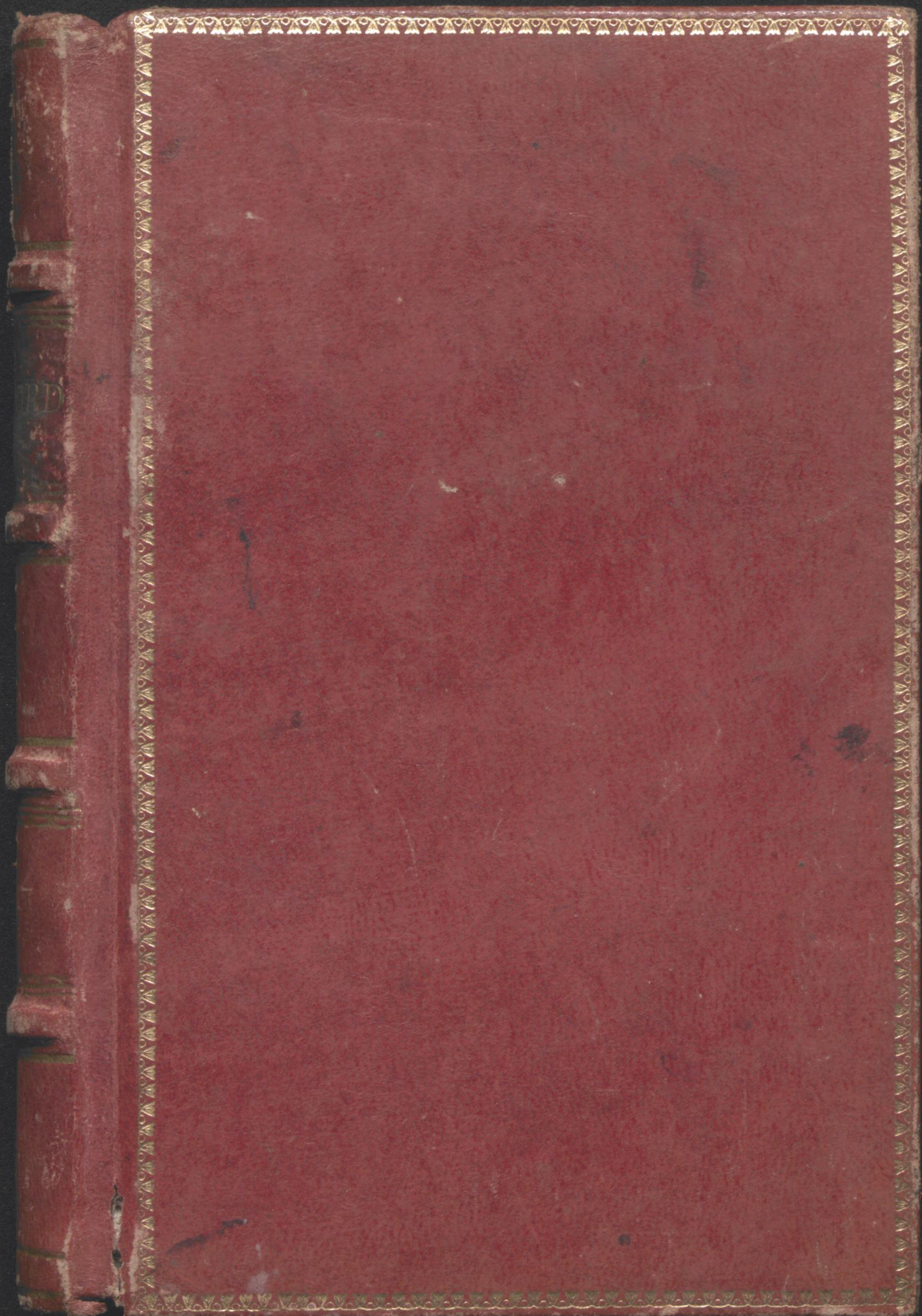
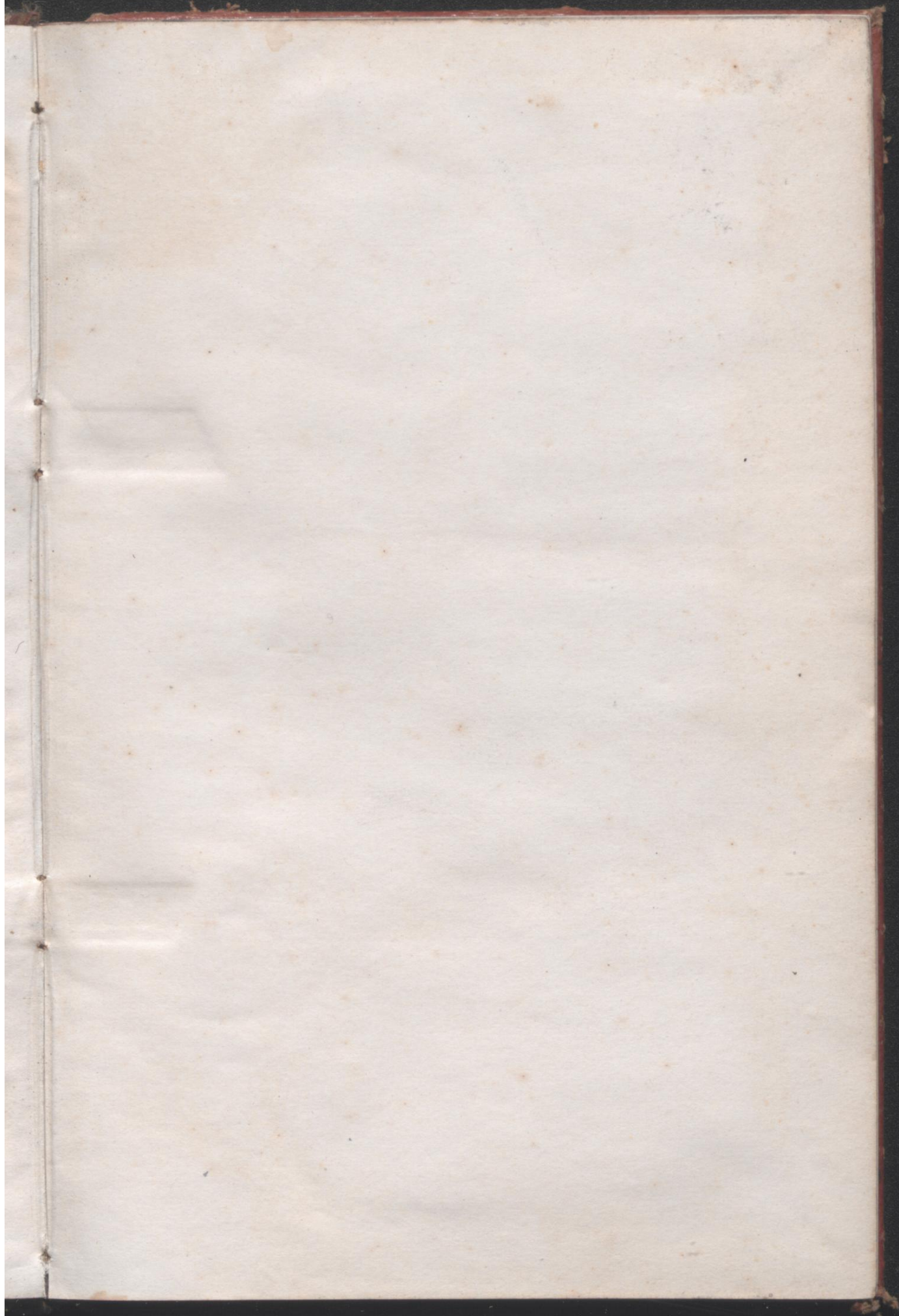
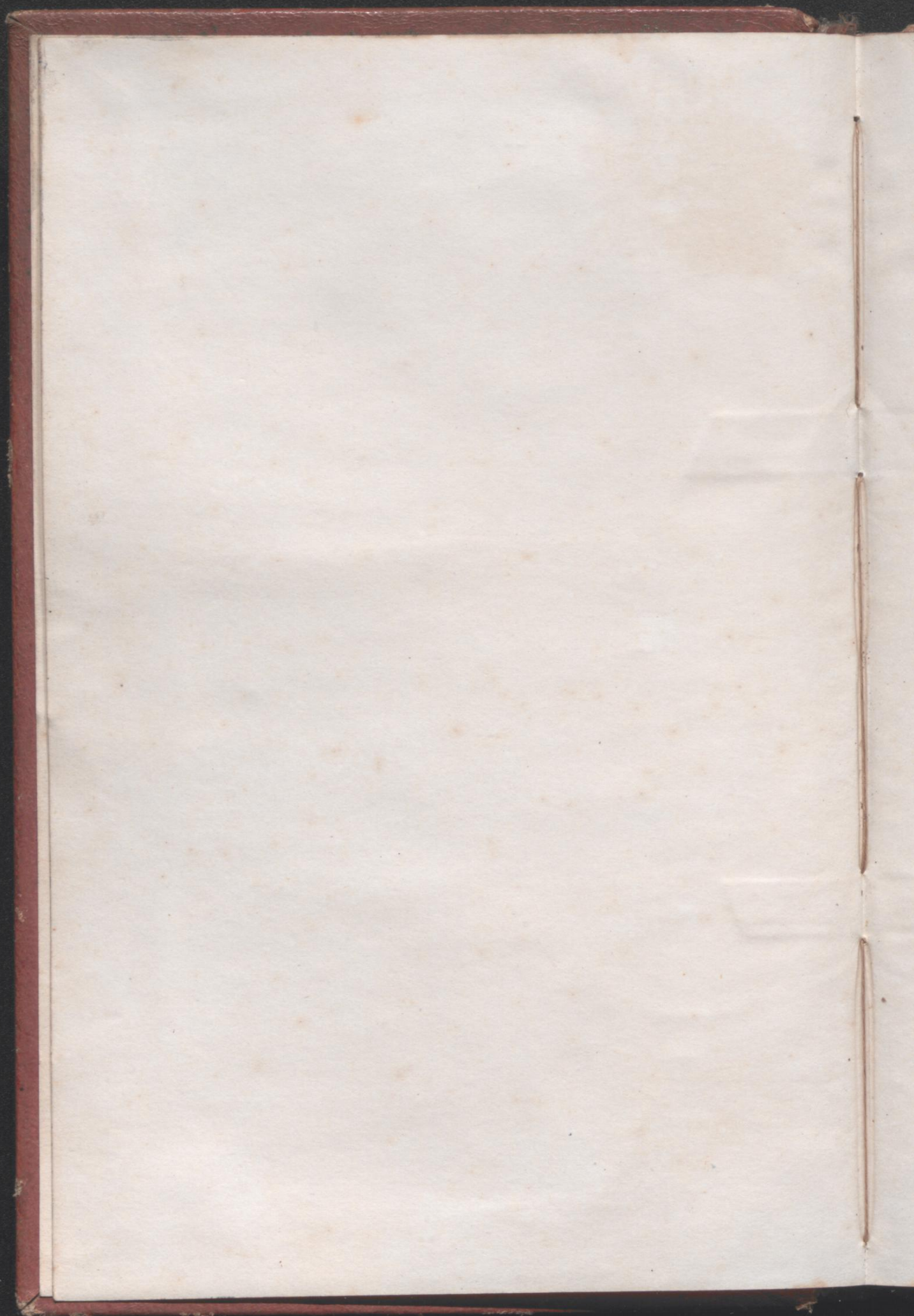
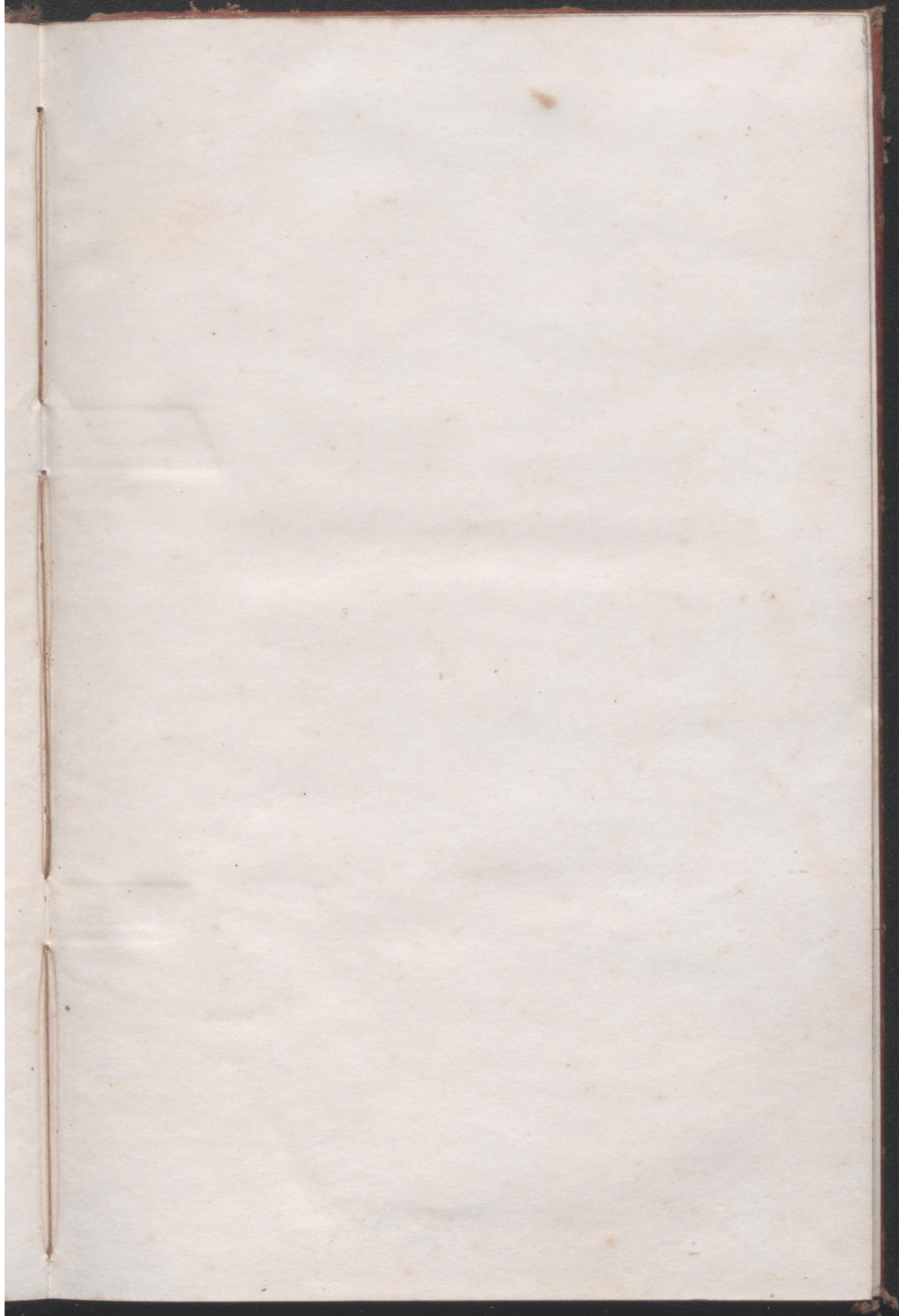


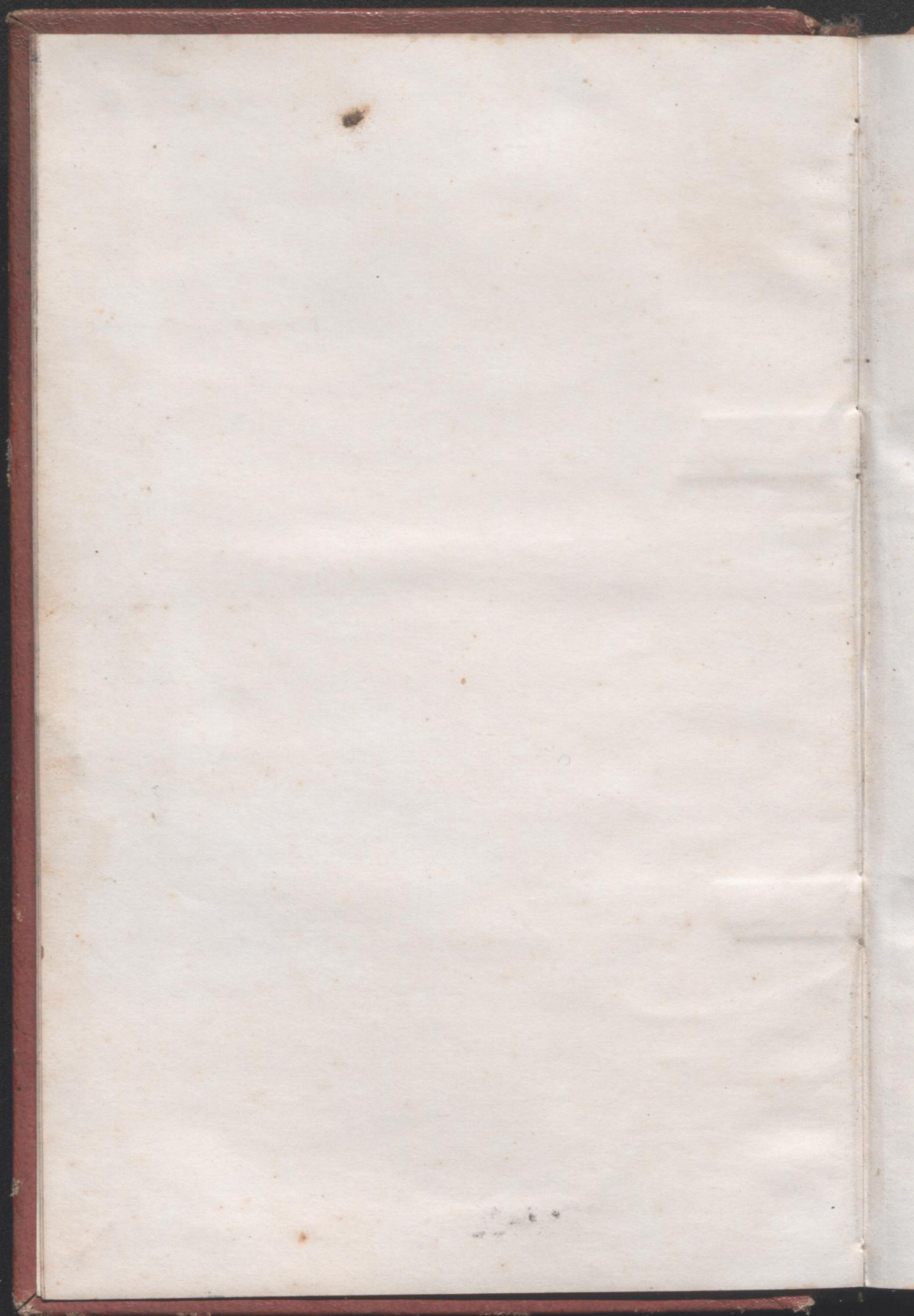


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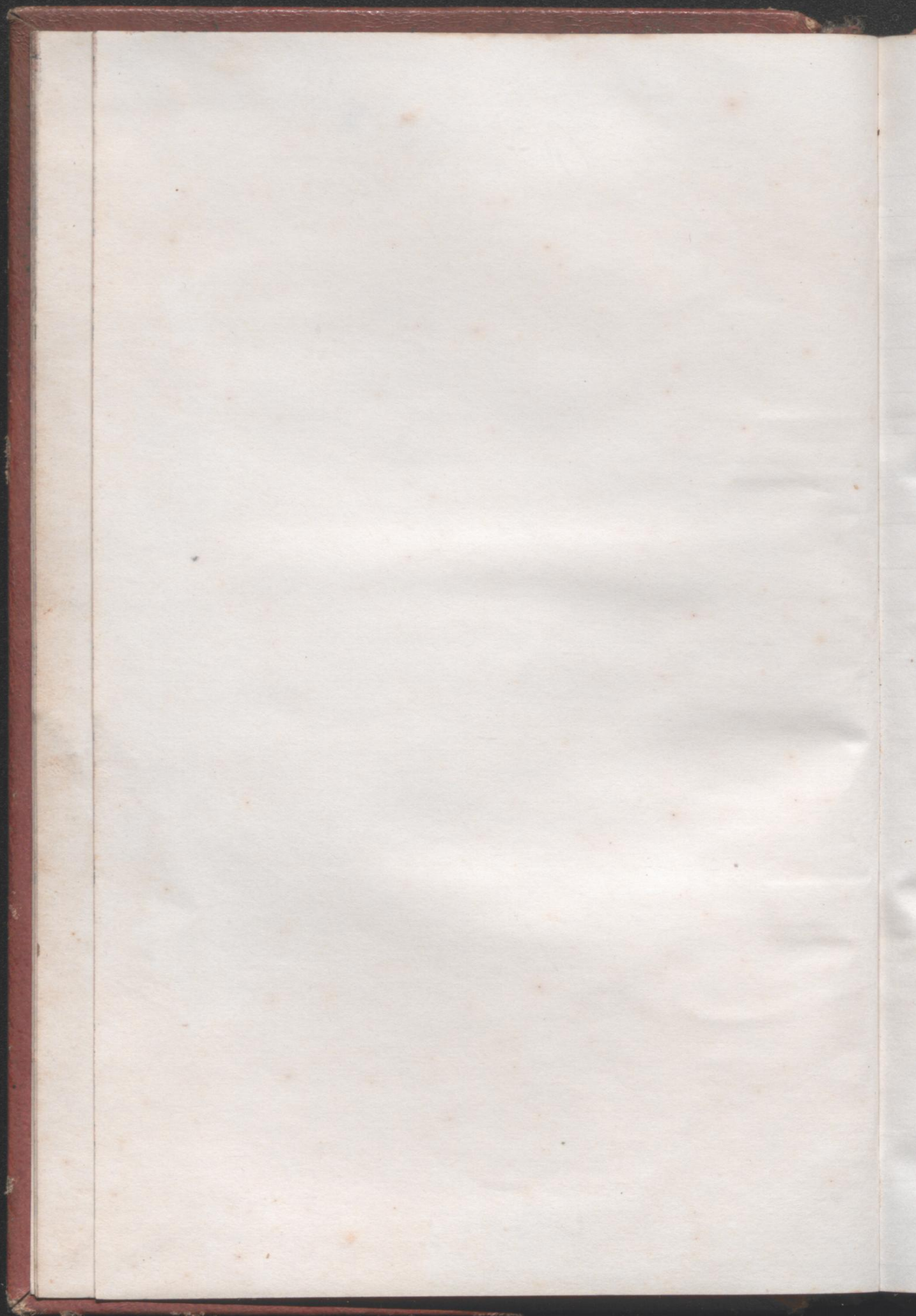






Charles H. Headley

January 1851



Mr
Charles W. ^{Head} Headley.
January. 1861.

January. Sunday. 20th 1861.

I arose this morning half inclined to stay at home. I thought of it until I had eaten my breakfast, thinking all the while whether I would be doing right or not. I thought to myself, that it is a pretty day, I am well, and what is there to hinder me from going? And then I thought again that I do not feel like going; and is there not such a thing as a fellow's getting too much of a good thing; had I not better stay at home and rest from the duties of this day; and perhaps I will be in a better condition by the time another Lords Day comes. All these thoughts

Kept floating across my mind until the time for going had come and passed. Now I will stay, of course, I will not go after every person is there. Perhaps I will go down to the Bible class this evening, and that will make up for not going to meeting this morning. So I sit myself down and began to read Miss Gilberts Career. It is a novel that I have had for some time; several of the Drs. family have read it, and been complementing it; so I will now read it myself.

I read until the family returned from meeting.

I having been very much interested in my book; had not yet gotten on any clean clothes. So when Burnett P. came in accompanied by a visitor (our friend G. Mason)

I arose and took a change of linen &c. Dinner soon came on. I went down to the table, of course, as it is one of my favorite places, and after eating a very good meal retired again to my room. Now it would soon be time to go down to the Bible Class, and shall I go? I soon decided that I would not go. I would stay at home and try to finish my book while I have time; and besides I have stayed at home nearly all day, and I will not turn out this evening. I stayed. The boys soon were on their way to the town Church, where they would meet our President, who was to organize a Bible Class. I was now alone in my room. I read until I was tired and then amused myself

by writing a letter to one
 of my friends. The boys
 were not detained long, so
 they returned before a great
 while; but they did not
 stay long. They had conclu-
 -ded to return to preach-
 -ing at night. I was again
 left by myself; so I stop-
 -ped in Mrs. Pinkerton's
 room, and stayed a while.
 After I returned to my
 room, I again read Miss
 Gilbert's Career until J. Hen-
 -dron returned. John and
 I sit and talked for some
 time, I in the mean time
 would read some of the
 Psalms, and quote from
 the Bible various passages
 which would come to my
 mind. Finally we retired
 about the time August Pin-
 -kerton came in. He expressed
 great joy that the tempera-
 -ture of the room was so
 high.

January. Monday. 21. 1861.

The intermediate examination of Kentucky University commenced to day. According to the rules of the institution, I attend the Chapel exercises in the morning; but having no class, I returned home and engaged myself by reading Miss Gilberts Career, during the principal part of the day.

It has been a beautiful day. Though winter brings to us gloom and dreariness, yet that glorious old Sun never forgets us. He comes occasionally with his smiles, to cheer us, even, in the midst of our sadness.

January. Tuesday. 22. 1861.

Having no class at College this morning I returned home as soon as the exercises at the Chapel were over. As I usually do, however, I stopped in town a short time. The Sun to day has again blessed us with his glorious presence.

I finished reading Miss Gilbert's Career to day. I think it is a very finely written book, and must have been written by one who had carefully studied human nature.

I called on Miss Taylor this evening; and after entertaining her, in the best way that my feelings would allow, for a few hours, I wandered home by the light of the Moon, which was shining brightly.

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January. Wednesday, 23. 1861.

The Sun has again refused to smile, and has left ^{us} in the gloom of winter again. When I arose this morning I found it dark and rainy. When I started out to College I found it still worse. The road was wet and muddy. After all, should we complain of the inclemency of the weather? No - for the Lord is only preparing us to enjoy the blessings that the Spring time and harvest will very soon bring to us.

I returned home as soon as the morning service was over at the College; and began to prepare for my examination

January. Thursday. 24. 1861.

It has, again, been a dark cloudy day, with the exception of a few hours in the evening. The Sun set this evening in a cloudless sky, spreading his broad fiery wings out in the western heavens, then leaving us to be cleared by the twilight hours, until that orb of night should come.

I have been engaged in reviewing my text books preparatory to my oncoming examination; one of which will take place tomorrow. I have more confidence in myself on the subjects that I have for tomorrow, than any other one I have.

January. Friday. 25. 1861.

It has been a little cold to day, but not enough so to make it disagreeable.

The day of my examination has come, and past. I was examined to day on the subjects of Political Economy and The Constitution of the United States. Alas! for that constitution, I fear that it will soon be laid in the dust. But, nevertheless, it is a glorious document, and deserves our careful attention.

We were dismissed about half past eleven. I then returned home, and continued to review my Mental Science, on which I am to be examined on next Monday. I greatly fear that I will make a failure. I have been in trouble about it for several days.

January. Saturday 26. 1861.

We arose this morning and found the earth, already, carpeted with snow, and those pure drops still falling as if to make the scene more pure.

After returning from the College, I finished reviewing my Mental Science.

After going in to the dinner table, and eating a magnificent dinner, the dessert ~~was~~ was Mince Pies.

Wasn't that buncom tho? I concluded that I would go over and call on the Ladies at Mr. Carpenters, but about the time I was starting the Ladies came over here. So I stayed, and had a fine time with them. I became acquainted with Miss Ann Hallock, with whom I had a very pleasant time.

January. Sunday. 27. 1861.

We were warned to arise this morning by the brilliant light of the already risen Sun, who never fails to come at his appointed time.

I did not get up this morning in exactly the same fix that I did a week ago. I had already concluded not to go to meeting to day before I arose this morning. But it was not my intention to let any person know any thing about my intentions. So after eating my breakfast I returned to my room, and began to make the needful preparation for going. About the time all were ready to go, some person asked me if I was going, to which I replied, that I did not believe I would.

I was now soon left alone. I sit down and wrote for a while, when Sammy Pinkerton came up with some nuts, I then stopped my employment for a short time. When I finished eating, I again resumed my pen; and continued to write until I was disturbed by the boys returning from meeting.

Dinner was soon ready; and we all went down into the dining where we partook of a very fine meal, winding with Mince Pie.

The boys were soon off again to the Bible class, but they were not gone long.

When they returned we called in Mrs. Pinkerton's room and spent an hour or two very pleasantly.

Now I am sitting at our table with J. Hendron B. J. Pinkerton. Both of whom are reading

January. Monday. 28. 1861.

The long expected day has come and gone, and how shall I make a record of the proceedings?

I arose this morning just in time to get prepared for breakfast. I went down, and partook of the refreshing meal. I then got my overcoat, gummings, and hat, and started immediately to the college. I arrived there in good time. The bell, however, soon began to toll, warning the students that it was time to get to their places. Pretty soon the Chapel exercises were commenced and gone through with, but without receiving much attention from me. I was thinking all the time about my examination. I sat and wondered what part of the book I would be questioned upon;

In what manner will I be examined? How long will I be examined? A great many such questions were passing through my mind while the worship was going on.

The weariness of the chapel was soon over, and the class in Gen. Ethics retired to the President's room. My heart beat quick when the Pres. began to call on the members of the class one by one to answer such questions as he would propose to them. My time soon came. I arose, and to my astonishment, I was questioned upon a lecture that had been given during my illness. I, however, answered to the best of my ability the questions that were given me, and took my seat, very well satisfied with myself, for doing as well as I did.

When the Pres. began to call upon the Students to go to the board, was another trying moment to me. I was not called upon in the first set; but it was not long before some of them was through, and I then had a place. I was called upon to give an analysis of Memory, which I did much better than I expected I could.

One by one the Students ^{and} displayed their different subjects of Mental Science, and we were through before one.

On my way home I overtook B. Bowman and went to the Presidents with him, and took dinner. I had some very agreeable chat with the President, at the dinner table.

I stayed a few hours with the boys, and went home.

January. Tuesday. 29. 1861.

I, according to the rules of the University, went out to the College and attended the Chapel exercises. I did not remain there any longer than I was compelled to. I stopped with C. Harrison a while, at his room. I then went home.

I do not know what to say in reference to my days work, for I think it has been a very small one.

I have read a little, and wrote a little; but I have not done anything of very great importance.

It has been a very beautiful day. The sun has not ceased to shine to day, only for a moment at a time.

It has felt very much like a spring day.

January. Wednesday, 30. 1861.

It has been one of the loveliest days we have had this season. The Sun arose this morning in all his majestic beauty and grandeur; which lent a new beauty to the world around us. Together with the beauty and loveliness of the Sun, we had a delightful atmosphere in which we bathed our lungs as we followed to old road to the college building.

The Sun has now made his daily round, and has left us for a short time. The great arched canopy is now studded with stars, who are twinkling with their reflected light, from the great central light.

I and my friend B. Pinkerton took a long, and very pleasant walk this evening

January. Thursday. 31st. 1861.

Again the sun has made its daily course, and left us to the darkness of the night. He has set to rise upon a new day, and call a new month into existence.

So now we must bid farewell to January. Perhaps we may never see another January as we have this.

Ere the frosts of another January shall come, we may be wrapped in the cold arms of death. We have not our lives secured, even, for a single day. Thank Heaven! that the grave is not our goal. "dust thou art and dust thou shalt returnest, was not spoken of the Soul."

It has been a cool day, and night has brought us more snow.

Feb. Friday. 1st. 1861.

February has come in like a lion, with her storms she is making a prey of the Earth. Although it is not excessively cold, yet it is dark and rainy; the whole Earth is drenched with water. The roads are very muddy, and disagreeable to travel upon, especially, to those who have to walk.

I attended the morning exercises at the University. I then went with George Mullins to his room and talked with him for some time. I then went out home, and after eating my dinner returned to the College, and heard the graduates (Mr. St. Mulligan, S. Smith, and C. Harrison) deliver their orations.

After the speaking was over, I returned home, and again took some refreshments.

I attended a levee at President Milligans house this evening. The invited guests were all the students that belonged to the University. There were a good many of them there, but the inclemency of the weather kept some away. We all had a very nice time. We had a fine supper, But, best of all we were entertained by one whom we cannot help loving.

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Feb. Saturday, 2^d. 1861.

The day has been dark and cloudy, so much so that I loathe, almost, to leave the house. Notwithstanding I went to town this morning; I, however, did not stay long.

I have spent a portion of my time to day in writing to my friends, & the remainder of the time I have done nothing.

The students were not called together at the college to day, which is a fact that we all should mark well, in the history of Kentucky University.

The Faculty met to day to make out their reports of the standing of the students.

Feb. Sunday. 3^d. 1861.

It has been a very cloudy day; and the roads are very muddy. I have been a little unwell last night and to day, notwithstanding all these facts; I determined to go to meeting. I thought that I had stayed at home often enough on Sunday, for once, and I would go to keep myself in practice. After hearing a discourse from Professor Richardson, I returned home and stayed until after dinner. I went down, for the first time, this evening to the Bible class. After the class was over I returned home, stopping but a few minutes at C. Harrison's room.

Feb. Monday. H. 1861.

The intermediate examinations are over, and we have all commenced our regular work for this term. I attended all my classes this morning.

The faculty thought it expedient to dismiss the students this evening and finish making out the reports.

I returned home when my classes were out, and employed myself by preparing for tomorrow.

It has been a beautiful day.

Feb. Tuesday 5 1861.

The day has been variable, sometimes cloudy and sometimes fair; but upon the whole a very pleasant day.

I went to college this morning, and remained until all my classes were over. I, of course had two hours to remain there, in which I had nothing special to do; not having taken any books with me Prof. Pinkerton gave me the use of his room, & I employed myself a portion of the time by going over my lesson in Mental Philosophy from memory, aided only by a small bit of manuscript.

I had a talk with the Pres. to day. He encouraged me by telling me that the Faculty were pleased with me.

Feb. Wednesday 6 1861.

Another day with all its
its sorrows and joys,
whatever they may have
been; has gone. It is a
day gone, ~~that~~ never can
be recalled. We are to night
- but one day nearer the
grave than we were last
night. But thank heavens!
"The grave is not our
goal. Dust thou art and
dust thou turnest was not
spoken of the soul."
What a glorious thought
that we have an immor-
tal principle within
us.

I attended all my classes
at College to day.
We had an interesting
experiment in Prof
Richardson's class, showing
the conducting power
of different metals.

The experiment was rendered more interesting by its being performed with an instrument that once belonged to Dr. Priestly.

I went to meeting to night and heard Mr. More preach.

The day has been a beautifull one, and the night is displaying an equal portion of splendor.

Truly did the sweet singer of Israel say
 "The heavens declare thy glory Lord, and
 the Earth sheweth thy handy work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge."

I received intelligence to day that my Grand Mother was dead.

Feb. Thursday? 1861.

It has been a very pleasant day. For the first time in a great while I went without an overcoat to day.

I attended all my classes to day, and was called on in all of them. I came off tolerably well.

Although it has been pleasant all day, it commenced turning cold a little before night, and I think it is still turning cold. It is now 9 o'clock at night.

Feb. Friday, 8. 1861.

I has been a beautiful day. It was a little cold very early this morning, but very soon after the sun rose it became warm.

I attended all my classes to day. Professor White showed the class a Theodolite this morning.

I occupied a portion of my leisure time, at the College, in writing letters. I occupied the Presidents room, by the consent of the Janitor. J. Hendron, B Pinkerton and I took a walk this evening. We, also, attended meeting at the Baptist Church to night.

Feb. Saturday. 9. 1861.

Another day has passed, and a beautiful day it has been. It has not been disagreeable in any way.

I attended College this morning, and returned home pretty soon after my class was over. I employed myself, then, by preparing for Sunday.

I went to Daughters College to see Jennie. I had one or two hours conversation with her. I then went to town and stayed until the mail was open. I then returned home and spent the remainder of the evening in social conversation.

Feb. Sunday 10. 1861.

It has been a very pleasant day. I arose this morning pretty late, but early enough to get ready for late breakfast. Having nothing to do I walked with John Hendron down to the meeting-house. I not caring any thing about going with him to the Sunday-school I went with Dick Wheatly to take a walk. We walked out on the Government grounds, and stayed for some time, we finally walked back through town, and went to preaching. President Milligan preached. After preaching I went to Mr. Carpenters and

took dinner. I had a very pleasant chat with the Ladies (Misses Anna Carpenter and Hallock) I accompanied Miss Annie Hallock to the Bible Class this evening. I had a very pleasant time with her. We had some very interesting conversation.

Although it has been a pleasant day, clouds have been gathering and it has now begun to rain.

Feb. Monday. 11. 1866.

The Lord has blessed us with another very pleasant day. It feels like spring weather. It was a little muddy this morning but it soon dried up.

I attended all my classes to day. I have nothing of a very interesting character to record for to day except a very pleasant walk I had this evening with Miss Annie Hallock. We walked out towards Danville some distance all the while engaged in pleasant conversation.

I accompanied her home after returning with her to where I met with her.

Feb. Tuesday, 12. 1861.

It has been a very pleasant day to me in every respect. I have had nothing particularly to disturb my happiness. I was warned to arise this morning by the near approach of breakfast, as I thought, but as it happened I was in good time. I felt rather sleepy this morning, and consequently felt rather dull a portion of the day. I have attended all my classes to day, and have prepared myself pretty well for tomorrow. I had a pleasant walk this evening with my two Chums (J. Hendron & B. Pinkerton).

Feb. Thursday 13, 1861.

We got our breakfast this morning in good time. I started immediately after eating, to the College. I was there in good time. I attended all my classes.

As I was going to the College I met several of the Ladies of Daughters College; one of them with whom I ~~was~~ acquainted made a most magnificent bow to me attended with one of the sweetest of smiles. I have been thinking about it a good deal and I must confess it has had a mighty effect upon me.

I received a letter from J. House to day. He said my sweetheart was well.

Feb. Thursday, 14. 1861.

I feel very little like writing any thing to night; but as every day brings some new event, I think I should record something.

We got our breakfast a little later than usual this morning, so I hastened away as soon as I ate, to get to College in time. I was there in due season. I attended all my classes.

During the time in which I was not engaged (between 11 and 12 o'clock) I was in Dr. Pinkerton's room reading yesterday's paper. Returning home I stopped in town and sent a valentine to L. H. I got home just in time for dinner (4 o'clock.)

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Feb. Friday, 15th 1861.

The day has been rather unpleasant out of doors, The roads have become quite muddy again. I went to College today, and attended all my recitations.

I stayed in Dr Pinkerton's room during my leisure hours at there. As it is a great bore for me to stay up at the college while I have nothing to do, I returned home as soon as my classes were over. I arrived ^{at} home just in time for dinner. I have spent the greater part of the evening in calculating a survey. I am now about ready to go to bed.

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1861.

Saturday 16. — Sunday 2nd

As seen above it has now been more than a week since I have penned any lines in this book. I have had good reasons for not writing any.

In the first place on Saturday the 16th I went to Father's. I went over with N. Lafon, and E. J. Young. I arrived there about sunset. I stayed over there until Monday when I went to Lexington early in the morning, did some business there, and returned to Harrodsburg by ~~conveyance~~ of the stage. I, of course, lost some time and I have been compelled to study very hard since

I have been in the habit of retiring about one or two o'clock since I returned.

On Friday the 22nd. The birthday of Washington was celebrated by the Literary Societies.

The representative from the Newton Society was R. Wheatley. Those from the Franklin Society were J. M. Green and J. S. Gore. It was a fine day and I had a good time.

It has been a little cool to day (Sunday) but nevertheless a very pleasant day. I attended the Presbyterian Church this morning.

I called on Miss Sue Stephenson this evening. I had a fine time with her.

Feb. & March. 1861.

Monday 25 — Saturday 2.

I have the same apology, for not writing, during the past few days, that I had before. That is, I have been too much engaged to write. My duties are still very extensive.

It has been ~~a~~ very pretty weather for the past few days, indeed, ~~it~~ has seemed more like spring than the close of winter. Yesterday and to-day have been as warm as May.

I have been getting along very well in my classes. On last Sunday evening I called on Miss She Stephison. I had a very pleasant evening with her. It was the first time I had visited her since I came.

here to College.
My friend S. Crutcher is
here to night. He expects
to leave on Monday
next. His Eyes are so
affected that it pre-
vents him from stud-
ying.

November 14. 1863.

It has been a very long time
 since I have been to the
 church. I have been so busy
 with my work that I have not
 had time to go.

I have been to the church in
 the past but not for some time.
 I have been so busy with my
 work that I have not had time
 to go. I have been so busy
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November 1st. 1863.

It has been a long time since I kept a journal. I hardly know now how to commence writing one.

Burritt Pinkerton and I have just returned (9 at night) from a trip to Harrodsburg. where we have had, for the past two days, a delightful time.

I went to see my old — Miss — — — and what a strange mingling of joy and sadness it leaves on my heart. No one can tell what my feelings are. Indeed I cannot describe them myself.

I attended divine service at the Christian Church, where I heard Mr John Shackelford preach. I dined at President Milligans.

We remained in Harrodsburg.

until after the immersion—
at 3 o'clock—I escorted Miss
Bernie P. home, and then walked
to the college with Miss Annie
Bailey. Taking every thing
into consideration we have
had a very pleasant trip.

We had a hard time getting
across the river.

We (Burn and I) feel pretty bad
to night after leaving our
friends, and having a long
ride.

Monday November 2nd 1863.

It has been quite pleasant.
I went early this morning
to see Mr Robb who is
very sick. I came home to
dinner, but went back this
evening. I went down to
Uncle A Headleys, to stay
all night with the girls.

I sat up last night with Mr.

Tuesday November 3rd 1863.

I have spent most of the day at John Headleys. Mr Robb is very low, and not expected to live. I cannot tell how long he will live. I think not long. I spent the night at Mr. Flecks. to be with the girls. we were sent for very early this morning. It was expected that he would not live long.

Wednesday Nov. 4th 1863.

This day has brought to me a scene that is beyond my comprehension. Mr Robb has been cold to the elbows all day; and he has had no pulse since eleven o'clock. Still he breathes well, and has some use of his arms. He is still conscious, knows every body. 9 o'clock and 40 m. Mr Robb has gone from this world to try the realities of another. He has suffered his last pang. Then let us not grieve

I sat up last night with Mr. Robb.

Mistake in the original.

The sunset was a grand sight to night. I wish I could paint it.

Thursday Nov. 5th 1863
 Another year of my life
 has passed away. I am twenty-
 four years old to day. how
 quickly the last year has
 passed! I seems but yes-
 terday since I entered my
 twenty-fourth year, and now
 it is gone.

I have been at Johns the
 largest part of the day.
 James Neal, John Robt and
 myself dressed the corpse
 and sent it to Uncle A. J.
 I ~~went~~ home and then
 went to Uncle A. J., and
 sit up with the corpse til
 one o'clock.

Thus have I spent my
 twenty-fourth birth day.
 I have done well. I do not
 know what day I may
 have to be dressed for my
 burial.

"It is better to go to the house of
 mourning than to the house of feast-
 ing."

Friday, Nov. 6, 1863.

I remained at Uncle A's, till after the funeral. I then took Parson Raines to Lexington as he wished to go home. (To Paris.) I remained in Lexington but a short time.

I came home, and brought some wood into my room, and prepared for a good rest to night.

Burn is not here, and I have been popping some corn to pass away the time.

Saturday Nov. 7, 1863.

I with Ma to Uncle A's.

I then returned home, found Burn here. We were ready to ride by twelve o'clock. We then started to see some ladies.

We stopped in Lexington a short time. We then went on to Mr J. H. S. where we saw the ladies looking very well.

Sunday Nov. 8. 1863.

We (Bern and I) spent the night at Mr James Renards, and a pleasant night it was.

We went to church at Ascension. Elisha Pinkerton preached a good discourse on the subject of repentance. It was on a different style from the sermons we generally hear on that subject.

We went to the baptising (by the Baptists) from church. We dined at Mr Hayses.

Miss D. was very pleasant.

We went from there to Uncle A's where we found several of the members of the Bible Class. Miss Mary Wilson was also there. We attended the

Class, and returned to Uncle A's and sit with the Ladies a while then came home, after striking a fire, and warming, we were soon asleep.

Monday, Nov. 9. 1863.

It has been quite winter like to day. Cold, and cloudy, and occasionally it spitt a little snow.

Mrs Neal, Sue Headley, aunt Betsy Headley and Jennie Headley have spent the day here. I was sorry that I had to be engaged to day; for I enjoy company very much (especially) ladies company, and very especially the company of my cousin Jennie. for I think a great deal of her, and I have some reason to believe that she thinks a good deal of me.

I have been threshing wheat this evening.

Burn is now engaged at the same business that I am, (writing) but I think that neither of us write with much spirit

Tuesday Nov. 10. 1863.

It has been quite pleasant.
I have been threshing wheat
all day, and of course feel
very little like reading or
writing to night. I shall do
but little.

I got very dirty to day while
threshing, so, I have just
washed myself, and put on
a clean shirt, as I do not
expect to thresh tomorrow.
Barn is scribbling away at
his diary. I think, from
the amount he is writing,
that he must feel more
like writing than I do.
Good night old journal
I am too tired to have
any thing more to do
with you to night.

Wednesday Nov. 11. 1863.

It was quite cold early this morning. I went over to Mr. Armspiger, and borrowed his wagon, and took a wagon wheel to the shop. I then returned with the wagon, and walked home. John Headley was here waiting to go to town with me. I was soon ready, and we drove to town in good time. John took the horse and buggy and went out to Hain's to see about the thrasher. He was detained till late, so I started for home on foot. I was fortunate as I, almost, always am - in meeting with a conveyance to ride nearly home. The remainder of the way (about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles) I walked pretty easily; amusing myself all the way with reveries. John came in pretty soon after I did. I devoured a considerable amount of provisions.

Thursday Nov. 12. 1863.

It has been a delightful day. I went, very, early to Mr E. J. Youngs to borrow some money for Pa. I took breakfast with the squire, received a check for the money, (1000 dol) and returned home. I then chopped some wood at the woodpile. About 10 o'clock, Mrs Threshley, Mrs Allen, Miss Mag, Esq, Miss Mag. A — Miss Annie. H — and John Bryant, came in. of course I had a fine time with the ladies.

Well, I hear of four of my old acquaintances. However some of them are not, particular acquaintances — who enter into the holy, and blissful state of wedlock. I did not get an invitation to any of their weddings. I am glad to hear of their

getting married, and I
wish them all the joy that
is possible to mortals.

I hope the day will come that
the lady I love will be will-
ing to take me by the hand,
and in the presence of
God, and me pledge herself to
be mine forever.

Oh lovely woman, "God made
the to temper man." What
is a man without a woman?
My company left a little
before night. I then caught
my horse, and drove some
calves to the Dunn farm. I
went on over to Uncle A's.
John Robb was there, we sat
and talked till about 10. when
John went home and, James
and I retired.

Friday. Nov. 13. 1863.

It has been a fine day. Jennie and Maggie started back to Harrodsburg this morning. Sweet cousins. They gave me a kiss each, and I bid them goodbye.

I came home pretty early, borrowed Mr. Armspiger's little wagon, and went to mill. I returned, and hauled some potatoes to the house.

Kate came home with Pa. I chopped a little at the Woodpile. Dr. Pinkerton and Miss Jennie came about half past six. I am so glad they came. I hope to have a good time with them tomorrow.

Saturday Nov. 14. 1863.

It is cloudy and rainy, It has the appearance of being a bad day this morning. Well Kate and Burn, Miss Jennie P. and myself went to town notwithstanding the bad weather. About 12. it ceased raining, so we did pretty well. We returned about 3. and about 4. we had a mess of oysters. We all then went to Uncle A. S. I have had a very pleasant time with Miss J. —. If she could just know what is in this heart of mine what would she think?

Miss J. — gave us some good music. We all retired pretty early.

Miss Lizzy Armstrong came over here to see us before we went to town, but I hardly had time to, more than speak to her.

Sunday Nov. 15. 1863.

It was a very unlikely morning but we all concluded to go to meeting at Providence. There was a good many there. Dr Pinkerton gave us a very good sermon. We returned to mile A S and took dinner. Dr Pinkerton went home this evening, and took with him Miss Jennie.

The Bible Class met to night at Mr. Cravenses. I was quite dark, and the roads very sloppy. We had a pretty good attendance. We (Burn and I) returned to mile A S, and it being so dark, and disagreeable we stayed all night.

"Willie is suffering very much with neuralgia."

Monday Nov. 16. 1863.

I remained at uncle As some time this morning, as it was an inclement morning, and I wanted to hear what the doctor had to say about Willie. Willie is still suffering very much. I had not more than had time to change my clothing before Pa said he wanted me to go to Lexington for the papers. I did so, stopped long enough at the shop to have a shoe put on my mare. I did not tarry long in Lexington, but returned home pretty soon. Nancy's baby died last night, from some unknown cause. I spent the evening, since I returned from the city, in chopping wood and building fires. Burn is asleep, and I am sleepy.

Tuesday Nov. 17. 1862.

It has been a gloomy day. I went to Keon this morning and got some meal. I got back home about 11, read till dinner, then ate and drove the horses out to their feed.

I have spent most of the evening in reading, and chopping wood at the wood-pile.

I have had the tooth-ache a little, nearly, all day; and it is still aching.

Burn is here, at the table reading. I think I shall beat him to bed to night.

I have seen, nor heard, nor done nothing to day worth writing more about.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1862.

It was quite dreary looking this morning, but the sun soon came out. I was very glad to see it. It is the first time I have seen the sun since last Friday night. It keeps quite warm. I went with Ella to Uncle Charles Harras. I then went to Nicholasville to see about getting some graining. I got back to Wheel about dinner. We came home a little before night. Lillie, Carrie, and Ida Harra are here to night. I popped some corn for them to make some tuckers.

I read a portion of an article in the Atlantic to night.

It is a beautiful night I wish I could have a talk with Miss — to night. I'll go to sleep, and have dreams of her.

Thursday. Nov. 19. 1863

It has been a very remarkable day for the season. It is almost as pleasant as April. The sun came out, and has dried up every thing considerably. I think, from appearances, it will rain again before a great while.

I went with Ma to Mr. McMurtreys. Lizzyie, and I went to a burying.

I had a very pleasant time with Lizzyie to day. She is preparing to go to Louisville to spend some time. So she would not come home with me, but partly promised to come out on Sunday. I hope she will.

The night is beautiful. I have been reading some in the Atlantic to night,

Friday Nov. 20. 1862.

My prophecy of last night is being fulfilled this morning. It was raining when I arose.

I had the toothache last night which robbed me of some sleep.

I dreamed last night that Uncle O. Farra. was dead.

It is said that dreams are to be interpreted by contraries. Then I suppose there is to be a wedding. I hope so.

I spent the morning, (as it was rainy, at intervals,) in reading, and building fires. Pa came home about dinner, and brought Mr. Baines with him. They both seemed very much depressed in spirits about the war news. Burnside has been compelled to fall back to

Knoxville. I hope, however, that he will be able to sustain himself; and that there will no disaster happen to our army.

The day has been very inclement, raining at intervals, and misting nearly all the time.

Ma and I went to see Ellice Waze this evening. I found him poorly, but not dangerous.

Burn is writing letters to night, I know not to who. He looks very much as if he was thinking of his chulinea.

I will go to bed and leave him to his meditations. I wish him good luck,

Saturday. Nov. 21. 1863

The day has been quite gloomy, raining a little at intervals. I spent most of the morning in chopping wood at the woodpile. About 10 o'clock I washed, and dressed, and went to 'Gen.'

Bryants to call on Miss Annie — I found her well, and in good spirits. I had a pleasant time with her till about 3 o'clock, when I went to Mr. Allens. Miss Annie — would not play much on the piano — for me, and the guitar was not at home. I was very sorry that it was not, for I wanted to hear her play, and sing very much. She sang one very sweet song for me.

I met with Miss Mag. A — and Miss Mag. E — at Mr. Allens. I stayed there till 8 o'clock.

I had a very pleasant time with the two Miss Mags. They were both very busy sewing. Upon the whole I have spent a very pleasant day, and I now (9 at night) find myself in my old room at home by a good fire. Burn has retired, and I am left to meditate upon the past without any disturbance.

The night is clear. It having cleared off about dark this evening. The moon sheds her soft light over hill and dale.
 "The heavens-to night-declare the glory of God;"

Sunday Nov. 22. 1863.

The morning is bright, and frosty. I did not arise till pretty late, but in good time for breakfast.

I have been to meeting at S. Elcarn. Mr. Raines. preached about an hour and a quarter in that same old style, peculiar to himself. It was very warisome to me. Burn took membership there to day. Pa and Mr R— has been engaged in a politica chat since dinner. I listened to them as long as I thought wholesome, and I expect longer than was, really, good for me.

Burn and I called at uncle Alicks, on our way to the Bible-class. We stayed a while then all went to the class (at C. A. Harris) We had a very good

attendance, and a very interesting
lesson. It is a beautiful
moonlight night; so we had a
very pleasant time coming
home.

Monday Nov. 23. 1863.

It has been a very pretty day
I have been killing hogs all
day nearly. Stuart and I
killed 12 each. we finished
in very good time. I cut out
some so that it may have
a fair chance to get cool.
I am a little afraid it
will rain, but I wish it
may not.

I feel quite tired after
my days work. I don't
think it will be long
before I will rest for
the rest of the night.

Mr. Raines is still here.
Will Allen called here to
day. ~~at~~ asked me to come
to his fathers tomorrow
night as there will be some
ladies there.

Tuesday Nov 24. 1863.

My prophecy last night was fulfilled. When I arose this morning it was raining. It is pretty warm weather for pork, but I hope that it will not spoil. I spent this morning in salting meat and grinding sausage. I feel pretty tired.

It looks now⁽³⁾ like we might have a little[^] fairer weather, although, it is still cloudy. I have just washed myself and put on some clean clothes. I feel much better after the operation.

I have been up to Mr Allens. where I met with several ladies. My old friend John Allen came in after I had been there a short time. The Batchelor is as cheerful as ever. We had a very pleasant time. The ladies

sang, for us, some very nice songs; both sentimental and sacred. Why should I make a distinction between the two kinds of music? are not the sentimental songs, generally, as sacred as any other kind of music. These laws which govern our affections are as truly Gods laws, as any, in the universe.

I remained at Mr. Allens till about 11. and 1/2 o'clock.

You may, very reasonably, suppose that ~~we~~ we had a good time. I was surprised when I looked at my watch, and found that it was so late. I came home, and found every body asleep. I crept in without disturbing any one, and was soon in the land of dreams.

Wednesday Nov. 25. 1862.

It was very hard for me to arise this morning. I felt as if I could enjoy a few more hours of sleep very well. After breakfast I chopped a little wood, and then caught my horse, and went to Lexington. I met with several of my lady acquaintances to day. I was at home about 3 o'clock. I had not been here long before Will Talbott, and Will's Vivion came. I was much surprised and very glad to see them.

Burns came home this evening with a very respectable cold. I do not know how he caught it.

In putting on a log, in my room, I mashed my thumb very badly. Of course it felt good.

Thursday Nov. 26. 1862.

This day has been set apart, by the President of the United States, and Governor of the state of Kentucky as a day of thanks.

I went to South Elcor this morning and heard Mr. Raines preach. He preached very good doctrine; but it was very far, in my judgment, from being a thanksgiving sermon. Kate H. y. came home with us from meeting, and stayed most of the evening.

Burn and I rode up to Mr. Chlens this evening, where we met with several ladies. We all went from there to Mr. George Bournans, where we met with other ladies and gentlemen. We have had, truly, a fine time to night. Burn and I came home about 11 o'clock. How I loathed to leave the fair ones.

Friday Nov. 27. 1863.

I went to Nicholasville to day to have some wheat ground. I started quite early which was not very agreeable after my disipation last night.

I got to Nicholasville in good time; there being but one turn ahead of me, but the mill was out of repair, so I had to wait till it was fixed. I did not get home until about dark.

When I got home I found Mr. Taff here. I was glad to see him. I have some hope that I will not be so unfortunate as to be always a bachelor; but if I am, I hope, never to be such a one as Mr Taff is.

I have had something in my throat all day, and I cannot get it out. I do not understand it.

Saturday Nov. 28 1863.

It was very pleasant to day till about 12. when, very suddenly it blew up very cold and foggy. The air seemed to be filled with frozen mist. It presented a very singular appearance.

I have been about home all day; reading, a little, and sleeping some. I have felt very stupid to day, I suppose, it is the effect of the atmosphere. My throat does not get any better. It however does not pain me.

Mr. Taff and Mr. Baines are still here. Mr. Taff has been amusing us all with some anecdotes to night.

It is dark and wintry out to night. The fire feels very comfortable.

Sunday Nov. 29. 1862.

It has been a cold wintry day.
It has been cloudy, and spitting
snow, a little at times.

I walked to meeting this
morning. Mr Raines, Mr Zuff,
and Burn walked with me.
There was not a very large
congregation.

I went with James Headley
up to Mr Allen's this evening.
We had a pleasant time
with the Ladies, and returned
in time to go to Mr Keals to
the Class. There was a pretty
good turn out at the class
considering the weather.
The ink is frozen so I
will write no more to
night.

Monday, Nov. 30. 1863.

My ink was frozen last night, so it was quite a hard job to write. I have been to Lexington to day and procured another bottle. It is still so cold, that I do not know how to manage to keep my ink, from freezing.

I have been doing, very little since I returned from Lex., except chop wood at the wood-pile. It kept me pretty busy to keep the fires a going, and get wood enough for me, the over night, I believe, however, I have a pretty good supply. I was taught a good lesson this morning, when I had to get up and dress in the cold, and then go and cut the wood to make a fire. It tell you the atmosphere was bracing, but the fire was, fully, as much so.

I think, from appearances, that the ice on our pond will be thick enough by morning to bear the weight of a man.

The sun has been shining warm to day, and has made it feel a little warmer than it was yesterday; but the air is still very cold.

Mr Raines and Taff are still here, Mr Taff has been amusing us all with some anecdotes to night. I like to hear him tell them.

It was currently reported to day that John Morgan had escaped from prison.

I have plenty of ink to night, but nothing to write about.

December 1. 1863

It was cold last night, but the sun came out this morning, and it has been pretty warm during the day. I walked over to John's, soon after breakfast, found him just starting to his father's. I got in with him and rode down to Uncle A's with him. I stayed, and romped—as usual—with Kate for two or three hours. I then started home on foot. As I passed George Mason's, George and Jo! Dunn were out in the lot, and hailed me. I went in and sat with them till after dinner. I came home, and engaged myself this even by chopping wood, making fires, and reading. Burr did not come home to night, but James Hadley is here.

W. Dec. 2 1863.

It has been a fine day.
I started this morning about
seven o'clock, in company with
William, and little John Allen,
~~and~~ John Bryan, to take
some stock to Camp Nelson,
and to bring some back.
We have had a merry day,
as you might well guess from
the crowd. We started off at a
pretty brisk pace but we soon
quit that. We did pretty well
till we got to the camp. We
just in the edge of the camp
met with a lot of mules
which caused us a good deal of
trouble. We received our lot
of stock about 2 past 12. We
had some assistance for a
while, but we had a merry
time getting them out of
camp. I got back about 2 past
5 this evening. I feel pretty tired.
James has just come in.

Th. Dec. 3. 1863.

I had rather a restless sleep after my days ride. I slept with Mr Raines, and he says that I was groaning nearly all night. I know myself, that I was dreaming a good deal. I had one dream about Miss Jennie P. I wish I could see her this morning, and realize a part of my dream. But dreams are dreams, and I guess that my dream of last night will never be fulfilled. It is said that we must interpret dreams by contraries. It may be that the opposite of my dreams may come to pass. Breakfast I walked down to the Dunn place early this morning to see about some wheat that was there. I yoked the oxen, (a thing that I have not done before for a long time)

hitched them to the cart, loaded a load of wheat, and brought it home. I have been helping with the threshing this evening.

Mrs. Barkley, and Miss Mattie were here a short time this morning.

I feel pretty tired to night. I suppose it is, mostly, owing to the fact, that, I have not been working much lately.

The bed will soon have its fast companion.

I am in more trouble to night than one might suppose; but I will not write what it is about. I wish to forget it as soon as possible. We cannot gather flowers without getting some thorns.

Ma has just come into our room and criticized it very severely. She says that we two are a

dirty couple. She has examin-
-ed my drawer, and, of course,
she held a, passing word
about it. What a dear
woman she is? How carefully
she watches over her boys.
(Burn and I) for Burn is her
boy now too. She watches
over me now just as
she did when I was an
infant. She has many
thoughts about me; but
not more than I have
for her.

Fri. Dec. 4. 1863.

It has been a little cloudy nearly all day. I have done but little to day. I read a while this morning; then went down to Uncle A's. and stayed till after dinner. Kate came home with me.

I had some dreams last night, but not such as I had the night before.

I have done so little to day that I have nothing to write about. The day has passed rather heavily. I feel pretty heavy at heart to night, from causes which I shall not mention here; It will matter little in a hundred years.

I suppose, that it is the common lot of all men to have some sorrow, some sadness of heart.

Mr. R. and Mr. T. both left to day

Sat. Dec. 5. 1863.

It has been a beautifull day. Ma. Burnitt and myself, went to Virsailles to day. we stoped in Lexington a short time. We arrived in Virsailles about two o'clock. We went up to the College. Miss Collie N. looks as cheerful as ever. Miss Jennie N. also looks very well. I saw my old friend Sallie P. there. Being in company with her calls to my mind many pleasant recollections. I took S. out riding a little while. I then went out to see Miss Eva. B. I found her at home and looking as pretty as I ever saw her. She looks well in black. She and Tom gave me some very nice music.

D. Dec. 6. 1863.

It has been a beautiful day,
but quite cold.

Miss E— looks as pretty this
morning as — I had a
very pleasant chat with her
this morning.

I rode into Versailles early
this morning. I put my
horse up, then walked up
to the College, and sit with
Mr. E. Y. Pinkerton and lady
till time to go to church.

I walked to church with
Miss Sallie P—. I dined
at the College to day. I do
not like to eat at places
of that kind, but I sometimes
am compelled to do so.

We got home about 7 this evening.
I have had a very pleasant
time during this trip. I
think I will have to go
back before long.

11. Dec. 7 1863.

It has been a beautiful day, but it was a little cloudy late this evening, and I fear it will rain before long. I wish to thresh wheat tomorrow, so I would like to have a good day.

I went as soon as I ate breakfast, to Johns to see him on business. I did not get there in time to catch him at home, I returned, got my horse, and rode over to Nat Lafors where I found him. I came back home about 10. since which time I have been chopping wood, and reading.

T. Dec. 8. 1863.

It has been cloudy the large-
-st part of the day, but it
has not rained. It presents
the appearance of rain this
evening, and I think it will,
perhaps, rain before morn-
-ing.

I have been threshing wheat
all day, but did not get
all that I wished threshed.
The thresher got out of
order this evening, so that
I could do nothing more.
I do not like to leave a
job as near done as I
was compelled to do this
evening.

Ma and Pa have gone to Johns
to sit till bedtime. They
will have a dark ride I
fear.

I heard since I came to
the house that Mr George
Bowman died this morning.

For several years Mr Bowman has been very much afflicted with rheumatism; recently it grew worse, so bad, that he told me, not a great while since, that he had very little use of one of his sides.

I know not from what disease he died.

But he is gone from this earth, to try the realities of another world. He has been condemned by many for leading the life he did. I never thought him as bad a man as some people. May it be well with him in another world, if it be the will of God.

W. Dec. 9. 1862.

It has been a cloudy damp day. I went to town with Father this morning. Every body seems to be excited about the draft. We returned home as soon as the papers came.

Burn is not here to night. Since seven I have been transcribing some lectures. It is the first night I have done much for a long time. I quit a little while since and popped me some corn, which I have enjoyed very much.

One would think, from the quantity of books &c that I have around me to night, that I am quite a literary gentleman.

Th. Dec. 10. 1863.

It is still cloudy this morning. I rose earlier than usual this morning, and continued transcribing my lectures.

My finger, which, was cut while killing hogs has grown to be quite a soar one. From its appearance this morning I fear that it will be some time getting well. It pained me last night a good deal.

Although it is the fore finger on my right hand, it does not prevent me from writing.

My finger has not improved since morning. If there is any change, I think it is perhaps worse now than it was this morning.

I attended the funeral of Capt George Bowman to day. Eld. McGarvey delivered a short discourse. I went from the funeral to Lexington. There was nothing particularly astir in town to day. The people are beginning to prepare, seemingly, for a lively Christmas.

I have been engaged to night in transcribing lectures. I have also read some of a new work by Dr Halland, entitled *Letters to the Joneses*. I have read the first letter. It is, like all his writings, very good.

Burn has been reading but has gone to bed. He received a very spicy letter from Double to day.

H. Dec. 11. 1863.

The dawn of another day is almost here. so near that I thought it useless to lay in bed any longer.

I had some very singular dreams last night. I dreamed at one time that I was in the U. S. cavalry, and that we advanced into a vast forest. After we had advanced a short distance we came to a place where the trees had been deadened, and were very dry. I thought that the plan was to decoy the rebels into the forest and then set it on fire.

I had stopped at a house, and just before I started to make the attack, Burn was taken sick. It was believed that he would die. I went to see him in another room—The person

did not look like Burn though I thought it was him.

I dreamed at another time that I saw Mr David deal kill a dog, and skin him nicely. I do not know for what purpose he killed and dressed the dog.

What strange actions of the mind while we are asleep? I hardly know how to account for such strange operations.

I have done very little worth relating to day. I assisted in starting some condemned stock to Lexington this morning. I then came to the house and read a while, transcribed a few notes, and walked over to Johns. where I set and chatted with Sue, and Mrs. Mary Keath till after dinner.

I walked down to Uncle A's this evening. I met with big George Wheat and lady there. They look much older than they did when I saw them last. He is paralyzed and is hardly able to get about, being a large man (250 pounds). I did not talk to them much for they are Missouri rebels. and I do not wish to discuss our national difficulties with them. Of course my views are very different from theirs. I had not been at Uncle A's long before James Neal and Miss Mag A-came. James left in a short time, and I stayed but a short time after James left, and chatted with Miss Mag. I walked home a little before night.

I had not been home long before Elisha Pinkerton and lady came. I am glad they came. The school at Versailles has adjourned on account of smallpox in the town. I hope that it will abate so that the ladies can all return after Christmas.

It has been almost as warm as April to day. We have been sitting by a very small fire to night, and have been very comfortable. It sprinkled rain a little this morning, and rained a little shower since dark. My finger is still quite sore, and I am afraid that I will yet have trouble with it.

Wat. Dec. 12 1863

It has been a fine day,
and I have had a fine time.
Mr and Mrs P went to Lex-
ington to day, on their way
to the neighborhood of Chas-
cedonia. Mr. P. had to stop
in Lexington to attend to
some ladies from the Wood-
ford College. I went to the
College with him, to assist
him. Very pleasant assistance
- Miss Gide. & Miss Jennie
H. and some others from the
College were there, I had the
pleasure of meeting with
my old friend Miss S
H. who was on her way to
Parris. We all went to the
Phoenix. I walked around
town with the ladies, and
back to the Phoenix. I went,
however, most of the time
around town with Miss S

"We walked back to the Phoenix Miss Jennie A. and Miss Lide. I gave us some music. Mr. P. gave the ladies into my hands, to see them off. I went with them out to the Covington depot, and saw them safely off. Of course I shook hands with them, and told them good bye. I had a fine time with them, and I hope that I may have the opportunity to have many more pleasant times with them.

I forgot to state that the ladies were going home a week earlier than they expected. Their school adjourned on account of smallpox in the town of Versailles.

I paid to the bus agent the last cent I had for my ride to the depot. I am completely strapped.

As soon as I saw the ladies off. I returned to town. Elaine Street Burn and I then went out to Mr Ken-ards where we met with Mr and Mrs R again.

I commenced raining just as we arrived here. It is dark now, and I find myself under good shelter and in good company, but no young ladies.

My finger is still quite sore. Mrs. K. had some warm water to bathe it in, and put a fresh rag on it. She is a very kind woman. I hope if I ever marry that I may get as good a woman as she is.

Well the day is gone. How well it has been spent is not for me to say, but it has been pleasantly spent to me.

S. Dec. 13. 1863.

It is still very pleasant, but not very bright. We all went to church at Macedonia. Mr. E. P. preached a very good sermon on the subject of the word of God. The word of God is quick and powerful. ^{or n.} Burn and I returned to Mr K-s to dinner. Mr Ha and lady, Robert and Tom, H. and Miss Sallie H. were there. Miss S. looks very well. I was very sorry to be compelled to leave so soon, but we had to leave pretty soon after dinner. We got home about night, and found James and Kate Bradley and Miss Lizzy A. here. It rained too hard to go to the Class. Kate dressed my finger which is still very sore. Kate is a good cousin. I hope to be able to make her a ^{present} ^{some day} nice

Mon. Dec. 14. 1863.

It has been colder to day than it has been for some time. The wind has been high and has made it a very unpleasant day. It threatened snow a little this morning.

It was court day in Lexington. Every body seemed to be agog. I had no business there, and I had no money, so I concluded not to go. I took Mr over to John H's this morning to see Mary H (Charles H's daughter) who is sick with jaundice. I came back home. Kate H- and Lizzy C came from the Golegate with me. I kept a good fire for us. Popped corn &c. Since dinner I went for Mr. Kate is here to night. My finger feels a little better.

T. Dec. 15. 1863.

I have neither seen nor heard any thing of very great interest to day. I took Kate home early this morning, and came back directly. I have been assisting about killing hogs.

Several of my little cousins, and some other neighboring girls are here to night, what a joyous little group they make. I almost wish, when I look at them, that I could be a child again. They are full of life, and ever ready to have a romp with me. I have popped them some corn, and Ma has made them some tictacs. They are in the lower room having their own fun.

My finger feels much better than it did. I hope it will soon be well.

W Dec. 16. 1862.

I assisted in cutting out our hogs, early this morning. James and John H. — were here pretty soon. James and I concluded to take a visit this evening, so he went away, and arranged his business, and I washed myself, for I needed it very much; — so as to be ready when he came. He came about one. We then started, stopped in Lex — a short time, so that sunset found us at the house of Mr J. H. S. — talking to his daughters.

I am very sick to night. from derangement of the stomach. I have not been as unwell for a long time. I have been compelled to retire early.

Th. Dec. 17. 1863.

I feel quite unwell to day, though much better than I was last night.

We had a hard rain last night, and the wind blew very hard, and mournfull.

I suppose my illness made it sound more mournfull than it would have under other circumstances.

James and I left about ten and came to Lexington and stayed some time. We then came out, staped at our house a while, got B and went on down to his (James) house where we met with several ladies and gentlemen. We, or at least myself had an elegant time. I know that I disliked to be compelled to come home to night, for

It is now, almost midnight and the wind playing sweet melancholly music around this house. It is not such a violent wind as there was last night; but hard, and cold enough to make it disagreeable to be out.

Ma had a fire built for me in my room. What a blessed woman. "Well we may sing. 'What is home without a mother!'"

"Mournfully! O, mournfully
This midnight wind doth sigh,
Like some sweet, plaintive melody
Of ages long gone by!
It speaks a tale of other years,
Of hopes that bloomed to die—
Of sunny smiles that set in tears,
And loves that mouldering lie!"

Th. Dec. 18. 1863.

It has been a real winter day. It has been threatening snow all day, but has been too cold.

I went to Lexington today. General Burnside passed through there last night. I returned home a while before night. Ma and I then went over to see Mrs Lafon. They are all well, Miss Mary looks pretty well, and very cheerful. we had a very pleasant visit.

Dr J. Price is here to night. He has been to Lexington to get his exemption from military duty.

Sat. Dec. 19. 1863.

Dr Price and I went to Lexington pretty early this morning. We did what business we had to do and was back about one o'clock. John P. then went on home. Burn and I went down to uncle A—to Jennie and May have come home to spend their Christmas holy-days. They are both looking very well.

It had been very cold to day. It threatened snow a part of the day; but it was too cold.

S. Dec. 20, 1862.

It being very cold last night, Barn and I concluded to stay all night at Uncle A's.

We came home this morning just in time to get ready for church.

We got to the meeting house in good time.

Mr Taff preached a pretty good discourse.

I went up to Mr Allen's to dinner. Miss Nannie

~~A.~~ Miss Nannie I and Miss Maggie I - were there. The ladies left pretty soon after dinner. I stayed a while with Miss Maggie A - who was left without company, at home.

Mr Talbott sent me an invitation to come to her house on next Thursday evening. I expect to go, if

nothing happens to prevent.
We know not what a day
may bring forth. I have
so often been disappointed
that I have learned not
to make rash promises.
I came home early this
evening. Burn and I
walked over to George
Mason's, to the Bible class.
Miss Bettie Mason came
over to day. We had
quite an interesting
time. Burn and I got
back at a reasonable
bedtime.

M. Dec. 21. 1863.

To day is the shortest day in the year.

I have been gathering ice all day, and it has not been a good day for it. It has been too warm. We, however, ^{will} get a good deal, I think, if nothing happens we will be able to get enough tomorrow to fill the house. I feel pretty tired to night. So I shall do very little to night except sleep.

T. Dec. 22. 1862.

It was quite pleasant early this morning, but soon got cold and damp.

I finished filling the ice-house this morning, and then went to Lexington with Ma. There were a good many people in the city to day, preparing for Christmas.

Ma came home in Uncle A's carriage, and Jennie came with me. Aunt Betty and the children stayed till after supper, and day is going to remain all night.

I have been very unwell all day. My head aches a little all the time, and sometimes I have very acute pain when I turn my head suddenly. I hope I shall feel better in the morning.

W. Dec. 23. 1863.

My days work has been varied, but has not amounted to much after all.

I started out pretty early to see about the thrasher, in hopes that I would find it ready to come here and thresh tomorrow, so that I would not be pestered with threshing during the Christmas Holydays. I found the thrasher at James Seals with about a day and a half's work to do. so I am defeated in my purpose. I returned home about dinner time. After dinner I went to Lexington. Maggie went with me as far as Mr. B. There were a good many people in Lexington this evening. I suppose they are preparing for Christmas.

I called at Mr. B— for
Maggie. sit till after supper.
Miss Maggie B— came
home with Maggie and
myself. Miss Fryze A—
was here when we got
here. We have had a
nice time to night.

Burn has dismissed his
school for Christmas, and
talks of going to Harrods-
burg tomorrow.

It is later than I usually
sit up so I believe I
will close my journal
for to day.

Sth. Dec. 24. 1863.

It has been very cold to day; but it is the finest kind of winter weather, (cold and dry) I hope that it will stay so for some time.

I went to the Kentucky River this morning, and took Brown down that far. He said that unless an opportunity afforded him relief he intended to walk to Harrodsburg. Provided he did not break down. I got very cold coming back.

I employed myself at getting wood and reading.

Mr. R— came home with Pa from Lexington.

I have been to Mr W^m Talbatts to a little gathering.

We had a very pleasant Christmas-Eve. I left about one o'clock.

F. Dec. 25. 1863.

I feel a little the worse
~~for~~ my frolic last night.
I have a sore throat this
morning in addition to a
cold that I had before.
My frolic to night has made
my cold worse. I feel quite
sick to night.

I went to Uncle A's this
morning pretty early. Miss
Dora C. and Miss Lucy A.
were there, but went away
after I had been there
an hour or two. That was
the first time I have ever
had an introduction to
Miss Lucy A. I came home
and dined. I then went to
Gen. Bryans. there were sev-
eral ladies there. we all went
to Mr. Hayzes to a little party.
I felt so bad that I came
home pretty early.

Sat. Dec. 26. 1863

I still feel rather stupid and unwell from the effects of my cold.

I arose this morning about eight, and found it raining. I felt so bad that I did not care to do any thing. I however ate breakfast and walked up to the stable, and fed my mare. I concluded then to go on over to the gate as Cha was there. I stayed there a while, and came back home. I ^{then} spent the day till about one reading.

I have been down to see Miss A. B. - this evening, of course I have had a pleasant evening. for I never fail to enjoy myself there.

W. Dec. 27. 1863.

After my very pleasant visit to see Miss A. B. I came home and had a good sleep. I arose this morning and found it quite inclement. We all went to meeting at S. Elcorn. Mr R preached. There were but few there. I came home to dinner, and went to Mr A's to the Bible Class. which was very thinly attended. I took a part with the class. to night, as there were but few of the members present.

M. Dec. 28. 1862

I stayed at Mel's last night it being so inclement. I came home this morning about 9.

I then went to Lexington. There was very little going on in the city to day.

I came home pretty early in the evening.

I have done or seen nothing worth noticing to day.

I think I feel a little better to night.

T. Dec. 29. 1863.

It has been a very fine day. Ma persuaded me, that I had better go to Harrodsburg to day. So to night I find myself safely in the old town.

Mr. & Mrs. B. came down to the Doctors this evening.

The Dr says he is not so well. but he looks very well. The remainder of the Drs family are well.

W. Dec. 30. 1862.

It is a bright day. I walked down to town and sit around till about 10. when Burn and Miss Jennie came along and we all walked up to Mrs. C's. They stayed an hour or two.

I remained and talked with Miss Mollie for some time longer. I returned to the Drs after dinner. Miss J and I have had one little romp together. What a sweet romp? why is it that I love her so? I cannot tell; but it is so.

I went over to Pres Williams's to see them all. Uncle John Smith is better than I expected to find him.

I went to prayer meeting and then went up and stayed all night with Akk. M.

Th. Dec. 31st 1863.

It rained last night, and looks quite gloomy this morning, but not cold.

I stayed several hours at Mr B. to day.

I attended a party to night at Mr Bopons. It turned cold very suddenly, shortly after dark, and rained, hailed, snowed and sleeted.

We had quite a pleasant evening, but were disturbed a little by the excitement caused by a fire in town.

I went out without an overcoat or gloves. I got quite cold coming back. Miss Lizzy's Potte came back with no.

We remained at the party to see the old year depart.

It went out in a storm.

Jan. 1. 1864.

It was a stormy night last night. It seemed as if the Divine Father would fain get rid of the old year as soon as possible. Well he might wish to destroy the year 1863. for it has been a year of sin and sorrow to the American People.

Who under heaven is to account for all the blood of this year.

After all we should be thankful that under the providence of God we have enjoyed so many blessings.

Jem Pinkerton had his gears frosted last night.

I do not think I ever saw so sudden a change in the weather as was last night.

We (~~had~~) had a merry ride from the party last night.

I walked to town and sit around there a while. Alak Kiligan and I went out to a party at Mr Grimeses. We had a very pleasant time, or at least I did. We came back pretty late. I got very cold before I got in bed.

The old year (1863) is gone. I sit and look back on a year spent in sin, and all the troubles incident to this mortal state. I dream of the future, and wonder what my lot is to be in the year 1864. God help me to be a better man.

Mrs. J. — and I had another little romp to day, which is all that I have had to break the monotony of the day. How sweet it is to have such romps with those that we love. I wish, I could know that she thought as much of me as I do of her.

But alas! for me I fear
that it is not so. I believe
that she is my friend. I am
glad, even to have her friend-
-ship, but I would be happy,
yes, even, more than happy
if I possessed her love.

The year 1864. has com-
-menced; and what will it
bring forth? No human
being can tell. I can only
hope for the best.

Sat. Jan. 2. 1864.

It continues very cold. I did not stir out till about 10 this morning. I then walked out to Prof. White, and spent several hours with himself and family.

I had a very pleasant time, as I always do. at his house.

I returned about 2 this evening. Miss J. seems to take special delight in teasing me this evening. I wonder if she means it for love, or does she mean to make fun of me?

We had some oysters to night. Though Cape oysters were pretty good. Miss J prepared them which made them much better.

D. Jan. 3. 1864.

It is cold to day and snowy. There is a considerable coat of snow on the ground to night. I attended Church in Harrodsburg to day. I had the very pleasant company of Miss J. Pres. Mildigan gave ~~the~~ ^a people's lecture on the subject of the Lords Supper. very little of which I heard. My heart, and, of course, my mind was taken in another direction.

Burn and I started from Harrodsburg about one, and got home in pretty good time. We got pretty cold. The Bible class met here to night. There were but few of the members here. We had a very pleasant evening.

M. Jan. 4. 1864.

It is still cold. The snow has fallen nearly six inches deep. I walked down to Uncle ~~Ch~~, this morning just before dinner and spent most of the remainder of the day there. Burn having but few pupils dismissed pretty early and came over.

I walked back, and James Burn, and the girls came in the sleigh down here. we all went up to Mr. Barkleys and sit till bedtime. We had a pleasant evening. We all came back and stayed all night here.

T. Jan. 5. 1864.

Notwithstanding the sun has been shining nearly all day, it has been very cold. James and I went out this morning to thaw the engine. When we returned Ma and the girls had concluded to have some company to night. Jennie, Maggie, James, and myself all went to town in the sleigh. I purchased some oysters and Etes for my company. We called at Mr Turners as we came home. Jennie and Miss S. Turner made arrangements to go to Harrodsburg.

We had a right pleasant little company to night and every thing passed off well.

W. Jan. 6. 1864.

It is colder to day than it was yesterday. James and I went to Lexington to day. I believe I should have almost frozen this evening coming home if we had not stopped and warmed at the telegraph. Burn was here waiting for us when we came. We all went down to Uncle A's. We had quite a pleasant little gathering there. We all sit up till nearly three. The company all came in sleighs. The snow has revived the spirits of the young people as it always does.

Th. Jan 7 1864.

I stayed all night at Mel-
-by last night. James
took Jennie, Maggie, and
Miss Shaw Turner to Harrods-
-burg in a sleigh to day.
They will have a merry
time I know. I came home
in time for dinner.

Pa and Mr. Stuart have
gone hunting this morn-
-ing.

It has commenced snow-
-ing. From the appearance
of the weather, we will
perhaps have snow for
a good while, deep enough
to sleigh.

Mr. Neal came up and took
the government stock to his
house this evening. I assisted
him.

Fi Jan. 8. 1864.

I was very cold early this morning, but has moderated during the day.

I went down to the Dunn place early this morning, and brought some stock home. Ma and I went to Gen. Bryans this evening, and stayed a while, then called at Mr Allens and stayed till bed-time. I had a very pleasant time with the ladies.

I wish I had a sleigh. It is the finest time to sleigh that I have seen here for several years.

I heard to day that the River was frozen so much that it could not be crossed at Brooklyan.

James was compelled to come back with the girls.

Sat. Jan. 9. 1864.

The Sun has been shining a good part of the day, but it has been very cold notwithstanding. Burn and I went to Lexington, but we did not start till about 10 o'clock, and we came back about 3 this evening.

I have been preparing this evening against cold weather. I have gotten up a pretty good stock of wood for my room.

The snow still continues on the ground, and it still continues to be fine sleighing. Had I known what I now know last summer, I should have had a sleigh of my own.

It is now 12 at night. I will retire. I have been reading and writing.

D. Jan. 10. 1864.

It has not been quite so cold to day as it has been for some days past. It is not very warm yet. We are getting accustomed to the cold weather, so that we do not suffer so much from it now as we did.

Burn and I went to Providence to meeting to day. Burn preached, a very good sermon. We took dinner at Uncle Charleses. We went to Uncle A., shortly after dinner, and stayed till time to go to the Bible Class which met at Uncle Franks. We had a pretty good turnout at the class. Burn and I got home at 9 o'clock. It is now 10 and Burn is asleep, and I soon will be.

M. Jan. 11. 1864.

It has been pleasant to day compared with the weather we have had for some days past.

Our neighbor, Mr. Stuard, came over this morning and went to Lexington with me. It was Court-day, and there were a good many people there.

The dead body of William Lewis arrived at Lexington to day. He died a prisoner. Poor fellow. The Rebellion has been a sad thing for him.

Gen. U. S. Grant arrived at Lexington yesterday. He was crenaded to day at the Phoenix Hotel. by a band of music. He came out, and Gen Combs introduced him to the crowd, but he did not speak.

Gen. Grant is a small, and very ordinary looking man. He has, however a fine forehead, and a good looking face. He was dressed to day in a suit of clothes that seemed as if they had seen a good deal of service, as I doubt not they have. His hat looked particularly so.

Billy & I came home pretty early this evening, and took dinner here, after which I rode over and sit a while with him.

I purchased. Irvines Life of Washington. Recreations of a country Parson, and I have Marvell's last book to day. I hope to be able to do a good deal of reading this year.

T. Jan 12. 1864.

It continues pleasant, at least comparatively so.

The snow has been melting some to day.

I have been helping to haul rails a good part of the day. I hauled some rails at the Dunn place and some to the Elgin place.

I have been reading the life of Washington, by Irvine, to night. I have just commenced it. What I have read I find to be very interesting.

The crescent Moon looks down upon the Earth to night as lovely as I have noticed it for a long time.

It is 10. I will retire.

W.

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It was cloudy early this morning, and I thought for a while that we would have falling weather, but it cleared off, and has been very pleasant and nearly all day.

I killed hogs to day. a job that I am glad is finished for this winter at least. I finished killing before dinner, and cut, and salted them this evening.

I learned to day that the stage crossed the Kentucky River to day on the ice. I suppose it will soon melt, if the weather continues as it has been for a day or two. The snow is gradually melting away.

I have been reading to night the Life of Washington

Th. Jan 14. 1864.

It has been a little colder than it was yesterday, during most of the day. It is cloudy this evening, and looks a little like rain. I have been at Johns to day. Uncle A— and I have been running the engine. I came home a little before night, and laid in a supply of wood for fear that it should rain.

I have not been very well to day. I have a pain just under my right shoulder-blade and in my back; indeed I feel quite sore in my chest. I suppose it must be cold. I am sleepier to night than usual. It is but a little past 10.

A. Jan. 15. 1864.

It has been cold and cloudy to day.

I spent the morning till about 10 o'clock at home reading and getting up some wood. I then went to Johns and run the engine. James Neal assisted me to day. I came home this evening after we had finished. I found Mr E. G. P. and lady here when I got home. We have had a pleasant evening together.

It is now late so I will not read any to night. I am too tired to sit up very late.

D. Jan. 16. 1864.

The day has been more pleasant than yesterday. I have done very little to day except make fires and read. Wm. S. came over this morning and went to Lexington with Pa. Elisha & Burn. Pa. went Republican this evening. I commenced his ministerial duties, for another year, there to day.

Pa. brought some oysters out with him to day.

Billy S. came over and brought Mr Overstreet with him. We have all had a pleasant evening.

21. Jan. 17. 1864

It has been a very unpleasant day. Cloudy and at time Rainy. - a cold rain. - E. V. P., B., and myself went to Republican to meeting. E. P. preached a very good, but short discourse.

I have done very little during most of the evening, but take a nap in my chair. I kindled a fire in my room about 4 this evening, and engaged myself, most of the time since, in reading. I finished reading the first volume of Drivings life of Washington.

Burn went to the Bible Class.

Ma has been ill with headache all day.

It is now 10 at night, and it is raining considerably.

Mon. Jan. 18. 1864

It has been a rainy unpleasant day. It sprinkled a little snow last night but it nearly all melted. It has snowed a little since dark to night.

I went to Nicholasville to day with Pa to buy some land for him. The land which belonged to Billy's first wife's children. It is the first time that I ever bought any thing at public sale in my life.

We got back home about 3 this evening. I ate my dinner and rode down to the Dunn place.

James P. H. has been here to night.

I have commenced reading the second volume of Irving's Life of Washington.

Miss Annie Christman died last night.

T. Jan. 19. 1864.

It has not been very cold to day. There was a considerable snow fell last night.

Pa and Billy S. started to Harrodsburg, but learned that they could not cross the river, on account of the running ice, so they came back.

I spent most of the morning in reading. After dinner I got some wood up for my room, then rode down to Uncle A's. I did not intend to stay there long, but as usual, I was detained till after supper when James and Jennie came home with me. I have been reading to night, I have read later to night than usual. It is now $11\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. James & and Brown are asleep.

W. Jan 20. 1864.

It has been quite pleasant.
It has thawed a little
where the sun shone fair.
I went to Lexing this
morning on horseback.
James and Jennie both
went from here. James
having business that de-
-tained him, I came out
with Jennie, and he rode
my horse. We all went
to Joseph Bryans to
night to a party. There
were a good many there,
and we had a very
pleasant time.

We adjourned about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
this morning. (21st)
Pa and Billy & I went to
Harrodsburg to day

Th. Jan. 21. 1864.

The day has been cloudy, and it has not thawed much.

I have felt very stupid after my discipation last night. I am not so fond of frolicing at night now as I used to be.

Born and I got home this morning about 5. We soon had a fire, and soon after were asleep. We slept as long as we could, or rather as long as our business would justify.

I went with Ma to Uncle C— to day we called at Uncle C— to tell the girls (Fannie and Maggie) good bye. We came home a little before night.

F. Jan. 22. 1864

The day has been pleasant. I have spent most of the day in reading. I have lost a good deal of time this week, that I could have devoted to reading. So I want to read as much as possible to catch up. I have read later to night than usual.

Eld. A. Raines came home with Pa from Lexington to day. Uncle A. was here to day.

Sat. Jan. 22. 1864.

It has been a beautiful day was it not that the ground is frozen and some snow and ice remains over the fields. I should have fancied that it was springtime.

Parson R. is still here. B and Pa went to Lexington. I spent most of the forenoon in reading. B and I assisted Pa this evening in getting up some hogs and cutting their roasters. I do not stay in Ma's room much especially at night. They talk politics all the time. It has become very irksome to me.

I finished reading the second volume of Irving's life of Washington to day.

I have written a letter to D. to night. I expect to send it let the result be what it may. My heart has been agitated nearly all evening.

S. Jan. 24. 1864.

Another beautiful day has passed, and I find myself in my room again, where Mr. R. and B. are asleep, ⁱⁿ I am in the enjoyment of good health. I have been reading, almost all the time since six this evening, and it is now half past ten (10½) I can read better at night when every thing is quiet, and I have nothing to disturb me.

I attended divine service at S. Elcom. Mr. R. preached James 4. and I went to Mr. A. to dinner. We spent a few hours very pleasantly with the ladies. The Missouri ladies talk of going back pretty soon.

J. and came back pretty early, as he wished to go to the Bible class. I did not go.

M. Jan. 25. 1864.

We have had another beautiful and pleasant day.

I have been sewing blue-grass seed to day - a job that I never attempted before. I think, I have succeeded pretty well. I came to the house for seed between 3 and 4 this evening, and found Uncle & Master Mars Young, Huggins and Stuart here. I sat a while.

I have been reading, as usual to night.

Though it is not quite 10. I am very sleepy. I do not know why.

The snow is gone, but some ice still remains on the pond.

T. Jan. 26. 1864.

The weather continues beautiful. It is about as pleasant as I ever saw it at this season.

I spent the morning in sewing bluegrass seed. I finished sewing what seed I had. At father's request I rode to Lexington this evening to purchase more.

I have been reading to night. Being anxious to finish the third volume of Drivings Life of Washington I have sit up later than usual.

I feel much wearied after my days labor.

Mr R left this morning. I mailed a letter to J. this evening. I shall be very anxious to receive a reply.

W. Jan. 27. 1864.

It has been very pleasant
even quite warm.

I have been sewing grass-
seed all day only stopping
to eat dinner, and reading
for a short time after.

I feel very tired to night.
I have written a letter

since supper. Ma sit
with me a while, but
not long. B. and Pu have
gone to Mr A.

Nearly all the ice has
left the pond only a
little remains in the
centre.

Th. Jan. 28. 1864.

The weather continues warm
I went to milo (Garra's
early this morning to see
about ~~going~~ sending some
wheat to mill which Pa
had purchased from him.
We finished loading about
11. I then came home,
ate dinner, and rode back
to the spring place to
fix some gates and bars.
I returned from there and
sowed a little grass seed.
I have not set up very
late to night as I want
to finish sewing grass
seed tomorrow, that is
all that I have to sow
at present.

It is quite warm to
night.

Fr. Jan. 29, 1864.

The Sun rose this morning behind a cloud, so it did not shine till about 8 or 9 o'clock.

I finished sewing grass seed this morning.

I rode down to Uncle A. immediately after dinner.

I stayed but a short time. M. B. came and took Kate to Mr A.

I came home, and finding Mrs. Lafon here, I sat a while and then

went up to Mr A. I

have just gotten home from there (9 o'clock) Miss

Mag was at home, but the ladies from Mo.

were away, but came pretty soon after I got there.

I had a pleasant evening with the ladies.

Miss Nannie W. has a thumb
which is sore, and is very
painful.

The ladies expect to go
home on Monday next,
so they all gave me a
very pressing invitation
to come back tomorrow
night.

Dr. Pinkerton came
home with Pa this
evening. He was in
bed when I got here.

I believe I will go to
bed to night, and try
to get up early enough
to read some in the
morning.

W. Jan 30. 1864

I finished sewing grass seed about 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ this morning I am glad the weather has continued fair till I finished.

~~After dinner I rode down to Mule &~~

The above is all a mistake

D. Jan 30. 1864

It was raining this morning when I arose. but did not rain all day.

Burn and I went to Lexington this morning.

We came back pretty early in the evening, and went up to Mr. C. about 5.

We stayed til 12. We all had a fine time pulling candy, eating oysters &c. &c. The ladies gave us some delightful music.

James Bradley. came home with B. and I.

S. Jan 31. 1864.

It has been a little unpleasant, during most of the day.

We all went to meeting at S. Elearn, where we heard a fine lecture by Dr P.

Born went to the class to night. I rode with him as far as Uncle A. Kate was just ready to come to our house. James was just ready to take Mrs. Hannie H. to Mr. A. so I came back home immediately.

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Mon. Feb. 1. 1864.

The morning was unpleasant. I felt as though I might have had a wet blanket around me all morning. The evening has been more pleasant, and the sun has shone out a little.

I took Dr. P. down to Mr. Keals this morning. we only stayed a short time, and returned.

I took ~~him~~ down to Russels this evening where he took the stage for Harrodsburg.

James and Kate went to Lexington.

John & James stayed here to night til about eight. I have felt a little low spirited to day.

T. ~~Feb.~~ 2. 18 64.

There was a heavy white frost last, but the morning came fair and bright. It continued pleasant till after dinner. About 2 this evening it began to get colder and to rain a little. Since then it has been a very disagreeable day, rainy, snowy &c. &c.

We got to threshing a little before dinner. About 2 this evening, one of the stop-cocks blew out and let all the steam and water out of the boiler. We then ^{let} James and I went to Lexington to have a new one made. He will get it tomorrow evening.

We got home about dark or a little after.
It is 11. I have been reading.

W. Feb. 3. 1864

It has been pretty cold, but fair, It became warm in the sun this evening. I have done but little to day except read.

James H. went to Lexington this evening and got his stop-cock for the engine. If it is fair tomorrow we will resume our threshing.

Billy Stuart is here to night. His wife is away from home, and he does not like to stay alone.

Th. Feb. 4. 1864.

The day has been a little changable, being pleasant and sunny during most of the day, but we had one dash of rain. Very singular weather this far the season. James & I have been attending to the Engine to day. We have threshed pretty well to day. Jim and I have had some very interesting conversations to day, at least they were to us.

To my great annoyance Burr has gotten out his fiddle. I am fond of the music but I would rather read now, as I have but little time to devote to that business.

I have been having meditation about my situation recently that makes me sad. It seems that fate is against me.

H. Feb. 5. 1864.

There was a pretty large white frost on the ground this morning. The Sun rose fair, and continued so for some time, when it became cloudy. I do not know whether it will rain or not. I would not care if it would, if it would only quit time enough for me to go to see Miss S-H. I do not expect to go, for I never laid a visit out, a week a head, that I did not get disappointed. I intended to have gone on last Saturday, but was disappointed.

We have done a pretty good days work threshing.

I finished reading the last Vol. of Irving's Life of Washington, to

S. Feb. 6. 1864.

It was a little cloudy around the horizon this morning early, but it soon became pretty. As I was mistaken last night about its raining. I am, however, not a very bad prophet, for instead of raining, it snowed this evening. Notwithstanding, we had a pretty morning, we have now (9 at night) snow enough to cover the ground.

I did not get to go to see Miss — to day. I do not know now when I shall go.

We finished threshing the wheat nearest the house to day. It was the worst, and if we have good weather we will finish all in a

day or two.

Elisha P. and Billy S. are here to night. E-P is on his way to Nicholasville to preach tomorrow.

I finished reading Irving's Life of Washington last night, and I commenced reading J. K. Marvels last work (My Farm of Edgewood) to night. It is pretty good. I am sleepier to night than usual. I do not know why.

Mon. Feb. 7. 1864.

It was cloudy for a while this morning, but soon cleared off, and we have had a very pleasant day. The snow is entirely gone.

I went with E. P. to Nicholasville. He wished me to go with him as he knew no person down there. We went to J.

We left our horse and walked down to the Sunday-school. We went back there after the Sunday-school was over and stayed til time to go to church.

E. P. preached a very good sermon to a small audience, after which we walked back to J. W. and took dinner.

We sat a while after
dinner and came home.
I walked over to Mr
Arnspergers and sit a
while after I came home
Burnitt has gone to
the Bible Class, but will
return to night.
E. P. has gone to bed.

11. Feb. 8. 1864.

We have had another pleasant day. The air has been a little cold.

E. P. went home to day. I went to Lexington with Pa. There were a good many people there. Mr. R. came home with Pa, and I came out with James. He John & Imile, & took supper here to night.

I received a note from J. to day. A sad story it brings for me.

T. Feb. 9. 1864.

We have been blessed with another fine day. The air has been cold, but I have not felt its effect very sensibly, as I have been kept pretty busy. The sun has been warm.

James and I still run the engine (threshing wheat) we are getting along pretty well.

Mr R. is still here.

I finished reading.

My Farm at Edgewood.

Oh! It is Marvelous to night.

W. Feb. 10. 1864.

It has been a fine day.
We did not get a very
early start at threshing,
but we continued till
we finished. James and
I walked home by
moonlight. It is a pleas-
-ant thing to be out at
night sometimes, It is
so quiet.

James, B., and I have
been talking to night, so
I have read but little.
I read one article in
the Atlantic

Th. Feb. 11 1864.

It has been a delightful day. I have done but little. I attended to loading the wheat this morning. I sent 110 sacks to Lexington to day. I pruned the grape vines this evening. B and I went up to Mr. B and sit till bedtime. I had a few games of backgammon with Miss Mathis. I came home and wrote a letter to D-B.

H. Feb. 12 1864

Early this morning it was smoky, and threatened rain a little, but it pretty soon (about 10) cleared up, and it has been very pleasant since.

I assisted in loading the wagons this morning. We had a pretty hard time to pull out to the road.

I spent a good portion of the day in reading. B and James A. have gone to Versailles this evening. I went down to see Miss Annie B. She was not at home when I got there, but soon came. Mr Levi B from Missouri came this evening, bringing his wife and daughter.

I had a very pleasant
time. Miss Annie is
really a sweet lady.

I cannot help loving
her. Even to be in her
presence inspires my
sensitive heart with
admiration. How can
I help liking one
so good? I did not
stay late for it is
but half past ten now.

Billy S. is here.

It is a delightful night,
It is clear, and the moon
is shining bright. I
had a pleasant ride
home, notwithstanding I
had no overcoat.

S. Feb. 13. 1864.

It has been a pleasant day. but a little cold this evening. I went to Lexington this morning intending to go to the Macedonian neighborhood to visit some ladies. J. V. came to Lex — before I left. I sent my buggy back home and went on with him. We went to J. H. S. who had not been there long before J. G. came. We spent a pretty pleasant evening. I do not enjoy myself much with P. & R. Last night I was very pleasantly situated. V. & G. took a room together, so I had a room to myself. They also did me the favor to let me have the candle — There was but one candle, as there was a door between the rooms. —

I got some books. (Napoleon and His Marshalls by Headley and Dream Life) Tha was far prefferable to me than gossipping. I read till my fire burned down.

I read a gooddeal of the life of cley. Poor ch what a sad end he came to? How significant his remark when his sentence was being read to him. As the officer was calling him by his titles. he said. Why can you not all me Michail cley. now a French soldier and soon a heap of dust.

Su. Feb. 14. 1864.

It is a little cloudy this morning. G's horse is gone this morning, and can't be found.

We all went to church. Miss R. went in the buggy with A. G. and myself went in the carriage.

A. and I went to Mr K- to dinner Miss S. H. - was there. I went to call on Miss G. H. this evening. I went home with Miss S. H. A. came back at night.

We all did not get to meeting this morning till after E. Y. P. had commenced preaching. I do not like to get to meeting late.

M. Feb. 15. 1864.

N and I came home this morning, notwithstanding it was raining a little. We stopped in Lexington a while, where we learned that G- had gotten his horse. I got home pretty soon after dinner, and after eating some myself. I went with Ma to Uncle A. It seems to me that it has been so long since I was there, as I am in the habit of going there frequently. Jim, Kate, and myself amused ourselves by singing and talking. We stayed till about eight, and came home.

Sat. Feb. 16. 1864.

It has been very windy
and cold. It has been
about as disagreeable a
day as we have had
this season.

I have not felt very well
to day, nor am I well
yet. I suppose it is the
effects of cold.

I have done very little
to day. I walked down
to the spring place this
evening and brought
some ~~spack~~ home.

W. Feb. 17. 1864.

It has been a cold day, colder, I think, than yesterday. I still feel unwell, from the effects of my cold. My breast feels sore.

I have been getting wood, making fires, and reading most of the day. I walked down to the mill (Holeys mill) this morning, and to the butcher person (Daleys) I got some suit to make mince pies.

I heard to day that the Unversity building at Harrodsburg burned down yesterday morning.

Joe H. came in to night a little after dark.

Th. Feb. 18. 1864.

I awoke this morning, turned over, looked out of the window, and concluded it must be getting towards day. I got up, stirred up the coals, — a magnificent pile of them there was, — and made a fire. I then partly dressed myself. I then concluded to look at my watch, and to my astonishment I found that it was not quite three o'clock. As I was not sleepy, and then had on my clothes, I did not retire again, but lit my lamp and read.

I made fires &c &c till about eight o'clock. I then read a while, 'till about 9 I caught my horse and started for Mrs. B — I

found before I had gone
far that it was very
cold, but I would not
turn back then. I was
compelled to dismount
several times on the road
and walk to keep my-
self warm. I got there
about 11. I found Miss
E— looking very well.
I think as well as I
ever saw her. I dined
there and conversed
with Miss E— for two
or three hours, and
started for home. I found
it very cold on my
return, but the wind
being to my back, prevent-
ed me from feeling
it so sensibly.
Kate is here to night.
I am still afflicted
with a cold.
John is sit till 8.

Th. Feb. 19. 1864.

It has been pretty cold.
I hauled some straw
and wood, early this
morning. I then sowed
some timothy seed. I came
to the house and found
Aunt Betsey H-sis and Jim
here. I greased my buggy
and blessed myself
while Kate and the rest of
the folks were preparing
some things to send to
the girls at H—
after dinner I rode
down to the School House
and sit with B—a while.
He got in with me, and
at night we found
ourselves in Harrodsburg.

S. Feb 20. 1864.

It has been a very pleasant day. I have been down in town twice and to the College once. The girls are well.

I went out to Mr D to attend a meeting of the Shakespearean Club. I had the pleasure of Miss Mallie's company.

The night was beautiful and clear when we returned (11 o'clock). We had a fine time.

Sa. Su. Feb 21. 1864.

It still remains pleasant. I attended Church to day and Dr P. preach a very fine sermon. I went up to Mr B. and sit a while this evening. after which I hitched up my nag and Miss P. I went out riding with me. He rode around a while. I then took her home and went out to see Miss Sue. I found her pretty well.

I was very much astonished when I arose this morning and found the earth covered with snow. It soon went away.

M. Feb. 22 1864.

After having a pleasant
chat with Mrs. S
this morning I went
into H. and attended
the speaking by the
students. I went
down to the college this
evening to see Jennie
and Mag. I talked to
them a while, bid them
goodbye and came home.
It has been a fine day
clear and pleasant.

S. I. Feb. 23. 1864.

Another beautiful day is past, and I find myself, by the blessing of God, in the enjoyment of good health, and pleasantly situated in my room. I have been reading some to night, in a book called Recreations of a country Parson. It is pretty interesting.

It has been clear and sunshiny all day til late this evening, it clouded up, and has rained a little. I think it will rain more to night.

I helped build some fence this morning. Uncle C— was here when I came to dinner. James H— came while we were eating. We all sit and talked

for a while after dinner.
I read the newspaper
some.

I dug some ground, and
Ma and I planted some
peas. I hope we may suc-
ceed in raising some.

I heard this morning the
mournfull note of the dove
which is generally an
indication of spring.

W. Feb. 2 H. 1864.

It remains clear and warm. I do not think I ever saw such weather at this season of the year till now.

I took Ma up to Mr Allens this morning, and then went to the sale at George Masons. The land sold for 125 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars per acre. I came home to dinner and then went to Mr & Mrs M. — came home with Ma and I.

Wil came down and took her home at early bedtime.

I have been reading.

I feel fuller than usual to night. I attribute it to my cold.

7. Feb. 25. 1864.

It was clear and pleasant this morning, but it became cloudy and colder this evening. It is now (9 P.M.) very windy.

I took Ma to Mr. Cudd this morning, and then went to Lexington. I met with Miss Annie C. and Miss Sallie H. and had a nice little chat with them. I called at Mr. M. with the intention of bringing Lizzie home with me, but she was not at home. I called by for Ma and came home. Will A. came soon after I came in and got to reading.

Jim came after a bit. So I have spent this night in gossip. How unprofitable.

Fr. Feb. 26. 1864.

"Well another day is gone,
and what have I to say
of the proceedings? The first
thing I did this was to put
up some fence (3 or 4 pannels)
along the turnpike, on the
Elgin place, which had
been torn down to prevent
it from burning. I then
did my feeding. Having
nothing particular to do I
then came to the house and
got ~~the~~ a newspaper (the
Springfield Republican) I
had just fairly got to
reading when my friend
William Trapnall came.
He very soon got another
paper. Aunt C. K. and Mag
J. came in pretty soon.
Bolliver (Will Trapnall) and
I read a while and then
took a stroll over the

place. We got back in good time for dinner, ~~and~~ by the by I am glad to say Ma had a good one. She had mince pies and canned pears for desert. Who would ask better than that. I went to Mr Y— on business this evening. I rode through the Dunn place and fixed some fences. I went on to Uncle A— found no one at home, but Kate I stayed a while and returned.

The weather remains pleasant and does not rain. If it does not rain soon I am afraid the wheat will all die. I feel right bad to night. I have a very unpleasant cold.

S. Feb. 27. 1864.

Another day has come and gone, and I am glad to know that we are all in the enjoyment of pretty good health. I believe I am the worst off of any of the family. I have a very bad cold which makes me feel quite stupid and dull. I have not read much tonight on that account.

It still remains warm and dry. The roads are as dusty as they are in August. I went over to George Mason this morning, and carried the chain for them to survey. I came home about one. D. is gone to night. James H. is here.

Sa. Feb. 28 1864.

I did not get up very early this morning. Z came in pretty early to black our boots, and I asked him to light my lamp, which he did. I laid in bed and read for some time. After breakfast I got a book (Recreations of a Country Parson) and read till I should have been at the meeting house at S. Elcorn. When I found that it was so late, I dressed rapidly, and rode down, getting there in pretty good time. It was sprinkling a little as I went, but it rained considerably before I came back. Mr R— preached a very poor sermon in my judgment. Mr. E— made a few remarks after

Mr R was through. His remarks were very good. John & Sue & came there to dinner. They stayed all the evening. James and Kate came shortly after they left. The Bible class met here to night. It has been such an inclement evening that but few came. Mr. Mars and Uncle A went home. James & James and Kate. A stayed all night

M. Feb. 29. 1864

Another month is gone.
I look back with some-
thing akin to astonish-
ment at the rapidity ^{with} which time seems to fly.
It has been cloudy all
day, and it has been rain-
ing and snowing a little
this evening. I am afraid
that we are going to
have cold weather now
enough to pay for all
the pretty weather we
have had.

I have been building
some fence, down on the
Dunn place, to day.

I have just been reading.
— Recreation of a Country Parson—
It is now 10 P.M. and I have
just been out, It is still
snowing.

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T. March. 1. 1864.

March has come again, and with it has come some of the pay for the pretty weather we had in February. It has been snowing nearly all day. It quit about four this evening. It, however, has not been very cold.

I hauled a load of straw this morning, down to the Dunn place. I have been reading a good deal of the evening.

I heard to day, the lamentable news that Dr Latham is dead. He was a worthy man, and his loss will, no doubt be felt and regretted by all who knew him. He died of heart disease. We know not what a day may bring forth.

W. M. L. 1864.

I went to Nicholasville on business this morning. I found the air quite cold. The sun soon came out, however, and it became warmer. The snow has melted some.

As I walked down to the little stable this morning, before breakfast.

(Just at sunrise) I thought that I had rarely seen such a sight. The trees, and weeds were glistening under the rising, and ^{to} naught could be seen, but the broad expanse of snow. I got back home from it at dinner time. I came as I was eating, and begged me to go to Lex with him. I did go, but much against my inclination I have been reading the Report to night. W. S. — is here.

Th. M. 3. 1864.

I started pretty soon after breakfast, to the Dunn place to sew clover seed. It was pretty cold going, but I soon got warm after I got to work.

It was foggy early this morning. The sun, however, soon came out. I do not know that I ever saw as pretty a sight as I did this morning. The trees were covered with frost and snow, and the sun shining on them made them appear magnificent.

I feel a good deal wearied to night after my days work. It is laborious to walk all day through the snow. I finished about four.

I have commenced reading the life of Mohamet. by Irving. I find it interesting as far as I have gone.

James H — called in this evening on his way home, from Lexington. He brings the news of Mr. Wilkersons death. How rapidly the old are passing away. Mr. W. has been afflicted for many years so that he could not walk, but he is done with his afflictions now. He has, I hope, gone to that country, where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest.

Mr. Reins is here to night. It has not been cold since very early, but it is warmer this evening than it was this morning.

F. M. H. 1864.

It has been a very pleasant day. The snow is nearly all gone. It clouded up this evening just before sunset, and it now—10 o'clock—is threatening rain.

I started down to the Dunn place this morning to haul some rails. I got a part of the way and found that the boys with the wagon, had some other jobs to do which would detain them a short time. I came back to the house and waited a while, and then went down there and stayed till dinner. No wagon came, so I came back home. About the time I got home the wagon was ready to go. We had detained them.

I then went back ~~on~~ my way I met with my friend "W. L." (Boliver) who walked down with me.

I spent the remainder of the evening in hauling rails. I feel pretty tired to night. I have read some of Irving's life of Mahomet. to night. I read to night the description of his nocturnal visit to the seventh Heaven. It is a marvelous story. It seems to me that a great deal of it is beyond the conception of the human mind. He certainly had the organ of imagination very largely developed. if he was the inventor of the story. Who would have thought of such a being as the angel Israfil.

S. M. 5. 1864.

It has been a cloudy, cold, and, what I call, a raw day.

I took Mr. R. to meet A. this morning. Aunt E. told me that she was looking for some Ladies there. It is night so B. and I came down but were disappointed, as the ladies did not come. We have had a fine time eating sugar and Maple molasses.

I have been hauling rails at the dump place to day. I had a good cool time eating my dinner.

I have not felt well this evening. My head feels bad. I do not know what to attribute it to. unless to cold.

Perhaps this nights rest will cure me.

S. M. 6, 1864.

I do not get much better. My head still feels out of fix, and has all day. Though I slept pretty well, I did not improve any. My appetite does not diminish. If any one would see me but they would not suspect my being sick. I started to go to Mt Pleasant to meeting this morning I had not gone far before I met a messenger telling me to go to Uncle C. Farros that Aunt Magdalene was dead. It was very unexpected to me, and I learn that it was so to all her friends, and, perhaps as much so to herself. She retired last

night at her usual time
 (about 8 o'clock) not com-
 -plaining more than usu-
 -al. This morning she
 was found dead in her
 bed. Alas! How ~~unstable~~ ^{unstable}
 is life. Aunt M— had
 been complaining for
 a long time, but no
 one thought her danger-
 -ous. She was buried this
 evening. Mr. R— preached
 her funeral.

I came home with Ma.

M. M. 7. 1864.

It has been a pretty pleasant day.

I have been sowing grass (Clover and timothy) seed all day till about 4 this evening, when the wind got too high to sow.

I have not felt very well all day, and I am not well now, though I feel some better. None of the family (white family) were at home to day at dinner, except Ma and myself. Ma made a large pudding, of the old-fashioned kind. It was fine. I ate more of it than I ought.

There some men (about 20) here to night belonging to the 11th Ky Cav. They are on their way to their regiment.

T. M. 8. 1864.

I have felt some better to day than I did yesterday. My head has not ached any until since supper.

I have been sewing Clover and timothy seed mixed - to day.

Ma and I had a nice time eating alone to day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. stayed till 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to night. Kate

H. is here to night.

The birds are all coming back, ~~and~~ ^{to} warn us of the coming spring. I heard a good many of them to day over in the grove. The blackbird has come too. I always feel like it is near spring when I hear the cooing of the Dove and the chattering of Blackbirds.

W. M. 9. 1864.

Another day has given renewed evidence that Spring is near. As I walked home this evening from the field, the mournful note of the dove and the balmy air, gave fresh vigor to my weary limbs.

I finished sewing the wheat ground in clover and timothy to day, about sunset. It was earlier than I expected. I did not expect to finish till tomorrow. I am glad that I finished, as there are indications of rain.

Pa has gone to Uncle J. to night. Uncle J. has been very sick for several days. ^{As} tired as I am, I have read some of Irving's Life of Mahomet and successors.

We had a mess of greens to day for dinner, the first we have had this spring. They were fine, and I relished them, as I was hungry and tired from my mornings labor.

My lips ar very sore.

Th. M. 10. 1864.

This has been about the finest day, we have had. It rained last night, as I expected. This morning it was cloudy, but warm. It cleared off a little this evening, but continues still land warm.

I have done but little to day, as I feel tired and stiff. Mr A— came here this morning, and I walked out to the straw stacks with him. About 4 this evening I went down to the drum place and sewed a little patch in clover. I have been reading Irvings Mahomet, some to day.

Pa has not returned yet.

F. M. 11. 1864.

It has been decidedly a
march day. It ~~was~~ quite
warm early this morning,
but ~~it~~ gradually became
colder till late this even-
ing, when it moderated.

It has been ~~very~~ change-
able to day cloudy, rainy
windy, and sunshiny, at
intervals, of a short time.

I have ~~done~~ but little
to day except read. I
finished Irvings Mahomet
-et to night. Ma, and I
went down to Uncle A
this evening, and stayed
a while.

Pa came home this evening
He thinks that Uncle J -
will not live long.

S. M. 12 1864.

It is now nearly 12 at night, but I will take time to write for to day before I retire. I know how hard it is for a sleepy fellow to get up in the morning.

I sowed some oats early this morning. About 2 acres which is all I have to sow this season. Uncle A— carriage came along, and I went in it to Lexington. I went down to Mr. B— this evening, where I met with several ladies and gentlemen. Miss A— looks well.

Uncle J— is still very bad, and is not expected to live long.

Thu M. 13. 1864.

It has been tolerably cold all day, colder this evening than this morning.

Uncle John Huddley died last night. I don't know that we should mourn his death. He had done all that he could do in this life. He had lived to be an infirm old man.

"Well he is gone." Gone to that bore from whence no traveler returns, his love and his hatred is now done, and he has no more a part in all that's done beneath the sun.

I went to meeting at 8 Elcom. There were but few there. I went from there to the funeral, there was a pretty large attendance. Mr. McGarvey preached.

Pa suffered with the
tissie last night. He still
has it. Ma is not well
to night, but I hope she
will be by tomorrow.

M. M. 14. 1864.

The most of the day has been raw and cloudy. It snowed this evening late. I went to Lexington this morning, but came back about 12. I went down to J K Keals this evening where I had the pleasure of seeing some ladies. B and I did not get back till about 12 P.M. Miss A- was not there to night. I am sorry she did not come. I wanted B- to see her, and I wanted to see her myself.

T M. 13. 1864.

B- has gotten is violin, and I cannot read while he is playing. I will write the history of my life for the fifteenth day of March A.D. 1864. As he is amusing himself playing, which I hope will not be long. Well to my narrative. I arose this morning, though very reluctantly, when the bell rang for breakfast. After partaking of the bounties of the table, I proceeded to feed some stock, after which I walked to the Duma place where I ~~have~~ assisted in building some fences; which I completed about three this evening. I then started home, but concluded to call at W^{as} I

I found Himself and Lady at home, I sat and chatted a while with them. I then came home through a shower of snow and now after another days journey through life; I find myself to night quietly seated by a good fire in my old room, from which I do not expect to stir, at least, not far, til another day shall dawn upon us.

I learned this evening that Capt. Lewis Christman is dead. Much is his death to be lamented, I have had many pleasant hours with him, but I shall never have any more on this side of the Jordan.

W. M. 16. 1864.

It has been a cold day for the middle of March. The sun was warm while it shone, but it has been so cloudy all day that we have had but little sun.

I attended the funeral of my old friend, and companion in arms.

Capt Lewis Christman.

There was a considerable crowd there. On my way home I stopped at Uncle A and took dinner. Kate told me that Uncle A was up at Uncle George's - sick, and that Aunt Polly was also quite sick again. I met with Miss Bell today. It is the first time I have seen her to talk to her for some time. She is a very pleasant lady.

Th. M. 17. 1864.

It still keeps pretty cold.

Pa and I doctored a mule this morning, after which I took William and Zack to the dump place and hauled some rails.

When I got home this evening Dr P was here. He has been to see his mother who is sick.

James H told me this morning that Uncle A was quite sick, and that he thought it doubtful whether Aunt Pally would get well.

I learned this evening that Wil Rose is dead.

I have been reading Knickerbocker, and have sit up later than usual.

F. M. 18. 1864.

After sitting up so late last night. I was quite reluctant about getting up this morning. Pretty soon after I got up. Pa came in. Of course, he and the Dr got to talking upon the subject of politics. Pa was talking about all the rebels generally, and at the same time displaying a good deal of feeling. I never care to hear such conversations, especially as I had heard it more than once before, that is the same things. I dressed myself and went into Mas room. To my astonishment Pa came out pretty shortly. storming mad with me, and accusing me of having a dislike to stay where he was, a thing that I had never thought of. I said nothing, as I usually do, on such.

occasions; for what is the use of trying to discuss with a man who is mad. Alas! what troubles I have. The troubles are of no ordinary nature. If they were with a stranger I would not feel so badly over it. I have had many such circumstances to happen that will never be recorded.

The Dr^r went to Lex- with Pa. I have finished reading Kiss- ickerbocker this morning. and so I have concluded to go to see Aunt Polly & Uncle A- this evening.

Sat. M. 19. 1864.

I went to Uncle George's —
 yesterday evening. I found
 Uncle at — doing pretty well.
 Aunt Polly is very sick.
 I think it will be very
 hard for her to get well.
 I stayed there last night.
 I stopped at Uncle Asa B —
 this morning and sat a
 while with Aunt Lucy. I
 then went on to Hurritons
 found him unwell, and
 Uncle James complaining
 a little. I started about
 10 o'clock and got home about
 twelve. I found Fygie Spru-
 -nger here. She went home
 pretty soon after dinner.
 I ate a hearty dinner.
 I have been doing very little
 this evening. B and I walked
 over to M. & B. this evening.
 I have read a little to night.

Sa. M. 20. 1864.

Elisha B. did not come up yesterday, so I was a little undecided where to go this morning. B. goes to old Sassamini to preach. I finally concluded to go to Reput, as I expected E. P. was not there. I took dinner at Mr Keals. Jim and I went to Mr Pleasant and heard Mr Pratt preach. We went from there to Mr B. (Frank) where we met with several ladies. Miss Annie, Miss Jennie, Miss Mattie B. &c. We started home about nine. B. was in bed when I got here.

I still keep cold for the season. To night the wind is nearly in the North and cold.

M. M. 21. 1864.

It is very cold this morning. The ground is frozen hard and there is ice on the water. I came up to visit George Shiverys - this morning. I stopped at Hammitton, found him pretty sick. I called a few minutes at Uncle Alts. I found Uncle Al doing as well as I expected though he has been worse since I saw him. John and I went into Lexington this evening, but did not stay long.

T. M. 22 1864

I stayed all night at Uncle G last night. John sit up in the fore part of the night and I sit up in the latter part. I came home this morning, stopped at Uncle A and H. It was very cold. Ground hard frozen, It has moderated this evening; but is still pretty cold.

I saw no change in Aunt Polly this morning. I think that Uncle A is perhaps a little better.

After I had gotten home and sit a little while Mr John Rodgers and his daughter came.

I have not met with him for a long time before, I should not know him till I heard him speak. He stayed a few hours. He is

trying to

W. M. 21. 1864.

It was cold early this morning. The ground was frozen and the pond frozen over, but it became warmer this evening.

I went with Ma to Uncle Charles this morning.

Uncle Robert & Aunt Betsy

A—~~went~~ with us there.

They settled Aunt M—
estate.

I ate a very hearty dinner,
and I have the headache
to night to pay for it.

Th. M. 24. 1864.

It has been more spring-like to day. It has been clear and pleasant.

I went up to Mr. Allens this morning after some rope. I saw Miss M— and had some talk with her. She gave me some wine to drink.

I came home and steaked off some ground. After dinner I read a while then went into the garden and planted some peas.

B and I went to Mr. William B— this evening Miss A— and Miss Jennie B— were there. I had a nice time. It is late (11) and I have no time to read to night.

F. M. 25 1864

It has been cold, damp, and sometimes, rainy. I read a part of the day. B. and I started to Versailles about three in the evening, stopped in Lexi a short time, and arrived in Versailles about sunset.

We had a fine time to night. The ~~big~~ Mite Society met at the College. Some of the ladies of the College were in the parlor. We had music &c. &c. B. and I will stay all night.

S. M. 26. 1864.

I walked home with Miss L. H. returned to the College. B. took Miss Annie D. and I took Mrs E. P. and we all went to Mrs Stones. I found Miss S. P. Miss M. S. there they were well. Old Mrs. P. has been very ill, but, I found her as well as I expected. Price and I went to Midway this evening. We went to Mr D— where we met with several gentlemen John S. Dr D— and Misses A. D. P. D. M. R. Dr D. S. amused us with ~~some~~ music. He took off the lady just from boarding school very handsomely. It has been a bright pleasant day

Su. M. 27. 1864.

It was very bright this morning, but was cloudy this evening a little. Miss S. P. and I went to church at Versailles. I dined at the College. ind. stayed there a good part of the evening, till B and Mrs P. came, and brought my buggy and horse. I then went to Mrs. B. I found Miss E. looking pretty well but complaining a little. Miss Hau. M. was there. We retired pretty early.

Mon. M. 28. 1864.

It has been windy, but warm.

I have had a fine time to day, one that I shall not soon forget.

Miss Eva. and I had several games of backgammon this morning after which she played several pieces for me. I had a very pleasant visit. I went in to Versailles about nine o'clock. I found them all enjoying themselves very finely at the College. The ladies were playing tricks on every person that came about. I enjoyed myself so well with them that I remained till evening.

Miss Fido. S- sang for me and Miss Allie H- played upon the ~~har~~ whole we ~~had~~ had a merry day.

When I went to start
I found both my ^{over}coat
sleeves sewed up and
my gumm shoes sewed to
~~the~~ tail of the coat. When
I went to get my hat
it was gone, and it was a
good while before I could
get it. Some of the ladies
had hid it, I do not
know who.

Dr. Gibney had his house
burned to day. It was
very windy which made
it impossible to extinguish
the flames.

T. M. 29. 1864.

It was pleasant this morning, but was cloudy, cold, and rainy. It however, did not rain till late.

I went over to the elgin place this morning to see Mr. A. to know when he would sow oats, as I want to sow clover.

Ma and I went down to Uncle A and spent most of the day.

B- is complaining to night, and retired early (8) I have been reading Irvings Scrap Book, and have just finished it.

W. M. 30. 1864.

When I arose this morning I found the earth covered with snow, but it soon began to melt, and long before night it was all gone. I had but little to do, out, this morning, so I sat in the house and read most of the time, till after dinner. I have been sewing clover seed this evening, over on the Elgin place. I have been reading the Atlantic, to night.

The day has been cloudy, and rather cold, drizzling at times.

Th. M. 31. 1864.

It has been a very pleasant day.

I have been sewing clover seed all day. My right leg has been paining ~~and~~ all day so that it has been painful for me to walk. I cannot tell the cause.

Miss Mag et— is here to night.

I have not read any of account to night for the first time in a long while when I was at home. B— is still complaining.

April 15th 1864

Has been raining nearly
the whole day.

John has been driving
the wagon to the mill.

Things are so dry that
the house must be
burned.

At 11 o'clock I went
to the mill.

I found the
mill in a bad
state of repair.

The mill is
very old.

I have not yet
seen the mill.

I will go to the
mill tomorrow.

I will go to the
mill tomorrow.

I will go to the
mill tomorrow.

24th Nov 1884

It has been a very pleasant day.

I have been sewing all day. My right leg has been paining all day so that I have been painful for some time. I cannot tell the

day. The day is fine.

I have not made any of my usual night work. I have not been in a very good state of health. I have not been in a very good state of health. I have not been in a very good state of health.

F. April. 1st. 1864.

It has been raining nearly all day.

I have been reading some, talking some, and doing nothing some, to day. I stayed in the house nearly all the time till after dinner.

As soon as I ate I walked out a while. I rode over to John's this evening and sit a while. She is sick.

Miss Mag. A— is still here.

My leg does not feel entirely well yet, though it feels better since I quit walking so much. I am afraid it will get worse when I begin to sew seed again.

C. A. 2. 18 64,

It has been cloudy, and a little cold. I think it is warmer this evening than it was this morning.

I started to take Miss Mag to Uncle A this morning, but we met Kate going away, so we came back, and I took her on home. I got back home to dinner, I have been reading, and walking around this evening.

Su. April. 3. 1864.

It cleared up last night, and we have had a pleasant day.

Ma has been sick all day. She had a spell of Sick-head-ache. I went to meeting at S. Elearn. B- preached a very good sermon. There were but few there.

Pa went to Johns soon after dinner, and B- went away pretty after he did, so I have had a pleasant evening. I sat in the room with Ma til supper. I have read about half of Irvings Life of Goldsmith.

B- went to the Class to night and has not returned yet. (Half past 10.)

M. April 4. 1864.

This day has been a kind of mixture of March and April. It was windy, cloudy, and sunshiny this morning. This evening we had occasional showers, till about 4 when it set in to raining steadily and continued.

I finished reading Irving's Life of Goldsmith this evening and commenced his Life of Columbus.

I went down to Uncle A this evening. He came home yesterday. I found him sitting up. He looks a little wasted from his long illness. I hope he will soon be entirely well.

T. April 5. 1864.

The day has been cloudy. It was cooler this evening than it was this morning. The rains have rendered the ground too wet to work. I had hoped to have finished sewing clover seed to day or tomorrow; but I have to be governed by the weather.

Having nothing particular to do I read a good part of the morning. I went with Ma to Johns this evening. I have sit up later to night than I usually do. I have been reading Irvings Life of Columbus. I find it interesting.

W. April 6. 1864.

It was almost as hard as pulling eyeteeth this morning for me to get up. Had I have given myself time to deliberate about it I would not have gotten up when I did. But I bulged right out without sopping. * I ~~will~~ ^{wrote} ~~1 letter~~ ~~about~~ ~~about~~ I then took my usual round to see the stock, came back and prepared to go to Lexington. with Ma. We started pretty early, but had to stop at the shop to get a shoe put on my horse. We stayed in Lexington till about one when we came out to Mr. Mc Murtry's and spent the evening. I had a very pleasant evening with Lizzy. It is the first

* I wrote part of a letter.

time I have met with her since she came home from Louisville.

I met with E. V. P. and lady, and Miss Callie, C. K. in Lexington to day. I did not get to talk to them much, as I was about starting when I met them.

It was cloudy this morning, but it has been a very fine evening. The sun set cloudy this evening, and I am afraid we will have more rain.

Th. April. 7. 1864.

We have had a warm, sunshiny day. It has been the warmest day we have had this spring.

I am going to retire, though it is earlier than I usually do. I have been sewing grass-seed all day, and I am tired. My right leg pained me very much this evening again. It did not get quite as bad as it did when I was sewing before. I am afraid that it will get so that I will have but little use of it, though, I hope not.

B- and I, as usual, have been reading. For the first time in a great while I will retire before he does.

F. April. 8. 1864.

I got up pretty early this morning. It was sprinkling rain then. It ~~has~~ rained a little nearly all the time to day, til about 3 this evening, and sometimes it rained hard. I sat in the house and read til about 10. I then concluded that I would go and finish sewing blue-grass, thinking that it would not rain hard. It commenced raining hard just as I got to work and rained all the time I sewed, harder than it had rained at any time. I came to the house without finishing. Ma, and I went to Uncle A's this evening. Kate came home with us. I heard a frog this evening, which is a good sign for spring I heard it thunder this evening for the 1st time.

I finished reading the first volume of Drivings Life of Columbus, to day. I have read more this week than usual. Bryn is rejoicing at his having finished reading Meanders Church History.

It is getting so warm that we can almost do without fire. I am very glad that the time for getting wood will soon be over.

I do not very well to night, so I think I shall not read much.

B- is looking over old papers, an interesting business for one who has nothing to do.

S. April 9. 1864.

It has been all sorts of a day, at least we have had nearly all sorts of weather. It has been beautiful, warm and sunny; It has been cloudy, rainy, and we had one shower of hail.

Kate and I went up to Mr Wm Barkleys this morning, and stayed a while. I went down to see Miss A. B. — this evening, I came home shortly after supper, as it was threatening rain, and did commence raining about the time I got home.

Su. April. 10. 1864.

It has been cloudy all day, and has rained some.

Pa was sick last night and to day. He nor Ma did not go to Church. Burn preached at Providence to day.

Kate went home with B- this morning. I walked down to S. Elcom. There were but ten persons there. I rode back with Mr. Young. Mr & Mr Allen and Mr Keall came here to dinner and spent the evening.

I have been reading a good part of the evening. Burn is at the Class to night, so I am here alone.

I ~~feel~~ feel a little dullness to night, so I do not feel inclined to sit up late.

M. April 11. 1864.

It has been a fine day. The first one we have had for some time.

I went to Lexington with Pa. It being April court, there were a great many persons in town. I went out to see the Stations.

There were some very fine ones there. I did not stay there long, as I had some business to attend to in town.

I do not often go to hear political speeches, but Robert J. Breckinridge spoke this evening at two. Pa wished to hear it and I did not object. He spoke for over two hours. I think his views of things are right. Anderson of Ohio spoke a little awhile. He made a very good speech.

It is time the people of Kentucky were doing something, seeing that we are about to be invaded by the rebels. If they ever get possession of Kentucky again, in my judgment, she will be about ruined. I am in favor of doing any thing to keep them out.

There is nothing worth having here if we don't save the government. Except my religion, there is nothing greater than my country. I have the headache very bad to night. I am quite sick, so I will go to bed.

J. April 12. 1864.

The morning was cloudy and a little rainy, but it cleared off this evening, and became pretty and warm.

I have not felt very well all day, and late this evening my head began to ache. I think it was caused from walking. I walked down to uncle A. this evening. I brought some mares home from the Dunn place, (My farm.) I spent most of the morning in reading. We started to plant corn this morning, but it was too wet, so we did not plant long.

B is twenty one to day. He is now taking a repast of potatoes. It is a wholesome morsel for a free man.

W. April. 12. 1864.

It has been cooler to day than it has been for some days. I am afraid that there will be frost to night, if it clears off.

I arose this morning, very little refreshed. My tooth ached a good part of the night, and prevented me from getting much good sleep. In addition to the toothache I have been quite sick. I went my usual round this morning, I then came to the house and finished reading the second volume of Irving's Columbus. I then went to the field and dropped corn for a while; but finding that the boys got along about as well without me as they did with me, I came

to the house. I read a while and tried to sleep a while, but I could get no relief. I worried along till after dinner, when I went to bed and slept some, but without any relief. I got up ordered my horse and went to Lexington, and had my tooth extracted. The gneive is still sore, and aches a little, but I think it is better. I am still sick. I hope that a rest to night will bring me some relief.

Th. April 14. 1864.

As I anticipated, we had some frost last night. It has been very pleasant to day. I still feel quite unwell. I rode down to Mr. Huggins-
es this morning to buy a cow, but failed. I spent a part of the evening in spinning in the garden.

I have been reading some to night, but I feel so bad that I will not sit up late.

F April. 15 1864

It has been cool to day.
I have been down where they
were opening a road between
my place and E. Youngs. It
will not be a good road, but
it will stop the clamour about
having a road.

I went over to Uncle A to
dinner and sit there for
some time with Kate after
we had eaten.

I am not entirely well yet.
I have read later to night
than I have for several
nights.

Q. April. 16. 1864.

It has been pretty cold to day.

I attended to loading some wheat this morning. Billy S. came before I was done. I went with him around by his house. I went on to the new road. I took dinner at mile of. I spent most of the evening where they were at work on the new road. Mr Taff and Elisha P. is here to night.

Sat. April 17. 1864.

Notwithstanding it has been sunny to day, we have had a good fire, and it was not at all uncomfortable to sit by. I went to Republican to meeting. E. P. preached a good sermon.

I have been at home all evening.

Mr Tuff. and Elisha P. are still here.

I have commenced reading Brackbridge.

A. April. 18. 1864.

It was tolerably pleasant this morning, but it clouded up this evening and it commenced raining pretty hard about four.

After getting two loads of wheat off I went to planting corn. I covered.

For two nights past I have had an uncomfortable birth. I have had to go off and sleep by my self, but there is no one here to night, so B and I will rest together

T. April 19. 1864.

This morning was about as bright a one as I ever saw but it became a little cloudy this evening. The air keeps very cold for the season. I have done very little to day except attend to sending some wheat to Lexington, and read.

Mr Taff is here to night. He is not a very pleasant companion to me. He talks about nothing but politics although he and I agree I do not like to hear him talk. He is a violent partisan and thinks he knows it all.

W. April 20. 1864.

This has been the finest day we have had for some time. The sun rose clear and bright. It was cloudy in the middle of the day; but it cleared off again this evening; so taking it all together it has been a magnificent day. We finished planting one field of corn to day. I rode down to my place this evening. I finished reading Irvings Brackbridge to night.

T April 21. 1864.

Another magnificent day has passed. B- and I are here together in our sanctum-sanctorum. He has just been playing some old pieces which brings to memory the thoughts of bygone hours. It may be that I am rather sentimental at this evening. I am inclined to that opinion, and Burn looks as though he was in the same fix. I have been to Lexington to day where I saw several ladies of my acquaintance. (Lizzie & Bettie B. ~~girls~~) or course that is good for sentiment.

Ma and I called at Mr Curds as we came home.

Fr. April. 22. 1864.

It has been a fine day. I went down to Ezekiel Raydons this morning to look at a cow. His price was too large, so we did not trade.

I shaved some of my whiskers off to day.

I started a while before three, and called at the schoolhouse, for B. and I both went to Versailles. We started to go to see Miss Eva B., but met her with some gentlemen going away. We went with them to — where we had a very pleasant time. After supper Mr Hatch got in the buggy with us and we all went into Versailles to the Mite Society which met at Mr Wards.

We had a splendid time. After it was over B and I went to the College and stayed all night. - Who can tell what feelings I have had to night?

"In the springtime a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." Who can go where I have been to night, and revel amidst youth, and beauty, and ~~indeed~~ chastity, and hear the sweet voices as they breathe those melodies. I say who can do this without having his heart touched?

Q. April 23. 1864.

I did not sleep well last night. I suppose no one will wonder at that. I arose pretty early, (about an hour after sunrise). After breakfast Miss Callie had had some of the ladies to entertain us with music, &c. &c. We lingered there till after eleven when we went to Mrs Stones. We went from there to Lexington, stopped a while, and then came home.

I heard this evening in Lexington that Uncle George Shivers had his house burned, and nearly every thing in it.

Sat. April 24. 1864.

I went to meeting at
S. E. C. to day Mr. R. preached
John 3; Will. A. William H.
R. and Mr. R. dined here.
The Bible Class met here
this evening.

M. has been unwell all
day. I hope she will be
well by morning.

M. April, 25. 1864

It rained last night, and a while this morning.

Mr. R. and W. H. R. is still here. Mr. Taff came in to night.

What I have done to day can be quickly told. I did nothing but read a little this morning. This evening W. H. R. and I rode down to my place. After returning I walked over and sit a while with Miss Mary. &c.

The springtime has come at last. The trees are beginning to put out, and it is warmer now. The birds whistle gayly. &c. &c.

T. April 26. 1864

It was cloudy this morning, but it cleared off this evening and was warm.

I did but little this morning, except read. I went down to my place this evening and helped to build some fences. I could not work much for I became so sick that I was compelled to quit. I went to Uncle A and sat a while. I ~~stopped~~ stopped at Mr. Crosspiger's and chatted with Mrs. A and Lizzy a while, this evening.

W April. 27. 1864

The morning was delightful. but it clouded up this evening and commenced raining about dark.

Mr. R. and W. H. R. are still here. John Garrett came in about dark. It is the first time he has been to see me.

I shelled some corn this morning to plant, and finished reading Irvings Traveller.

I am not very well to day.

I rode down to my place this evening.

T. April 28 1864.

It has been cool nearly all day.

I took W. H. R. to Mr. C. this morning. I have been down at my place most of the day, building fence & Parson R. left to day. B and I are here alone now more.

My throat is quite sore to night, and I do not feel very well.

F April 29.. 1864

It has been a very bright day.

I went with Pa to Lexington this morning.

Mr & Mrs E. Y. P. Mrs Dr P Sam. Miss Jennie and Maggie Bell came this evening. I am very glad they came.

Sat April 30 1864

We all went to Lexington
to day. Miss Jennie abbs
Ellen P. and I did not get
back till pretty late.

I have two Shakers here
tonight (Abraham Krump and
George Steadman.)

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