lot of Land and to get some one to watch that the timber is not plundered of it. Mr Portman has been out all day with people about the Election Mrs Wilson called, and John called

16 this is Edward birth day, He completes his 28th year to day. He returned from Walsingham at 12 He found the Lot all safe, No timber plundered three English Mails came today. the letters that were received from the Hungarian told such a Melancholy tale that it gave one a heart ach to look at them, I had letters from Sarah Mary and Teresa Amelia came to read their letters. John came to luncheon. I have not heard much of the Election to day

17th I got a letter from Elsie. Mr Portman was out all day with Electioneering friends about 5 oclock He sent Helen a note that He had to go to St Johns to a Meeting, Edward and John went also. Amelia and John had called here during the day. Mr Portman John and Edward did not return until past 11 P.M. they were very much excited. Mr Beeken made a violent attack upon Mr Portman and made Statements which were not correct and Mr Portman told him they were false, He said that it was Mr Portman who had induced him to offer himself as a candidate, in this Mr Beeken could not be deceived, He aware of his intention of standing for the next Election long before Mr Talbots death and when He came from Lucker He told us in a very few minutes after He entered the house that He was going to stand. I told him that Mr Portman had been solicited to come forward and for one night had consented to do so but in the Morning He got letters which decided him upon declining to come forward for the present and to go to England this Lunatic in preference & that He went at once and told some of his supporters what his decision was, when Mr Beeken said He would come out and that He was prospecthy-tive of his election, Mr Portman not intending to come forward, gave him his support as did

all at Eldon and wished him success, and urged him to come out with his address and to exert himself, as every one told us that Mr Beecher could not and would not be returned, that as a man he was not liked and that the voters would not have a Lawyer, though Mr Beecher kept telling us that we need not feel uneasy as he was perfectly sure of his election I ventured to tell him that he was not as popular as he thought and mentioned the names of several who said they would support Mr Portman but would not vote for him. his blindness seemed to us marvelous. Mr Beecher personal abuse was to Mr Portman was unjust and ungentlemanlike. We seemed to think that it was Mr Portman and not the people who were opposed to him whereas it was the very reverse for Mr Portman was most unwilling to allow himself to be brought forward, and would not if he had not conscientiously believed that Mr Beecher had not the shadow of a chance of being returned and that if he would not consent to be brought forward they would get some other man. Mr Beecher accused Mr Portman of canvassing Mr Wilson and asking him for his vote, Mr Beecher does not know Mr Portman or he would know that Mr Portman would feel that he was insulting a leading man of an opposing party by asking him for his support or his vote. Mr Portman went to Mr Wilson believing him to be honest and honorable thought of appropriate palatives to ask his opinion of the whole transaction and whether there could be any reflection upon him in any way if he allowed himself again to be brought forward, and Mr Wilson said there could not. Mr Portman and Beecher cannot be friends again unless Mr Beecher apologizes. the meeting terminated very much in Mr Portmans favor and although he feels very grateful to his many freinds yet he will avail himself of the first good opening to retire, he had no idea that he would have to submit to the abuse and misstatement that met him at every turn, although it is the common conduct at Elections yet he cares too little about being returned on this occasion to quietly submit to all the misstatements that are made

18th I was not well enough to go to Church Mr Portman was pretty much in a state of exaction John and Elizabeth came to dinner Amelia and Mr Griffin came to tea. Edward went to bed ill

19th Mr Portman called upon Mr Wilson and told him that he had been openly accused by Mr Beecher of canvassing Mr Wilson and asking him for his vote and that he should write him a note asking him to state as nearly as possible the subject of their conversation on that visit. and told Mr Wilson that he wished it for publication, Mr Wilson said he would write the letter, and he came to luncheon and told me that Cornish was getting printed in St Thomas some abusive scurility about Mr Portman, and said that the printer refused it in London. Mr Portman rode out to the Kings

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19th Several of his supporters were there and went upon Mr Portman not returning, John came to luncheon. and Amelia called on her way to Mrs Gradwells to attend a meeting of Ladies to consult about making up a purse for the Revd Mr McLean some propose geiving him a silver ~~an~~ Ink Stand we think it would be much better to give a Curate who has but £100 a year. The Money, He can do very well without a Silver Inkstand

20th John came to Luncheon. Amelia called, Mr Portman Helen, Edward and I played Carina, Edward and I were beaten—

21st at 10 oclock this morning Mr Portman awakend me and said that Willy had the Croup I hurried out of bed we sent for Doctor Anderson and put the Child in a warm Bath. the Dr prescribed for him and remained until He was better, and then went home. and I again went to bed. in a very short time Mr Portman came to me again and told me that Helen was ill. I again hurried out of bed dressed myself and found it was 4 oclock, the Doctor was again sent for and at a quarter past 5 the Child was born, a fine Boy. weighing 8 lb without clothes, Helen is wonderfully well, there was a Shadow of disappointment as to the Sex of the Child as we all wished for a Daughter, but the feeling was only momentary, knowing that the great giver of all good knows what is best for us, and He was as warmly welcomed and as thankfully received as if He had been a Girl. Amelia came and remained during the day John Elizabeth and Mr Griffin called. Mr King called to enquire, to congratulate and to urge Mr Portman to attend if possible, a Meeting of Tailors and voters at the Junction, He said that Mr A. Jackson, Mr Shaw and some other friends had promised that Mr Portman would go there. so that the constituency could see and become acquainted with the Man they were asked to vote for. Duncan Atkin called but did not see Mr Portman He says He can influence a number of voters and He wishes Mr Portman to see the people

22nd the Doctor called Helen is going on well, Elizabeth called and saw Helen. Amelia sat with us until 4 oclock Mr Portman went to the meeting in Westminster John and Elizabeth came to dinner and then Mr Portman John, Edward and George went to an Election Meeting in Petersville. Mr Griffin gave a Shakespeare reading in the Mechanics Institute and Elizabeth went to hear him, He reads well and the room was crowded. Helen and Baby both doing well

23d Elizabeth called and Amelia sat with Helen nearly all day Mr Portman was absent attending Election Meetings. Mrs King and Mrs W. Lawrason called I got a letter from Blanche Wilden and one from Mr Buchan assuring me of his continued regard for me. but felt that He was right in what He had said to Mr Portman, I answered it assuring him of my unchangable affection for him, without alluding to what had passed.

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23rd otherwise than by saying that I had hoped that what had been said in anger would have been passed over when cool reflection came. Helen was very well until 5 P.M. when there was a little appearance of milk. Cold chills were followed by fever and violent after pains, in the course of two hours we sent for the Doctor three times. He gave her some medecine which relieved the severe pain and I went to bed hoping she would sleep

24th the opium Helen took deadened the pain but kept her from sleeping and she felt very feeble and miserable this morning. We had to send for the Doctor again this evening to check the effects of the oil she had taken I hope she will be better to morrow. Mr Portman did not leave her to day though people urged him to attend meetings He would not go. Edward wrote a capital parody upon Mr Beechers address, it is very clever and a great mass written in a Gentlemanly style, and not offensive to any one, Amelia Elizabeth and John were here but no one saw Helen Edward and George went to a meeting at Montgomeries Tavern, it was favorable to Mr Portman but without much result

25th I recollected to day that I had sent my letter to Mr Becher without a conclusion or a signature. Helen is a little better but very weak and listless and without appetite. Mr Hutchison M'Lean and Watson called to ask after her. Mr Labatt and Mrs Goadsby sent to enquire for her. Mr Portman and Edward drove out to the Kings, Amelia came here. I wrote to Sarah, and am reading Spurgeons Sermons. He is a bold Christian and his faith must be strong to speak so confident of Heaven, yet He is a Zealous good Man and God may give him this assurance

26th Mrs W. Lawrason was walking with Amelia in the Market on Saturday and she told Amelia confidentially that the old Squire (Mr Lawrason) did not think that Mr Becher could poll 50 votes and she said that He felt hurt that Mr Portman had refused to come out when He had asked him and then had come out for younger men. Helen appeared better this morning but very nervous and restless. She

April 15th I now must write my journal as I best can from Memory, such weeks of Sorrow and Despair, the Heart can only feel words cannot express on Monday the 26th we hoped that she was better. She always seemed a little better in the morning. I had asked Dr Anderson the evening before what I should give Helen to eat she had lost all appetite and refused every thing. I had offered her during the day some chicken broth but she had refused it and had taken nothing but toast water. She would not touch bread nor any light nourishment that I could offer her He told me to give her a piece of chicken in the morning I asked if a little Mutton Chop would not be better and easier of digestion He said yes perhaps it would and that I had better give her the Mutton Chop. Late in the evening of Sunday night the

consented to drink some Barley water— on Monday thinking she was better about 10 oclock I took her a little Mutton chop. She cut it, minced it, took a little in her Mouth but said she could not eat it that she could not chake it down, and told the Nurse to take it away I then had a custard baked and brought to her she tasted it and shoved it away she could not eat it it was so sweet. I asked her if she thought she could eat a little boiled rice. she thought she could but when it was brought she could not even taste it. Amelia came with a little Chicken Broth which was almost a jelly and some arrow root that was made very nice. the Doctor came very soon after Amelia asked him if Helen might take the Broth He said no she required something more Solid. she told him it was the essence of Chicken and asked him to taste it, which He did and oh yes that is just the thing for her. He then looked around and saw the Tray and said have you been giving her Meat, although He had told me the night before to do so I said I had taken her Meat but she could not eat it. He then went in to her room and said she was going on all right and that there was not the slightest cause for any uneasiness about her she told him she had tried to eat some chop but could not chake it down, notwithstanding the Doctors assurance I was dreadfully alarmed and my anxiety was to be seen in my face. the Doctor told Amelia that Helen was only nervous and must be kept quiet and that I must be kept out of the room, that my anxious looks would injure her, I told Amelia that I did not betray my feelings before her Amelia said Mamma your face is perfectly frightful. you must not go in— not if I am going to hurt Helen, I said, She was taken with Dysentary during the day and she disliked any one attending to her but myself on those occasions, and it was only when required that I saw her this day, but I observed and remarked it to the Doctor that she kept folding the sheet and arranging the bedcloth just as Her Papa did the day before He died, the Doctor was sent for as soon as the Dysentary commenced, He gave her Opiates I believe which partially checked it. Her face was very flushed and she was very restless but the Doctor attended as she was doing very well and going on all night late in the evening He gave her some more Medicine, something to soothe— He said. she slept a little and

27th on the Morning of the 27th we were again told that she was better and going on all night, and we tried to believe what we were afraid to doubt, but when I saw poor Her altered face the deep purple under her eyes, Her flushed face, and Her pulse at 128— I went to the Library and told Mr Portman

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27 We must Telegraph for Doctor Hodder at Toronto, Amelia came down stairs while I was speaking and said Helen would like to have Doctor Hodder. We was telegraphed for immediately, we hoped he might catch the evening Train and be here at 9 o'clock, but he did not get the Telegraph in time and answered that he could not be here until the next day. I then said send for Doctor Brown we cannot have Her die with only Doctor Anderson to attend her. Doctor Brown was sent for and came He says it was near 10 P.M. but I thought it was nearer 9 Doctor Anderson had paid his afternoon visit and said She was going on all right that there was not the slightest cause for alarm He said I was old and nervous and easily alarmed but that Helen was in no danger. Edward who had just returned from Montreal ran out as Doctor Anderson passed the Window and asked him if Helen was in any danger He repeated to Edward what He had said to us that She was going on all right, our anxiety was so great that Amelia went to Dr Brown and Edward went to Dr Waddruff, and both described her symtoms as nearly as they could. both Doctors said She had Puerperal fever and that She was in a very dangerous state, as soon as Amelia returned we sent for Dr Brown, and then sent to ask Doctor Anderson to visit him which He refused to do. Doctor Brown was shocked that Doctor Anderson had never examined her Abdomen, which was painfully sore to the touch, He put on 6 Leaches and then for two hours Her Bowels were fomented with Hot Water in which Hops and poppy heads had been boiled after that a Linseed poultice was applied, she then slept a very little, in the Morning a Telegram came from Doctor Hodder saying

28th that He could not be here until 5 P.M. Doctor Brown then put on 12 more Leaches and the Fomentations were continued until 9 o'clock, when Doctor Hodder arrived, Doctor Hodder and Doctor Brown had a consultation, the Fomentations were discontinued, and they commenced with Stimulants they gave Her Port Wine and Beef Tea and then some Brandy and Beef Tea— the Doctors declared Her life in great danger, but said they were not without hope— who can tell the agony of that night. We watched and prayed and wept, and hoped, Amelia and Mr Griffen, John and Elizabeth, did not leave until all was over, the Bishop had called during the day and had had prayers with My dying Child He asked Her several questions which She answered satisfactorily and collectedly Mr Portman never left her, Her heart was so full of love She threw her arms around My neck and said oh Mamma if I should get well and I hope I shall We must all love each other even more than We ever have done. I was on My knees in the Library when I felt

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Beckers arm around me He said Amen to my prayer but I did not then know that He had refused to come in. as long as Mr Portman was in the house, He came to the kitchen to enquire and Mr Griffen insisted upon her coming in to see me. My God. My God how severe are thy chastisements, and thy heart how stubborn and hard it is— Edward went in to see the Sister that He would have given his life to save. She kissed him again and again and prayed his hand. John kissed her on the forehead but she pushed him down and kissed his face many times. George she kissed and said God Bless you George dear God Bless you Mr Portman the same constantly and tallored words of love. Amelia and Ann the nurse were constantly with her Dr Brown was in attendance all night Doctor went to bed with directions to call him if necessary. He said if she lived until the morning she might recover oh dear what agony we watched the first dawn of day. and she was living and again we hoped. Dr Hodder left for Toronto & told us Helen could not be in better hands than Doctor Browns- about 11 Oclock Doctor Brown told me there was no longer any hope. that she must die, and that I might see her they had kept me out of her room for fear my grief would injure her. I do not remember the hour when I received her last embrace. Her lips and face were getting cold. Her senses were perfect She clasped her chilly arm around my neck and pressed me to her bosom with a good deal of strength, those around the bed dragged at my clothes and pulled me away- how much agony and despair a person will live through- that weary night came to an end. and Her Spirit fled as the day dawned- to the last she was loving to her husband and those around her, she took a ring off her finger and put it into Amelia's hand, and then several times felt her hand to see if she had it on. Helen did not ask for her Children and when Mr Portman asked her if she would like to see Berkeley she said not to night— all is over Helen my beloved Child is dead, and the rest of my life is dreary. all my Children are good and loving but those that are gone have left a vacancy that can never be filled— Mrs W. Lawrason has been here for two days, and she Amelia and Ann laid Helen out in her last robe of white Mr. Portman wrote to Mr Becher and said that political differences should be forgotten and asked him to come in which He did. and they made friends. but at the time we did not know that He had refused to come in when He was told that Helen was dieing- every body have been good and kind and sympathizing and another day has passed and now arrangements are making for the funeral

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31st Mr Hutchison Mr Wilson Mr King Mr Plummer
Doctor Mason and Mr Becher Chief Mourners, oh! What a heavy
day, The Bishop Mr McLean and Mr Branch called and
had prayers, to know when Helen is to be Buried, to night the Coffin
came home, made of Walnut, lined and Cushioned and my poor Helen
looking perfectly Beautiful as she lay nestled in her Coffin
in the long sleep of death. how willingly would I have rested
my weary head and aching heart by the side of Her. this night I
took leave of Her Mr Portman went many times to take a last
April 1st look of His loved and loving wife another night has passed
this morning Mr McLean christened the Baby (in Edwards room)
Maurice Vidal so as to unite their two Names in the Child-
and then the Coffin was placed inleaden one, and then in a Shell-
a grave was bricked up, and all that remained of Helen, the Wife, the
Mother, the Daughter, the Sister, was placed in her last resting
place, and we, who can tell our wretchedness — they say on the most
concourse of people attended — I have a very imperfect recollection
of all that passed for the two or three following weeks
Lapshea was Telegraphed for and arrived on the 31st Inst was a great
comfort to us, Mr Portman with Drew His name as a Candidate
for a Member for the East Riding of Middlesex — Edward
Blake came to the Funeral, He was one of those who loved her
when living and mourned Her when dead, Mr Portman, Micha
and John wrote to the absent Members of the Family on the
first, I wrote to each one of them as I could afterwards —
Dr Ryerson came up on the 7th and remained until the
13th 9th on the 13th I received the following letter from Dr
Anderson — Madame, I never thought it would have been my
duty to address you in the way I feel in justice to myself, compelled
to do now, in reference to statements which you and certain
other Members of your family have made and industriously
circulated regarding my attendance and management of the late
Mrs Portman
Fair and just criticism on the conduct of professional Man
and those holding public appointments, I consider right and
proper. you have held public offices yourselves, and have been
subjected to some just criticisms and had some of your friends
acquainted with the facts of the case, displayed the same industry
and Malevolence which you have shewn towards me on this
occasion. you might have felt a little more Charitably disposed —
but when criticism descends to misstatement, exaggeration
and Malicious insinuations it ceases to be Criticism and

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In the first place you will recollect that Mrs Portman had a very short and easy confinement, and progressed in her recovery as favourably as any woman could have done, showing no symptoms or indication of any latent or visible disease, and she continued to do well until you gave her some fried Meat. Mutton Chops. I believe without my knowledge or consent. which she told me herself she could hardly swallow — they never digested. became putrid on her stomach. producing Nausea restlessness. griping and flatulency and which terminated as you know in a violent and debilitating Diarrhoea

This after going on a considerable time, gave way to the usual remedies. but left her in other respects but little improved. She had nervous excitement. great anxiety. and restlessness and other Symptoms indicating the approach of Puerperal Fever. to the grave nature of which I called your attention at the time. and I had just commenced the treatment of it. when I was superseded. although I had received a note from Mr Portman, some time after Mrs P had begun the use of the Medicine, saying she was a good deal relieved from taking it

I was superseded. and by whom? By a person who does not pretend to understand or practice that department of the Profession and who is not met by any respectable number of the Profession within the City, and has attained his present position (whatever that may be) by traducing and vilifying his professional brethren rendering him apparently a fit subject for your patronage. What happened to Mrs Portman after this I do not know — I have heard however, that Leeches had been applied to her which on a strong robust woman might have been admissable, but to a person of her weak constitution, debilitated as she was from the Diarrhoea, must have depressed her beyond the powers of rallying —— In concluding this Note, I must say that I never attended a case, where I was more conscientiously satisfied with the correctness of my opinion, as to its nature or to its management as far as I could control it: and I will also say, and with all the solemnity of which I am capable, that Mrs Portmans sickness and death are solely attributable to the improper food given to her by you —

This case shews strongly, the danger to such persons who have over solicitous and anxious relatives, for their nurses particularly if they have a Book

Yours, Alexander Anderson

P. S. In reference to Members of your family joining with you

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April 13th in the Slanders to which I have alluded. I exonerate Dr Portman, I believe him to be a gentleman and he could never stoop to the meanness of of placing a man in a false position, and then traducing his character when he could not defend himself — A A —

God help me, I am accused of killing one that I would have given my life to save, every Member of the family were shocked and distressed beyond expression, Dr Portman took the letter to Dr Wilson and he wrote me the following

Westminster 13th April 1860

My Dear Mrs Harris

I was shocked at reading that letter — and I need not say what the first impulse was, but the sadness of your bereavement — and respect for Her whom we deplore, must repress what under other circumstances would have demanded and received prompt notice — I shall not suffer myself to remark upon the letter for it breathes the very Spirit of the Evil one, but I do feel that it will best become you and the family not to notice or reply to it

As to the reflections thrown upon you in reference to the treatment of the dear departed, and which are well calculated to tear open the yet Bleeding wound, there is this answer and this Consolation that you could but do, and did what you anxiously and trustfully thought was for the best, and in regard to reflections cast upon him and by him wickedly thrown back upon you. We cannot but feel and say this, that God in his goodness, carries out the Merciful designs of His good Providence in his own way, and that we are prone to ascribe to causes we dimly see and imperfectly know that which was His Merciful dispensation, and we humbly hope that in good time, all that appears dark and Mysterious will be made clear and redound to His Glory

I can but Sympathise with you again dear Mrs Harris on this new and aggravated affliction, which you must and will bear as becomes a Christian, trying to fight the good fight, and gain the Crown the Redeemed shall wear

affectionate John Wilson

14th Sophia returned home, a number of people called and expressed their indignation against Dr Anderson, and advised my sons not to notice the letter but the most of them would finish by saying: If it was my mother = and then stop. We are all so wretched and unhappy. John & Edward looked for Dr Anderson with a view but by the way not to be found

15th Edward Blake came to tea, he appears to think that he has as much right to be sad as any of us

16th Mr McLean called and stayed to dinner — in speaking of Dr Anderson

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April 16th As a Clergyman would urge that no notice should be taken of the letter but occasionally he would forget himself and clench his hands and say if it was his mother — John George and Mr Portman said Dr Anderson must and should be horsewhipped. Edward was averse to it, Mr Portman said he would leave it in their hands until the next day, and then he would act, that Helens Mother should not be insulted with impunity. Mr McLean was in the next room during this discussion. I went to him and thought that John and George had gone out, but if John had not, George had gone to Dr Andersons office, found him there and had requested him to apologise to me for his insolent letter, which he refused to do. George then slapped his Ears knocked him down and spit in his face and came home as Cool as if nothing had happened. Mr McLean had left when he returned, my Boy

17th were pleased with George and were only afraid that he had not thrashed him enough. George expected to be brought before the Police but no notice was taken of it to day. Doctors Harper and Coleman called upon Dr. Anderson and made him apologise for saying that no respectable Physician would meet Dr Brown as they were both in the habit of consulting with him on — daily

18th at 6 o'clock this evening George was summoned to appear to morrow morning at 9 A.M. We have a Wet Nurse who comes three times a day to Baby, neither sleeping nor the food satisfy, & hence we are endeavouring to get a Nurse who will give up her own Baby and come into the House and take entire charge of him, night and day, our present Nurse is most extortionate she asks five dollars a week for nursing Babe three times a day and Mr Portman has to give the Cabman a dollar a day for bringing her here, and then poor Baby is wretched between starving and feeding

19th George and all the Gentlemen front of the family went to the Police Court this morning, George did not intend to deny the assault but to read Dr Andersons letter to show his provocation. Mr Portman attended to make oath that Dr Anderson ordered the Mutton Chop and Mrs. the Nurse attended to make oath that Helen did not eat it, but Dr Anderson pleaded illness and did not attend and the trial was postponed until to morrow morning at 9 A.M. George asked Mr Daniel to conduct his defence Mr Wilson being absent

20th they all attended the Court again but Dr Anderson did not appear people said he would have been mobbed if he had. George was dismissed unless he had a fresh Summons. George then ~~published~~ published the following letter To the Editor of the Free Press

Sir Doctor Anderson having Summoned me to the Police

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April 20th Court for assaulting and beating him, and having twice failed to appear. I have been unable publickly to justify my self, and I therefore beg you will afford me an opportunity of doing so in the columns of your paper.

The accompanying letter which Dr Anderson addressed to my Mother, provoked me to take the Law into my own hands. I may have been wrong in doing so, but I first asked him to apologize for writing such a brutal and cowardly letter, and I could not restrain myself when he refused. I cannot enter upon the Medical statement in his letter. I would merely say that the attack upon my Mother was my provocation, as Doctor Anderson must have known that he had stated therein what was false, but made for the wretched purpose of endeavoring to remove the bad impressions which must attendly be entertained of him in consequence of his treatment of my Sister, and of placing the responsibility of her death on my Mother. Mr Portman heard Dr Anderson order the fried Meat, or Mutton Chop for my Sister, and the Nurse and others know that she never ate a single morsel of it. I therefore leave the public to judge between us, appealing to every Man to ask himself whether he would or could have acted differently under similar circumstances.

I am Sir your obedient Servant

George B. Harris

Elden House, London April 1860

I have already copied Dr Anderson's letter — Medical Times every day but do not all very desirable

21st a letter appeared in this days paper from Dr Brown to Dr Anderson Dr Brown has been shamefully ~~treated~~ by Dr Anderson. but my poor Helen my darling child has been the victim, how could I ever employ so bad a Man as Dr Anderson, how could I have been so blinded as to trust Her precious life to such a Brute — oh I feel acutely and fatally believe that Midwifery was one branch of his profession that he understood — a Requisition has this day been presented to Mr Portman signed by 500 Voters requesting Him to allow himself to be returned as Member for East Middlesex the Requisition is highly complimentary, and very kindly and kindly expressed

To The Honble M. B. Portman

We the undersigned, beg to offer you our heartfelt sympathy for the irreparable which you have sustained. and exceedingly regret to hear that in consequence of your bereavement, it is your present intention not only to retire from the contest for our Representation in Parliament. but likewise that you purpose leaving the Country

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April 21st and extend to us but little if any hope of welcoming you amongst us again, except in the capacity of a visitor —

During the short period of your residence in this neighborhood you have made many true friends, and during your canvass for our suffrage, you cannot fail to be aware that you added largely to their numbers daily. We therefore duly appreciating your society as a good neighbor and politician, are unwilling that you should leave us without an earnest request on our part that you will reconsider your intention of absenting yourself from us for ever — and should the Election of East Middlesex be defended as it probably may be for some months, that you may return to this Country; when time will have eradicated (as we trust it may) some of the pangs of grief under which you are now suffering, and again consent to aid our cause by allowing yourself to be nominated as our candidate for the ensuing Election — We trust that you will give this our requisition due consideration, and should you then grant our request, we on our part promise you our most hearty support during your absence and will endevor to prove on your return that we have not worked in vain —

Signed by four Hundred voters and many more names not yet in
on the 23rd Mr Portman returned the following answer

Eldon House London
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Gentlemen — I feel quite unable to express to you, the deep feelings which your more than kind address has stirred up in my breast for your sympathies with me in my loss, I thank you most sincerely. Could I forget for a moment the heavy affliction under which I am suffering, I should do so on seeing the large number of warm friends and supporters I have in this Country, and I would not hesitate to allow my name to be used in any way that seemed best to them, but I feel at present totally unable to enter into public life, and I must therefore, with the greatest regret respectfully and gratefully your invitation again to come forward for the approaching Election. Many causes lead me to this determination, the first and most weighty is, that I have sustained the loss of one, the nearest and dearest relation a man can have — and I feel as it were that I have to commence life anew, and cannot decide hastily upon my future course

I am about to leave Canada for England, and I cannot positively say that I shall ever return, otherwise than as a visitor — but wherever my lot in this world may be cast, and whatever my future may be I shall ever carry with me the most grateful remembrance of the many acts of kind and disinterested friendship I have received

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April 23d at the hand of my freinds. as well as from many with whom I regret to say. I was not acquainted. In taking leave of you all. which I now do. I assure you with the most heartfelt sorrow. I find one bright spot always before my eyes. and that is the assurance you have given me. that I carry with me the sympathy and kindly feeling of so many. I am sorry that in the short time I was before you in a public capacity and endeavoring to gain a most enviable position. I should have met with any. whose political zeal. should have led them to forget the kindly and generous feeling that should always exist between neighbors. though they may temporarily be opposed to each other in politics or interested in the success of a rival candidate—

Should I live to return to this country. I hope. and indeed feel sure. that. although I cannot on this occasion accede to the wishes of you all to contest the Election. I shall find your hearts and good feelings to me personally unchanged. whatever may then be your political views

I am Gentlemen
your most truly
Maurice B Portman

To J. Mahon Esqr M.P. &c &c and Electors of the East Riding of the County of Middlesex

Edward returned to day from Toronto. He went there on the 16th to visit a Dentist

24th to day Mr Portman and John left for Columbia, South Carolina Mr Portman wished to arrange the sale of his Plantation make the deeds and also to see Col Hampton before he left for England. but he could not muster courage to go alone, and John is so ill and works so much that he urged his going as the change and relaxation might do him good, and we also wished him to consult a doctor at New York, Elizabeth and I drew up a statement of his case from the commencement of his illness until now as nearly as we could and gave it to Mr Portman that he might shew it privately to the doctor, John certainly has not improved in his health in the last year. He was much stronger last spring than he is now.

A Nurse came to day and will take entire charge of Baby. She has left her own Baby with her Sister. we give her 16 dollars a month and pay for her washing. Dr Brown wrote in answer to the Free Press in answer to Dr Anderson. the following is a copy of his letter

To the Editor of the Free Press

Sir In consequence of the publication of the garbled and exaggerated letter of Dr Anderson to Wm Harris, in which he has made statements evidently with the view of damaging my professional character

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April 24th in the estimation of the public. I deem it necessary to address to you a letter which I think will prove them to be as untrue and as irreconcilable with the real facts as are the rest of his statements—
The following is the paragraph which I allude to
"I was suprised and by whom—By a person who does not profess to understand that department of the Profession (viz Midwifery) and who is not met by any respectable member of the Profession in the City, and has attained his present position (whatever that may be) by vilifying and traducing his professional brethren—
In regard to the first of these assertions I shall be much obliged if Dr Anderson will be kind enough to give his authority for saying that I profess not to understand the Midwifery department of my profession. It is the case that I have in a great many instances (and that to many of his patients) refused to attend Midwifery cases. but not on account of the reason which he so maliciously—and as he well knows so falsely—intimates. but simply for this reason. that having quite sufficient in all the other branches of my profession. to employ my time most fully. I could not conscientiously perform the duties which I consider incumbent on the Midwifery Practitioner—I may add however for Dr Andersons satisfaction that since I have settled in London, as a private Physician. I have always taken care to attend cases in order to keep up my knowledge in this particular branch. but solely on condition that the parties mentioned nothing about it. This I can prove by a number of testimonials. I trust therefore that Dr Anderson will calm his needless alarm on the subject—I may state also for his information that in a few days I hope to have the pleasure of attending one of his old patients—I can easily imagine how his hair will stand on end when he hears of such folly as jeopardising a life in the hands of a man who professes not to understand Midwifery. but I must stop joking. for it is a good joke

I shall have very great pleasure in comparing my qualifications with those of Dr Anderson. particularly if report speaks true when she says that he possesses naught but the testimonials of an Aberdonian Druggist and a Governor Generals License which in former days was easily procured when the Province especially Canada West was hard up for Medical Practitioners

Every one knows that the facilities for Midwifery instruction are unrivalled in Dublin by any city in the world. I believe I can assert with the most positive certainty that the famous Rotunda next to a similar institution in Vienna is the largest lying in hospital in the world. there Students are taught to recognise Puerperal peritonitis

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April 24th and there I learned how to understand it, as well as other diseases incidental to the Puerperal State

People in glass houses you say should not throw stones, before He accuses me of a want of Medical knowledge I should advise him strongly to look a little nearer home

But I dont wish to make any more allusions to the Medical facts of this case

The next statement – that I am not met by any respectable Member of the Profession in the City. is also irreconcilable with the real truth – and one for which He has already apologized to two Medical Gentlemen – thereby himself acknowledging its falsehood

That the assertion is also cowardly. for it is meant as a vindication of his own conduct in refusing to meet me. What greater proof do we want of a Coward. than that of a Man who in order to shield himself from just censure, endeavours to do so by stating what He knows within his own heart to be a most barefaced untruth

I state most distinctly, and to quote his own words after all the solemnity of which I am capable. that no matter what kind of prevaricating apology He has made He well knew when He was penning this that Drs Harper and Tattersall were constantly in the habit of consulting with me. and rendering me assistance whenever either their patients or mine required it. ever since I have had the pleasure of their acquaintance they have never refused in one single instance to do so. It was only a few days ago that Dr Harper assisted me at two and Tattersall at one serious operation – However to speak the truth and I believe it is unnecessary to state it the public is already aware that professional jealousy is the real reason why a few of the older Practitioners affect not to meet me. they were rather put out and annoyed. to me of them. when I left the Army and returned to London to settle as a private Practitioner – and Dr Anderson I am credibly informed called a Meeting and endeavoured to prevail on others to sign a round Robin never to meet me in consultation and this before they return at all. and consequently before I could have traduced or vilified their Character – I will ask my unprejudiced reader – who threw the first stone – notwithstanding the cabal however I have managed to live and thrive. and to gain the public confidence

But apart from all this I am surprised. that such talented respectable and successful Practitioners. Men whose reputations were so thoroughly established could possibly be injured by such vile traducings – Here the following questions in Medical ethics naturally suggests itself.

Is a Medical Man justified in refusing to meet at the

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Besides any properly qualified professional man, whom either the patient or his family may wish to consult - I think that - In my opinion Medical Men may safely, without either outraging or wounding their feelings, meet one another professionally although they may not be friendly, as other public Men do - the moment the sick Bed Chamber is left, the former state of intercourse may be returned to. It cannot influence the patient - is the life of a fellow creature to be sacrificed, in order that the private feelings of jealous Medical Men may be gratified - How often is life saved by a timely consultation, and a free interchange of Medical thought - for my part I would willingly consult and act with any greatest enemy, when it was for the good of a fellow creature. After all we all belong to the same human family

Dr Anderson's harangue seem to be different - Which prefers the more noble act. the Man who generously, liberally, and Philanthropically agrees to smother his private feelings, and approaches the sick bed side solely for the good of its unfortunate occupant, or the morose taciturn and personal bigot who throws aside all the kind and noble feelings of our nature, in order to gratify his own malicious, revengeful and selfish disposition

It is stated that I have gained a position (whatever that may be) by traducing and villifying the character of my Professional Brethren - Of course Dr Anderson means that my position is a very bad one - How can I appeal to public opinion. Bad as it may be in his estimation - I would not exchange it with his for all the wealth of Great Britain - I would not have such a letter fastened on my shoulders for all the positions in the world

My professional opinion I think will be taken any day and carry with it quite as great weight as that of Dr Anderson

It is the first time in my life that I ever heard that the public confer a position on a Man as a reward for such conduct. Generally public confidence is reposed in a Medical Man, in consequence of successful practice and tried ability. I venture to assert that if the whole population of London were assembled to morrow and asked the question that He himself would be the only Man who by his answer would support such a doctrine

I deny most emphatically that I have ever traduced the professional Character. I have often professionally expressed my opinion of the professional opinions of others, which I consider to be perfectly allowable, the same has been often done of mine. I don't find fault - rather I think worse of the Man who does it. as We all must have our opinions, and must frankly declare them when our patients

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I dont think it necessary to answer to answer any thing regarding the the allusions made to the Medical practice of the case as I dont consider the Public can be judges of either its Merit or demerits, as this subject I am ready to meet Dr Anderson and discuss the question in any Medical Society he wishes to name. But I have been too long, and must crave the kind indulgence of my readers. I shall therefore conclude by asking one question. What is to be thought of the disposition of the Man who, even supposing his assertions were true, could calmly and deliberately set down and pen to (Med Cowardly, and unkind a letter and that to an aged and respectable Lady, a Mother, and one grieving anew and bitterly lamenting the Melancholy and untimely death of a beloved daughter I am dear Sir, yours truly

W. H. Brown

London April 23rd

26th Doctor Anderson rejoinder to Dr Brown

To the Editor of The Free Press

Sir, in your paper of the 24th inst. I noticed a letter from Dr Brown I had heard that such an epistle was in course of preparation, and therefore was not astonished at its appearance, but I certainly expected that from a Man of such high pretentions, I should have had something more to deal with than a mere advertisement of his own professional qualifications. I have not had time to examine it sooner and should have taken no notice of it at all had he not referred to remarks made by me in a private letter to Mrs Harris: and I may here mention that if Dr Browns friends have damaged him by publishing this private letter it can hardly be held to be any affair of mine

He complains that in that letter I said that he did not pretend to understand Midwifery, although in the same paragraph He acknowledges that his practice is limited to a few cases and these attended in as recent a manner as possible that there [illegible] wisdom in adhering to this rule will be seen by the facts of the case which was lately under my care and which has brought out this correspondence and in which He declared that the patient had been laboring under Puerperal fever for four days during which time I had failed to detect it. on having done so had neglected to treat it. and without any knowledge of the previous condition of the patient on what course of treatment she was under He proceeded to Bleed copiously by leeching — the result of the knave

Now Mr Editor I want you to mark this statement that

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for four days before the could write in making this statement
She has placed herself on the horns of a dilemma. either
She has stated what was maliciously false or She has been
guilty of grass Malpractice. for all Medical authorities
agree that bleeding is only admissable in the very outset of this disease
and that if practiced in an advanced stage, it must of necessity lead to
a fatal result. and in the case of a delicate and debilitated person
like the one in question, no experienced practitioner would have
entertained the idea at all, and his course is still more at variance
with good practice, when as in this case the patient was much reduced
by a previous Diarrhoea of 2 or 3 days continuance
By the false statement that She had labored under puerperal
fever for four days. She succeeded in exciting and exasperating
the feelings of Mrs Harris and her family against me, and caused
them to give publicity to the slanders which called forth from
me my letter to Mrs Harris, which the Telegraph papers so condemned by and
Cruel, but which when read by those who have heard the statements
made by Mrs Harris and her family, appear to be only a just refutation
of their slanders

I was to have met in consultation on the case Dr Hodder of
Toronto. and as I had been superseded, He was met by Dr Brown—I
have not the pleasure of being personally acquainted with Dr Hodder
but He is well known throughout the Province as a Gentleman of talent
and long experience in the profession, and also a person of strict
integrity. I now called on Dr Brown to state the opinion of the case
given by Dr Hodder

I stated that Dr Brown had attained to his present position
by villifying and traducing his professional brethren— the
Case above cited, may be given as one example, if I thought
it necessary, I could cite many others, equally convincing with
this one

Dr Brown stated in his letter, that I tried to make a
Combination of the Medical Men in London against him
on his coming here. Dr Brown knows this to be untrue, but
an Artillery Surgeon who was stationed here at the same time
with himself, advised that such a thing should be done as Dr
Brown was a dangerous Man and unsafe to have any profession-
al intercourse with— this advice was not acted on, and had
Dr Browns conduct been what it should have been, He would
have met with nothing from the Profession here but respect
and cordiality

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April 26th Dr B— states that he hopes soon to have the pleasure of attending a patient of mine— I have no doubt he does so hope, but of he alludes to the person in whose case he diagnosed pregnancy. While the unfortunate Lady is suffering from ovarian tumor. I much fear that his hopes will be most painfully defeated

Dr Brodies personal abuse, I treat with contempt. It is sufficient for me to defend myself without taking any notice of his malignity

I remain &c.

Alexander Anderson

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27th I telegraphed to Mr Portman at New York— Mrs Beecher called and was very kind and anxious to do something for me. she said that Mr Beecher was not well, that he was making himself ill at the Electioneering Meetings, that she did not think he would be returned but knew nothing of his affairs, she said there were never any married people that were greater strangers to each other, that he never spoke of his affairs to her nor did she ever ask him a question Mrs Beecher was speaking not very kindly of Mrs Wilson and family when Mrs Wilson walked in, and Mrs Beecher said good morning— Mrs Wilson then returned the Compliment to Mrs Beecher by speaking not very kindly of her— as I write now from memory I can only recollect that people have called from day to day, and that all is sad and gladney. I sit before Helens picture until I fancy I feel her arms around my neck and her lips pressed to

30th mine— I got a letter from Mr Portman and Elizabeth got one from John. Mr Portmans letter confirms my fears about Johns health. He was examined by Dr McCready in New York and he wishes to see him again with another Medical Man on his return from Columbia the Dr agreed to think that John was in a very bad way

May 1st I telegraphed to Mr Portman at Col Hamiltons South Carolina, that I spend part of each day with her, and Elizabeth goes home for most part of the day and returns in the afternoon

I copy a second letter of Dr Browns

To the Editor of the Free Press

Sir— I would willingly avoid all further controversy respecting the Medical case ~~referred to~~ adverted to in Dr Anderson, letter in your issue of the 26th Inst— because I apprehend that a public discussion of this nature must necessarily be painful to the feelings of every member of a highly respectable family and regret that the necessity of self defence must be my justification for thrusting myself upon any further in a controversy into which

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April 28th I was originally dragged by the gratuitous slanders of Dr Anderson

The apology which Dr Anderson affects to make in the commencement of his letter. For his remarks in disparagement of my professional position and character, is an aggravation of his first offence - the blind impulse of professional jealousy and personal hatred might be admitted as a sort of palliation for an open and manly attack upon a brother practitioner. But what can be said in excuse for malicious aspersions deliberately committed to paper and intended for private and select circulation. This is said on the supposition that Dr Anderson really believed what he here asserted. But could falsehood itself have imagined that such a letter as that which he wrote to Mrs Davies could have escaped publication

Dr Anderson has not alluded to his imputed want of a regular Medical Diploma under the fallacious pretence that such an imputation must be ranked as personal abuse and vulgarity - but unfortunately for him this happens to be a public as well as a personal matter. When a Man claiming to belong to the Medical Profession settles down in a particular locality, and there assumes the airs of a practitioner duly qualified - and when on the strength of such a position and of the reputation thereby conceded to him. He proceeds to lead round Doctors against properly certified professional and Magisterially to decide as to who is fit and who is not fit to be met in consultation

When such a person happens to have his own qualifications publicly questioned, could it be supposed that he would fail to meet such a challenge. or that he would shelter himself under the foolish plea of offended dignity. Dr Anderson ought to feel obliged for the opportunity of publicly refuting an imputation upon his professional respectability, which has been long in private circulation, and he need blame himself if others as well as myself should henceforward shrug their shoulders at the mention of Dr Anderson being a duly certified Medical Man

There is another very important matter upon which Dr Anderson has observed a prudent silence. I allude to the question whether he was justified in deserting a patient whose Physician he had been for years, at the most critical period of her life. Merely because I was called in for the purpose of consulting with him. Whatever the antiquated and absurd notions entertained on this point by a few of his professional brethren, may be, I am justified in asserting that his own unprofessional friends are unanimous

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in condemning them, I still adhere to the opinion which I have already expressed. viz. that the Medical points of this case, should not be discussed in the columns of a public News paper

Dr Anderson pretends that he has caught me on the horns of a ~~Dilemma~~ dreadful dilemma, but unfortunately for him his horns are only made of Wax, and will stand no butting, in order to prop up this fearful dilemma, he requests you Mr Editor, to work a statement of mine, viz - that the patient had been laboring under puerperal fever for four days, previous to my being called in, this statement Dr Anderson has evidently received second hand, all I have to say is, that I never made such a statement to any one, what I did say was exactly this ——— My opinion is that the case is one of Peritonitis (if you wish you may call it puerperal, because it occured in the puerperal or lying in state) and that its origin dated from the day on which the chills and abdominal pains first occurred. but taking the case as put by Dr Anderson, let us see what his boasted dilemma amounts to — in answer to it, (to quote his own expression) I assert with all the solemnity of which I am capable, that when I was called in to this case, I found all the leading symptoms of Peritonitis, or inflamation of the continuous membrane which lines every thing within the cavity of the abdomen - seeing that I had to deal with an inflamation of a most dangerous nature and which if allowed to proceed unchecked, would of itself rapidly produce a fatal termination. I had recourse to the only alternative which under the then existing circumstances was left to me, viz - local depletion with the other remedies usually adopted in such cases and I am quite satisfied as to the propriety of that treatment under the difficult or I might almost add the desperate circumstances in which I was placed - Circumstances too justly induced by Dr Anderson's having suddenly and shamefully declined to perform the most sacred duty that can devolve on a Medical Man

In connection with this part of the case, I beg to add that I have in my possession a written statement from a Member of the Faculty, as to the entire Management of the case, while under Dr Anderson's care and which I will request permission to publish if necessary, if I could descend to the arts of Sophistry or rhetoric in discussing so Melancholy a case, I might refer with triumph to Dr Anderson's own testimony to the correctness of my treatment. in his letter to Mrs Davis he positively asserted, that the Symptoms of Puerperal fever setting in when he was superseded, if this were true, then they recovered to bleeding (which Dr Anderson has stated in his last letter all Medical authorities allow to be advisable in the

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April 28th (commencement of the disease) was perfectly admirable —
But I come to avail myself of the mistakes or mistatements of
Dr Anderson. for the above assertion that the symptoms of
Puerperal fever were only then setting in. when he was suspended
must I fear be ranked as an after thought of the same stamp as that
respecting the direful effects of a Mutton Chop. which he ordered
and had never been eaten
Dr Anderson calls on me for Dr Hodders opinion. I can prove
that Dr Anderson before he made this demand. knew that that
Gentleman when he heard that his opinion was required for the
purpose of publication refused point blank to give it for that
reason
I will ask any straight forward person. is it manly
to require a Man to do any thing. which the asker perfectly knows
He cannot do, and to take advantage of this knowledge for the
purpose of damaging his opponent in the eyes of a public who
are totally unacquainted with the facts of the case
There are two other points towards the close of Dr Andersons
letter. to which I should wish to advert. for I can fairly
refute them but the length of this letter precludes me from
doing so for the present

Yours Truly W. H. Broun

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May 3d George got a Summons again from Dr Anderson
to appear at the Police Court on the Morning of the 4th
which He did we all thought it best that He should
make no defence, but admit the Assault and pay
his fine, which He did. the Police Court was crowded with
Dr Anderson and his friends and Dr Mason and his
4th friends and a great number of Georges young friends
were present. I believe it was the intention of Georges
friends to have paid his fine. but the Mayor said He
would take time to consider of it. and the next day when
5th He was called up and fined 20 dollars including costs there
were very few present on that knew any thing about it
Dr Anderson was very much disappointed that George
made no defence as He had gone prepared to introduce
a great deal of matter so as to have it published in the
Police reports — To day we got our English letters
Poor Helen how much she was loved and how sincerely mourned
the blow came heavy as I knew it would to poor Teresa for she
loved Her the best of her Sisters. Teresa and Mr Scott say they

May 5th will come to me immediately. I hope they may. Poor Eliza expects her confinement in a few days, and I fear for her life poor girl

6th Edward Blake came for an hour before he went to Church I do not think there is any one out of our own family that feels Helens death more than he does

9th Admiral Vidal called and urged me to visit them, and would scarcely take a refusal. I will never leave Helens children for a day while they are under my charge. Becher came with Admiral Vidal it is the first time he has been here for a fortnight. Elizabeth got a letter from John and Amelia got one from Mr Portman, who says he will either take the children with him or stay with them, that he cannot bear to be seperated from them, they had a very rough passage from New York to Charleston and were very nearly lost. They will come home by Rail and hope to be here on Saturday

9th Elizabeth did not go home to day, a letter came from Col Pratchley for John, Eliza was not well enough to write. I dreamed such a frightful dream about her on the night of the 7th I thought she had on a figured Muslin night cap an airy peech tembled and some sort of dressing gown. but she looked so pale and so thin the corners of her Mouth drew so painfully when she smiled and her figure looked so very thin that I remarked it to her more than once, I was awakened several times by the thunder and storm but each time I closed my eyes I had the same dream and saw her looking so pale and thin. My poor Daughter if you should go too. I am afraid to think Mr Wilson called to day, it is a very long time since he has been here—

10th Elizabeth went home after Breakfast, and Amelia called here before going to Toronto, she intends returning, to morrow sick the Groom told me there was a Yankee in town buying Horses I sent him down with Mr Portmans horse and succeeded in selling him for £95 which we thought was a very fair price this morning I received a Telegraph from Mr Portman to say that he would be home to morrow, what a difference that one to come to no fond wifes loving kiss to greet him

11th I this morning copy Dr Griffins letter written to his Son Gilbert on the 26th of April 1860

My Dear Gib

I received poor Mrs Harris's sad diary, and read it with great sorrow, as you must well remember that I felt and still feel that your poor Mothers fatal illness was mis-understood—and not in fact treated at all, but all regrets are useless, when the grave has closed over those who are dear to us as life itself ——

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May 11th I have also in my possession papers containing the letter of Dr Anderson, and that Gallant young man George's terrible letter— He acted right. and if he had shot the Scoundrel, it would have found many to excuse him

A more heartless blackgard letter it has never been my fate to read — and based on a falsehood too— He (Dr Anderson) may speak and write of Malice &c. but he has furnished the world around him with a more potent weapon against himself, than any of his Malignors could have invented— It is his letter widely circulated. I know through the Country— & I have heard but one opinion of its character— I wish Dr Brown had written a better letter— if he is capable of it— and then are— He should have confined himself to the case in point— No one cares to know the history of himself and his doings— Hodders letter is by no means satisfactory to me as a letter— He did not give in another place near so decided an opinion as he has given Mr Portman— if I wanted any corroboration or rather confirmation of my previously formed opinion (based on your letter) it would be found in the Correspondence before me— poor Harry when he read the Diary. He remarked that Dr Hodder. was in exactly the same position as regarded poor Rose that Anderson now is— Altogether it is one of the saddest histories I have ever met with— it is quite impossible to say what might have been the result under the most judicious treatment— but as it is, she was sacrificed to ignorance and want of judgment— I gave the Letter to a Medical friend of mine to read— His remark was— it is to be hoped there are not many Dr Andersons, amongst us — they must be badly off for Medical Men in London &c &c — I gave the Diary &c to Harriet to read— & the letters as they appear in the papers—

With kind regards to Mrs Harris and Mr Portman and love to Amelia I am &c

George Griffin

Mr Portman and John arrived at ½ past 5 P.M. very tired and glad to get home. Amelia and Mr Griffin met them on the Train and came home with them. John I thought looked a little better than when he left, but Mr Portman not looking as well as when he went away. Mr Portman brought a picture of Dear Helen done by Mr Vandersford. but it is not like her— Mr Griffin. Amelia. John and Elizabeth came to dinner. after they were all gone Mr Portman read his letters. which kept him awake all night. as I knew they would. Oh Helen how dear you were to us all

12th Mr Portman looked wretched this morning. His Mother and family are so urgent (and so kind) that he should take the Children home that he has decided upon taking Berkeley and Willy, but will not go

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May 12th until after the Scotts arrive. Lady Portman says the children shall be as her own as long as she and Lord Portman live, sorry as I am to part with them I know it will be for their benefit that they should go. the Baby will remain with me for a year or two if not longer. I am afraid to think of the future. Helen gone: Mr Portman and the Children going. what a change in my home and feelings - Helen, my Child, my Child - how lonely you have left your Mother —— Mr Barber called - and I got 2 one English letters one from Lady Portman, who writes with so much feeling and kindness judging from Mr Portman and from what little I know of Lord and Lady Portman I should think them one of the nicest families in England. I had a short letter from Teresa, who says she will be out in June I do so hope they will come, poor Teresa mourns deeply for her favorite sister. Amelia had a letter from Eliza, she writes in very low spirits. Her youngest child was very ill not expected to live, in the last few hours before she wrote, hope had revived a little as the child seemed a little better - and poor Eliza daily expecting her confinement may God in his Mercy keep her in safety

Cornish went to Edward and wanted him to ask Mr Portman to propose him at the Nomination on Monday next. Edward spoke to Mr Portman who declined, as his feelings were too deeply wounded by his recent affliction to allow him to take any part in the Election - Amelia, John, Elizabeth and Mr Griffin came to tea

13th a lovely Morning, bright and beautiful, and yet how sad, as I looked over the fields and flowers, and thought of her that was dearer to me than life, lying in her cold grave, away alone soon to be forgotten Oh Helen dear it cannot be long until I come to you, we loved each other dearly here, surely we shall love each other where all is love. No one from Eldon went to Church - John and Elizabeth came to dinner - Amelia and Mr Griffin came to tea, I wrote to Teresa.

14th Mrs Cronyn called, she is going to Toronto. Amelia came and went to Mrs Lawrason's to ask about a Nurse to go to England with the Children and Mr Portman & Mr Brown has published another letter to Dr Anderson, Mr Portman and Edward secreted the paper and did not tell me of it but Mr Wilson came in and he asked me if I had seen it and expressed his regret at its publication. Admiral Vidal called but did not remain very long he is staying at the Wilsons - Mr Jackson called to see Mr Portman. He goes to Toronto to day to pass as a Lawyer - Mrs W. Lawrason called to day she had spent four hours in the Court House, watching the doings at the Nomination and listening to the speeches at

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May 14th the candidates. I gat a letter from Sarah, who speaks very kindly of Teresa and says she will be very sorry to part with her and the likes Mr Scott. She is so kind and fond of Teresa, we were hurt and distressed to find this evening that Dr Brown was publishing my diary of poor Helen's treatment by Dr Anderson. Mr Portman called on Dr Brown but he was not at home. He then wrote a note to him forbidding him to publish it, and then went to the Prototype office and found it was already in type. He stopped its publication for the present, after dinner Mr Portman went to Mr Griffiths and Dr Brown came there. He had written to the Prototype to stop the publication altogether. It was a most outrageous thing of Dr Brown to publish my diary without my leave, and when I had told him, I would not allow it to be published. He says Edward gave him leave, but in an indirect way. it must have been in a very indirect ways. but Dr Brown feels that his Professional reputation is attacked by Dr Anderson, and that by the publication of my diary would place things in their true light. and if he could have smuggled it before the public. he would have done so regardless of our feelings. and when once done we could not undo it — I have been all day in trouble about George. He has not been very well of late. and Dr Woodruff says he is dispeptic and gave him Medicine, but George that if that was his ailment, abstinence and exercise would set him right, and he has taken to Boating most violently — too violently, so much so that the duties of the office have not been properly attended to. this morning he was very late in his attendance and afterward he spent the rest of the day at the boathouse. both John and Edward complained and I felt that it would not do. exercise is necessary and proper, but it does not require the neglect of business. and George has now arrived at that age when he must do all for himself. He may make himself whatever he pleases, but people can never rise in the world, in any profession without close application reading and study is also necessary to give intellectual position. his loss of labor in the office was a very secondary consideration. to his forming idle habits and idle acquaintance which always lead to a down ward path. He has always been so good, so faultless without ever in his life giveing me a Moments anxiety. that I did not fully appreciate how much I had been Blessed in him until I began to fear for him. I humbly asked God. to keep him in the right way. and continue this great Blessing to me. when he came home he came to me lovingly as he always does. I spoke to him about his neglect of office. and told him our fears. at first he seemed hurt and annoyed. but that soon passed away. and he admitted his fault. and promised amendment. He said he had not been away very much from the office. but that he had not been

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May 14th as attentive as He ought to have been, He said He had joined the Boat Club because He was not well, and that merely a walk for exercise was a labor to him, that He wanted something to stimulate to exertion, that the Boat race would be over on the 24th and then He would have done with it, in the mean time He would endeavor not to give any more cause for uneasiness He was as ever My own dear George and promised never to give me trouble or care— He said it was very hard to please Edward in the Office and that Edward spoke very rudely and harshly many times, I wish He would correct this / Mothers should be more cautious to each other than they are to strangers, and yet they often think that it does not matter if they speak each other— I went to bed thankful and almost happy

15th This is Johns birth day, how happy I felt the day He was born when I kissed his dear face, and laid him on the pillow by the side of me— He called here to day with Elizabeth, and brought the China which Helen had ordered for me like Her own breakfast Set, and John takes my Tea Service which is like his Breakfast Set, they drove out to the farm, John looks very ill

16th Mr King came to Luncheon, Amelia was here also— Mr Portman got Doctor M'Cready's opinion of Johns case to day, He has consulted with Doctor Metcalf of New York, and both think there is a malignant tumor (cancerous) forming in Johns side, but advise that He shall not be told this as hope will do more for him than Medicine, He gives directions as to Johns diet air and exercise, and hopes that He may be mistaken in the nature of the Tumor forming, if so John May live a dozen years, if not He will not live a year— I feel that He will die. Oh God enable me to trust with humble confidence in thy love, and grant that my Son, My dear Son may be prepared to meet his Saviour. Grant God give me grace to bear thy heavy chastening, and enable me to trust in a Saviours love— Mr Portman and Edward went to Dr Woodruff and showed him Dr M'Creadys letter— He said He had never examined John, and had never suspected the existence of such a disease, but that He would call upon him to morrow and endeavor to examine him

17th I spent a wretched night, Helen dead, and John dying— God help me Mr Portman went to see Dr Woodruff, He had called upon John, who laughed at the idea of being examined, He returned with Mr Portman to Luncheon and my heart ached when I saw him, I have felt anxious for years, but I was never without hope, now hope is gone, and I look upon him as dying— Amelia has been here all day, Mrs Rivers called

18th we have been all day consulting, what we are to tell John and how we are to induce him to put himself strictly under Medical treatment without showing him Dr M'Creadys letter, it is hard to tell him that the Doctors

May 18th thinks he must die. We came to no decision and have told him nothing. He has a slight Diarrhoea hanging on him ever since his return from the South. It is accompanied with great pain. Edward has given up going to England and talks of being married very quietly about the last week in June. Amelia was here for three or four hours. I wrote to Lady Portman

19th I felt very ill during the night and prayed to be able to submit humbly to what God wills. this morning I have tried hard to keep from thinking and grieving. three were letters this morning from Sarah. Col Dalrymple. Mr Leath. Thistlethwaite and Capt Neave. Mr Leath wrote from Paris and says they will leave England for Canada the middle of June. John called and we spoke of Dr. McCready's letter to him, but did not tell him what Dr McCready advised should not be told. we urged him to see a Doctor in London who would communicate with Dr McCready. which he promised to do. I told him that Dr McCready considered him very seriously ill. I could not tell him more. He seemed to think very seriously of all I said. Elizabeth was here but she seems to have got over her alarm about him. Dr McInnes called. He is on his way from Goderich and will remain with the Griffins until Monday. Amelia came to Luncheon

20th Dr Portman and Amelia went to Church. John came home with them to dinner. Elizabeth came after dinner. how distressing it is and what a heartache it gives to me to look at John and think he is dying and no one to pour out my heart to, as I did with Helen. I pray God that John may be prepared and resigned and glad to go to his Saviour and then I think I shall feel resigned also. Amelia. Mr Griffin and Mr McInnes came to tea. Edward and George went to afternoon Service. Mr McInnes sails for England on the 9th of June and offered to take any proofs to England for me

21st John called here on his way to Hamilton. Amelia came to Luncheon. Mr Buchan went to the Griffins in the evening and wanted Mr Griffin to vote for him, although he had written to Mr Griffin when he thought that Mr Griffin would support Mr Portman and cautioned him as an official not to interfere in Elections, of course Mr Griffin declined having anything to do with the Election. Edward and George went to the Griffins in the evening and Mr Portman and I were here alone. We both felt sad and lonely

22d to day is the first day of the Election. every body thinks that Mr Crick will be returned. Amelia came to Luncheon. John returned from Hamilton. He and Elizabeth called here on their way home. Mr Griffin called. Kate Brough called

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May 23d John sat for an hour with Me. and asked me about all our arrangement for Edwards marriage, and seemed to wish to know whether Edward and Sophia were to live here permanently. I told him no. their living here now was only a temporary arrangement, that I at present could come to no decision about the future. I did not know what the Leeds would wish to do. whether they would remain here only until they bought or until they Built or whether they would be willing to remain with Me as Mr Portman and Helen. had done - I told him I could not help preferring a daughter with me to a Daughter - in law. however good they might be, they could not be quite as a daughter and that however good sons were, the wife must come before the Mother. I do not know why how it is with a woman but she has a heart that will hold Husband, Children and Mother without either feeling themselves wronged but she can take no one else excepting Mother and Sisters into her innermost heart. not a Mother in law. a Man I think may like a Mother in law almost as well as his Mother. but not a woman. I told him if I left Eldon. I should give the house up to him, and that if He got ill so as to be confined to the house. He must come home. but who would be here. that if there should be no other room vacant He and Elizabeth should have mine. and I would go to the Library. I asked him if He would not rather be here if He was ill and He said that He would. He spoke about his health. and about Dr Mc Cready. I told him that Dr Mc Cready spoke far from encouragingly about him, and said there was a Tumor forming in his side. He said He knew that. that Dr Mc Cready had said as much to him. He wondered what the nature of the Tumor was. I told him upon the nature of that Tumor depended life and death. He said He knew that also. I told him we all hoped for the best, and although many who were strong and healthy might go before him, yet He ought to be prepared, that we had so recently felt that in life we were in the midst of death, that if we did not take warning from it all warnings would be useless. I trust He is looking beyond this world for a home. I wished him to see Dr Brown or some Medical man, not that they should prescribe for him but to see if they agreed with Dr Mc Cready as to his disease. Dr Mc Cready advises but little Medicine. Air exercise and but little work, with a regulated diet is all that can be done, nature must do the rest. We both spoke very composedly, yet my heart was ready to burst. Amelia came a usual The Election is over to day. Mr Crick is returned by a Majority of 170 over Becher who polled many more votes than it was supposed would be polled for him Cornish had only 380 votes. Crick had a Majority of six hundred over him. John went out and polled his vote for Mr Becher

24th this day four years Mr Portman returned from England. to be married then all was hope and happiness. now how changed. I pray to God to give me strength to bear all my sorrows and grace to look beyond this world to a joyful meeting. as memory recalls the past this evening / to Mr Portman He looked very wretched. this morning Mr Portman John and Edward drove out to the Farm. I am glad they have that farm. it is recreation to

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24th Mem. Elizabeth remained here while the Gentlemen were at the Farm
Amelia was here also. the Rowing Match for the City Cup took place to day
and George brought a young Montserrat home with him for an early dinner
young Montserrat mentioned having seen Dr Griffin in Toronto last
week as I knew Dr Griffin had kept dark about going to Toronto and
had said that he was going to Buffalo. asked Mr Montserrat particularly
so as to be sure what day he was there. He was there on Wednesday of
last week. Amelia does not know it. if he had said he was going there
no one would have asked a question or thought of it but false hood
and Mystery there must be Something wrong. Something to conceal—
George the Messenger. promised Rachel to take the English letters which came
by the gorlock Train for all our family to the Griffins. Mr Portman
and Edward walked up there. Mr Griffin had returned and was as cross
and sulky as possible. He was scarcely civil to them, there were letters
from the Leaths, Eliza and Mary. Eliza's Baby is recovering and she
is as well as she can be so near her Confinement Mr Leath says he hopes to be
here by the first of July. The young Libbatts won the Boat Race to day
they have to win three years in succession to win the Cup—
Mr Becher called to day. He looked weary and disgusted about the Election, and
says that he will take care that old Johnson shall never represent the
County. He does not believe that he injured himself or rather his cause by
any imprudence of his own in the way of speaking or boasting
25th John and Elizabeth called. Elizabeth is not well. has cold and sore
throat I prevailed her to remain here and send for Dr Brown which
she did. Dr. Brown did not think there was very much wrong. poor John
wanders about in the open air looking for health. Mr Hutcheson came
to Luncheon and dinner. Mr Becher and Cornish are already
Electioneering. for the General Election, and Mr Portmans
friends want him to come out. He says he will do so if they
will insure his return. but that he will not come out to divide
the Conservative Votes, and to insure the ruin of the Conservative
cause. but if they will unite and see who is the strongest of the
Conservative Candidates. and support the strongest. He will either
stand or retire. I shall be glad if he is returned. as it will insure his
return to the Country for a time at all events. Mr Portman and
Mr Hutcheson drove out to the Kings. Mrs W. Lawrason called
I had a long talk with Amelia about Mr Griffin. when she went
home last night she was excessively angry because she
was not at home when he arrived although he had not
been at home a quarter of an hour. the Servant came for
Amelia as she was leaving the House, and Mr Griffin
abused the Servant (Alice) for coming for Her Mr Portman

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May 25th and Edward went up there for their letters in the evening and Mr Griffin was so cross and talky that they could not help seeing it but Amelia said he was not cross with them that it was her that he was angry with. I told her more plainly than I ever have done how untruthful and unprincipled I thought him

26th Edward had a talk with me this Morning. He wants Amelia to go to England and to stay there until next Spring. He says he will find the means or rather that his Brothers and Sisters will. He thinks Her looking ill and says if she remains here she will never look better. I work very much that she could go. She came here this Morning and I kept her busy marking the Childrens Pinafores. Stockings &c I asked her if Mr Griffin was over his ill humor yet. She said not quite. Mrs Lawrason called again and brought me a bunch of flowers. There was a Meeting of the Portman friends to day. He has placed himself in their hands, they are going to see what strength they have, and have appointed another Meeting for next Saturday

27th John and Elizabeth came to dinner. John saw Doctor Brown this Morning and was examined by him. Edward went to evening Service Mr Griffin and Amelia came to tea. I wrote to Sarah and Teresa We all went to bed very unhappy

28th this Morning Mr Portman went to see Doctor Brown to ask his opinion of John. He says there is no malignant tumor forming in his side, but that his Spleen is very much enlarged and so is his liver and that nothing can be done for him, and he doubts his living a year. Oh my Son, my Son. God grant that you may be ready and willing to go. I many times think my heart will break. Amelia came to spend the day. Mr Griffin was from home. Mr Tiley called. I like him very much and think him a good Clergyman Mrs Godden and Mrs Watson called, they want Amelia to attend a Meeting to Morrow about making a purse for Dr M'Lean, John and Elizabeth called here on their return from the Farm. John looked weary and exausted. I go to bed sorrowful and my nights pass wretchedly

29th two Months to Morrow since Helen breathed her last Oh what dreary Months. Helen gone and John dieing yet the world goes on the same. In this Morning Paper Mr Beckon announces himself a candidate for the next Election and I suppose no one will be ungenerous enough to oppose him after his having lost the last and having expended a great deal of Money time and trouble I suspect People will say that is his look out. not theirs — Amelia went to the Meeting at Mrs Gaadhues. and Mrs Lawrason proposed that a collection should be made to buy a present for the Bishops

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as well as a collection for Mr M'Lean, she said nothing had ever been given to the Bishop during all his long services here. Then proposition was opposed as it was thought a poor compliment to the Bishop to bring him in at the end of Mr M'Leans collection, it was then proposed to buy a silver Ink-stand for Mr M'Lean with a part of the Money which they hope to collect. This was opposed also, and it was finally carried that they would collect what they could and give him the Money. There was a good deal of sparring between Mrs Wilson and Mrs Lawrason about Church matters - Mrs Wilson told Amelia that Mr Becher spoke very violently about Mr Portman - John went home quite ill to day from the office. He had an attack of Diarrhoea Amelia staid to dinner - I went to bed feeling such mental despondency that it was almost unbearable - Mrs Beddoe called

30th two months to day poor Helen lay a Corpse in the next room. two months have passed and yet I do not feel the wound closing in the heart, shall I never feel resigned and enabled to say from my heart thy will O God be done - Amelia came and spent the day, Mr Griffin being absent. Mrs Wilson came to Luncheon. the Wilsons say would marry Mr Jackson Mrs Wilson likes him very much, but she is very doubtful whether Lucy will take him - John called for a few minutes, He is better to day, but looks fading away, Mr Portman Lee sent pictures of Helen from Mr Wanderforde to day and they are all very good likenesses, there was only one coloured one, and that he made me a present of I am so glad to have it, and feel so much obliged to him. He gave one of the others to Amelia, which is very, very kind of him, as she is unable to pay for one

31st two months to ~~Drowned~~ since poor Helen was buried - Berkeley and Willy to day, when they heard Amelia, quick step across the passage, said there is Mamma. No Mamma for them ever again in this world - Children can have but one Mother - I try hard to keep from thinking, and crying but when I sit down to write my journal or letters it is like looking into my heart and there is nothing but sorrow there, and then I cannot command my feelings. John came here to day and we had a long talk. He is perfectly aware of his state of health and has thought of every arrangement that He can make as to his affairs. He says Elizabeth must sign a release of Dower to prevent difficulties in the Office. He says her own means are ample and that He does not think it necessary to leave what little property He has to her. that if He had a Child of course He should leave every thing to the Child but should He leave no Child, He should wish the most of his property to return here He said He should give Books to Elizabeth He named Ruskin and one or two others, but the bulk of his Books He wished to return here and go with the other Books, his pictures He said were worthy of his own Drawing and He wished them to return to his family. as Elizabeth of course would

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May 31st Marry again and his own family would value them more. He wished all the things which had been in use in Eldon to return here. He named his Japan Chest of Drawers, and his own dinner service and Breakfast service which have his Crest on them. I thought Elizabeth might wish to keep them but if she wished them to return to his own family He had better name a sum for them to pay Elizabeth for them. all the rest of his furniture was bought for his house, and they would have no association with them for us. that every thing in the house bought for the house would be Elizabeths. He spoke about the marriage Licence and wondered whether it would be possible to get the affair transferred to one of his Brothers and said if it could not be done before his death that it would not be given to one of them afterwards. He spoke about this place, and said there would be much here to remind us of him. I told him if he was taken before me I did not think I could live here. I did not know what my feelings might be but I thought I could endeavour to go to England for a time. that last year this time. I thought I could not live away from Eldon but now every thing, and every feeling seemed change, and the associations that were pleasing and kept me from feeling lonely when alone, were all changed and had become so sad and painful that I did not know but change of scene would be absolutely necessary for my existence, can any thing be more sad than the above conversation with a beloved Son 30 years of age with good worldly prospects, and yet feeling that death was near at hand I told him that Dr Brown said there was no Lesion for him in his side. He grasped a hope at once that perhaps might live long with an enlarged liver. I could not tell him that Dr Brown thought there was as little hope of his living over a year as Dr H. already did I too sometimes think the doctors may be deceived and have a hope that He may get better — if I could only feel an assurance that He would get better, I think the joy would be almost too great, it would be almost like receiving one from the dead — Amelia got a letter from Mary I had no English letter,

June 1st Amelia called him on her way to the Cemetery. to get some flowers to put on Helens Coffin they open the grave to day to put on the Marble Slab. two Months ago to day she was buried. when I picked the flowers it seemed like sending a message to her, Oh Helen. Helen how hard to part with you, how hard to give you up. and yet how soon we may meet again. if I could only feel resigned — Amelia called on her return, she placed the flowers on the head of the Coffin — Mr Portman and George drove to the Farm. John and Elizabeth called here I thought John looked a little better. He and Elizabeth went fishing. She returned a little before him, and she told me

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June 1st That John had been so desponding for the last week that she had felt him unable. He told her that he knew he must die, when I saw him looking better to day I felt hope reviving, and then when I saw him return from fishing, looking so ~~white~~ ill, my heart sank within me to day the Painters have commenced fitting up Edwards room, when the paper hangers took of the paper all the plaister came with it and it has to be nearly plaistered. the papers are full of descriptions of the preparations in progress for the reception of the Prince of Wales and the papers here are full of the Elections which are to take place during the ensueing year

2nd John and Amelia came to Luncheon, and John asked if he and Elizabeth might come to dinner as their cook was ill. they came of course. I thought John looked better during the day, but he looked very ill in the evening.

3rd I intended going to Church but it rained and I could not. John and Elizabeth came to dinner and Amelia and Mr Griffin came to tea. Mr Portman went to the evening Service. I wrote to Mary

4th this has been a very sad day to Mr Portman. four years ago to day he was married, how happy and joyous we all were, and poor Helen how bright and full of happiness the was, and now she is in her cold grave, and here is her husband and her three motherless babes Mr Portman would not go out to day, though repeatedly urged to have him rel[ie]f at a Shop Meeting where many of his electioneering friends were assembled for the purpose of seeing him. He said he could not this day was sacred to the memory of her that is gone. I have been less depressed to day than usual although at times I have felt as if my heart was breaking, Amelia came here after she had been out collecting for Mr McLean and Lunched, John came and Lunched on his way to the Farm Edward drove out with him. Mr Wilson came to luncheon and looked as if he had prosperity without alloy, Mr Buchan ~~returned on~~ called he had just returned from Toronto. He did not allude to the election

5th Mr Portman was not well this morning, but seemed better after breakfast. Amelia came in town for Luncheon, Mr Portman was in Town and came home rather discouraged about the election the Globe had written a short sarcastic article about him. John called I thought him looking very much better. He wants me to go to the farm with him to morrow. Amelia will come and take charge of the Children. at dinner to day I felt so hurt that I feel quite ill, about three weeks after Helens death, Mr Portman with Mr King was in Mr Eagans Degueratype rooms, when he came home he spoke of Sophia Mathews being there and remarked what a very pretty Degueratype she made. He said he liked to see

to go to England, as He thought her health needed a change, and it would be for her alone (not Mr Griffin to share it) Edward afterwards spoke to John, and the subject will be forth coming. John and Elizabeth came to Luncheon, John looked very miserable. for two days He had been better and hope with Him had revived but it vanished again to day. George and I had a long talk in the evening, with all my troubles how many blessings I have, how kind and good are my sons and Sons in law with one exception, all are good, dear boys as I love them I felt from my heart that I would rather stand alone in this world, than that one of them should do wickedly then why should I mourn or bitterly for those that are gone, and why do I tremble when I think of Johns dieing, what is it weakness of mind or body- I shall soon be with those that are dead, and probably never again see many of my Children who are living- Mr Portman came in a good deal excited. He had been told that Mr Beecher spoke of him in a most ungentlemanlike way, and stated and insinuated untruths about him, those things are very hard to bear patiently, but straitforward gentlemanlike conduct must triumph in the end, and Mr Portmans conduct in private and public has been that of a Gentleman

8th Amelia came, and Mr Portman spoke to her about her going to England but nothing is yet settled. people are making a fuss about Mr Cox (a post Office Clerk) assisting Amelia to collect for Mr McLean. Mr Cox belongs to the Church and has a number of his friends at the post office, and He said He would try to collect a little from them. which He has done with the post masters loan He has collected between seven and ten dollars. the Post Master who is a Roman Catholic having given four of it. Dr Phillips went to the Bishop and made a complaint about it. the Bishop sent for Mr Watson. who came to Edward. and told him of the complaints that were made. We thought it not worth notice, as fault must be found with us let us do what we will. Amelia unwillingly undertook to collect what little she could amongst her own particular friends. but said in her dear mourning she could not go out collecting and now they find fault because a friend has endeavoured to collect a little for her. a remark appeared in the Liberator in which they declare publishing the letter of a correspondent upon the subject for fear of hurting the feeling of a Gentleman (Mr McLean) who is in no wise cognizant of the act. but they perfectly agree with the sentiments of the writer expressed regarding the collection made- Mr Portman has not been well to day, and has appeared in very low spirits- time will heal the wound with him. but it is only eternity that can close it with me-

9th Mr Portman was not at all well this morning. and sent for Doctor Brown. who tells him that He has symptoms of Rheumatic Gout. and adheres can in eating and drinking. Dr Brown spoke of Johns case. being a hopeless one. but that He might linger on for a long time. what He meant by a long time I was afraid to ask- when Amelia came I spoke to her about her going to England. as Mr Portman had spoken to me about it in the morning. I had always fancied there was some hesitation

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June 9th with Mr Portman about taking her and I could not make it out as I thought it would be a great relief to him to have her to take a Mothers care of the Children, and in every way would be, and would appear much better, than if the Children went home with their Father and only a Servant to look after them Children and as her going would not increase his expences, there seemed to be a little mystery about it that I could not fathom, but to day it was all explained, He would like Amelia to go with them very much, but He would wish it to be our act, independant of him, as He knows that Mr Griffin would say that his wife had gone away, to take care of Portmans Children and that He has already called her Head Nurse, and that any should any thing happen to her while away, that He would be reproached during his life for it— I had not thought of Mr Griffin in the matter further than his saying yes or no, but I know very well that He would say all that Mr Portman says He would, as for myself I should care but little for it, who ought to be Head Nurse if she is not, under present circumstances, can she do too much for her Sister, Husband and Children— we shall all soon be wide apart— and what Mr Griffin may say will be of small account— it is to be decided on Monday whether she is to go or not John called to day and brought me a beautiful dish of trout. He looks better but ill— Mrs W Lawrason called and paid us a long visit and was very nice— talked nearly all the time about poor Helen and Chase— I got letters from Mary, Col Crutchley and Teresa. Elvira is going on well, and Col Crutchley is in very good Spirits, Teresa writes from Paris Mr Scott is not well and She is anxious to come home and says they will sail on the 30th of June. I think when they get my letters they will leave a week sooner— Mr Scott wants to know if I can get us a Butler if He brings one out. I can only say He is a very fine Gentleman— Mr Portman attended his election Comittee this afternoon, as Mr Becher has refused to come to any arrangement the Committee have decided that Mr Portman shall run and even if it involves the defeat of both Candidates, the disagreeable part of it is that He will have to be absent during the election nearly all the time, before He leaves for England— and we shall see but little more of him

John and Elizabeth came down and read the English letters Edward got angry when at dinner because John thought He had left the office earlier than He did— their time differed— it was a matter of not the slightest consequence— I feel very sorry to see Edward who used to be quoted as one of the very best tempers in the world, giving way to a bad temper which will and is growing upon him and will soon become beyond his control how painful it is to see those one loves do foolishly—

10th Mr Portman went to Church. Edward and George went to the Farm the day very cold, but we have had no more frost. two English

Gentlemen Mr Packington and a Mr Domville called Mr Packington had been at school with Mr Portman, Percy Cronyn called with them. Mr Packington was under Secretary for the Colonies when Lord Derby was prime Minister. Mr Portman asked them to breakfast but they leave by the 8 o'clock train. they have taken their passage in the Europa and will go to England in the same Steamer with Mr Portman— John. Elizabeth. Mr Griffin and Amelia. came to tea Edward and George went to evening Service. John and I had a long talk upon religious Subjects. I feel so thankful to find that He is thinking so seriously of the one all important Subject. I wrote to Cat Critchley & Teresa

15th I never feel well any more, and yet am not ill. but ailing. to day has been one of my low days I went with Nurse to Separate Birkeley's and Willey's Clothes for one those that will do for Baby— It is very distressing to see all that Helen took pleasure in, here and there gone. I look at her husband and three babies, all so young. and wonder what their future will be, they are in God hands. I can only pray that He will bless them. Amelia came and spent the day She assisted Mr Portman in packing away his Linen to be left here until his return I believe it is decided that Amelia goes to England with him. John came to Luncheon I notice that after John eats or when sitting down that He unbuttons the lower buttons of his waistcoat and also the buttons of his waistband, He seems swollen and it appears to give him ease. He drove out to the Farm. on his return He asked me if Elizabeth had been here. He seems very fond of her. Mr Hutchison called, and to

Morrow his Mr Portmans Electioneering Meetings commence, they are to continue all of the next week. people seem very confident that He will be returned. Amelia had a long visit from Mr McLean this morning. He seems to be aware that there exists a feeling of jealousy towards him, and acknowledged to her that He did not feel as comfortably situated here as He had done— Amelia goes to Toronto to Morrow, the nurse who is to go to England with the Children came this evening

12th Amelia called on her way to Toronto. Mr Portman left here at 5 P.M. to attend an Election Meeting at St Johns. Mr Hutchison was with him. Amelia left the Money she had collected for Mr McLean— (54 dollars) to be sent to Mrs Goodhue. Mrs Wilson called after the Meeting of the Ladies who were collecting and their returns shewed only $203. Amelia's Collection was $54. the paper is to be changed into Gold and presented to Mr McLean in a purse I asked Mrs Wilson to stay to tea which she did. She spoke of Mr Portman coming forward as a Candidate and seemed to wonder that such public intercourse with all sorts of people was not too trying to his feelings so soon after Helens death. I said that I disliked Elections. but that in his case I thought it might have a tendency to divert his mind and make him forget his troubles a little, and in addition to that it was his Fathers wish. that He should attend. yet it would not be the honor of being a Member of Parliament in Canada. that would induce me

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June 12th to go through all that he will have to go through to become one—
Mrs Wilson does very nice and ~~[illegible]~~ dyer pattering, she talked nearly
all the time about the past and the loved ones that are gone, and of John—
John and Elizabeth called on their return from the Farm and stayed to
tea. Elizabeth is very much troubled about the tale her cook has
told her mother, about Charley, her Groom and house maid. Cook says
there is an improper intimacy between them, which Elizabeth does not
believe but feels hurt at the report, I advised her to be very cautious
how she listened to the reports of Roman Catholic ~~and~~ servants against
Protestants ones, at the same time for her own sake and the sake of
those under care, she should keep a watchful care over her household
— Mr Portman did not return until after I was in bed

13th I got a letter from Eliza and one from Sarah, Sarah is at Ostende and
Eliza is doing well, she made an effort and wrote herself, that I might
see that she was able to write, Mr Portman left in very bad spirits to
attend another Election Meeting. John and Elizabeth came to tea John
looked ill. He complained of a bad headach, the veins on his forehead were like
cords, after bathing his head sometime with Cologne water, the veins relaxed
and he was relieved. I felt more alarmed than I wished him to know, the Doctor says
from the state of his Liver he is very liable to a rush of blood to the head and that death
would follow very quickly. I saw in the evening that he was only thinking of
his death in all he is doing now. He is trying to get all the intricacies of his business
made plain and straight for Edward and George and the accounts of his clients
all correct and plain. He deplored his regret that Edward gave way to temper
and an uncourteous manner in the way he does. He says he dislikes asking him
a question as it generally brings on an argument and angry words. John says
He is trying hard to conquer his own ill temper which to do him justice poor
fellow has only come with his ill health. Edward has no excuse of that kind—
thought Dr Ryerson did make his deafness an objection to his marrying & said
and said that deaf people always became querulous and suspicious. Surely
deafness is a sufficient misfortune without voluntarily making themselves and
all about them miserable by bad temper. My dear Edward think of this and
guard against rude speeches to people and never again kick any one from the door
let the man be what he may, he is still one of God creatures possessing the same
natural feelings that we do, and if people do any thing that requires chastisement
let the proper authorities correct. I wrote to Sarah

14 Mr Portman came home late last night. his meetings are very successful
Mr Portman and John went to Mr Peters. Sale of Stock. Mr Portman
bought a pair of young Horses for £250 he leaves them on the Farm
during his absence in England. Mr Peters returned from Toronto but
heard nothing new. after Edward and George went to the office, and I
was quite alone. when John came in and sat for a couple of Hours

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June 15th at a meeting at Hyde Park corner last night Dr Hanson made a violent attack upon Mr Portman, brought up the West minster question about the Mrs Hunt case. His abuse was so shameful that it turned the tide warm into Mr Portmans favor. they silenced Dr Hanson would not allow him to continue his speech, and when a show of Hands was called for there were but two against Mr Portman out of about 70 Mr Belcher called and brought me a cucumber we did not speak of politics nor of Mr Portman. Mrs Goodhue called to ask me to sign an address to be read when the Ladies gave the purse to the Revnd Mr McLean. I signed of course, and only wish the purse was much heavier. John called the Lions better and a little more cheerful. He said the Revnd Mr Stinson came up and wanted to stay with them, but he declined, as he dislikes the Man and has neither health nor spirits to entertain Dr Stinson ask Elizabeth to go out riding with him that she declined also

16th Mr Portman came home very late last night He said the meeting again went off very well. He went into the Town after breakfast and did not return until nearly 5 P.M. He spent a wearying disagreeable day there were political meetings in the city. Where he received a good deal of assaultation and abuse at the same time he had firm supporters who soon out numbered the others. after dinner He went to a meeting about 12 or 14 miles back in London Mr Labatt Mr Moore Mr Hutchison and George went with him Edward has Rheumatism in his back and could not go. Mr Hutchison dined here. I got a letter from Teresa she wrote the night before leaving Paris and intend leaving England for Canada on the 30th of June. Mrs W Lawrason called and sat some time with Amelia and me, and after dinner Mr & Mrs Lawrason and Mrs W Lawrason called. Mr Lawrason left his card upon Mr Portman. John called, Edward remained with me during the evening. I think he did like having me quite alone

17th Mr Portman and George did not get home until 2 o'clock this morning their Meeting was not a very successful one, as they were mostly Grits in that neighborhood. the few Conservatives who did attend were encouraging in their support, they were invited to tea at Mr Stephens, they found their Farmer friends very hospitable, to avoid giving offence they had to take two heavy teas and a Supper (at different houses) they were very tired this morning. I ventured to Church this morning, and felt pretty confident that I could calm and control my feelings during the Service. for a short time I did so. but as the Service went on I felt more and more distressed. I thought of the vacant seats, and of those who used to fill them, and the Psalms for the day the 17th seemed as if they were written for me. my feelings overcame me so that I had to leave the Church. John came home with me. I felt ill all the day. I find it so painful seeing people, unless it is a very few friends. I wonder if I shall ever have more than a surface composure again, never for a moment, looking on

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June 17th or Sleeping does that pain leave my heart. I many times ask myself why I no longer feel that terror of death, which I used to feel. I know I am wicked, even in my grief, and that I am not sufficiently thankful for all the blessings I have left. and yet I feel as if death would be happiness, and that my Saviour would not cast me off. at other times I feel so humbled and bowed down as if in all my life I had never done one good thing and if my Children do any thing that is not right I feel as if the fault is mine in some way, in not having been more diligent and strict in their religious instruction— Mr Wilson called after Church to ask after me, but I could not see him. John and Elizabeth spent the Day here. Amelia came for two or three hours. Mrs Wilson called to get some Black Currant Jelly for poor Tom Ellis. who is approaching very near his end— John seemed so much better to day, that I felt quite encouraged until I happened to feel of his arm. He is a perfect Skeleton

18th Mr Portman went to Aldborne early to day. Mr Whitehead went with him. The Bishop and Doctor Helmet called Dr Helmet said a few comforting words to me, but I was afraid to speak of Helen. I knew my feelings would overcome me if I did. I think I cannot be well I feel so very much depressed Doctor Landys called, Amelia was here a great part of the day. John called and seemed better. When we were at dinner He sent for me to look at his new Horse. I liked her because she is very like the first Horse Mr Hawes owned after we were married. Edward left Bristol to day. He had some more of Mr Griffins debts to pay, to keep Amelia from being told of it. When they are in England, they will let him pay his debts as he can. Edward was angry with George also, about something in the office. Mr Griffin called here looking as Bland as if he never did a dishonorable action

19th It was 2 o'clock this morning when Mr Portman came home, at breakfast He looked very tired and worn. His meeting upon the whole was successful but He had a good deal of opposition as a good many of Mr Beckers supporters were present. I was not well during the night and felt such a giddiness in my head this morning, that for some hours I found it difficult to stand up. Mr Portman left at 11 o'clock to attend more Meetings. Amelia remained with me for three or four hours Mr Griffin called. and John called I thought He did not look quite so well to day

20th Mr Portman came home at 11 o'clock last night. Edward attended his meeting at Draniers Tavern. it was a great success. Mr Portman seems to be establishing his popularity on a very good foundation. He did not look so tired this morning, and was away again before 11 o'clock. Amelia was here a great part of the day and Mr Griffin came to dinner. John came to luncheon Doctor Helmet was to dine with them. I have felt less depressed to day, and have tried to avoid thinking. it is now only two weeks from to morrow until Mr Portman

June 20th and the children go. poor dear little fellows, they have always breathed the atmosphere of love, may it continue to surround them

21st three months to day Baby was born and we all felt so happy. oh how glad Helen I think my heart will break, the thought of your dieing was also so dreadful to me. if it is but God as possible I pray it for me and said in my heart I am oldest and must die first

Mr Portmans meeting last night was altogether against him. it was held in Westminster and though the meeting was not a large one yet there was but one hand held up for him. the expects a strong opposition this meetings to day and this evening. the Parishioners of Westminster are nearly all Tories or supporters of Mr Bucher

Mrs Atkin came in and spent the day. Teresa Atkin came for her in the evening. she has the same flow of spirits that she had 20 years ago

Mr Bucher called and brought me two cucumbers. He stay'd but a very few minutes. Mrs Bucher had hurt her eye badly. the sight had been in danger. a twig had run through the lid into the Ball of the eye. but they say is safe now and she drives out of an evening. Elizabeth called for me and her were going 15 miles into the Country and would be gone all day so that I have not seen John- Mr Mackie came in the afternoon and will remain all night- Mr Portman went into town to ask his friends to go out in the evening to support him as there had been a riot of Bob Fogle during the day and he anticipated another attack during the evening two or three waggon loads of his supporters went out. Edmond went also

22nd Mr Portman and Edward returned late and very much excited Mr Portman had met with strong opposition led by Mr John Shore. and there was a good deal of fighting but the meeting was carried in his favor. We expected opposition again to day, but both meetings were in his favor. Mr Portman heard a horrid report about Mrs Bucher. that she was taken out of a ditch drunk and the Doctor had to be sent for. I fear there is no doubt of her having the degrading habit of drinking, and Mr Portman heard also that Mr Bucher went home from the Train in a state of extreme intoxication. it is the first time I have ever heard such a report and I hope it is unfounded. Elizabeth called this morning. and John called after dinner. He looked very miserable. his face was of a dark brown color and he sat all the time with his waistcoat and band unbuttoned his bowels seem constantly swollen. all the time I was talking to him my heart was ready to burst. I got letters from Sarah Eliza and from Teresa. and such a very nice kind letter from Lady Portman poor Teresa called upon Lady Portman who shewed her Helens pictures. the sight of her dear face renewed her grief so that she was quite hysterical for the remainder of the day. they are to leave England the 30th of

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23d Mr Portman dined at home to day for the first time this week. Edward and George went with him to attend his last Meeting. John wished to go but I objected as he is not well enough either to endure excitement or exposure. Amelia is still with me. Helen sat with me for a couple of hours looking very ill and miserable

24th Mr Portman, Edward and George, did not come home until 3 o'clock this morning Mr Hutchison came with them. at 4 o'clock the fire Bell rang and they all went to the fire. it was broad daylight when they returned and went to bed. at Breakfast no one was sufficiently recovered to appear, the Meeting had been a very stormy one. Mr Becher was there and again made a personal attack upon Mr Portman and was very abusive. He turned many of his friends from him, who at once gave their support to Mr Portman Mr Becher made a very ridiculous speech which every one laughed at. and introduced a story about Cats, which called forth numberless Records. the Meeting was largely in Mr Portmans favor. and after it was over a large party went to Mr Biddulphs to Supper — we rose after went to Church. John and Elizabeth came to dinner. all the afternoon Helen looked so ill, when I felt of her hands I was shocked. they were so hot with fever Her pulse were 106 I advised him to let the Dr. He would not allow me to send for him but said He would go home and let him on his way. poor fellow. as we came up stairs He said I want Helen to give me Mustard and Water He will soon be with Helen. Oh God. give me strength and resignation. Mr Hutchison came to tea. Amelia went home to sleep

25th to day Mr Portman looked over Helens Clothes and with Amelia packed them away to take with him to England He has left all of her under Clothes and three of Her best Print dress to be given to her Sisters. I asked for a green plaid Silk Skirt which was the last dress she had worn. it was much worn and soiled, and she did not intend wearing it after her confinement, but She had worn it much during her pregnancy. and to me it spoke of Her. but I expressed myself badly and felt that I had done so as soon as I had spoken He has laid it aside to take with him. I said I would like to have it, as it would only be thrown away in England. feeling that Helens dress must be useless to him, and feeling that this Sacred dress could not be worn by any one, and only treasured by a Mothers or a Sisters love, yet I selfish urn in my love and forgetting that He too might love this dress, because she had worn it more during the last Months of her life than any other. how I shall return the dress and if ever the day comes that He values it less, to lend it to me, or if I am gone to Teresa — John came to Luncheon He is a little better but looks ill. He and Elizabeth came in the evening to tea. Amelia was going to remain all night and undressed and went to bed, she then thought it was possible that Mr Griffin might return, and that He would feel hurt and angry if she was not at home. she thought she had better not risk this

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June 25 returning and finding her absent, she got up dressed herself and went home, though she was tired and ill. It has been a very trying day to Mr Portman Amelia and myself. Poor Helen I have parted with you and taken a last task at those earthly coverings that are associated with your Mr Morris and the next thing is to part with your husband and children. God grant that we may soon meet where there will be no more Separation or Sorrow

26th this has been another very trying day. Parcelling out poor Helens clothes I divided them as nearly equal as I could got her sisters as I could. Mr Portman had packed away the most of what she had bought for him. John asked for a pair of gloves that she had worn. which I gave him

Mrs W. Lawrason called and was very anxious to assist us. but it was a labor of love now. we wanted no Assistance. Edward left by the 12 oclock train for Toronto. to see Sophia and to arrange about his marriage Mr Portman brought down a quantity of her clothes and gave them to me for John Edward and George. there must be many pounds worth Mrs Cronyn called she is very poorly. and it was very kind of her to come. Mr Hutchison called to see Mr Portman. He tells Mr Portman all the evil things which Mr Becher says of him. I wish he would not. as it only hurts Mr Portmans feelings. and can do no good. how little we know of each other nothing but my own knowledge of the facts could have induced me to believe that Mr Becher could ever have behaved as he has done although it was a very bad sign that his Clerks who knew him best disliked him. I used to think of him as one of my family. and now I would rather that he never entered the house again. unless it is as a man clothed with righteousness and in his right mind— He appears to be so changed that I can scarcely believe that he is not deranged— John and Elizabeth came down in the evening. Amelia was here all day

27th this is the 5th Anniversary of Amelias wedding day and the 4th of mine. Amelia was here until the afternoon. when Mr Griffin returned and she went home. the thoughts of our approaching Seperation makes even these last few days pass heavily. Wilson called and asked us all to dine there on Friday. which we all declined doing she then wanted me to lend Berkeley and Willy over to spend the day. which I declined also. I do not approve of Childrens parties nor do I like Children receiving it does them no good and much her Mr Edward returned this evening. it is now settled that he is to be married on Saturday the 7th I had letters from Eliza and Mary to day they speak of Persas being in Scotland. from what they have yet to do I should think it impossible for them to get ready to leave England on the 30th Mr Portman went out this evening and met with Mr Leather who told him that Mr Portman had assured him the day after poor Helens death that he would never again oppose him but give him his support and that Mr Leather had so stated when he went out to canvass for Mr Becher

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June 27th Mr Becher's statement was entirely false, what Mr Portman said was said in print. He withdrew as a candidate at the last Election and said that He had not settled on any plans for the future. Mr Becher wished me to influence Mr Portman & in his reply to the requisition, to ask his Mr Portman's friends to support Mr Becher. I told Mr Portman what Mr Becher had said on the subject. Mr Portman said He should take no part in the Election if He did He must support Mr Cornish as He stood pledged to support the nominee of the Convention. Mr Becher's conduct is very strange Mr Portman asked to day if there was a picture of me that He could have I showed him the one that belonged to Helen. which He had forgotten that it was Hers. He took it and I felt pleased that He wished to have it. He is very dear to me and his return to this Country will be the one thing in this world that I shall look forward to. when He is gone I shall fold away all Helens things that are in Her Closet and put away Her work Baskets and little things about Her table but when I know that He is coming I shall place them all there again as she left them neither Amelia Penrose or myself could ever bear or use her things we can only look at them and love them for Her sake. dear Helen what sad hearts you have left behind you

28th Mr Portman has sent to day by express to England two Trunks and a Box

John & Mr King came to luncheon. Mr Hutchison came to luncheon. Amelia was here also and went home at 5 o'clock. Mr Hutchison talked a long time about Election Matters. He is I think a very earnest friend but very stupid. Mr Deggen from Toronto called. He told me that the report about Mr Ridouts having assigned all his property to the Bank of Upper Canada is true. it appears that ever since He has been in the Bank a Cashier that He has been living beyond his income, and that from year to year He has kept renewing his own Notes until the Directors have posted them over until they amounted to something like £25-000. and even now most probably nothing would have been said. if there had not been an exposure made by a disaffected Bank Officer. when a public examination had to be made. the Directors have taken Mr Ridouts Landed property at a little more than its value in liquidation of the Debt, and have given him an acquittance. but He is still Cashier of the Bank. with only his Salary to live upon. It appears that the President of the Bank. Mr Brough owes the Bank over £7.000 for a long time people have said that the Upper Canada Bank was very much mismanaged

John and Elizabeth came to tea John is looking better. Mr Portman and George went to the Griffins to Supper

29th 38 years ago to day My first Born Son was Reid. how many sad recollections it made. but the death of Children though dear as life it self. seems small when compared to the death of those who have grown to the age of Man and Woman. yet when God

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June 29 calls they must go. what are we the creatures of his hands that we should resist this will. yet how hard it is to submit with humble resignation. this day I have tried hard for composure. but it is like burying a coal of fire in ashes, and many times in the day tears gush forth unbidden, and never for one minute is Helens death absent from my mind. and many, many times each day I think I can hear her words and feel her cold embrace.

Amelia and John came to Luncheon. I got a letter from my Brother Edward who endorsed the £60. the Rent of Erie Cottage for 1859 late in the evening Mr Portman brought me a letter from Mr Scott and Teresa and one from Sarah and Col Dalzell. the Scotts have decided upon leaving England on the 30th (to Morrow) in the Arabia. I hope to see them in two weeks. it is very kind of Mr Scott and Teresa hurrying out to offer consolation to me. they and no one else knows how much I need Teresa. sometimes when here alone I feel as if I cannot live. that my heart will break. but neither tears nor prayer seem to change the current of my thoughts. my only hope for peace or rest is beyond the Grave

30th it is three Months to day since Helen died, and what sorrowful Months, each morning I think for the sake of others I will endeavor to command my feelings. but am I not surrounded by her love how can I keep from thinking of her. Mrs W. Lawrason and Amelia came to luncheon Mrs Lawrason is so kind in doing all she can for us. she sat with me after Amelia left until four oclock. there was a very large meeting of Mr Portmans freinds to day. it was said they numbered between two and three hundred of the most respectable farmers in the Country they are all on his committe and have pledged themselves to do all in their power to secure his Election. Mr Portman had luncheon provided for them and pledged himself to return and go to the Poll if they supported him as they promised to do, every one appear to regret his going away. John Shore told Mr Portman that Mr Becher told him that Mr Portman had to go to England as a Bench warrant had been served upon him. it is very strange that Mr Becher will tell what he knows to beat out Mr Portman went to the Griffins in the evening

July 1st Mr Portman Edward and George went to Church. I asked John Elizabeth Mr Griffin and Amelia to dine with us as it is the last Sunday that Mr Portman will be here and the last Sunday that Edward will dine here as a Bachelor. Mr Griffin made me sick of disagreeable and sent to know if his two Boys were to dine here I said they were not asked. but that they could come. and they did come— John looked very ill and Amelia looked unhappy

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July 1st Mr Griffen was cross and rude, and we all thought it would end by his not letting her go to England. but if he does prevent her going without a reasonable reason for doing so, all the Harris family will cut him. He has been false and untruthful in all his conduct to her and ever since her Marriage He has made her a slave to himself and Children, and now after consenting that she should go to England and she ready to go. Mr Portman and her Brother paying all expences. if he prevents her going from ill temper and tyranny. We will never speak to him again He left the tea table in the sulks. We followed him and tried to make peace, but tearful eyes told too plainly how unhappy the loss, she had to go home with him, and He petting and looking so bland as if he only thought of making her happy— how little happiness there is in this world—
Edward and George went to the Farm. Edward walked & George rode
I wrote to Eliza and my Brother Edward

2nd two days more and Mr Portman and the Children will leave. I have tried to keep busy all day, so as to keep from thinking. I have had a good deal of annoyance after getting Edwards Bed room nicely plastered papered and painted, all finished and the Carpet down, and the furniture brought home ready to go in, the paper commenced coming off taking one coat of plastering with it, and it has to be plastered and papered again. Mr Tebbs who plastered it was very impertinent about it, and Edward says He will sue him for the damage. it is very vexatious, there is so little time to get things in ready for Edward and his wife, & Mr Vaughan is to come to borrow and plaster it again as soon as possible. Mrs Mc Laurin called here with Amelia. She had been shopping for Amelia and taking a great deal of trouble for Her— Mrs Wilson called Her Lady and Home leave for England on the 12th Mr Wilson sends Lucy to England because she is removing her plantation with Bill Bailey Her Father and Mother would have no objection as to Her marrying Mr Jackson but do not wish her to marry Bill Bailey and she is playing fast and loose with them both. Mr Jackson opened his heart to Amelia last night and He is honorably and devotedly attached to her, and thinks it is her kind loving and tender heart that makes her notice Bill Bailey, that she has known him all her life and knows that He is fond of him and that she does not like to hurt his feelings, poor man He does not know how much happier He will be without her than with her. Mr Portman went to say good Bye to the Wilsons, Kings Howards and Whitehead — Major Campbell from Montreal dined at the Wilsons and was to go in the evening to the Griffins. Amelia came here to ask Mr Portman and Edward together. as He is a very nice person

July 2nd and a Member of Parliament I thought perhaps Mr Portman might like to know him. Mr Portman has gone there but I should not go He looked very miserable to night. He and Elizabeth came here after dinner. Mr Hutchison called to see Mr Portman George went to see poor Tom Ellis and took him some Jelly. He is approaching his end very rapidly poor fellow the Doctors say that He cannot live over a week or two

3rd Willy was not very well this Morning. his Bowels were out of order I sent for Dr. Braidon. Who gave him a powder and he seems better this evening, though very feverish. Mr Griffen Amelia, and Major Campbell and Son. from Montreal called. I have not seen Major Campbell since 1840 when He was here with Lord Lyndenhurst He is a very superior person. John and Elizabeth came to Luncheon and, came again after tea He looks very miserable, Mr Portman went to the Griffens in the evening. Edward and George remained with me until I went to bed, and then they went to the office. last evening was lovely and after 11 oclock Mr Portman walked out to the Cemetery, to see poor Helens lonely Bed. God has given me great strength to day. I have commanded my feelings better than any day since her death, and yet I have a very strange feeling. I scarcely know how to describe them. I have no thoughts except that the parting moment gives rise to— I had a letter from Mary last evening and Amelia had one from Eliza. Teresa had not returned from Scotland She having sailed for Canada on the 30th is very doubtful as it must have been hardly possible for her to be ready in time

4th this has been a most distressing day to me. Willy is better but not well. We again sent for Doctor Braidon. the day has been so excessively hot that the heat has made him more languid than He would have been, but there is a change this evening and the air is cool, with rain. Mrs W. Lawrason came and offered her services to do any thing that she could, she is certainly very kind. Mr Portman has not been from the house all day. and all his packing is nearly done Mrs Wilson called to say good Bye to Mr Portman Amelia and the Children Mr King and Mr Jackson called to say good Bye, and Mr Wilson also. John and Elizabeth came to Luncheon. Elizabeth in a very kind way told Amelia that she wanted her to do something for her in England Amelia said that she would do any thing in the world that she could. Elizabeth put 5 Sovereigns in her hand and said she wanted her to buy something pretty for herself. (Amelia) it was very kind of Elizabeth and Amelia felt it so. Edward commenced his packing to day

5th The day of Separation has come. I spent a wretched night. slept very little. who can describe the wakefulness caused by a despairing heart ache— when Helen died I knew that a Separation from her husband and Children must follow, but that knowledge has not made it the less painful. Willy is much better

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and both Children were pleased with the excitement of going to England and yet the poor little fellows felt there was a sadness about it they did not know. What. Mr Portman felt very sad indeed in parting with us. His residence at Elden has had much of joy and sorrow in it. He is well deserving of our love, for He is affectionate, kind and good. his hoped for return will be a something for me to look forward to. Should I live, but the dear little Boys I never expect to see again. I pray God that their friends in England may lead their young minds to love and trust him. a Mothers love they can never know. I was very glad that Amelia went with them, and yet I felt as if I should never see her again- there was a delicacy and neatness of feeling in Mary (the nurse) feeling that I should never have expected, as I sat alone in great distress she placed Baby in my arms. his sweet face did more to soothe me than any words could have done. He was poor Helens Mothers Dead now a Fatherless Babe. Helens life was given for his. should He not be dear to me. Mr King. W. Laurason ~~and He~~ came to say good Bye to Mr Portman and a number of people were at the Station to see him off- I tried to keep Busy all the afternoon but at 8 P.M. I was so exhausted that I had to go to bed

6th so little voices this morning to awaken us. all silent and dreary. Edward left at 12 noon to go to Toronto. to morrow He is to be married. and although his wedding will be sad and Gloomy. yet He has every reasonable prospect of happiness. He Married with the willing consent of her friends and his own. We are all fond of her, and know that she has been well educated and that she has good religious principles. I pray God to bless them both and give them many years of happiness. John and Elizabeth dined here. John left for Toronto at 3. P.M. Elizabeth will remain with me until He returns. Elizabeth is not well and does not seem strong- Mrs W. Laurason called. and Mrs Wilson called also. Mrs Wilson, Mary and Hume leave for England on thursday next. Mr Becher called upon Amelia the evening before she left to say good Bye. He was very kind and offered to do any thing in his power for her to day I have had Carpenter, Gas fitter, and Plasterer, here at work pulling down a partition. putting in Gas and preparing a room for Perrin and Mr Scott. Mr Portman does not wish them to have Helens room. and I told him it should be kept for him as long as He chose to occupy it. No letter from the Scotts to day. I hope they are on their way out. I am not well this evening

7th George left for Toronto by the 6 o'clock Train I am better but not very well. the House is in a horrid state of dirt. the lime from the old walls has penetrated every where, to day I have finished arranging the trunks in the Store room, and put over all my drawers. I am afraid to sit down and cry. the moment I am quiet I feel as if I should go crazy the house in the morning has the stillness of death about it so little

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voice crying Grand- Mam- Ma- or a coaxing Grandma. Sandy poor little fellow I pray God to bless them- Mrs Cronyn called. She looks very poorly I should not be surprised if she did not live very long. She is a good woman and the change with her would be a happy one- she says that Edward and Sam Blake have bought a yatcht, and I do not think she approves of it very much. She spoke of the G Dawskies and says Mr G Dawskie is very kind and is always asking her to go there and stay, but to his way she does not care to go she thinks they are changed and she fancies she liked the G Dawskies [illegible] better than she likes them now. It is strange that we all have the same feeling, and yet they seem very kind and I am sure it is not envy of their wealth and grandeur. but there seems a little less heart about them and a good deal of outward show ~~about~~ I got a letter from Mr Portman and from Amelia from the Clifton they did not leave there until to day. they did not wish to remain long in Albany as there is both Measles and Scarlet fever there Willy was better but ailing and Berkeley was in great spirits Mr Portmans letter was very kind and affectionate Dr Robertson had heard from the G Dawskies that Mr Becher had stated several untruths about Mr Portman. He told Mr G Dawskie that Mr Portman was the first man that voted against him and that he brought up his (Mr Portmans) friends to vote against him, the statement was altogether false in the first place Mr Portman had no vote nor did he take any one to the polls to vote against him but Mr Becher certainly had no right to suppose that Mr Portman would exert himself in his favor. can Mr Portman ever forget that Mr Becher refused to come into the house when Helen was dying, because that fellow Portman was here—

John and George returned at 10. P.M. and Edward is Married I pray God to bless him and his wife and to have them in his keeping—the wedding was very quiet and every thing very nice, and the Bride looking very pretty, but a feeling of sadness over it all. We had all anticipated such a happy merry wedding which there would have been had dear Helen been there—

George looked pale and tired when he came home, going to Toronto and returning the same day was pretty hard work— John looked better and in good spirits He pulled Elizabeth on his lap and gave her a kiss and told her what a great girl she was at packing a trunk, when he arrived in Toronto He supposed of course that every thing that he required was in his trunk, the first thing that enlightened him on the subject was a Telegraph from Elizabeth to Edward which in his— take was given to him, asking Edward to a Sponge and Comb for John as she had forgotten to put his in his trunk. John said He smiled but thought he could do very well without the Sponge as he could use his coarse Towel, but when he opened his trunk he found the coarse Towel had been forgotten also, he

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July 7th afterwards wanted to write, and took out his Dispatch Box but found it empty. the Portfolio ink and pens had been taken out and Elizabeth had forgotten to put them in. He thought then that He would work and get rid of the dust. but found that Elizabith had put up only one Shirt and if He wore it that evening He would have no clean one for the Wedding next day. when He was going to bed He looked for his night Shirt and found that, that had been forgotten. He declared with something of his old humor, that Elizabeth had only packed up an empty Dispatch Box and a pair of Boots- and He looked very much like a child that had been caught idleing—

to Day the plaisterers have put the first Coat of Plaister on the new room which is to be Teresa's

8th Morning wet. George and myself took our Solitary breakfast. I read the Service and prayer and a Sermon by myself in my own room. I do not feel very well. I wrote to Mr Portman and sent the letter and some of Edwards Wedding Cake to Amelia. by Mr Thomas of the Montreal Bank who goes to England in the same Steamer (Europa) on Wednesday next

John and Elizabeth dined here

9th John came to breakfast. their cook is ill and Elizabeth has to be maid of all work. and John thought it would relieve her his coming away He does not look very bright or well. I have found it necessary to have nearly half of the plaistering taken down in the upper passage consequently the lime dust and dirt is something awful Mrs Atkin called and stayed to Luncheon, She spoke of Willy Wilson and says He was very drunk at the Circus on Saturday night poor Boy. He was such a fine clever child Mrs Wilson called to say good Bye. She Lizzie and Hattie leave for England on thursday next I believe Lizzie is sent away by her Father; to get her out of the way of Bill Baily, she is treating Mr Jackson very badly, but it does not do to meddle with other peoples affairs. Mrs Lawrason thought it right to tell Mr Wilson that Lizzie came into Town constantly to meet Bill Baily but requested him not to mention her interference to any one and not to Mrs Wilson on any account, of course He told Mrs Wilson immediately, and they are all annoyed with Mrs Lawrason. Mrs Cronyn felt it her duty to tell Mrs Wilson that Willy Wilson was in the habit of making use of very profane language in the Streets. Mrs Wilson was very much hurt and said she could not help telling Mrs Cronyn that she ought not to believe all the reports she heard, tho she Mrs Wilson had never heard Willy make use of any bad Language and that she too had heard a great deal of bad about Mrs Cronyns Sons in former days— if people cannot take care of their own children others cannot do it for them

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July 9th Elizabeth came to luncheon but looked out of spirits and had been crying. John came to dinner — the house must be very dull and dreary to George and he does not like to go out and leave me alone. He sat in my room until after I was in bed—

10th Raining heavily. after Breakfast Elizabeth sent for me. John was ill. He had reached a good deal in the night. and in the morning He had a violent pain in his liver. He took a calomel pill. and Elizabeth covered his Bowels with a Mustard plaister which gave him ease and He was better when I got there. He said his dinner had disagreed with him. but poor fellow I fear there is but little that will ever agree with him again. I wanted him to come home. if he felt able to come down in a Cab I told him He should have my room and that I would make a bed in the nursery until our room was put in order, but He did not come. He sent down in the afternoon that He was better — Nancy has been all day making Jams & jellies Mr Becher called He was very nice and kind He asked after John and said he would go and see him. He asked after Edward and Amelia but did not mention Mr Portmans name — Mr Griffen returned from Albany He looked very tired and out of spirits. He left Amelia Mr Portman and the children all well. but the nurse is a failure, and almost useless. Mr Griffen said that Mr Portman wished for Mary Hall a dozen times a day. but Mary Hall was never to be relied upon in time of need, and she was too bold and impertinent. to go to Lady Portman with Helens children. it was better to send a stupid nurse who had been but a short time with us than to send ~~them to send~~ a bold impertinent nurse that had been long with us. Lady Portman cannot know how difficult it is to get good Servants here. and she would have thought it very strange that Helen would keep a girl like Mary Hall. although she can be a very good Servant when she chooses. I wrote to Edward and told him of Johns illness but told him not to come home unless I telegraphed for him. I got a Telegraph from dear Teresa. from Halifax. they hope to be here on Friday. how glad I am. I hope they may arrive in Boston in time to see Mr Portman. Amelia and the Children George & I dined alone

11th The Workmen are very busy about the House plastering and making alterations I am getting a Window put over the Hall door and Nancy is hard at work making Jellies I too keep busy and try to keep from thinking Dr McLean called and we spoke of Johns state of health. I got a Telegram from Edward to say that Mr Portman the Children and Amelia had sailed in the Europa all well. but they have missed seeing Teresa. Mr Brough and Miss Kate Brough called Dr Griffen came to dinner and brought a letter from Dr Keer. who agrees with Dr McCready about Johns dangerous state of health He thinks from the Symptoms described that a Malignant tumour must be forming somewhere near the Liver and that He cannot live very long poor fellow

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July 11th I pray God to help us all, our trials are heavy — John came down looking so feeble and miserable. He must come home to live as soon as I have a room for him

12th very cold, a fire would not be uncomfortable. poor Tom Ellis died this morning regretted by all who knew him. He leaves his poor old mother very desolate. John came to luncheon. He is much better, but looking very ill. The Orangemen turned out to day in great force. they have improved wonderfully in their personal appearance as well as increased in numbers since we first came to London. Elizabeth came very late to luncheon. She is better but not looking well. Nancy continues hard at work with her jellies and marmalade. Mrs Wilson Terry and Hume left London to day for England. how long they may stay is very uncertain. Dr Griffin told me yesterday that Mr Jackson had his first suit. Mr Lubatt sent him his first client. He was in a great state of delight and looked as busy and business like as if he had not one moment to himself — I got another Telegraph from Mr Edward saying that the seats would not leave Boston until to morrow they would be home on Saturday. I went to bed not very well. George sat with me until I went to sleep

13th ~~I got a Telegram from Edward~~ George went to Monaco to attend a court. John came to Luncheon. I got a letter from Sarah who is very urgent that John should go to the German Baths, Elizabeth is very anxious that he should go abroad. John talked the matter over very seriously with me. He says if Dr M'Cready is right and there is a Malignant Tumor forming, his leaving home is useless. He has only to remain at home longer Supper and die. But if Dr M'Cready should be mistaken and Dr Brown right (who says there is no Tumor) then there is a possibility that his life might be prolonged. then the question is shall he act upon their chance and try the Baths or remain where he is. I felt that hope was not extinct and advised him to go. though the thought of his getting ill and dying from home is frightful. Elizabeth is herself all uncertain in what and is no better even if she were well. We almost decided upon John's going immediately

14th John and Elizabeth came to Luncheon Mr Beecher called and paid us a long visit. We asked him if he knew where J. H. M'Donald was. He said at Quebec and asked what we wanted of him. John said he wanted to get Edward appointed his Deputy in the Surrogate Court and the Issuing of Licenses transferred to George if possible for a year or two. Beecher immediately offered to write to M'Donald on the subject. and sat down at once and did write. the offer was made with great apparent kindness and earnestness and it was difficult to refuse his letter. but George was annoyed and said that he would have nothing to do with it. I do not know whether John will send the letter

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July 14th Bucher has behaved so badly to Mr Portman and unfeeling to dear Helen that we do not any of us wish to have any thing to say or do with him more than to be on speaking terms. I shall never entertain his house unless it is in a case of illness. Mr Bucher proposed taking me to Woodstock on Ingersol to meet the Scotts I declined with a shudder He then wanted to drive me to the Station this I declined also. I did not wish to meet Teresa publicly, nor did I wish to accept his civility. He went to the Station to meet the Scotts and met them with the same cordiality as in former days, however sorry he may feel for what is past. Nothing can do away with his want of feeling toward Helen. I forgive him but can never feel toward him as I once did. — He is very anxious to sell the Wood House to Mr Scott. John and Elizabeth have decided upon going Germany to try the Baths and will endevor to leave here on the 23d. The Scotts arrived here at 3. P.M. Teresa looks very thin and tired Mr Scott looks much the same, our meeting was painful, we felt the absence of Beloved ones but I am so glad to have them back with us, they have left they have brought out a great many nice things with them and nice presents for us all, to John they gave a very handsome Glass dish mounted in Silver to Edward they bring a China Dinner Service as a wedding present to George they give a Set of Carbuncle Buttons to match a set of Studs which they had given to him before, they brought me a very pretty mourning Brooch with Helens Hair in it, a Shetland Shawl (Black) pretty Sleeves and Cuffs and several other things, the Johns and Mr Griffen dined here, and John seemed better and happier than I have seen him for a long time

15th No one went to Church, John & Elizabeth came to dinner Mr Griffen came to tea. We talked all day, I could scarcely manage to finish my letters to Mr Portman and Amelia, there was so much to see and to hear Elizabeth wrote to Edward to return, Teresa brought me a letter and two Books from Lady Portman, Teresa liked the Portmans so very much they are so kind I got a letter from Edward

16th The Rain is more clear again, every thing seems bright with Teresa here She went to the Cemetery to day, and I went into her room when Nancy was putting away her things, Trunks were open and beautiful things strewed about, just as they were when Helen and Mr Portman came from the South. I felt such a heart sickness that I left the room. Mr Bucher called again to day and urged Mr Scott to buy the Wood House. It was a splendid House, dirt Cheap, he would sell the House and half of the land for £5000 the House and all the Land for £6000. I said that would be a pretty high Rent equal to £5 or 600 a year. We were alone He said to me now dont you throw cold Water upon it and

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16th July present Johns Making £30a. I have placed it in his hands to sell, and have offered him 10 per Cent upon the purchase money. I said no more but thought He was mistaken if He thought John would engage Mr Scott to make a bad bargain that He might pocket £30a. I imagine as soon as Mr Scott returns to buy Mr Beckers civilities will cease. Mr & Mrs B. Lawson called upon the Scotts. I wrote to Edward. John and Elizabeth came down after dinner John seems much better. but dread going away. and hates leaving now the Scotts have come, Some Lewis Knighton, according to Amelia's request we sent for Alice to do Lady's Maid to Teresa. during Amelia's absence. but Mr Griffin refused to let her come, and said He could not spare her. as He had quite work enough for her. but offered to let her come for a part of to day to assist in putting bye her things. I declined her services at once, as we had only consented to take her to oblige Amelia. who we did not care her board and wages. during her absence. and yet did not wish to discharge her. as she was a good Girl and Amelia would like to have her again on her return. but Mr Griffin has no wish to save.

17 Mr Scott dined with the Johns and then drove to the Farm with him Mr Becher called during his absence and wanted Mr Scott Teresa and myself to go with him and look at the Redoubt House. He was very eloquent upon the prosperity. advantage and necessity of Mr Scotts buying the House. which Mr Scott has no intention of doing. the plasterers finished. the plastering to day the painters will come on the 19th John called and spoke about his going to England

18th there was a very fine Eclipse this morning. the Sun was more than half covered to us. John and Elizabeth came to Luncheon. Elizabeth brought her letters and Silver Dessert Knives & forks for me to take care of. We read a letter to Edward from Mary. and I had a letter from Edward. Mr Portmans Horses and brought home from Peters. they got out of our pasture and went into his.

19th Mr Becher called again to day. Mr Scott was not in. Mr Becher talked around the Redoubt House but did not urge Teresa to buy it. Mr Jackson called and wanted Mr Scott to go shooting. the day was very hot Mr Scott declined going. Mr Rutherford called and Dr & Mrs Brooke Mrs Brooke looked exceedingly pretty. and her Father who dotes upon her looked at her with such loving. admiring. Eyes. Edward Telegraphed that He would be home on Saturday. John came to Luncheon and then and Elizabeth came to tea. I went to bed at 10 oclock and left them here. I could not keep awake

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20th John came to Luncheon. He is much excited and very busy trying to get ready to leave here on the 25th & He has had a very encouraging account of the Springs at Carlsbad and hope has again returned with us all. that He may get well. John and Elizabeth came to tea. George got a Telegraph saying that Edward and Sophia would be home by the Midnight Train. Miss Johnston called upon Teresa

21st Edward and Sophia arrived this morning at 4 o'clock very tired but looking very happy. Mary have my room until theirs is ready for them which it will be on Tuesday next. I have a bed in the Nursery for that time. I thought it the best arrangement I could make. John Elizabeth, Mr King and Mr Jackson came to Luncheon and John and Elizabeth dined here. Mr Brough and Kate Brough called upon Teresa. Mrs L. Lawrason called. I wrote to Lady Portman Mr Portman George Reard and Mary

22nd Teresa and Mr Scott went to Church. John and Elizabeth dined here but others did not come here to dinner. Mr Bucher walked home with Teresa. to see Edward and Sophia, so he said. I was walking with Edward on the Terrace when Bucher came. He came up to Edward and offered his hand Edward was very slow in putting his out. He did it with great reluctance, and said how do you do and then walked into the house to dress for dinner. He asked for Sophia who did not appear. she was dressing, and then went away. Johns Man was ill in bed, and John asked Teresa if she would send our servant up with his Leather Trunk. Tom refused to take it on Sunday, old Blind Patrick. was glad to do this Kindness for us. I shall not keep D. M. John and Edward went to the Farm. it is Johns last drive to the Farm most probably for a very long time, even should He ever return- He and Elizabeth came to tea and Mr Griffin came also Mr Griffin and Gilbert were all last week. I have felt very depressed all day

23rd John came to Luncheon, the excitement of having and the hope that He may receive benefit seems to have made him better yet I drink in their looks each day with an aching heart. and think how soon I shall see his face no more. most probably when He leaves we shall never meet again in this world. before three years are up I or He. or both will have passed away. I try to strengthen myself by reading good Books, and by prayer. but it is very, very hard to part with him with only a faint hope that He may not be going away to die. Oh God give me the consolation of thy Holy Spirit and enable me to say. thy will be done.— Edward and Sophia look so happy, that it seems hard to have sorrow so near them. Elizabeth called for a few moments. She is very busy getting ready for their departure— Mrs Watson and Mrs Duncan & Ellen

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July 23rd called upon Teresa. John called for a few minutes in the evening but had too much to do at home to stay to tea

24th My sleep was very troubled. John was before me. The first thing on waking I cried strength from above to enable me to bear this separation why is it that the mind dwells more upon what God in his own wise purpose withdraws from me, than upon the countless blessings that He has still left me. Oh God give me a more humble Christian heart, enable me always to give thanks, and to pray in spirit and in truth thy will be done

Mr Griffin called, and wished that Amelia had returned. John called I went to his house, to see, and hear from Elizabeth what things were to be sold, and what not sold, I feel that my task is almost more than my strength, to go to his house when he is gone, and I can see him no more and pack up, and dispose of his things. It is always depressing to go into the vacated room of those we love, even during a short absence, but when people go away for long periods, perhaps never to return, or are called away by death, then who can describe the feeling of desolation. Teresa & Sophia walked out to the Country and called at the Johns on their way home. John and Elizabeth came to Luncheon. Mr & Mrs Gardiner The Revd Mr McLean, Mr & Mrs Lawrason & Mr. Mrs & Miss Beckett called upon the Heath and Mrs Edward Harris, the call from the Beckers surprised us very much, as we did not send Edward cards to them Teresa went to Johns after Luncheon and assisted them in packing Edwards room was made ready for the furniture, and we fitted it up for them and gave them possession, it looks very nice and comfortable - and I am glad to return to my own room again. John and Elizabeth came to tea, and Mr McLean called again to say good Bye to them, my heart is very sad. Oh God give me strength

George went to Toronto to play a Cricket Match

25th John and Elizabeth came to Breakfast. Mr Griffin was asked but did not come. The Beckers called upon John yesterday but did not see him Mr Becher then wrote a very kind note taking leave of him and sent him a text for his head to wear in the Praeir. John and Elizabeth left here a quarter before 12, and the parting is over, how painful it is God only knows, or whether we shall ever meet again in this World this Day was dear Helens Birth day, she would have be 26 years old had she lived until to day, she was going to die and leave three Infants, and her Mother. I have felt very ill to day. I wrote to Sarah, before any body was up in the morning and I wrote a short note to Amelia after John left asking her to go with John to Carlsbad for a month or two until she could see whether the waters did him any good or not

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July 26th I was too ill to go to Johns House to day. I got up to breakfast but had to go to bed soon after. Teresa and Sophia went to Johns and sent down a few things. Their Groom continues ill. Mr Griffin sent the word that the saw John safe on board the Steamer at Toronto last evening at 5 P.M. Sophia is not well. She has a bad cold. George came home from Toronto ~~this~~ evening. I do not know the result of his Cricket Match as I did not see him

27th this morning I went to Johns House. packed and sent to Eldon the things that were to be kept, and arranged what things were to be sold. I was there from 10 A.M. until 5 P.M. it has been a dreary day. a few months ago I was getting up this house for his Bride. then the world seemed bright. Helens smiling face looked in upon me. bringing Grapes and Cakes for my Luncheon. now she rests in the grave yard. and John has gone in the search of health almost without the hope of returning. I wonder if I can ever again feel Cheerful or whether I must bear to the grave this hopeless lonely sorrow. there seems nothing in this world that can alleviate it. the dead cannot be restored. but God can give submission and peace. I would that I could feel it. all day to day the Bell kept tolling. it has been a day of sadness to me. Dr Becher called soon after I came home. there was a letter from Sir Edmund Head sanctioning ~~his~~ Johns leave of absence I went to bed early but was too tired to sleep.

28th very busy all day. getting places for Johns Book furniture &c the house is very much out of order. we are having the Hall painted and papered. I got letters from Eliza and Mary. they are very glad that Amelia is going to England. Mr Scotts Groom = Burns = and Dogs arrived. all very tired we have had to get a Bed for the Groom at Phillimores until his Room is dry it has been newly plastered

29th Sophia Edward and George went to Church. I read the Lessons in my own room. this is Georges Birth day. He completes his 24th year to day. I wrote to Mr Pontman. Mr Scott went up to Johns House to see Charley who is so very ill that we had to send for Him here to be taken care of. He is unable to stand. we sent for Dr Brown. who has been attending him. but has not seen him for the last two days. John is to sleep in Johns House until after the Sale. Burns slept in the Garret to attend upon Charley during the night. Teresa does not seem quite content here and it makes me very unhappy

30th I have been ill all night. and during my sleepless hours it struck me that my telling Teresa she had better teach her own maid which I

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July 30th

Dear Teresa. John calle
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Meantas fancifulness, as she is not wonderfully well up to her work.
did not sound nice to Teresa and that she had felt it as a reproach to
herself because she said she would teach Mary to make a Bed
I felt so sorry when I thought of it. I am always saying or doing
something wrong when I only wish to be kind. if she was to leave
me now and take a haure I think it would kill me. if I should live
for anather year perhaps I may be stronger in mind and body
than I am at present. but now I need those about me that love me, I
want soothing and comforting. every thing that excites or agitates
me makes me feverish, and ill, and flurrys. Mr Griffen called I asked
him if he had any objections to Amelia's going to Carlsbad with John
He said he had not. that he was quite willing She should go He told us
about Miss Broadfoot of Toronto. Her Mother wished Her to marry a
Mr Little and she ran away with a Mr M'Intosh and went to the Clifton spring
with him Mrs Broadfoot and Mr Little followed and Mr Little and Mr M'Int
came to blows not to Bullets and the case came into Court at Rochester Mrs Broad
was called as witness and the whole affair is in the papers but I have not read
it I went up to Johns House and afterwards the Auctioneer called upon Teresa
arrange about the Sale. Edward. Mr Scott and Teresa drove to Lobo
to see a Farm which Edward thinks of getting in exchange for ~~the~~
Town property. Sophia remained at home to receive visitors as Mrs Laura
Miss Lamoreaux Mrs Gardiner Mrs Watson & Mrs Wells called. Charley continues
very ill — four months to day — My darling Helen breathed her last —
31st Charley is a little better and becoming very peevish and fidgety — I went
to Johns House to see that all was right for the Sale. Edward and
Teresa got letters from John. John will try hard to get Amelia to go
with him to Carlsbad, but says that Mr Griffen has written to her to
come home in October. I had a short letter from Elizabeth — The
Bishop. Mrs Harvey. Mrs Reddon. Mrs Mann. Mrs Duncan Arkin
and the Hamiltons called on Sophia and Teresa today — This morning is cold
enough for frost. if it would not be uncomfortable
August 1st four months to day, dear Helen was buried and Marion Tidal was
Christened — Becker called. Mrs Mevers. and the Montserrats called upon
Sophia Teresa and Mr Scott returned. Some of these visits
2d Charley continues very ill. Dr Brown thinks that in a week He may begin
to mend. He has a lad four now, and sleeps a great deal. Mr Scotts
things arrived today. but have not yet passed the Custom
House. Mr Wilson called and seemed in great good humor
Mr Scott Teresa and I went out for a short drive. the Colt

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August 2.d did not go well. Edward went to Lobo to rec.e and take possession of the Farm He has purchased and did not return until ½ past 10 in the evening

3.d Mr. Scott unpacked a good many of his things some of those from Point Bank are not only pretty but very valuable. Mr Wilson called. Edward and Sophia started to go to Toronto but were too late for the Train Mr Beecher called He had a letter from Miss Stevens who wishes to visit us and asks what day it will be convenient all days are alike to me. I shall have to make her a bed in the Library as all the Bed Rooms are fully occupied

4.th Edward and Sophia left by the 6 o'clock train for Toronto we have been very busy all day moving into the Seats room and taking all of the things out of Dear Helens room ready for the Plaisterers on Monday the Room has to be newly plastered and painted. Teresa got a letter from Amelia it was sent on Shore at Queenstown, they were all well, Amelia said Mr Portman had written to her but no letter came. Mr Griffin had a letter also He brought it and read it to me Amelia thinks She has benefited by Her Sea voyage

5.th Mr Scott and Teresa went to Church and received the Sacrament I read the Service in my own room. I wish I could command my feelings sufficiently to go to Church, but I am afraid to sit and think and feel how many are gone. I finished my letter to Mr Portman and wrote to John the day was very lonely with Edward and Sophia away

6.th this morning the Plaisterers commence pulling down the wall and plastering over Dear Helens room. I look around Eldon and feel that every thing is changed and changing

7.th Charley is better. the fever has left him and Dr says He now only requires care. this day has been very warm. Edward and Sophia have not returned

7.th Edward and Sophia returned this morning at ½ past 4 o'clock the a Train on the Great Western had got off the Track and they were detained 4 hours they heard nothing new the Weddens are by way of being offended with them about not being asked to their Wedding at Hamilton they met Mr Hay and Mr Taylor two Gentlemen who came out in the Steamer with the Scotts. the

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7th Scotts had asked them to visit us at Eldon and they came up with Edward and Sophia. I sent George to the Tecumseh to ask them to Breakfast but they were not up. but came to Luncheon and dinner they seem nice people. but neither of them are in good health Johns Sale took place to day I have not heard how the things sold. I got a letter from Mr Portman. it was mailed at Launceston the same time that Amelia's was hers arrived on the 4th I was very glad to hear from them. this is very dear to me. this has been the hottest day we have had this Summer and yet the Thermometer in the Shade has not been above 85 –

8th It is delightfully cool this morning. the wind changed to the West last night – I wrote to Amelia – Sophia is not well to day she has taken Calo. Mr Way and Mr Taylor dined with us after dinner George took the two Gentlemen and Teresa for a short drive. Mr Scott has not been well all day. but he came down to dinner Mrs King called and is looking quite pretty. she is fond of her confinement and has no sun burn

9th Mr Wilson and Becher called. Mr Wilson spoke to me about the Marriage Licence and thought it a great pity that John had not got the Agency transfered to George before he left. Mr Becher said Miss Stuns would be here at 12 and We went to meet her I was very glad to see her but old and new faces are distressing to me. when she was here last autumn the Portmans were with us. John was soon to be married. Edward was wooing and we expected Teresa and Mr Scott home in a few days. now dear Helen is dead Mr Portman and children are gone to England and Amelia with them. John given over by the doctors has gone to the German Baths as a last hope. Edward is married and Mr Scott and Teresa have returned to comfort me. all this in a few months – Mr Griffin Mr Way and Mr Taylor came to Luncheon, and then they all three went to Lavinia, and return to Mowmow it was kind of Mr Griffin to do the civil and go there with them. Miss Stuns came unprepared to stay and returned to Woodstock at 4. P.M she is to come soon

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August 9th and pay us a longer visit, Mrs Conling Mrs Wolfe Sophia & Mrs Wolfe
called after Sophia — Dr & Mrs Brown and Mr Mottershead
called also and Mrs Nelis and Miss Woodgate, I got a
joint letter from Mary and Eliza they had seen
Amelia Mr Portman and the Children, Amelia slept the
night after her arrival at Priors Gate the next day
Lady Portman invited the Coutchleys and Reads to Luncheon
and Amelia gave up the charge of the Children and returned
with the Coutchleys Lord and Lady Portman were most
kind and poor little Berkeley took to his Grandpapa and
Grandmamma most affectionately Willy was more
shy. it was very painful for Amelia to part with the
Children and Mr Portman, they neither of them had time to
write to me

10th I thought so much of the past and of all of those who are absent that
I slept very little and spent another dreadful night. consequently
have been ill all day. Mr Griffen Mr Way and Mr Taylor returned
from Larnica and sent me word that they would dine with us
at 6 — Mr Taylor has been ill all day. it was an effort for him to sit
up — Teresa and Sophia and Mr Scott returned calls, Mrs Beehen
was wonderfully gracious to them — Sophia & Rina arrived —

11th Mr Wilson came to Luncheon and told me to send to his gardener for
some Melons, which I did, but they were not ripe. the Scotts
and Sophia returned calls, again, and went to the Kings, Mrs
Hutchison called here — I got letters from Mr Portman, Lady Portman
Sarah, Amelia, Mary, and Eliza — there was a tornadoful joy amongst
them at meeting, and they felt most bitterly the absence of poor Helen
Lord and Lady Portman seemed pleased with the Children and
the Children took to them, Amelia speaks most admiringly and
gratefully of the Portmans and say no people could be kinder
than they are. Mr Portmans letters were very low Eliza & Mary
were so glad to see Amelia

12th Teresa's Birthday. she completes her 21st year to day. I have been
ill all night. caused by the excitement of reading all my letters
I got up in the morning but had to go to bed again for 4 or 5
hours. Edward and Sophia went to Church. I finished my
letter to Mr Portman. Edward rode to the Farm after Church
Mr Griffin called with Amelia's letter but did not come to tea

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PROGRESS OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

From the New York Herald.

As the Prince of Wales approaches nearer to the United States, in his progress through the British colonies, his character shines out brighter and brighter, so that by the time he arrives among us, all will be prepossessed in his favor. Already every one pronounces him a capital, whole-souled fellow.

Unlike a haughty, supercilious, empty-headed, unfledged lordling, looking down upon all men without titles as an inferior set of human beings, to take any notice of whom would be amazing condescension on his part, this young gentlemen, who is every inch a prince, puts on no airs, but, on the contrary, makes every person feel happy and at home in his presence. He evinces his delight and gratitude at what is done to entertain and honor him, and he enters into the spirit of the proceedings with a gusto and an unaffected heartiness that captivate every spectator. He shows that he is not too much of a prince to be a man. He rides in the rain perfectly unconcerned; he is in raptures with the troops. He is fond of gayety and amusement, says our correspondent, and enjoys the scenes in which he mingles immensely. He talks and smiles with the officers near him, laughs heartily at the ludicrous games and scenes, and appears very much interested in the foot races. In the ball-room, he is good-humored, courteous and affable to all. He is a capital waltzer, and a very entertaining partner. He rests his partner frequently, and fills up the interval with cheerful conversation and remarks upon the company. "It is amusing," says a looker-on, "to observe the eyes of the ladies in the room and gallery watching his every movement and gesture, and casting envious glances at his fortunate partners. I heard more than one whisper, 'What a beautiful dancer!' as he glided in the dance." He must be very handsome. Before, we heard of his brilliant hazel eye; now we are told his "almost Roman nose" is equally fine. Halifax is one grand carnival, so popular is the Prince; and as for the ladies, they are dying about him.

Since the time of the Black Prince, who was the idol of the English people, none other has been half so popular as Albert Edward. He is a prince, therefore, of the good old school. The Black Prince Edward, who, at the battle of Cressy, adopted from the brave King of Bohemia the three ostrich feathers and the German motto, "*Ich dien*"—I serve—which every since has been the motto of the Princes of Wales, was equally distinguished for his military enthusiasm, his valor in the field, and his chivalrous gallantry to the fair. The present prince is evidently a worthy successor of that historic name.

He also recalls the memory of another Prince of Wales, "Hal," the "sweet wag," who was the boon companion of jolly Falstaff, and whose sayings and doings are recorded in Shakspeare. Hal, who was as natural as if he were not born a prince, was a terrible fellow among the ladies; and by all accounts Albert Edward is breaking their hearts by the score. And it is not to be wondered at. He is young and good-looking, has good sense, makes good speeches, is good-humored and good-natured, a beautiful dancer, highly accomplished, and above all he is devoted to the sex.

We hope his heart will not be caught, before he reaches the United States, and that he will reserve it for an American lady to conquer. Let grand balls be got up upon a magnificent scale, so that there may be a good opportunity of liming this splendid bird. He will take great delight in a dance. It was at a ball in Baltimore that Prince Jerome Bonaparte was captivated by Miss Patterson. There are thousands as attractive and beautiful as she in the country. And the heart of the Briton is just as susceptible of the tender passion as that of the Frenchman. Let the ladies be arrayed in their most killing charms, and all try to see who will get the Prince. In every way he is worth a hundred lords. When they come to America they will not dance with the daughters of the people. But the son of a Queen, the heir to the throne of the great British empire, is ready to dance, and laugh, and joke, with every decent girl who comes in his way.

WESTERN ADVOCAT

THE PRINCE AT HALIFAX.

THE DELIGHT AND ENTHUSIASM OF THE NOVA SCOTIANS—HIS DEPARTURE FROM HALIFAX, &c.

Halifax, August 1, 1860.

At the ball, last night, the Prince conducted Lady Mulgrave to the refreshment room at eleven, and to supper at one. The toasts of "The Queen," the "Prince Consort," and the "Prince of Wales," were proposed respectively, the last being received with enthusiastic hurrahs. The Prince took part in every dance till a quarter to three, when, looking as fresh as when he came, he led Lady Mulgrave to her carriage, and went home.

At the Newfoundland ball, he danced eleven of the thirteen dances, but last night he was the hero of seven quadrilles, four waltzes, four gallops and three polkas.

This morning at ten, he was out in plain dress walking with his suite. At eleven, he appeared in uniform, and held a levee at the government house, which was attended by three hundred persons. At half-past twelve, he stood, hat in hand, with his suite, and was photographed in the private grounds of the government house.

At half-past two, the Prince drove in an open carriage, with Lord and Lady Mulgrave, the Duke of Newcastle, and Lord St. Germains, to the dockyard, and embarked, amid the thunders of a royal salute from the batteries and ships, and the cheers of a vast multitude, for the *Nile*, to lunch with the admiral and witness the regatta.

He afterwards went on board the *Hero*, and substituted for his uniform a pair of drab trousers, a dark blue buttoned walking coat, with an outside breast pocket for the handkerchief, an ordinary black hat, and walking stick. He then went on board the *Valorous*, and steamed up the basin, to look at a farm once owned by his grandfather, the Duke of Kent.

He returned to the landing steps at half-past six. Royal salutes were again fired, the immense concourse hurrahed, and he drove back to the government house, where he dined at half-past seven, with eighty guests.

Three hundred persons have received invitations to a party after dinner.

The weather was beautifully fine, the regatta very splendid, and the bay presented a grand sight all day.

The holiday is still general. The throngs in the streets, and the public excitement and display continue unabated.

The grand regatta came off to-day. The weather was fine, and yachts, fishing vessels, men-of-war boats, whale-boats, and canoes participated. There were also horse races on the common.

There is a display of fireworks this evening.

The governor entertained the volunteer officers this evening.

Everything has passed off without serious accident, and the celebration is universally admitted by visitors and natives to have been a credit to Nova Scotia.

The Prince leaves by special train for Windsor at seven to-morrow morning. At nine, he will have a public breakfast there, and at twelve he will embark on the *Styx*, at Hantsport, and sail direct to St. John, N. B.

The Prince looks forward with great delight to visiting the United States, and says he knows he will have a good reception there, and there is nothing he is more anxious to obtain.

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DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCE FROM HALIFA
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SQUADRON COMING TO NEW YORK, &C.

Windsor, N. S., Augus

The Prince and suite, with the legis
left Halifax by special train at seven,
and reached Windsor at half-past
o'clock.

The following address was then read
Prince on the balcony of the Clifton
in presence of a vast multitude collect
low:

May it please Your Royal Highne
the loyal inhabitants of the Towns
Windsor, of the County of Hants,
Province of Nova Scotia, beg leave
proach Your Royal Highnes to o
humble expression of a heartfelt welco
to thank Your Royal Highness for the
cedented honor of this opportunity,
scendingly offered us, of avowing our
loyalty and unwavering attachment
throne and person of our most gracious
and to her illustrious house and famil
exalted admiration and respect for the
talents and virtues of her royal consc
our fervent aspirations and hopes for
career of happiness and glory for You
Highness. Representing on this hap
sion the loyal feelings of this oldest U
town in Her Majesty's wide extended
possessions, we view it as our highes
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greet Your Royal Highness in the im
neighborhood of an institution fou
His Majesty King George III., th
and illustrious ancestor of Your Roy
ness. Believing that the University
sor has continued during successive
answer the wise and benevolent pu
its founder, and knowing that in Kin
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have been educated in religion,
and in science a great number of
many of the most distinguished
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has only a few moments to bestow
brief but ever memorable occasion.
extremely grateful, and we hope t
Royal Highness' visit to Nova Scot
agreeable to Your Royal Highnes
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that on your happy return to Wind
and to the renowned university in w
Royal Highness is enrolled, Yo
Highness may convey to Her Gra
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of Her Majesty's subjects in this
her dominions; and not the least, t
our university, educated in a town
ress was honored by the presenc
bears the name of Her Majesty's
father.

The Prince then read, in his us
this brief reply:

Gentlemen—The address which
presented to me demands my ackn
ments. It is a pleasure to me to
though it be but in passing, this s
ing in British North America; t
the sons of these Provinces are
pursuing, within the precincts of
the studies which I have myself
only for a time, that I might co
lands. I thank you for your kind
of my grandfather, and for your
ments.

The Prince afterwards led Lad
to the public breakfast, when the
"Queen," "Prince Albert" and "
of Wales," were proposed and re
with vociferous hurrahing.

Four magnificent triumphal
erected near the railway station.

The Prince was in a plain, n
dress, and looked as fresh and mer
he landed at Halifax. He left
with the Duke of Newcastle and
grave by carriage to Hantsport.

The Prince arrived at Hant
Windsor, at a quarter past eleven
morning, accompa by upwar
carriages. Immediately on ste
his carriage the following address
To the Most High

with your presence, Your Royal Highness confers on us an honor greater than our words can express or any demonstration of ours can testify. Yet, though our language and our means may fail, that honor is not the less appreciated, nor less that deep and lasting sense of obligation our hearts must ever acknowledge through the gracious permission of Your august mother. We joyfully accord to Your Royal Highness, as the representative of our Queen, the receeption we would accord to Her Majesty. We do not exhibit to your Royal Highness anything in interest beyond such bounties as nature has bestowed upon us. We boast of no imposing edifice, no grand triumphal arch, no meritorious work of art, nor can we proudly point to scenes of classic or historical fame; but, better far than these, we welcome our Prince with the earnest affections of a devoted, manly race; we greet the first-born son of our beloved Queen with feelings of deepest respect, and proudly hail the future monarch of that glorious globe-encircling empire of which we are a part. We would represent our interest to be maratime, and chiefly in other trade with the brother land, thus adding the strong tie of commerce to the pre-existing one of blood, of language and religion. Our pride is in the British institutions, laws and flag, to uphold which in time of need we will ever aid with enthusiastic volunteers. Should this village ever become the city of the beautiful basin beyond of touching historic interest, and in which your Royal Highness is now about to sail, the rise of that city will date from the royal selection of this port for your embarkation to-day, in commemoration of which it has been designated by the people, and we humbly trust will also meet the approbation of your Royal Highness, as Princeton. Long live your Royal Highness. Long may you grace the mighty throne of Britain, and when in after years, if your august name shall be inseperably associated with deeds as great and glorious as ever hallowed the memory of earth's noblest, may we hope, presumptious though it may seem, that when, relaxing from the toils of state, the mind of the king shall revert, may it ever be with joy and pride, to his youthful days, the hour spent in Hantsport may not have been forgotten.

The Prince replied as follows:

GENTLEMEN—I thank you warmly for your hearty and kind welcome. With agricultural capabilities on the one side, and maratime advantages on the other, your town bids fair to rise in consequence and wealth, and I very sincerely wish you every prosperity.

His Royal Highness intimated through his secretary that he would esteem the change of name as a compliment to himself, but would trust it to the loyalty of the inhabitants.

Three hearty cheers were then given by the assembled concourse of people, and the Prince and suite embarked on board her Majesty's steamer *Styx*, which was lying in the stream awaiting his arrival. A royal salute was fired, and the *Styx* weighed anchor and sailed for St. John, New Brunswick, at noon, amid the roaring cheers of the enthusiastic multitude.

The Prince is to embark from New York on leaving America, and the admiral's fleet is expected to be there with the royal squadron.

In [illegible] Halifax an artillery-

Arrival of the Prince of Wales at St. John, N. B.

A special dispatch to the N. Y. *Times*, from St. John, says the Prince drove to his temporary residence between files of men, extending a mile, composed of military, fire companies, societies, both Houses of parliament, &c. After he passed, both ranks formed a procession, with banners flying, while the bells of the city were ringing. Inside of the gate were two thousand school children—the girls in white and the boys in black, who sang the National Anthem, and strewed boquets in the road-way. All the time the street was crowded, the shops closed, and the shipping dressed with flags. Formalities are being gradually discontinued, and at Windsor the Prince dined at the same table with the members of parliament and the press, who accompanied him. It has been determined that the whole West Indian squadron now at Halifax shall go to Quebec and Montreal. The Prince, in the afternoon, crossed the harbor in a ferry boat, and returned by the suspension bridge over the falls of the St. John's. The members of the government, several members of the legislature, the mayors of Halifax, Boston, &c, dined with him in the evening.

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