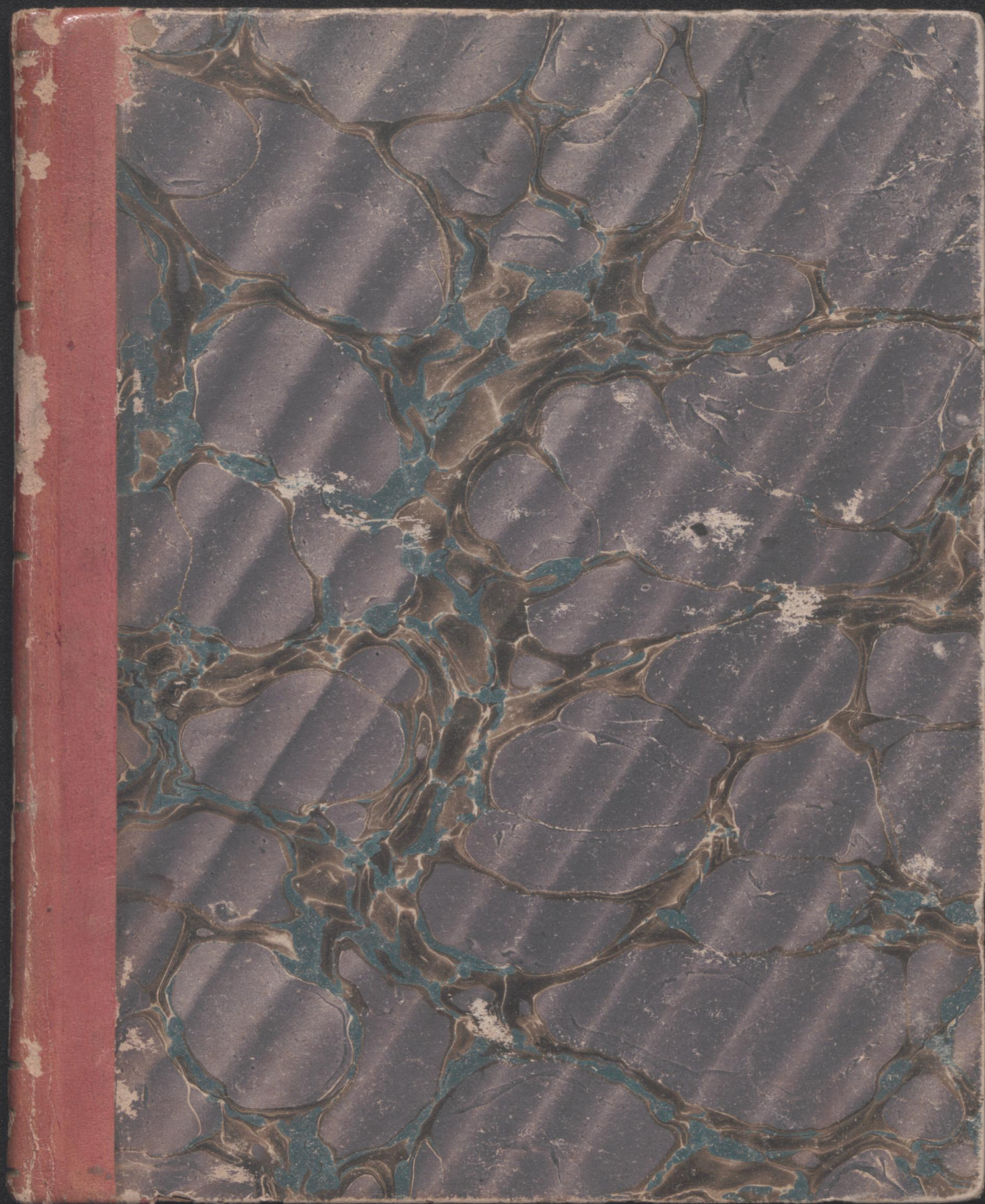
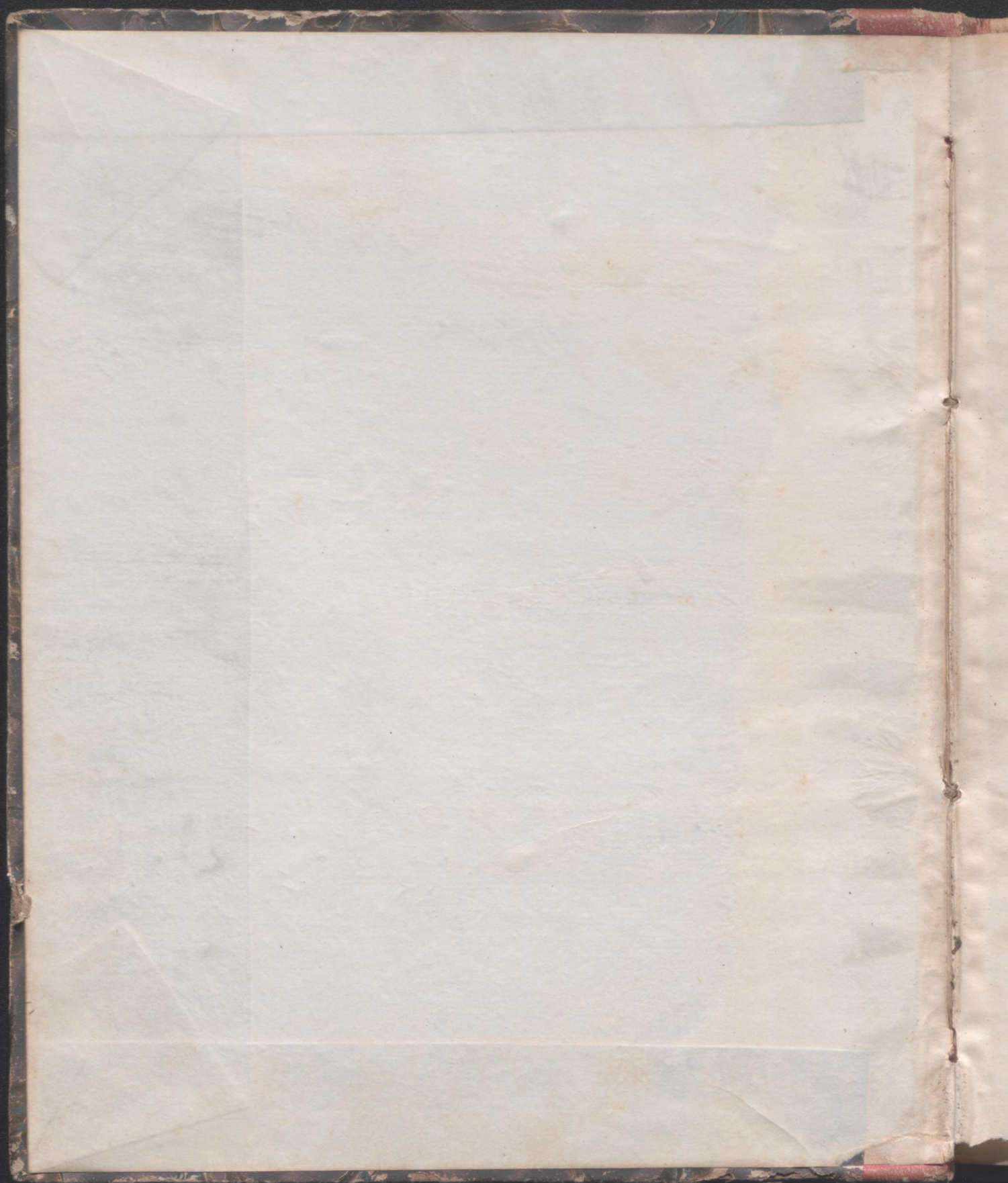
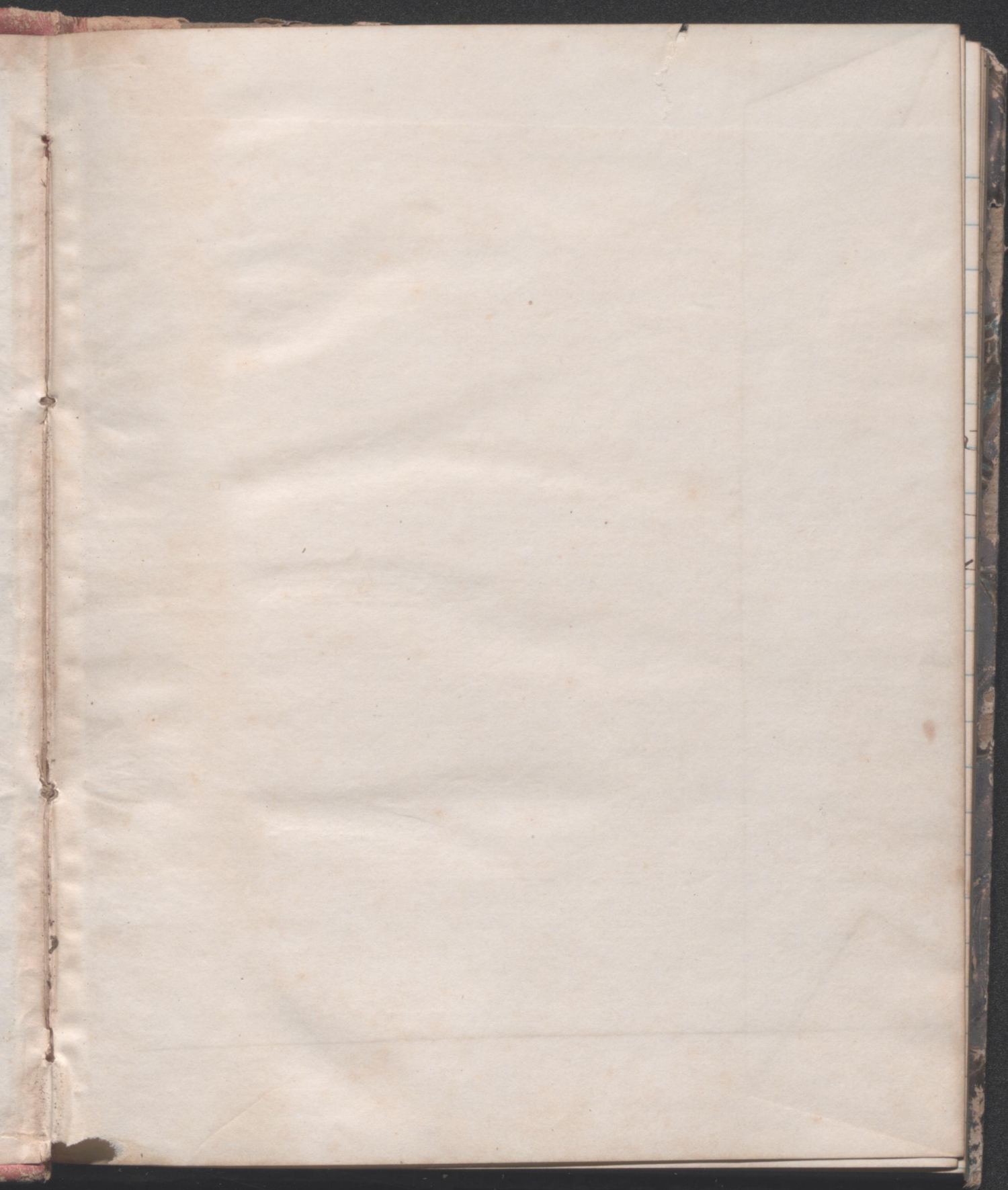
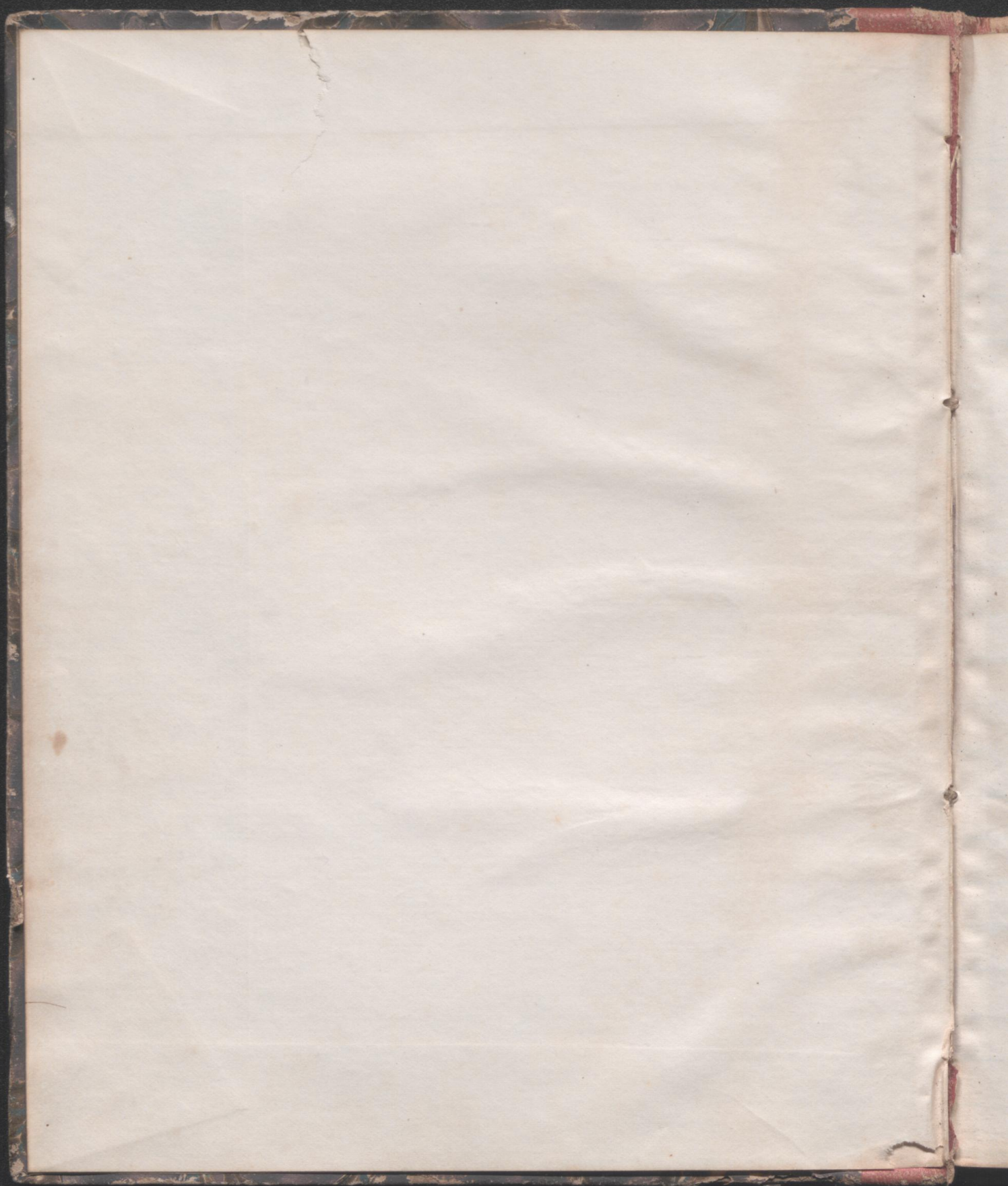


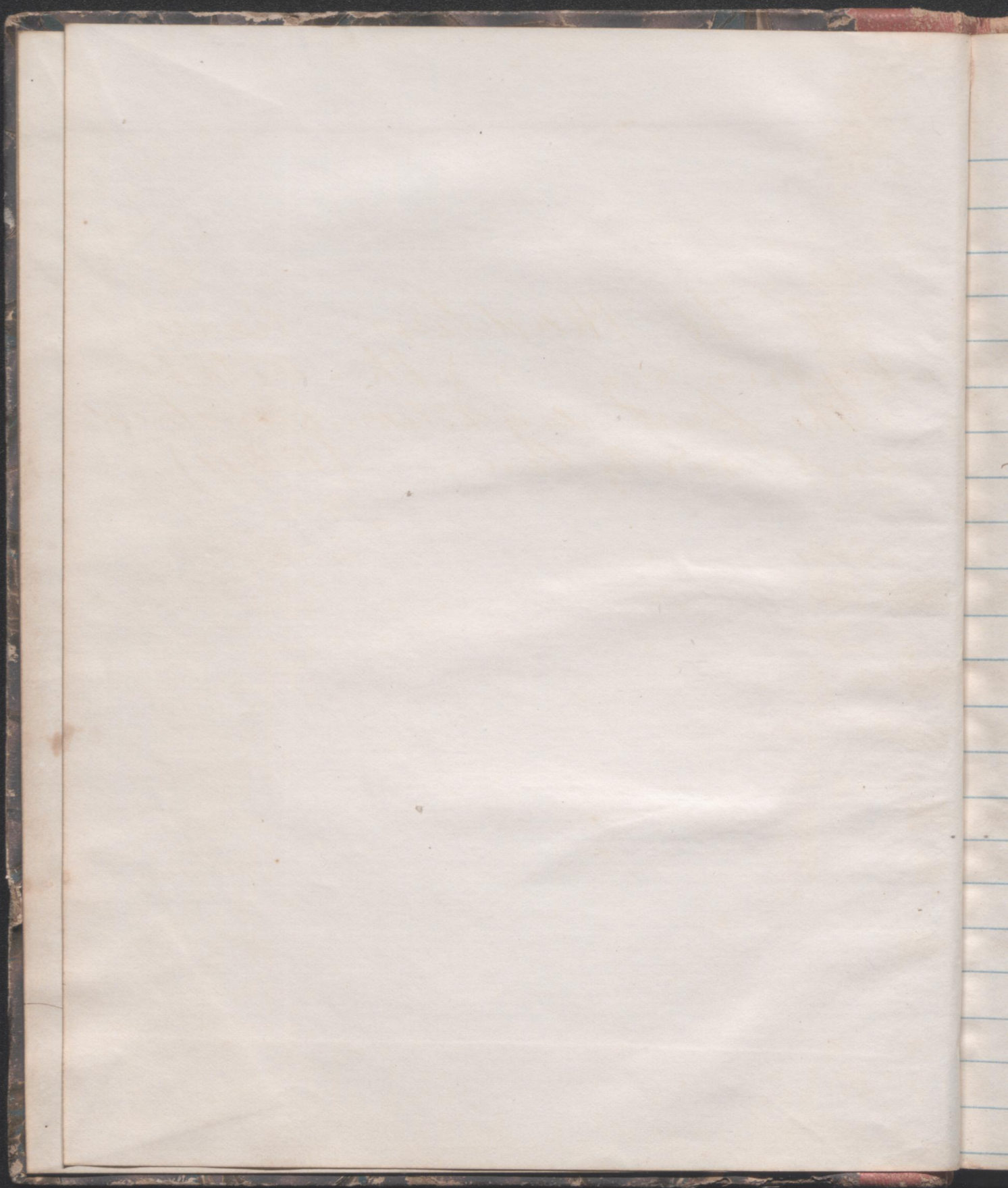




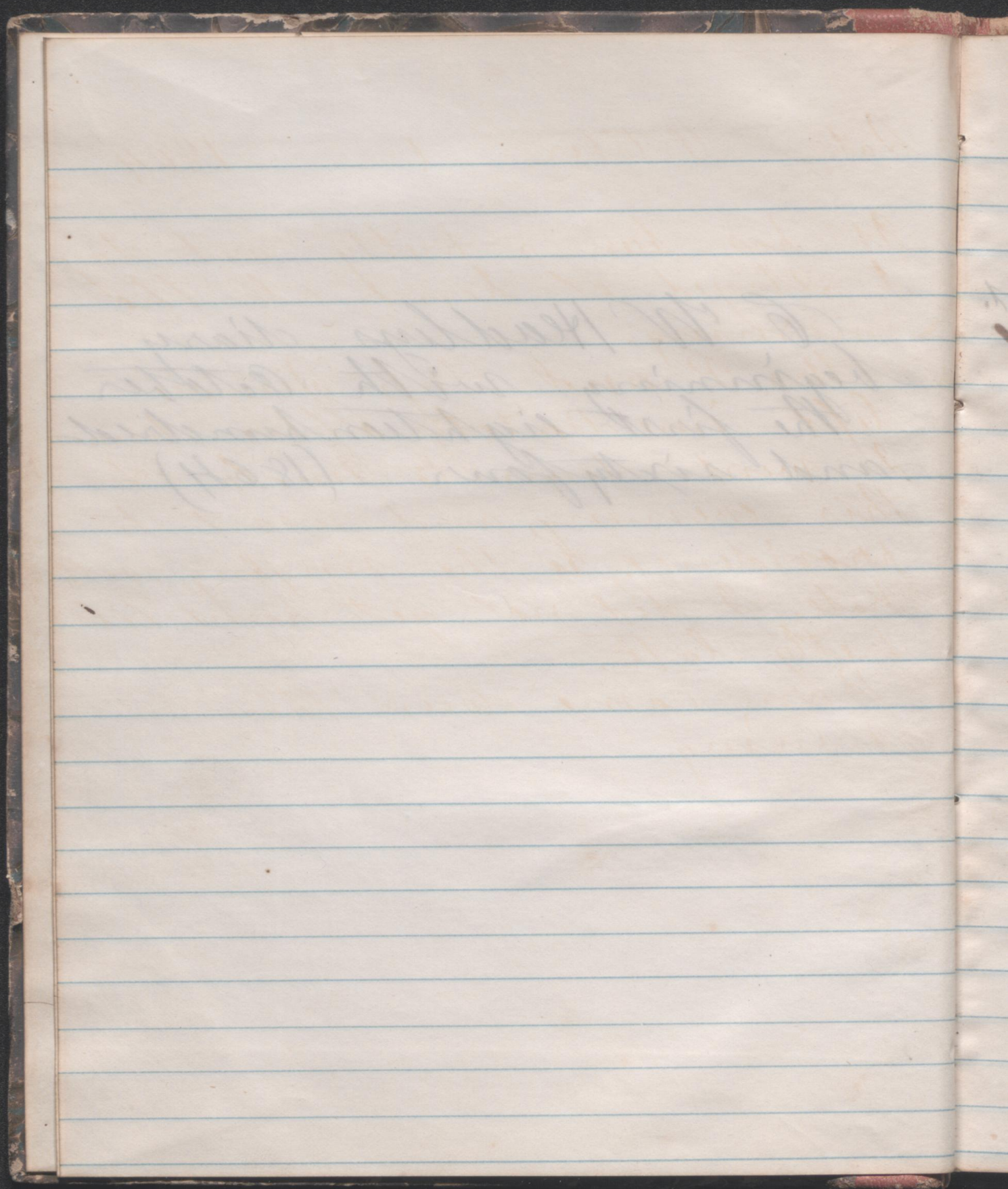




W. H. Madley Mary
beginning with the letter
the first of the hundred
and forty four (1844)



C. W. Hadley's diary
beginning with October
the first eighteen hundred
and sixty four (1864)



Sat October. 1 1864

It has been a pretty wet day.
I stayed at home all the morning.

Mrs. P. and Miss Jennie left immediately after dinner. I went down to Uncle A this evening, and went to providence, to the singing, with Kate. I did not get home til pretty late.

Born. came down this evening.

Su October 2. 1864.

I went to meeting to day at South Elkhorn. Mr J. preached to a small congregation.

Mr and Mrs E. P. and Ma. went to Nicholasville.

B and Mr J. left shortly after dinner. I then went down to mile A.

It is so dark to night that I will not go home.

Mon October 3. 1864.

I came home soon after
breakfast this morning.
I then went back to Uncle A
to see about a yoke. I went
from there to Grows to see
about a harrow. I called
to see Miss Annie B as I
came back, and spent about
two hours very pleasantly.
Mr. L. and Elisha P. are
here to night.

T. October H. 1864.

I went down to Grow's Shop
this morning. I came back
home to dinner.

I went with Ma to Mr Cords
and Gen. Bryans this evening.
Mrs Bryan. is very poorly.

We did not get home till
after sunset.

It has been very warm
this evening.

W. October 5. 1864

It has been a rainy day
I went to Mr Wests, (Our new
neighbor) and stayed a while.
I then went to Uncle A and
spent a good part of the day.
James is here to stay with
me to night, I am glad he is
here.

Dick Brewit and Miss
Lizzy Shaffer gets married
to night.

T. October 6, 1864.

It has been a very pretty day.
I have been to Lexington.
I saw a regiment of negroes
go off to day. It is supposed
they are going to Missouri to
fight Price.
Mr and Mrs Allen have just
left (9 o'clock).

F October 7. 1864

I went to Lexington to day
with Ma. We did not get
home till about night.

It was very pleasant this
morning, but it turned
cold this evening.

Ma and I called at Mr
Mcsmurtrys to day, Mrs Mc
is quite sick.

There were a good many people
in Lexington to day.

Mr F is here to night.

S. October 8. 1864.

It has been quite cold to day. I started to take Ma to town this morning; but she met Aunt Sallie H. so she came back with her. I went through Lexington and on to Versailles. I was pretty cold when I got there. I called on Miss Jennie Keville immediately after dinner. I had a very pleasant time with her for some time. I called on Miss Jennie and Miss Be. P. and Sallie P. this evening. I left Versailles about four, and went to Mr. Graddys. Where I spent a very pleasant evening with the ladies.

Sat. October 9. 1864.

It has been clear and pretty to day, and not so cool as it was yesterday.

I went to Versailles with Miss Florence Graddy this morning. I walked up to the College with Miss Jennie's car after church. I got to see several of my acquaintances among the young ladies. I came home this evening.

I heard since I got home that some quirelas have been in Harrodsburg and killed Capt Cordwell. I hope that it is not so.

Mon. October 10 1864.

It has been a very pleasant day
I went down to Grows shop
this morning to see about my
harrow. They were done, and I
had them brought home.

I dined at Uncle Chas to day.
I sowed a little wheat this
evening.

James and Jennie Headley took
supper here this evening.

I heard to day that it was
Vanosdol that was killed at
Harrodsburg, instead of Capt Card-
well.

7 October 11 1864.

I have been sewing wheat to day. I finished sewing one piece about two hours before night. I came to the house and found Elisha and Jim P. Uncle A and Jennie A here. Jim and Elisha are on their way to Harrodsburg to the wedding. (Jennie P.) It has been a fine day. I heard to day that some quirellas captured the Covington train this morning.

W. October 12 1864

B. came about eleven, and we
started to Harrodsburg immediately.
We got there before night.
There was a good deal of excite-
ment in Harrodsburg, about
quirellas.

7. October 13. 1864.

There being a good deal of company at the D's, I went up to Mr Bowmans and stayed last night.

I came down pretty early, this morning.

The wedding (Miss Jennie P and Sam Orntcher) went off pretty well.

I did not do much today. I went down to Harrodsburg and stayed a while.

7 October 14. 1864.

I went down to Harrodsburg
about ten and got my
buggy. We all came home to
dinner. We had a very pleasant
time.

I stopped at Shaker town a
little while.

S. October 15. 1864

Mrs P. and myself went to Versailles today. We stopped in Lexington a while.

We got to Versailles about two, and stopped at Mr. Cables.

Mrs Pinkerton and I went over to the college. I called for Miss Lida, and contrary to my expectations, Miss Callie let me see her. I spent a short time very pleasantly with her. I then went out to Mrs. B. where I met for the first time the Miss Basiles. Miss Lida W. was also there. The Miss Bs left soon, and I spent a very pleasant evening with Miss Eva, B. and Miss E. W.

Sa

October

16.

1864.

I went into Versailles pretty early this morning.

I went to the Episcopal Church with Miss Sally P. Mrs P. and I came home this evening.

Dr P. and Mr Taff are here to night.

M

October

17.

1864.

I sowed wheat a little while
this morning. I then went to
Lexington with Dr Pinkerton
Elisha and his wife. They all
went to Cincinnati. I brought
Elisha's horse and rackaway
back home. James Heasley
came out with me, I took
him down home.

Elda is quite sick.

7

October

18.

1864

I came home early this morning.

I have been sewing wheat and plowing most of the day.

James Headley started to Philadelphia to day. He expects to attend the medical lectures.

W

October

19.

1864

It has been a fine day.
I have been sawing wheat and
flowing.

There was a big frost last
night. I am afraid that
it will not be fair weath-
er long.

Uncle Alak Headley
took supper here to night.

7

October,

20.

1864.

We have had another fine day.
We had another white frost
last night.

I got up pretty early and
went down to Mr E. J. Youngs
to get him to have the
balance of Dr P. wheat
hauled. I found Mr Young
in bed, quite ill.

I have been sewing wheat
and plowing to day.
John Bradley took supper
here to night.

71

October

21.

1864.

It has been a little cloudy
a part of the day. It has
been a little cooler to day
than it has been for several
days past.

Dr. Pinkerton, Eliza P
and lady got back from
Cincinnati to day.

I have been sewing wheat
and plowing to day.

S. October 22. 1864.

I started Bot to harrowing wheat this morning. I then came to the house and, dressed myself, and went to Mr Wests. I found no person at home there. I went on to Uncle A - Jennie and Kate were at home. I stayed till after dinner. I came back to Mr Wests this evening and sat two or three hours with Henry.

There is no one here to night but our own family.

4. D. October 23. 1864

I went to meeting at Elk-
horn to day. John Shackle-
ford preached. He, Mr Wasson,
Aunt Betsy H, John, and Sue H,
and Jennie came here to
dinner. Brown and Will et-
came in from Old Nassau.
They left pretty soon after
dinner.

Jennie and I Went up to
Mr Collins this evening.

M. October 24. 1864

Jennie and I stayed all night at Mr. Adkins last night. We came home pretty early this morning.

I sowed some wheat and plowed some to day. The weather still keeps fine.

7.

October

25

1864.

Jennie Headley went home
this morning. Ma went with
her, and brought Kat back.

I have been sewing wheat and
plowing to day.

It has been a fine day.

W

October,

26.

1864.

It has been cloudy to day,
and it has rained some.

I finished sewing wheat
this morning. I went down
to my place this evening,
and, as I usually do, when
I go there, I went to Uncle A.
I learned to day that the
boys, (John & Massa Bryson
and James Headley) who started
to Philadelphia to attend
the Medical lectures have left
there. John W. was in Lexing-
ton to day, and he says that
James and Massa are in
Cincinnati.

Mr. Staggard (a stranger) is
here to night.

4. I

October

27

1864.

I went down to my place
and salted some stock.

I went with Ma to Johns
this evening. John and I
went to the Shop and did
not get back till dark; so
Ma and I had to come home
in the night. It is very dark
to night. ~~at~~

Mr Gaff is here to night
I have been suffering
with the toothache to day.
I do not expect to sleep
much to night.

F.

October,

28.

1864.

Well I didn't sleep much last night. I went to bed at a pretty early hour, but my tooth ached so that could not sleep. I got up about half past nine, and got some cotton, and wet it with camphor, and put it in my tooth but it did not relieve the pain. I sat up in a chair, read a while, walked a while, but nothing did it any good. I finally went to bed again, but I did not sleep much.

I went to Lexington to day and had my tooth pulled. Mr Young has been here to day and fixed in our grates so we can burn coal now, and I am very glad.

S. October 29 1864.

After walking over the place
this morning I went to
Lexington to meet John House.
He is to preach at Providence
tomorrow. John did not
come so I came home, and
went down to Melch at
this evening about dark.
Bob Wilson and lady, and
Miss Kate Downing came.
We all had a pleasant
evening.

S.

October 30. 1864.

I went to Providence to meeting to day. John Shouse preached a very good sermon, on the subject of the providence of God. I came back to Wals
A to dinner. Miss Lane Red dined there.

I came home this evening. Ma is still complaining of Rheumatism.

The weather continues fine.

M.

October

31.

1864.

I have been shucking corn to day. So I have seen nothing that would interest anyone, either now or hereafter.

Addie Barkley came here this evening, and Miss May Allen and Nellie came in about dark. I have had a pleasant time with her to night. I am glad she came, for I get lonely by myself.

We had a big white frost last night, but the day has been pretty warm.

1891

I have been thinking much
of late of the things that
have happened in my life
and how they have shaped
me. I have had a pleasant
time with her to say the
least. I had some trouble
at first but I got over it
and now I am happy and
contented. I have had a
very good time and I
am glad to say that I
am now in a very good
state of mind and I am
very happy and contented.

7 November 1 - 1864

Miss May and the little girls
went home to day.

I have been shucking corn,
I find myself to night in
my room, very comfortably
situated by my little grate
fire.

We had another big white
frost last night. The day
has been very pleasant.

W. November 2. 1864

It has been a dark rainy day.

I went out and fed the hogs, and shucked a little corn this morning. I then walked over to Johns, where I sat an hour or two. I then came home. Aunt Betty and Sis spent the day here. I have done nothing, but read, ~~some~~ and write a letter this evening.

I heard to night of another murder, I suppose by quirel-las.

T. November 29 1864

It has been cloudy all day; but
it did not rain till evening.
I shucked corn till dinner.
I then went down to Mills
A John Mars sold his
farm to day at one hundred
dollars and ten cents per acre.
I think it is well sold.

7

November 4.

1864.

It has been pretty cold to day, at least colder than it has been for some time.

After feeding the hogs this morning I went down to my place. I then went to Johns and stayed a while. From there I went to Uncle Frank's, and stayed till after dinner. After dinner I went to Uncle A where I stayed most of the evening.

Elisha P. and lady came this evening. They gave me a history of the guerrilla raid to their county (Woodford). They ^{plus} guard killed Adam Harper. Mr H. shot one of them before he was ~~shot~~ killed. They did not get his money.

I November, 5. 1864.

It has been a pleasant day. I went to Lexington to day. Elisha went with me. Burn cannot come with us.

I am twentyfive years old to day. I have been thinking about it a good deal to day.

What should I do? What should I promise myself. I have lived for a quarter of a century under the protection and amidst the blessings of the Great Giver of good.

It is proper that I should think and feel now, not like a boy, but as a man. I cannot help looking back, as I suppose all men do, with some degree of regret. ~~that~~

It may be wrong to feel so. But who can govern his feelings

As I have been blessed in the
days gone by, with home and
friends, so may ~~and~~ I always
be, and in the coming years,
when I shall meet with
troubles, and disappointments
may the Great Father
"temper the winds as He doth
to the shorn lamb"
I feel to night that I could
wish no living being any
ill.

May God look with mercy
upon our distracted country,
Bring back this erring
people. May I live to see the
day when peace shall cover
the whole Earth as the waters
cover the deep. When men
shall hang the trumpet in the
hall and study war no longer.

Burn and I went to see Miss
Lizzy's Hayrye this evening. We
did not stay long, but we
had a very pleasant time,
at least I did. Burn was
a little disappointed in
not meeting with Miss
A. C. there.

Elisha and lady, Mr Tapp, Mr
Baines, and Burn are here
to night.

D November 6. 1864.

I went to Nicholasville
with Elisha P. to day.

We stopped at John Walaces
and dined there.

I called to see Miss
Annie Barkley this evening
I had a very pleasant
time with her.

I got home about dark.

No November 7 1864.

I did very little this morning. I went to the shop this evening, and to my place.

Elisha and his wife are still here.

It is not very cold.

7 November 8. 1864.

It has been a very rainy day. It commenced raining about nine this morning and has rained, almost without intermission ever since.

I went, early, this morning and voted. I then went to Mr West, and stayed a while. I then went to uncle A where I stayed most of the day. Mr Taff came home to day. He will stay all night.

W. November 9. 1864

It was cloudy this morning, and commenced raining about noon. It rained all evening. I took the train for Louisville at two. We got to Louisville about half past seven.

I intended to have gone to the Galt house, but Mr R. wanted me to go with him to the United States Hotel.

I met with several persons on the train. George Gust got on at Eminence. He and I went to Woods Theatre. We saw the French Spy played. it was very good.

T November 10. 1864.

It is cooler to day, but not so cloudy.

I attended to some business to day.

I saw Sam Catleman, Henry Valandingham, &c. to day. I called on Miss H. L. this evening, but did not get to see her long, as she had an engagement.

H. V. and I went to the Louisville Theatre to night. The lone Chateau was played.

Matilda Heron is playing there. Henry and I went around to the St Charles after the Theatre where we met with George G. and Sam. C. They played biliards till twelve. We then went down and ate some oysters.

F. November. 11. 1864.

I spent a part of the morning with Capt. Jones,

I called on Miss R. 2. again this evening. I had a very pleasant time with her. I met with Miss Mary L. there. She came to Louisville last night.

I went with Percy this evening out home. I had a very pleasant time there.

Miss Annie played some for us. Miss Sophy is grown and a very pleasant lady.

D. November 12. 1864.

I took stage this morning and went out about two miles beyond Bruners town to see Miss M. D. She was not at home when I got there but came soon.

I had a tolerably pleasant ride out.

D. November 13. 1864

I went to meeting to day
with Miss Mattie.

We heard a dry sermon.
I met with John Hendron
there. He ~~went~~ out to Mr D.
to dinner with us. We had
a pleasant old chat together.
Miss Mattie and I have had
a pleasant time this evening.

Mon November 14. 1864.

I took the stage to day about half past eleven. The stage was crowded, so I did not have a very delightful ride. I got to Louisville about half past two. I walked to the river and took the packet (Rebecca) for Cincinnati. It started about four

T. November 15 1864.

I did not sleep much last night. I have a very bad cold.

Some of the machinery broke last so we had to lay by about three hours.

"We got to Cincinnati about ten this morning. I went to the Burnit House, took dinner and started out to hunt James Headly, Mass. Bryam and ~~John~~ Wilson, after a good deal of walking, I found them about half past one.

They are very well fixed, and have a good eating house.

W. November 16. 1864.

Map and I went to Pike's Opera last night and saw the Duke's motto played. Vestrali is playing there. It is a splendid house and the play was very good. I walked over a good deal of the city to day. At about eleven I took leave and walked over to the depot in Covington. The cars started about two. There was no person on the cars that I knew except Bob W. who got off at Paris. We got to Lexington pretty late. I went to the Broadway and took supper. I then went to Mr. M's and stayed. I am pretty sick to night.

T. November, 17. 1864.

I stayed about Lexington
to day till about half past
twelve. I then came out home
with Pa. Kate was here
when I got home.

I feel very unwell to
night. It has been
raining nearly all evening.

F November 18. 1864

It has been quite an inclement day.

I went to Lexington this morning, and got a dress for Mary C, and took it down to Versailles.

I got to Versailles about three. I went to Mr P, where I met with the Chises P, and my old friend Sallie P, I went with them to the Morton Institute.

S November 19 1864.

I stayed in Versailles last night. I spent part of the morning strolling around Versailles. I went up to the College and had a chat with Miss Jennie & Miss Sallie P. and Miss Mary A.

I went out to Mrs B this evening, Miss Sallie O. is there. I spent a pleasant evening there, as I always do there.

There is a good deal of excitement about the rebels coming.

D. November 20, 1864.

I had a very pleasant visit at Mrs B.

I came home this morning. I got here about eleven, and found Mrs P. here alone. I have been nowhere to day except to the tolegate. Henry West is with me to night.

I feel quite unwell.

M. November 21. 1864.

It has been the coldest day we have had this season. I snowed a little here this evening.

I went to melt it to day and to Mr Wests.

Jennie ^{at} Kate and Miss Jennie Rob was at Mr Wests this evening. We had a pleasant time there.

T. November 22. 1864.

It has been cold to day, and has snowed some.

I have been unwell all day. I have been out but little. I was in bed for a while this morning. I feel better this evening. I do not know what is the matter with me, unless it is cold.

We have been fixing to kill hogs to-morrow.

I have been reading Reveries of a Bachelor to day. It is the first time I have read it for some time. It has lost none of its sweetness.

W. November. 23 1867

It has been pretty cold to day.

Mr. Amspiger and we killed hogs to day.

I feel pretty tired, and I have a little headache to night. I am glad the hogs are killed, and I'll be still gladder, when they are packed.

7 November 24. 1864.

It has been warmer to day than it was yesterday.

We finished cutting and packing our hogs to day. I am very glad the job is over.

I have felt well to day. I am in hopes that I will stay so now. I find to night, however, that I am not entirely clear of my cold.

H. November. 25 1867.

I went down to Uncle A this morning, and sat a while, I then came home, took dinner, and started to Mr Allens, I met with some soldiers pressing horses, so I came back.

I stayed at home til Pa came, I then got on my mare and rode to Uncle A.

Elish P. and lady came to day.

D. November 26. 1864.

I stayed at Uncle A's last night and till about ten this morning. I came home and stayed till after dinner. I then went to Mr. Allen's and stayed till about night. Will and I went to Mr. B. Chip W. is there we had a very pleasant visit.

Elisha P. and wife left this evening.

I have B. P. and Will A. to stay with me to night.

S.

November

27.

1864.

It rained last night, and this morning. It was so inclement that Brown did not go to his appointment. He went to Elk Horn. Mr R. was not there so B preached. There were but few there.

Mr and Mrs C. and Miss May A came here to dinner, and spent the evening.

Lizzie C. came over late this evening, and sat a while. I walked home with her and sat a little while with her. We have two soldiers belonging to the eleventh Michigan Cav. here to night. (8 o'clock.) some more soldiers have just come.

I do not feel very well to night.

M. November 28. 1864.

It has been pretty pleasant to day.

I did nothing, but read a little this morning, til about eleven o'clock, when Pa came from Lexington and said that we could get some stock to feed. I then got ready and went to Lexington. We got 2 HH head of stock. John Wadley and Henry West helped us bring them out. We got out pretty well. Jennie and Kate are here, to night.

I have some cold yet.

I November 29. 1864

I went to Camp Nelson to
day and got some stock.
We got along very well.
John Headley and Henry West
helped me.
Jennie, Kate, and Miss Mag
are here to night. We
stayed till bedtime and
went home. Henry W. will
stay all night with me.
We have had a good deal of
fun.
It has been warm.

W. November 20. 1864

We all went back to Camp Nelson to day for some stock for John. We had a fine time to day.

Henry and I took supper at Johns. I feel pretty tired to night.

Henry and I went in front of the lot to day. We had a good deal of sport. We had a race of, about a half mile after a blind horse. He ran upon us, and we attempted to stop him; but he seemed not to mind whips or any thing. He ran against the fence in two or three places, fell down once, splashed us all over mud. We got him to the bridge at Mr. B. where he stepped over and made an end of himself.

and back of the head.

1861 December

My dear friend
I have just received your letter of the 11th inst.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well
and hope you will soon be able to return home.

I have not yet received your letter of the 14th inst.
but I hope it will come soon.

I am sure you will find everything well here
and hope you will have a pleasant journey.

I have not yet received your letter of the 17th inst.
but I hope it will come soon.

I am sure you will find everything well here
and hope you will have a pleasant journey.

I have not yet received your letter of the 20th inst.
but I hope it will come soon.

I December 1 1864.

It has been a very pleasant day, but a little cooler than yesterday.

I went to Lexington this morning. Ma went with me. I came out to Mr. J. for Kate. Kate and I got home about dark we found Mr and Mr. B. here.

Kate is here to night.

F

December 2.

1864

It has been a, rather wet day.
It rained nearly all the morn-
ing.

I walked around, and
attended to the government
stock early this morning. I
then wrote a letter, and read a
newspaper, which occupied me
till dinner. I took Kate home
this evening. I stayed at Uncle's
a while and came back.

Elisha P. and Lady are still
here, and I hope they will
stay for some time.

S. December 3 1864.

I attended to the stock this morning.

I went down to Inule at this evening Will A. and Henry W. went down with me. There was a negro party there to night. We had a good deal of fun seeing the negroes dance. Henry and I left about eleven.

Burn is here to night.

It has been a very pleasant day.

4. D. December 4. 1864.

I went to Elkhorn to meeting. Mrs D. went with me. Burn preached. There were but few there. I came home to dinner. Mr and Mrs Keal came. Burn took dinner here and went back home this evening.

I went down and called on Miss Lien R this evening. I did not stay late. When I got home,

John and Sue, Henry W and Mr J. were all here. Mr J will stay all night.

It has been a pretty day, but colder than it has been for some days.

N. December 5. 1864

It has been a fine day. It was a little cold early this morning, but it has been very pleasant most of the day. I was engaged this morning attending to the stock, and getting some shoes off of some dead ~~in~~ horses.

I salted the Government stock this evening.

Mrs Pinkerton learned me how to play the Spanish Jundango to night, or rather, she showed me how it should be done. I think, by practice I will learn to play it.

This is a beautiful night.

4 T December 6. 1864.

It rained last night, a considerable shower. But we have had a pleasant and beautiful day.

I was engaged most of the morning attending to the stock and pulling off some shoes.

We separated the mules from the horses this evening.

All the folks have gone a visiting to night, so I am left alone. I have been reading.

It is cloudy to night.

W. December 7 1864.

It rained a little last night.
It was quite warm early this
morning; but it is cold this
evening.

I looked around after the
stock this morning. I then
helped Henry W. to fix up a
trough. All the family were
gone so I went down to Uncle
A where Mrs P. and Ma
had gone.

Henry W. and I took supper
at John's.

It has been raining nearly all
day, and it hailed a little
fine hail this evening.

I December 8. 1864.

It has been a cold day.
It has thawed but little to
day.

After looking after the
stock this morning I went
down to milk it and get
a mare. I came home and
dined, I then went to Mr
D. to see Miss Sallie A
I spent a few hours very
pleasantly with her.

I have had several mishaps
to day. I got up pretty early,
and knocked the ink over,
and in trying to get the stand
I knocked the lamp over.
At dinner I knocked the
pitcher off the table and
broke it, and spilt the milk
on the carpet. I think I must
have gotten up too early.

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December 9 1864.

It was very cold last night, and it has not been much warmer to day. It was nearly as cold this morning as it has been this winter.

It commenced snowing about one o'clock and snowed very hard nearly all the evening, and, I believe, it is snowing yet. (eight o'clock)

We removed the horses to another field this morning. I then went down to my place. I did not stir out much this evening. John stayed here till bedtime.

D. December 10, 1864.

It has been pretty cold to day, but not so cold as yesterday. It has not thawed much to day.

I spent most of the morning attending to the government stock.

I went down to Mr W this evening, stayed there a while, James W and I went to Uncle A's ~~where~~ I met B. P. We have had a pleasant evening.

D. December 11. 1864.

It has been a cold day.
I went to Providence today
in the carriage with Kate and
Jennie. There were but few
persons there. I came back and
took dinner at Mel's.
I came home this evening.
I stopped a while at Mr
West's, as I came along, and
warmed myself.
This spell is making us
realize, fully, that it is
winter. The snows and long
nights. I should have some-
thing to read these long
nights. I have been reading
nothing regularly this winter
but as soon as I can I will
get something.

Mon December 12 1864.

It was pretty cold this morning but it has been more pleasant this evening. It was colder last night, I think than it has been this year.

I attended to the government stock this morning. I then went over to Johns and sat a while. I then went down to my place and fed some stock. I have been getting out ice this evening. I have had Henry W and Will et helping me. Henry is here with me to night.

T. December 13. 1864.

It has been cloudy, but not very cold to day.

I have been getting ice all day.

Uncle A and Willy took dinner here to day. Mr A took supper here.

James and Wil A, Henry and James West, have been getting ice for us.

All the boys except James West sat till bedtime here. James A and Henry W will stay all night. I feel pretty sore to night. I think I have cold. My feet have been wet all day.

W.

December

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It has not been very cold to day. It was cloudy this morning, so the ice did not melt very rapidly. We got to work pretty early, and finished filling the house.

After helping to fill the ice house, I walked around and attended to the Government stock. I got ready and started to Lexington about twelve. I attended to what business I had there and got home about sunset. James A. Perry, West, and John H. took supper here to night, but they all went away, so I have no one to stay with me.

T. December 15. 1864.

I have been catching horses
to day for Henry & J. H. to
take the shoes off of them.
I moved the horses late
this evening. I then went
to Mr Wests.

It has been warm to day

7 December 16. 1864.

I went with Mr West over to my place to look at some trees for wood. I sold him two trees. I then rode down to Uncle A. Jennie had two beavers from Bourbon. I stayed there til after dinner, which was late. Uncle A and I then went over to my place and divided some hay. I came home and found Elisha P and lady here. It has been a drizzly damp day, but quite warm and pleasant otherwise. The roads are getting very muddy.

S December 17. 1864

It rained nearly all night last night, and it rained a good deal till dinner to day. I went to Lexington with Pa this morning, but did not stay long. I came home and ate dinner, I then got ready and went to see Miss A. B. I had a very pleasant visit. Miss M. M. was there. I left about eight. I had a pretty dark ride. It is not raining to night but it is cloudy and drizzly.

Dr. December 18. 1864.

It still keeps pleasant.
I went with Elisha to his
appointment — at Republican
to day. We went from
the meetinghouse to Mr
Gist's pond where Elisha
immersed a gentleman.
I got in James Neal's buggy
and we called on Eliza
M. B. after spending a
few hours there I was
sent for to go to Uncle
A to stay ~~all~~ night
and Uncle A was going
to be away. John A and
James W were there
when I got there, but soon left.
John Robb came and stayed
till about ten.

M December 19, 1864

It rained very hard last night. Every hole seems to be filled with water.

I came home this morning and looked around, attended to the stock, &c. This evening I went down to the schoolhouse and heard Miss Lieu Red's little scholars repeat their speeches. I went from there to the shop, I came by my place and attended to things there. There is great news from our armies to day. Sherman has been successful, ~~and~~ beyond what we could have anticipated and Grant has whipped Hood at Nashville.

5. December 20, 1864.

It has been pretty cold to day
I attended to my affairs as
soon as possible this morning
I then got ready to go to
Versailles, Jennie came before
I got ready, she is going with
me. We did not get off
till about eleven. We
went to Lexington, and
stayed an hour or two.
We got to Versailles in pretty
good time. I took Jennie
up to the College. Miss Mary
Carnsfiger met us at the
gate and took Jennie up
to her room. I went in to
the parlor and found Miss
Jennie C. and Miss Clara
C. — entertaining Mr. Graddy.
I sat some time with them.
I then went and put up my horse.

After I ate my supper I went back to the College and stayed till time to go to the concert. I took Jennie down. Mr G took her and gave her a seat soon after I got there. I then ~~looked~~ ^{looked} round and found a seat for my self. I found a very pleasant seat with some of my acquaintances. I enjoyed the concert very much. After it was over I went up to the College again and had a very pleasant time.

W. December. 21. 1864.

I had very pleasant quarters last night with Mr Hayze and Mr Kenada in the same room. We got up and got breakfast as early as could be expected, I went around to the College pretty soon after breakfast, I stayed there till about one, I had the finest time I have ever had in my life, or at least as pleasant as any I have ever had.

We started about one, I stopped in Lexington a little while. We did not get home till eight. We had a pretty rough drive as the road was very slick. I feel pretty sleepy and dull to night.

T. December 22 1864.

It has been a cold day. Though it has been clear and sunny a part of the day, it has not thawed much.

I moved the Gov. stock this morning. I then went to Lexington with Ma. I was very agreeably surprised when Ma told me that she wanted me to go with her.

I met with several of the Ladies from Versailles in Lexington on their way home, and had a very pleasant time with them. I went out to the cars with them, and told them good bye.

We left Jennie here when we left, but her ma sent for her and she was just starting when I got back.

71 December 23. 1864.

It has been clear and bright
but still it keeps cold.

I have been helping to feed
to day. I went down to the
shop this evening. The road
is very slick.

Burns came to day. Sam &
got here a little while
before night.

B, S, and I went over to Mr.
A and sat a while this
evening.

D. December 24 1864.

It has not been so cold to day as it has been,

I helped feed the stock this morning, Sam and I walked down to mill at this evening, Maggie is at home and James came to day. James C. and John R. came to mill at but went home. Miss Liew R was there with Sam, and I ~~stay~~ will stay all night.

December 25 1864.

It has been very pleasant today, but cloudy. I came home this morning and went to meeting at Elkhorn. There were but few there. Mr Raines did not come. I took dinner at home, and then went over to Mrs. Hughes, to call on Miss Jennie Merrill, and Miss Juliet Hughes. I spent a few hours very pleasantly. James and Wm. A. stayed till bedtime here to night. Burnett and Sam, & are with me to night.

M. December 26, 1864.

James C. and I went down
to see Miss E. B. to day. There
was a good deal of company there
so we did not have as good
a time as we anticipated.
We came back to Mr M. B.
where we met with some
ladies, and had a very
agreeable visit.
It is pleasant but the roads
are bad.

4. 7. December 27. 1864.

James V and I stayed all night at Mr. B - last night we came home as soon as we could get off.

Miss Jennie V came in pretty soon after I got home. To night there are a good many ladies and gentlemen here, and we have had a good time.

W. December, 28 1864.

It is still pretty cold, but,
not disagreeably so,
I intended to have gone to —
to day, but I could not get off.
I have been attending to the
stock to day.

I will go to Mr B to night
Mrs B and Miss Sallie
went to Harrodsburg to day.

4. I December, 29, 1864.

I went to Mr B — last night. We had a very pleasant time. I stayed till about twelve and came home. As Eliskas wife has gone I lodge with him.

I have been no where to day except to Mr. Wests this evening. I stopped there as I was going to Uncle A. Henry went with me.

F, December 30, 1864.

We did not get up at Mule
~~A~~ this morning till about
eight o'clock. We took break-
fast about ten. I came
home pretty soon after
breakfast. I have been at
home ever since.

Mr J— came in this
evening.

I have taken a bad cold.

4. D. December 31. 1864.

This is the last day of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, I have great reason to be thankful for the good things I have received.

I have had sorrows, but I have had joys too. I hope the next year will bring as many joys as this one has. But we know not what a day may bring forth.

It is now late and I must hasten to write my last record before the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four is gone.

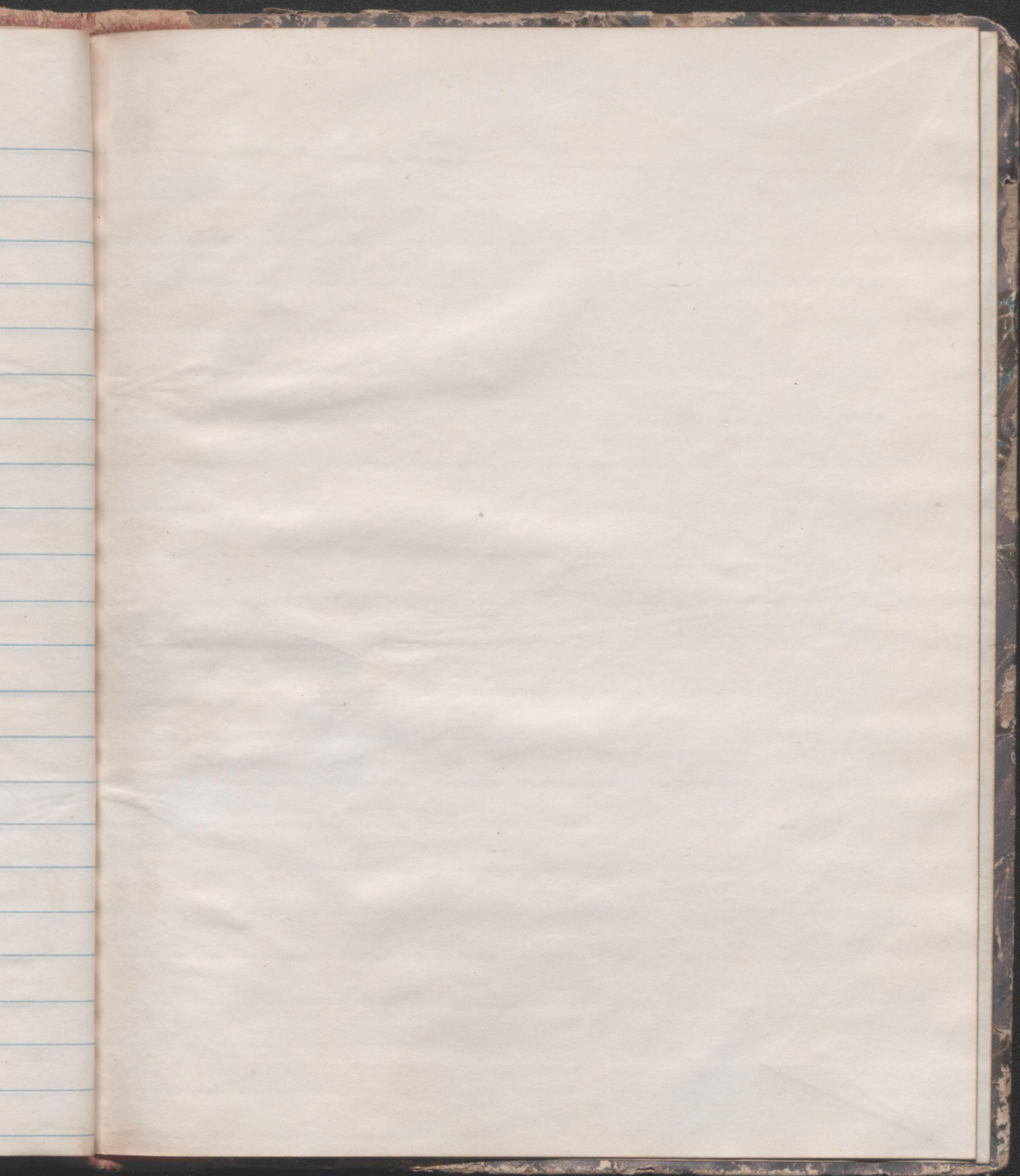
I have said that I have reason to be thankful for the joys I have had during the present year, and I think

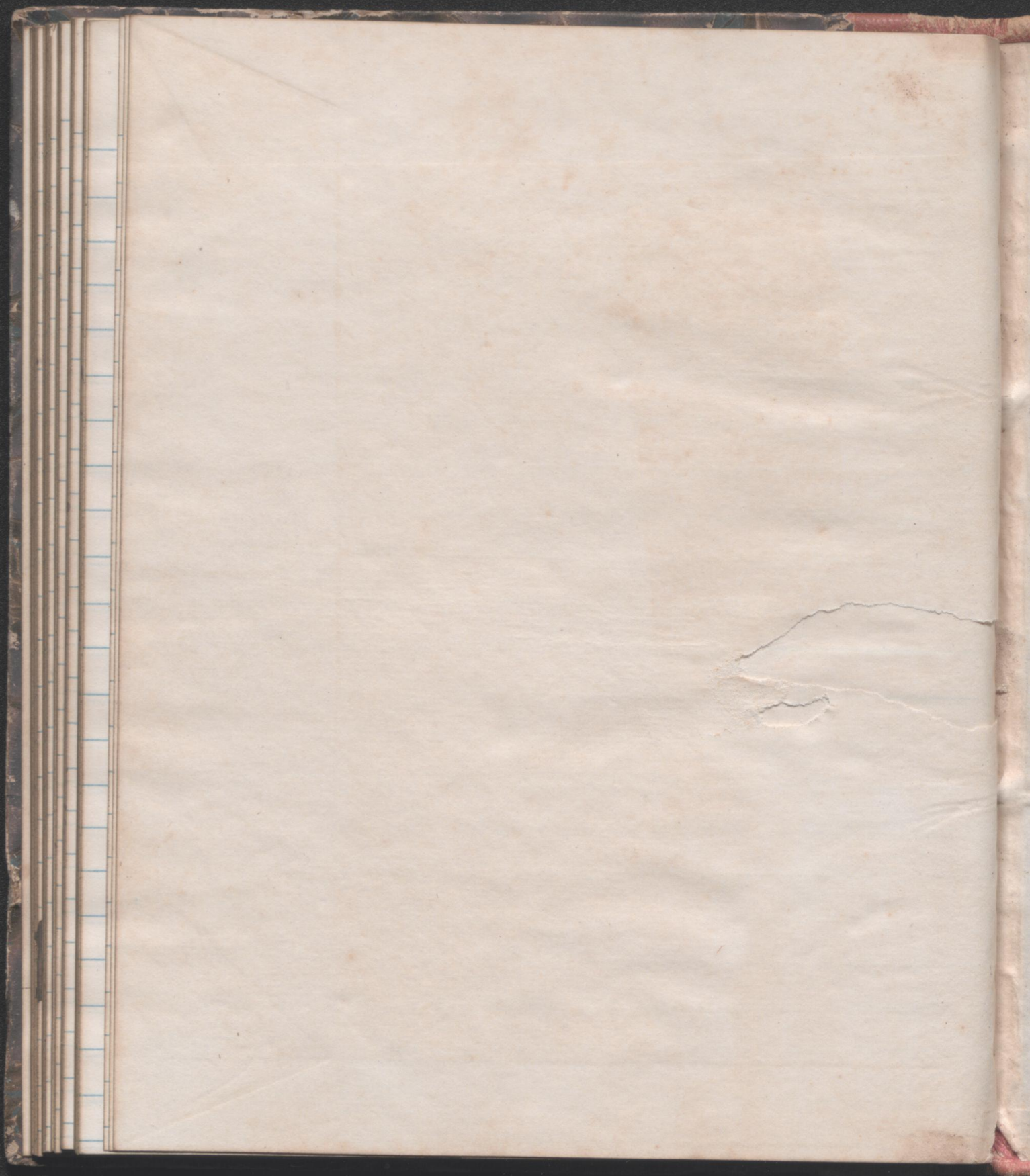
I am thankful. I hope that
I may have as much pleasure
in all the coming years of
my life.

It snowed last night. So
the year eight hundred and
sixty five will be ushered
in, in a robe of white. I
hope that it is an emblem
of what is to follow.

I have a bad cold, so I
feel pretty dull to night.
I have been reading
Tom Brown's School days at
Rugby.

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