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The Diary of Horatio Collins King Dickinson College Class of 1858

Fall 1854

From
Washington
Horatio C. King
City
D.C.

Journal Of My
College Life.

Comprising love, foolishness and the like.

A Member of the Freshman Class
of
1854-1855

Horatio C. King [Class of 1858]
Dickinson College
Carlisle
Pennsylvania

Horatio C. King

September 12th 1854.

Arrived at Carlisle. From this date I shall endeavor to keep a journal of the events in my college life at Dickinson.

September 13th Wednesday.

Arranging my room (No 33 E.C. [East College]) nearly all day. Walked about town considerably.

Sept. 14th Thursday.

College exercises commenced. Went to prayers at 6 o'clock. Not much of anything done. Chum (John A. Munroe) [James Andrew Munroe, Class of 1855] and myself fixed up my (our) room more respectably.

Sept. 15. Friday.

Arose at 5. Prayers at 6 and during the day one or two recitations. Study, Manual of Classical Literature, Sallust, Arnold's Latin Prose, Kühners Greek Grammar, Herodotus, Smellies Philosophy, Lathams English Grammar and Algebra. Some of them very hard studies. Professors give long lessons. Must study hard.

September 16. Saturday.

Arose at 5 ½. Concluded recitations at 10. Went to prayers and then had the day to myself. Went serenading at night with the "Hard Club", I should say.

Sept. 17. Sunday.

Wrote two letters and went to church twice. Sensible ministers. Preach short sermons.

Sept. 18. Monday.

Arose at 5. Prayers &c as usual. Received a letter from Innes Randolph.

Sept. 19. Tuesday.

Arose at 5. Company at Uncle C's [President Dr. Charles Collins, tenure 1852-60] in the evening and took tea. Had a first rate supper. Commenced giving Mary and Narcissa music lessons

Answered Innes Randolph's letter. Retired about 11½

Sept. 20. Wednesday.

Arose at 5 ½. Bought me a new hat and a bunch of stamped envelopes. Bought some good ice cream. Received my certificate of membership of the Union Philosophical Society. Union P.S. received 18 members, Belle L. [Lettres Society] more but small.

September 21. Thursday.

Arose at 6. Went to Mrs. Payne's. Saw there some girls. Had a chat with them. They were the two Miss Douglas's of Washington. Sang and played for a little time. Came home. Chum and I went and got some ice cream. Retired early.

Sept. 22. Friday.

Arose at 5. Received a [Washington, D.C.] "Star" from home. Wrote a letter to Mrs. Schwarzman. Retired 11.

Sept. 23. Saturday.

Arose at 5 ½. Concluded recitations at 10. Listened to several speeches in the chapel. After dinner went out to the cave, about one mile from College. I took the lead and went a good distance into the cave. I went into a small place called the devil's dining room. No one else would go. It was necessary to drag oneself along on the belly. We had a very good time. Went at night to the ice cream saloon with a friend. Enjoyed the cream.

Sept. 24. Sunday.

Arose at 6. Went down to Church three times. Uncle C. preached once. Quite a long sermon.

Sept. 25. Monday.

Arose at 6. Commenced singing in the choir. I play on the melodeon. Went to the ice cream saloon and got some cream and cakes.

Received a "Star" from home. I hope to receive a letter from home in three or four weeks. I have been here two weeks and no letter from them yet.

Sept. 26. Tuesday.

Arose at 5 ½. Received two letters from W. One from Sister Annie, the other from Innes Randolph. Wrote to Innes. I study in addition to my other studies, Colmans Geography of the Bible. Lesson only 20 pages.

Sept. 27. Wednesday.

Arose at 5 ½. Recitations until 12. After dinner went out to the cave again and made a thorough examination. Went into the "Devil's Dining Room" again. I did not have the pleasure of dining with his "Majesty" as it was not dinner hour. Came across a small rock in the shape of a coffin, which we named the "Dwarf's Coffin". We walked up the "Canadoguinit" [Conodoguinet] Creek for a short distance. Some of our party went in bathing, but as it was pretty cool, I preferred dry land. Came home about 4 ½. Wrote a letter to Annie... Went down on Hanover Street and talked a little with the Douglas girls. Retired about 11 o'clock.

Sept. 28th. Thursday.

Arose at 6. Sent two letters off. Went down with Chum and paid a visit to Mrs. Porter's on High Street. I like the family very much, but I like my "Mattie" [Porter] the best. We sang and played for a little while and left with a pressing invitation to call again soon. I shall do so. Went with Chum and got some ice cream. Dr. came around to visit and not finding us in I suppose "minus marked" us. If so it is all "O.K." Came to No. 33 and retired at 10 ½ o'clock.

Sept. 29. Friday.

Arose at 6. Had a severe head-ache part of the day. Received the "Star" from home. Went to Findlays [Frank Smith Findlay, Class of 1857] room and paid him a visit and also eat some of his cakes. Wrote to Laura Marlow. Retired 10.

Sept. 30. Saturday.

Arose at 6. Carried in some wood for Uncle C. Went at night to Mrs. Paynes. Had a very good time. Came home and retired at 11.

October 1st. Sunday.

Arose at 6. Attended chapel twice; the presiding elder officiating in the forenoon and Mr. Jones in the afternoon. As it rained, I had the pleasure of gallanting "Mattie" home. Also Lizzie Douglas.

October 2nd. Monday.

Arose at 4 ½ and studied my Greek. Bought me a standing desk. Price \$2.00. Like it first-rate. Walked down town and saw a man belonging to North's Circus walk on a wire stretched from the ground to the top of the tent pole. He walked up and on returning laid down on the wire and cut up some antics and then descending into the pavilion. Received two "Stars" from home. Chum gave me an elegant apple. Received our carpet. A very nice one and expect it will be servicable. Being very tired retired at 9.

Oct 3rd. Tuesday.

Arose at 5. Had the room fixed up and the stove blacked. Will be all fixed in a few days and ready to receive company. Retired pretty early and slept well.

Oct. 4th. Wednesday.

Arose at 5. Went down to Mrs Porter's at night to see them all. Sang, played on the piano, talked about an hour and then came away. Chum gave me an apple. Received a "Star" and two letters, one from Capn. Schwarzman, the other from Joe. Murphy. Glad to hear from them.

October 5th. Thursday.

Arose at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$. Fixed my room more and got some stove pipe. It will be necessary to have a fire in a few days. Ran all over town to get a V note changed for Uncle C. Wrote to J.V. Murphy. Retired at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.

October 6th Friday.

Arose at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$. Bought some oil cloth to put under the stove. Our room is about fixed and is as comfortable as any in College. Received a "Star" from home. No letter yet. There must be a scarcity of ink and paper in W. Have heard from home but once. Hope I shall soon.

October 7th Saturday.

Arose at 4. Studied an hour but was so sleepy that I went to bed again and slept until prayers. I went, with Sewel Milbourne [Sewell Thomas Milbourne, Class of 1855] and got some ice cream and cakes. Received two papers. Wrote to R.M. Beale. Retired at 10 o'clock.

Oct. 8th Sunday.

Arose at 6. Attended chapel twice. Mr. Jones officiating in the forenoon and Mr. Wing (Presbyterian) in the afternoon. Went down for some young ladies to attend church. They had gone so I stayed and was entertained by Miss Sallie until Mattie and Fannie [Porter] came home and then of course enjoyed myself still better. Am firmly impressed with the idea that the Porters are a very nice family and Mattie is an uncommonly nice girl. I passed a very pleasant evening. Retired at 9 o'clock.

October 9th Monday.

Arose at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Walked around town considerably. Met and had the pleasure of a "good morning" to Mattie. Nice girl and improves on acquaintance. Am worried about chum. He is complaining of a severe headache. Wrote to Edith McPherson. Retired at 10 o'clock.

October 10th Tuesday.

Arose at 6. Election day in Pennsylvania. Much excitement in town. Received two letters. One from home, the other from Innes Randolph. Walking about, I stopped for a moment at Mrs. Porter's door and had a delightful chat with Mattie and Fannie and then left. I do think that Mattie is about the nicest piece of human nature I ever saw. She looked beautiful this evening. Chum gave me a nice apple and I relished it much. It is rumored that Todd is elected to Congress. Retired at 11 o'clock.

Oct 11 Wednesday.

Arose at 6. In the afternoon went out to the cave. Did not enjoy myself. On my way home, I gathered my handkerchief full of walnuts. In the evening went down to Mrs. Porters. Fannie and Mattie looked pretty as usual. Walked with Mattie and listened to the serenade given to the now Hon. Mr. Todd. Had a glorious time. Pollock is elected Governor and Todd for Congress.

Oct. 12th Thursday.

Arose at 5 ½. About breakfast time Chum and I got to playing and by accident he fell upon my back and strained it severely, so much so that I found it necessary to faint twice in succession. No serious injury is done. It is a little painful but improving. Mattie gave me a rosebud yesterday and I of course prize it very highly. Bye the bye, that was the cause of our scuffling. He hid the bud to plague me and I began playing and scuffling and was the result of the above named catastrophe. Bought ½ peck of apples.

Oct 13th Friday.

Arose at 6. Received a letter from Henry and a paper ("Star") [crossed out] from father. The paper was "The Wide West" printed in San Francisco. It is full of pictures and interesting matter. Retired at 10 ½.

Oct. 14th Saturday.

Arose at 5 ½. Amused myself nearly all day, doing nothing. Received a "Star" from home. Had a fine treat of roasted potatoes in Griffith's [Edwin Lycurgus Griffith, Class of 1857] and Davis' [George Washington Denny Davis, Class of 1857] room (No 34) opposite. Stuffed pretty considerably and retired about 10 ½ o'clock.

October 15th Sunday.

Arose at 6. Attended church service twice. Once at Chapel, the other time at M.E. Church, 1st charge. Attended Sabbath school at same church. After church service went down to Mrs. Porter's and enjoyed myself exceedingly well. Gave Mattie my badge "the cross" [Note- U.P.S. badge]. We exchanged rings. Mattie placed her ring on my finger with a wish and I put my ring on her finger also with a wish. On leaving Fannie proffered me her bonnet as a protection from the cold. I gladly accepted it and have it now in my trunk. Shall return it tomorrow. Retired at 10 o'clock

October 16. Monday.

Arose at 5. Went down and carried Fannie her bonnet. Thanked her kindly, remarking that it doubtless saved me from a severe cold. She laughed and I followed suit. Stopped there for a few moments this evening. Went for the purpose of giving Mattie a cornelian ring. She lent me a pretty peach stone ring and I broke it so I got the cornelian in return. She at first refused it, but by urging her a little, she accepted it with many thanks. Had another potato roast this evening. Eat heartily of sweet potatoes. Expect to have bad dreams. Wrote to Ed. McPherson at Wilmington Del. Retired 11.

October 17. Tuesday.

Arose at 6. Went in the evening to the "Continental Vocalists". Was much pleased. The company consist of, Franklin, Huntington, Smith and Frisbe. Frank Findlay bought some cakes and we had considerable of a snack. Retired about 11 o'clock.

October 18 Wednesday.

Arose at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$. Did nothing very particular through the day. Visited Mrs. Porter's at night. Found them busy making fancy work. As I was the only idle one, I asked for something to do. Miss Sallie gave me some fancy work to scollop which I finished in a short time. We then played and sang for a little while after which I sorrowfully took my leave. Received a "Star" from Father. Brought up $\frac{1}{4}$ ton coal. Retired about 10.

October 19. Thursday.

Arose at 6. Wrote a four page letter to Father. In it, I petitioned for a little "chink". Hope he will send it right away as it is very needful at present. Father thinks I can come home vacation. Hope so. Retired at 10 o'clock.

October 20th Friday.

Arose at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$. Received a "Star" from home. Wrote to J.B. Farnsworth. Went to Hughy's [Thomas C. Hughey, Class of 1859, non-graduate] room and enjoyed some apples cakes &c. Retired about 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

October 21st Saturday.

Arose at 6. Chum went to Mechanicsburg at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Piled up wood for Uncle C. Made me a nice chequer [sic] board. I have not been very well today so retired at 6 o'clock.

Oct. 22 Sunday.

Was quite unwell and did not attend prayers or church. Retired about 8 o'clock.

October 23rd Monday.

Still unwell and did not arise until 7, therefore attended neither morning prayers nor recitation for which I shall be excused. Bought 50 cts worth of Cholera Medicine. Felt better at 12 o'clock. Chum is back and am glad to see him home again. Received a "Star". Saw the Aurora Borealis. It was not very brilliant. Retired at 12 P.M.

October 24. Tuesday.

Arose at 6. Wrote to Innes Randolph. Walked about town considerable in the afternoon. Retired at 11 ½ o'clock.

October 25. Wednesday.

Arose at 6. At evening prayers a drunken fellow came in and afforded much amusement for the students. After prayers they plagued him considerably. He said we were a fine set of young men but he wanted to get out of our way.

We finally chased him out of the Campus. To night went down to Mrs. Porter's and had a fine time. The younger ladies were not in when I called but came in about 8 ½ o'clock. During the first part of the evening, Miss Sallie and myself teased each other and after my Mattie came in of course I turned my attention more especially to her. She and I conversed for some time and apparently enjoyed ourselves first rate. Returned home about 9 ½ Received a short epistle from Edith McPherson, which was read with much pleasure. Retired about 11.

October 26. Thursday.

Arose at 6. Met with a slight incident bordering on the romantic which is not worth relating. Wrote to John Daniel and retired at 10.

October 27. Friday.

Arose at 6. Had quite a jaunt in the afternoon with Fannie, Mattie and Ida Porter, Ellen Fleming, Cis and Mary Collins. We went after Hickory nuts. Went out by the cave and crossed over. Walked along the creek until we came in contact with a tree filled with Hickory nuts. I climbed up and shook down a great many. After we had gathered more than a peck we sat down by a large rock and eat considerable. All enjoyed themselves very well and we returned home about 6, highly pleased with our jaunt. I am reading the Virginia book called "Silk Stockings". Like it very well. Wrote to Capn. Schwarzman, and then retired about 10 o'clock pretty tired after my pleasant excursion with the girls after Hickory nuts.

October 28. Saturday.

Arose at 5 ½. Chum's senior speech came off. It was a first-rate one. Went down to Mrs. Porter's this evening. Spent a very pleasant evening, with the exception of what follows. There is some misunderstanding between Mattie and myself. She appeared to treat me coolly, so I discontinued my attentions towards her. We tried to make each other jealous. On my part, she failed but if she cares anything about me she is as jealous as anyone need be. I am sorry anything of this kind happened; but I intend to go down tomorrow night and if opportunity presents itself, I shall ask an explanation.

Received a letter from Annie containing a gold dollar for which I am thankful. Father, Mother and Henry have gone to Maine. Annie, Mrs Graves and the servant-girl are the only inmates of the house. Retired at 11 ½ o'clock.

October 29. Sunday.

Arose at 7. Attended church twice and sabbath-school once. Went down to Mrs. Porter's for a little while. Had an excellent occasion to speak with Mattie. She declared that she was not offended with me in the least. Her actions of the previous evening "were only done for mischief". I acknowledged many things for which I was sorry and we were completely reconciled. We sat together and talked all the evening. It seemed almost a heaven to me. Ah! she is an excellent, beautiful and good hearted girl. I wrote four pages to sister Annie which I have put in the Post Office. Retired at 10 ½ o'clock.

October 30. Monday.

Arose at 5 ½. Uncle C. went off at 10 o'clock to attend the dedication of some institution in Honesdale, N.Y. He delivers the address.

Went down to Mrs. Porter's again to night but did not stay long. I was walking by and merely stepped in to report myself to Miss Sallie. I enjoyed myself first-rate. We played the game called "Pon Honor". It is quite a pretty game. Mattie told me something, while playing, that would not do to tell. Something concerning how she like a certain person. Came away about 7 ½. Retired at 10, hoping to dream of My Mattie dear.

Oct. 31st Tuesday.

Arose at 5 ½. To night is "Hallow eve" and I have been walking about town amusing myself at the public expense. Wrote to Joe Murphy and to Laura Marlow. Last night the students had a regular frolic. A number of the students collected intent upon doing some mischief. In the basement of E.C. is a room in which is kept furniture &c for sale to the students. They took this furniture and strewed it over the Campus and hung some up in the trees. The Campus this morning presented a busy appearance, furniture being decidedly on the rise, some being hung in the tops of trees. At evening prayers, Prof. Johnson prayed especially that the students might keep from doing mischief and not be sent home in disgrace. Chum went to Mrs. Porter's and found all pretty well. Retired about 10 o'clock.

End of the Month of October 1854

November 1st Wednesday.

Arose at 5 ½. In the afternoon was initiated into the "Union Philosophical Society". The fiery ordeal was passed through and I am now proud to say that I am a "Union". Walked about with Perryman [Edward G. Perryman, Class of 1855, non-graduate]. He got some apples and cakes and we had a juvenile feast. Retired at 11.

Nov. 2nd. Thursday.

Arose at 6, and ran quickly to prayers. Arrived and found no one to hold forth. We sat in the Chapel about 15 minutes and then Prof. Tiffany came in and dismissed us. Had a jolly time. Received a letter from R.M. Beale, an old school mate who is now a Freshman at Yale College. Went down to Mrs. Porter's and had a very good time. We had a pack of conversation cards and through them conversed some time freely and candidly. Played other games also. Mattie and I told the wishes which we made on exchanging rings a few weeks since. My wish was

"Ever may affections silken chord,
Our hearts in one unite".

Her wish was

"Oh may my friendship in the wreath"
 "Though but a bud among the flowers,"
 "Its sweetest fragrance found thee breathe"
 "I will serve to soothe thy weary hours".

Our wishes were written on cards. Her card I hope to keep a long time. We renewed wishes. She is to tell as soon as it comes true. Left about 9 ½. Came to room and at 10 ½ shoved into bed and in a few minutes was locked in the arms of "Murphy" and doing justice to "Somnus".

November 3d. Friday.

Arose at 5. Had no recitation in Algebra at 10 as Prof. Tiffany was indisposed. Quite a gloom has settled over the College. The death of one of our mates was announced at Prayers this morning. His name was John C. Heister [Class of 1858]. He was taken sick with the Cholera Morbus and in a day or two was carried to his home (Harrisburg). He died to day at 2 o'clock. He was one of the number who professed religion about two weeks since. He was a fine fellow and had many friends among the students. I liked him very much.

I received a letter of Eight pages from Innes Randolph and also wrote four pages to John R. Went to Mrs. Porter's and stopped about five minutes. I had a little business with Fannie and Mattie. We intended to have another tramp in the woods but as it rained we postponed it. Retired at 10 o'clock.

Nov 4th Saturday.

Arose at 6. In consequence of the death of Heister, college duties were suspended. Bought me a box of tooth powder. Paid 37 ½ cts.

Was seated in my room when Jeff. Stoek [Jacob F. Stoek, Class of 1858, non-graduate] came in bringing a present of a white rosebud from a young lady. As he was coming up to College Mattie (for she is the young lady) gave him the bud to "give it to Horatio". I am very thankful for her kindness. I am pleased to see that I still have a small spot in her affections. I accepted an invitation from Mr.

Snively [William Andrew Snively, tenure 1853-55] to sing in the choir and therefore practised this evening. Frank Findlay bought some apples and chestnuts and we had a good feast. Chum has gone out visiting. Feel very much like going myself but it is almost too late. As I was pretty tired, I retired at 10 o'clock.

November 5th. Sunday.

Arose at 6. Before breakfast, took a long walk with Harry Wheems [Henry Young Weems, Class of 1855] out the railroad. Attended church three times and Sabbath school once. Prof. McCabe [George Hawkins McCabe, tenure 1847] preached in chapel in forenoon, Prof. McClintock [John McClintock, tenure 1836-48, 1848-1859] in the afternoon. Dr. McClintock preached a funeral sermon on the death of Mr. Seymour, formerly a resident.

Stepped down to Mrs. Porter's and had a little chat with them for about an hour.

About sixty students attended the funeral of Heister. The procession was $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length.

November 6. Monday.

Arose at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Received a letter from Father at Portland. He expected to leave P. to day and will be home in two or three days. Tried to write to him, but was so sleepy that I gave it up as a bad job and retired at 10 o'clock.

November 7. Tuesday.

Arose at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$. Wrote a four page letter to Father. From this date there is a change in the hour of prayers. Morning prayers at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ and evening prayers 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and the other hours proportionally. From this date shall keep an account of the weather. Retired at 10 o'clock. P.M.

November 8 Wednesday.

Arose at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Weather cool and bracing. Attended market for the first time in Carlisle and was well pleased. Regular meeting of the society. Two members initiated, Pursell [Benjamin Franklin Pursell, Class of 1857] and Shelley [Percy B.

Shelly, Class of 1858, non-graduate]. Company at Dr. Collins and took tea. Prof. McCabe and brother, Mr and Mrs Wilson [William Carlile Wilson, tenure 1854-65], and Mr and Mrs Johnson [Herman Merrills Johnson, tenure 1850-68]. Had a fine supper. Retired at 10 ½ o'clock.

November 9. Thursday.

Arose at 6. Weather clear and cool. Went down to Mrs. Porter's. After being there about an hour Mattie came in. Had a pleasant time and came away about 9. Chum and Frank Findlay came away at the same time. On my getting up to leave, Mattie asked if I must go too. I told her I thought it was about time to leave. I thought it was 10 o'clock. I was al-fired mad when I found it was only 9, I was enjoying myself so well. Mattie looked so pretty and was so lively. Came to No. 33 and retired at 10 o'clock.

Nov. 10. Friday.

Arose at 6 ¼. Weather pleasantly cool until about 8 p.m. and then it rained plentifully, thereby spoiling my anticipated jaunt tomorrow. Commenced learning vocal music, with Mr. Skiles. Wrote to R.M. Beale. Received a letter from Father containing an account of my monthly report, which is recorded in the latter part of the Journal. Retired about 10 ½ o'clock.

November 11. Saturday.

Arose at 5. Rainy all day. Received a paper from Father and wrote a letter to Edith McPherson. Got some sweet potatoes and had a juvenile roast. Read the paper and retired at 11.

November 12 Sunday.

Arose at 7. Rainy and disagreeable. Attended chapel twice. Mr March (stranger) officiating in forenoon and Mr. Jones in afternoon. Went in Uncles and sang some pretty hymns. Quite an excitement in town on account of a lady at the Mansion House, taking arsenic. She was to have been married last Thursday but her lover did not come. She took the arsenic and died this evening.

Stopped at Mrs. Porter's a few minutes. Mattie was asleep but in a minute or so she came to the door rubbing her eyes and urging me to come in. I was so disposed but thought it best not to. Came to No. 33 wrote a few lines to W.T. Browning and retired at 10 o'clock.

November 13. Monday.

Arose at 5 ½. Weather clear and streets drying up. Saw, at the hotel, the lady who committed suicide. She must have been quite pretty, but she was much disfigured by the effects of the poison.

Received a letter from Laura Marlow and a "Star" from Father.

Went down to Mrs. Porter's and had a fine time. Was introduced to Misses Annie Underwood and Ginnie Wood. Both appear to be very nice girls. Mattie and I enjoyed ourselves very well. We talked about the wishes made. I was anxious to know her wish. But she said that she could not tell until the wish came true. Fannie promised, if I would tell her the wish I made on her ring, that she would fulfill the terms. The wish was, that we might kiss each other. She said that she did not like to kiss me there but at some future time she would fulfil. I am afraid that time is far distant.

Gave Mattie a pressed rosebud for which she returned her warmest thanks. We played "consequences" and "tete a tete"; both very pretty games. Some laughable contents were read from the papers. Miss Wood left in the early part of the evening so I had the pleasure of gallanting her home. I did not go into her house but left with a "should be happy to have you call Mr King". I thanked, replying that I should be happy to do so. Came back to Mrs. P and enjoyed myself exceedingly well. Promised Miss Sallie that I would read some in the Bible every evening. After having read I retired about 10 ½, to dream of the events of the day.

November 14. Tuesday.

Arose at 5. Weather clear and cold. Wrote four pages to Father and six to Innes Randolph. Received a letter from Louisa Schwarzman.

Chum is quite sick with a billious attack. Carried a short note to Miss Sallie concerning chum's sickness. She sent him a very handsome note in return. While she was writing, I enjoyed myself exceedingly well with Mattie and Fannie. Mattie was radiant with smiles and as lovely as ever. Retired at 10 ½ to dreams of ---.

November 15. Wednesday.

Arose at 6 ¼. Weather damp and cool during the day and at night an intermixture of snow, hail and rain. Chum is still pretty sick. Gave him a blue pill and two doses of Castor oil. Wrote four pages to F.O. French at Harvard Union. Received a letter from Henry in which he states that Mother is about to put him to bed for some misbehavior. Think it is a very effectual cure, speak from experience. Retired about 10 o'clock.

November 16th. Thursday.

Arose at 6. Weather unpleasant. Chum is much better and hope to have him well soon. Received a "Star" from Father. Quite an accident happened on the rail-road to day. On the bridge at the lower end of town the track was broken and threw the burden train off. Two were hurt. One pretty badly. The train was detained about an hour. The passenger train about ½ hour. Attended court about two hours. Through mistake, missed a recitation of Dr. Collins. Hope to be excused.

November 17. Friday.

Arose at 6 ¼. Weather quite damp. Only one recitation today on account of the trial of Parsons [William Miller Parsons, Class of 1856] (student) for assault and battery on a little nigger. The jury have retired but will not report until tomorrow. Went down to Mrs. Porter's with Jeff. Stoek. Met there Mr. Griffith. Miss Sallie and Fannie were present. Mattie was down to Ginnie Wood's. After sitting a short time, I proposed to go down to Mrs. Wood's. So Fannie, Stoek and myself went there and had a most glorious time. We played the game called "Thimble" in which pounds are paid and redeemed. I had to redeem one with Mattie. I was to kiss her three times. She apparently hesitated at first but in moment she threw back her head so nicely and then I put my arm around her neck and kissed her three times and in addition she returned three nice ones. I

felt kind of all overish. It was experiencing the pleasure of a heaven. On kissing her I remarked that my wish had come true. She said her's had also. Our wishes (for they were alike) were that we might kiss each other. We then renewed the wishes. My wish is the same as before. I kissed also the rest of the girls. Fannie fulfilled the terms of the wish she promised, by kissing me. She fulfilled and I returned. I eat "Philopena" with Mattie and she caught me every time. Left Ginnie Wood's about 9 o'clock. Mattie took my arm coming home. She was very cordial and held my arm nicely. We both pressed each others arm gently. Oh! it was so nice! A perfect heaven! Ginnie and I exchanged rings with wishes. I like Ginnie very well but I like my Mattie a great deal better. She is a most splendid girl. I hope we may ever have the same feelings towards each other that we now have. I hope my feelings towards her may never decrease. Arrived at No. 33. about 9 ½ o'clock. Related all to my confidant (Chum).

Received a "Star" from Father and a letter from Innes Randolph. Also a "Picayune" from home. Retired at 10 o'clock to dream of Mxxxxx.

November 18. Saturday.

Arose at 5 ½. Weather very pleasant, and sun shining beautifully. Had 16 pages of Manuel for a lesson this morning. Was called up and made a good recitation. Did not expect to know it. Paid Chum's bill (\$10.09 cts). We are all square now.

Saw and spoke to Mattie and Fannie this morning. Bought ¼ ton coal and carried it in. We have organised a band called the Shakspearean [sic] Club, for the purpose of improvement in reading. Meet every Saturday at 2 o'clock. We wear the Shakspearean [sic] Collar. It is of this form, [rectangular] and when turned down looks quite odd. We intend to wear them to church tomorrow. We will be the object of observation. [See *Dickinsonian* Feb. 1877, pgs. 34-35.]

Went down to Mrs. Porter's with Chum and passed a pleasant evening. Mr. Porter came from Phila. a day or two since. He appears to be a fine man. We had quite a chat with each other.

We played "tete a tete". I gave Mattie a pair of Castanets telling her to make a fuss with them in school.

One circumstance which happened is worthy of mention. Mattie in snuffing the candle put it out. Miss Sallie came in to light it. I was sitting near the table. She put her arm around my neck and I took her hand and kissed it. She then stooped down and imprinted a sweet kiss upon my forehead. She is so good and kind to me. I love her, very, very, much, as much as I do my own sister. No one can love her better than I do. Left about 9 ½ and retired at 12.

November 19. Sunday.

Arose at 7 ½. Clear and pleasant in forenoon, cloudy and cold in afternoon. Attended church three times. Dr. Collins officiating once.

We wore the "Shaksperean [sic] Collar to day. Created a great sensation. Looks extremely odd. Like it first rate.

It is our intention to continue wearing them. Dr. Collins likes the idea of having a reading club. Hopes we will continue as it is of great importance. Read with Chum the XV chap. Exodus and the XXXIII and XXXV Psalms. Being pretty tired and having a bad headache I retired at 9 ½ and in a few minutes fell into the arms of balmy sleep alias "Morpheus".

November 20. Monday.

Arose at 6 ¼. Snowing a little. Still continue to wear the Shaksperean. Heard some cute remarks such as "look at the devil collared" and "they are just from the insane asylum" and "theyve put on the shirt wrong end up" &c. Had the former part of my journal written in a very poor book so I have just finished copying it into this book. Quite a job. Glad that I am done. Read and retired at 10 ½ o'clock.
November 21. Tuesday.

Arose at 5 ½. Pleasant day. Am still much pleased with our collars. Wrote a letter to Henry and received nothing from home. Went down to Mrs. Porter's and enjoyed myself much. Mrs. Porter and I discussed the merits of the different actors and actresses. We had a very pleasant little chat. While there, the following dialogue ensued between Aunty P. Miss Sallie and myself.

Aunty P. and all of us were sitting in the front room. Miss Sallie and myself standing together.

Aunty. Sallie don't you wish Horatio was your brother.

Sallie. Yes indeed, I wish he was.

Aunty. You can be the same as a sister to him.

Horatio. I would be so happy to call you sister.

Sallie. Can I call you brother?

Horatio. Certainly you may. Can I be allowed the pleasure of calling you sister?

Sallie. Surely you can. I shall be so glad!

Horatio. Miss Sallie if you call me brother, I want you to counsel and advise me as you would a brother.

So now Miss Sallie is my sister and I love to call her by that endearing name. She is a good sister to me. I love her dearly.

Had a little chat with my Mattie. She is well. Sang a good many songs for Mr Porter and all.

Miss Sallie wants me to come down one evening each week and practise duets with her. I am very much pleased with the idea. After leaving went with Mr. Bowman to the ice cream saloon and eat some very nice cream and cakes. Came to No 33 about 10. Retired at 11 o'clock.

November 22d Wednesday.

Arose at 5. Rainy. Went to market. Not much to be seen. Ordered two pieces of music also received the "Lute of Zion", the book wich[sic] we intend to learn from. Received a letter from home (Annie) and also a "Star". Went down to

Mrs. Porter's again to night. Had a splendid time. Played "Candid". Had a first-rate time. Miss Sallie is still very kind and sister like to me. I love her dearly. Mattie and Fannie looked beautiful as usual. I love them both. Jeff Stoek came up to College with me and is to sleep with me. He is a nice fellow. We cut up considerable in No. 33, singing &c. Expected a visit from Dr. but did not come. Retired to dream of all the Porter family at 11 o'clock.

November 23. Thursday. Thanksgiving.

Arose at 5 3/4.

Weather beautifully pleasant. Went to the M.E. Church and listened to a splendid sermon made by Mr. Wing the Presbyterian Minister. Eat a very nice dinner in Uncle C's. Turkey &c. disappeared most amazingly fast. Walking about, met Ida and little Mollie Porter. Walked home with them and obtained permission to carry her (Mollie) up to College. Walked up with her and stayed about 1/2 hour. Brought her some candies: Chum did also. She was very much pleased. Carried her home and then sat at Mrs. P's from about 3 until 5 1/2. Had a pleasant call. Mattie and I had a fine talk.

Went in to Uncle C's to a party. All the Professors and their wives were present. There were about thirty persons present. About 9 1/2 went down to supper. Enjoyed some fine oysters and ice cream. Was introduced to several ladies. Among the number, Mrs. Tiffany [Mrs. Otis Henry Tiffany]. She extended a pressing invitation to call down and see her. Expect to do so. Played and sang some in there.

On the whole enjoyed myself very well. Came in College, slept in Wade's room for a little while and then crawled to No. 33. read and retired at 12 o'clock.

November 24. Friday.

Arose at 6 1/4. Rainy time. Feel very well after my last night's dissipation. Sorry that Thanksgiving comes only once a year. Bought me a substantial pair of shoes for which paid \$2.25. Received a "Star" containing a Map and also a minute description of Sebastopol. Bought a little flat iron and stand for Mollie Porter. Chum carried them down. Mollie was much pleased. Sent my love to all and more

especially to Miss Sallie. They sent their love in return. Shall go there tomorrow. Feeling very tired. I retired at 8 o'clock.

November 25. Saturday.

Arose at 5 ¼. Weather pleasant, but air quite damp. Entered upon my duties as Sub-Librarian of the U.P. Society. The students formed a mock court to meet in Arbogast's room. Elected officers. I was chosen on the Petit Jury. Anticipate fine fun. Received a letter from W.T. Browning containing a programme of the burial of Euclid at Yale. Quite laughable to read.

As Jef. Stoek was going down to Mrs. Porter's I sent my love to all of them. Mattie came to him and said. "return my love" and in a moment afterwards said "return my warmest love". I had begun to think that Mattie did not care anything about, but this reassured and encouraged me. I must certainly go down to see her to morrow night. Thought about going to night, but had a hard lesson in "Herodotus" to study out. Know it now. The weather changed about 12 and it rained severely. Paid a long visit to Barton and Dixon. Read and retired at 11 o'clock pretty tired.

November 26. Sunday.

Arose at 6 ¼. Weather clear and pretty windy. Attended church once and Sabbath School twice. Received one red ticket and three blue ones for reciting verses of the Bible. Walked out the road with Jeff. Stoek. Went down to Mrs. P's. to see Mr. P. before he left for Philadelphia. He leaves in the morning train. I enjoyed myself exceedingly well with Mattie. We were both seated on the sofa. Mollie was between us. She put her arm around Mollie and then I took her hand and we were very very social and loving. We would press each other's hand so nicely and I pressed her hand upon my lips several times. She seemed perfectly willing. Oh! we had such a nice time. Oh! I love her more than I can tell. She appears to love me in return. I wish I was sure she did. I gave her two red and three blue tickets. She thanked me kindly. I shall work hard next Sabbath that I may get more tickets for my blessed Mattie. Came away reluctantly at 9 o'clock. Arriving found Tutor Arbogast in my room. Had a pleasant chat with him. Wrote a short letter to Laura Marlow. Ought not to have written to day. Shan't write a letter again on Sunday. Read from Psalms with Chum. Retired about 10 o'clock.

November 27. Monday.

Arose at 6. Weather cool and windy. Received two letters and wrote one. One letter from Innes R. [Randolph] and the other from Adolphus Schwarzman. Wrote to sister. Received a "Star". Had a delightful shake of the hand with Mattie and Fannie. Had a word to say to them concerning our visit to Mrs. Wood's tomorrow night. They agreed to go. I expect to have another most glorious time.

Went out serenading about 12 o'clock. Our Club consists of Wade [James Douglas Wade, Class of 1855], Barton [James Hervey Barton, Class of 1855], Newel [William H. Newell, Class of 1858, non-graduate] and myself. We had two flutes and a nice little Melodeon along. I flatter myself that we made very good music. We played and sang at Mrs. Staurers, Profs. Marshall's [James William Marshall, tenure 1848-62] & Tiffany [Otis Henry Tiffany, tenure 1848-57] and Dr. Collins and to our dear sisters' Mattie, Fannie and Sallie P. It was pretty cold playing the Melodeon, but I would suffer any amount of cold for them. Came home much pleased and retired at the early hour of 2 o'clock.

November 28. Tuesday.

Arose at 6 1/4. Very cool to day. Feel very well after my spree of last-night. Went down to Mrs. P's. Had a very nice time. Miss Sallie said that she was very much pleased with her serenade. We talked about how much we loved each other. I remarked that I had recorded in my Journal, "No one can love her more than I do". She said that she did not have it written, but she felt the same feelings of love towards me that I do towards her. She is one of the best girls I ever knew in my life. Mattie and I had a little squabble. I gave her a degauerytype [sic] of Innes and John Randolph, to look at. She pretended that she had fallen in love with him. Fannie told me that Mattie was trying to make me jealous. I then retaliated. I told her that I resigned all my claims, to him, willingly. She seemed then to be very much pained, because I said it. She did not say any more at all but laid her head on the table and scribbled on a card. In about 15 minutes she left the room. I feared that I had hurt her feelings, so I asked Fannie to go and find out. Fannie went up to see her and returned and said that Mattie said, "She was not offended at all. She hoped I would excuse her as she had to attend market in the morning". I am glad Fannie went to her for I felt very badly before I knew her (Matties) feelings. I shall talk with her about this and there will be another

reconciliation. I love her dearly, but she hurts my feelings when she attempts to plague me in the way she did. I gave her a card with a splendid wish on it. I forget now how it reads. However it is more than splendid. Shook hands with Fannie and Kissed Mother's and Sallie's hands when I came away about 9 ¾. Read and received an "Age" from home. 'Tis printed in Augusta Maine. Retired at 10 ½ o'clock.

November 29th Wednesday.

Arose at 6 ¼. Pleasant cool day. Went down to Mrs. P's and went with Fannie, Mattie and Jeff Stoek to Mr. Wood's. Did not enjoy myself much. Had a nice talk with Mattie on our way home. Came to College at 10 o'clock. About 11 went serenading. Had a jolly time. Came home about 2 and retired at 3 o'clock A.M.

November 30th Thursday.

Arose at 7 ¼. Cool day. Received a letter from I. Randolph. Also a "Sun" and "Star" from Washington. Stopped one minute at Mrs. P's. As I came by there, I placed a "Brother Jonathon" at their door and rapped and then run. They took it in. Retired at 9 ½.

December 1st. Friday.

Arose at 6 ½. Stopped at Mrs. Porter's about an hour. Had a good time. A party of eleven, viz, John Munroe, Wade, Findlay, Barton, Dixon [Samuel Middleton Dickson, Class of 1856], Stoek, Effinger [William Henry Effinger, Class of 1857], Jester [James E. D. Jester, Class of 1856], Griffith, Newel and myself, obtained two hand-cars and went on a jaunt to Mechanicsburg. Serenaded there at several places, and then started for Harrisburg. About two miles from Mechanicsburg, as Wade was about to change places with another fellow, the crank, which was turning very fast, caught Wade under the coat and threw him out of the car which passed over his leg, breaking it in one place just above the ankle. We carried him back to M. and had his leg set and there left him with Findlay and Barton through the night. This happened about 1 o'clock. About two o'clock the remainder of us started for home, where we arrived at 4 o'clock A.M. Retired at 4 ½.

December 2nd Saturday.

Arose at 6 ½. Wade came up in the 1st train and was carried to Mrs. Millers where he now is. Went to Winter court. Also to singing school. Retired at 8 ½.

December 3. Sunday.

Arose at 8 ½. Attended church three times. Went to Mrs. P.'s after church. Enjoyed myself very well. Retired at 10 ½.

December 4. Monday.

Arose at 6 ½. Some sleighing. Man came with a theorem of my name. Here it is. HORATIO C. KING. [in block capitals] Received a "Star". Retired at 9?

December 5. Tuesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Went to Mrs. Porters. Had a splendid time. Held Mattie's hand, nearly all the evening. Had conversation cards, through which carried on some nice conversation with Mattie. I still love her very much. Left about 10. Retired at 10 ½.

December 6. Wednesday.

Arose at 5 ½. Received a "Star". Saw Mattie and Fannie. We kissed hands to each other. Went to a Negro exhibition. Had a rank time. Slept at Mrs. Miller's on Tom Quigly's [Thomas B. Quigley, Class of 1858, non-graduate] feather bed. Quite a rarity to me. Have not slept on a feather bed but once, since I came here. Retired at 10 ½.

December 7. Thursday.

Arose at 6 ¼. Received two letters. One from Father, the other from Ed. McPherson. Wrote to home. Been wearing Harry Weem's watch. Like it very well, but should prefer one of my own. Have a book, in which I am getting the autographs of students. Went to Mrs. Reese's to a party. Had a nice time. Sargent Reese and myself made sad havoc with the oysters &c. Left about 11 and retired at 11 ½.

December 8. Friday.

Arose at 6 ½. Went to Mrs. Porter's at night. Mattie was very busy writing a composition; so I did not have the pleasure of seeing her. She sent word to me to excuse her, also sending her warmest, purest and best love. I returned my love. Left about 9 o'clock. Stayed with Mr Wade all night. Retired about 10 ½.

December 9. Saturday.

Arose at 6. Went skating on the Creek. Went to Porter's. Had a splendid time. Saw Mattie and talked with her nearly all the evening. Left at 10 o'clock and retired at 10 ½.

December 10th Sunday.

Being very tired, did not arise until 12 o'clock M. Feel very much fatigued after my skating yesterday. Have had a very sore finger since December 1st and could write but poorly. It is improving now, and expect to have it well in a few days. Attended church twice and sabbath school once. Went to see Wade for about an hour after church. Read considerable in the Bible and retired at 9 o'clock.

December 11th. Monday.

Arose at 5 ½. Received a "Star" from home. Wrote a letter of four pages to the home folks. Walked about town considerable. Retired at, the early hour for me, 9 o'clock.

December 12th Tuesday.

Arose at 6 ½. Received a letter from Innes Randolph. Received an invitation from Chum to accompany him to Mrs. Porters but could not grant myself that pleasure as I had some Latin to write. Have just finished copying off my latin exercises for examination. My wrist aches badly. Chum has just come up from Mrs. Ps. While there he saw Mattie writing something on a card. He tried to take it from her. She threw it in the fire but Jef. Stoek pulled it out quickly and gave it to Chum, who brought it to room. On the card was written, Mattie Porter and Horatio. I intend to take it down, the next time I go, an then I will plague her a

little. Have not much to do to morrow. Recitations close to morrow and on Thursday examination begins. Then comes "the tug of war".

Retired at 10 ½ or 11 o'clock, I can't tell which.

Wednesday. December 13th.

Arose at 6 ½. Went down to Mrs. Porters and had a very good time. Mattie has a very bad cold. We laughed and talked about three hours. Came away about 9 ¾ o'clock. Finished recitations to day. Examination begins Monday morning at 9 o'clock and closes Wednesday. Read and retired at 10 ½ o'clock.

Thursday December 14th.

Arose at 6 ½. Called at Madame Tiffany's; she not being at home we left our (i.e. Sargent Reese and I) names. May call again soon. Went to Banks' Room and had a good time singing and playing on the guitar and melodeon. Left about 9 ½ o'clock. Received two letters, one from Laura Marlow, the other from Edith McPherson. Also a "Star". Carried Mattie some candy called Iceland Moss in order that she might get rid of her dreadful bad cold. She was very thankful. I hope the candy will cure my darling one. Think I will have to call there to morrow night. She is a dear! dear! dear! girl! Amen.

Read and retired at 10 ½ o'clock.

Friday December 15th.

Arose 7 ½. Received a letter from Father which enclosed the wherewithal to carry me home. I hope to leave next Thursday. Went down to Mrs Porters. Took Mrs P. and Aunty each a cluster of sugar strawberries and to Mollie a very pretty piece of sugar work representing lambs. Fannie and Mattie were invited and I had the pleasure of accompanying them to Mr. Philips. I did not go in. Walking up to the house, Mattie hung nicely on my arm. I was sorry that they were invited out, for I anticipated a fine time. I expect to call again to morrow. Before Mattie left, she put her ring on my finger with a wish. Spent about an hour pleasantly in Weech's [William Theophilus Lofthouse Weech, Class of 1858] room. Came to room at 10 and retired at 10 ½.

Saturday, December 16th.

Arose at 6 ¼. Went down again to Mrs. Porter's. Had a fine time. Held my dear Mattie's hand some time. Came away about 9 o'clock. Went to Dickson's and stayed about an hour. Had quite a pleasant chat. Retired at 10 ½ o'clock.

Sunday. December 17th.

Arose at 7 ½. Went to church twice and Sabbath School also twice. Mollie Porter was suffering very much with the tooth-ache and as Mr Wade had an orange and Findlay an apple for her I took them over. Had a splendiferous time. Asked Mattie if her Mother would like to have me write to her (Mattie). She said no, but we might send each other papers. I shall gladly do so. Came away about 9. Stayed with Wade during the night. Retired at 10 o'clock.

Monday. December 18th.

Arose at 6. Examination commenced. Passed a splendid examination on Algebra and Greek. Had only two recitations to-day. Stopped at Mrs Porters about an half hour. Went for the purpose of carrying Mollie some candy. She is suffering dreadfully with the tooth-ache.

Received from and wrote in answer, a letter to F.O. French.

Studied over some of my lessons and Retired at 10.

Tuesday, December 19th.

Arose at 6 ½. Got through with my examination admirably. Feel quite rejoiced at my success. Retired at 9 ½. o'clock.

Wednesday December 20th.

Arose at 7. Have finished my examinations and have got through beyond all anticipation. Feel gloriously free.

