

Brunswick, Aug, 29th / 61

To-day the Examination for admission to College took place. At 8 A.M. in company with Usher Cutts, I started for the Medical college-and there found a number of my future class mates assembled – After the Prex had taken our names, we were divided into divisions, and in this way examined. The division, consisting of Oak, Rogers and I, was first taken by Tutor Tucker in Cicero, after a brief examination, Prof Upham found out our knowledge of Virgil, then Stone, Smyth & Packard “put us through” and our Examination was over! After waiting an hour or so, I rec^d. my ticket – free from all conditions. Thus my weeks of anxiety-were shown to be simply ridiculous! However I am, by no means, “out of the woods,” yet, and will not “hullo”

Sunday, Aug 31st

To-day I have attended church, and heard Dr. Adams, who fairly put me to sleep, The communion was observed this noon- Uncle Alpheus assisting Dr A in the service, This Eve, I attended the prayer – meeting in the vestry, the singing was beautiful.

Monday Sept. 2nd

This morning our class recited for the first time. Tutor Tucker put us on the rack, on the despicable “Prefaced” to Livy. We got along quite well- Only 28 in to recite this, morning! At 11, Tutor Stone exhaulted on the Concise style of Thuycidides! The Greek is horrible – in fact the hardest in the Book. “Felton’s Extracts”

Wednesday, 4th September

To-day I experienced my first ducking! Coming out of recitation, I observed a large crowd of staring Sophs – and Anticipated what soon followed. I had got about six feet from the door, when a pail-ful of very cool water struck me “amid ships” And I slumped! This is one of the beauties of a Freshman’s life!

Saturday 7th Sept. This was a memorable day in the history of the class of 1865. After our noon recitations in Greek, all the College assembled in the “South Wing” ostensibly to transact business, but really to witness and engage in the Annual “Hold in”! As the Freshmen entered the Sophs yelled out “Freshmen in the rear!” and for a few minutes it was a perfect Bedlam. Hooting and yells filled the room, The Sophs, numbering 25 or more were stuffed to their shirts and pants. And as the Freshmen, 24 in all, did likewise, We felt quite covered by their formidable appearance, After the business was disposed of, the President, said “a motion to adjour is in order” and as the word came out, we started like lightning for the door. I got as far as the arch, where a burly Soph caught and held me. However, we got six men out!! Such a scene I never witnessed before! A perfect game! After we were all out, Three cheers were given for the class of /65, who returned the compliment with cheers / of /64 ! And so we gained our first victory. We expect to pay for it soon.

Sunday Sept 8th

To-day Prof. Stowe, of Andover, Mass preached two fine sermons. In the A.M. from the parable of the Prodigal son,” and in the P.M. from the text “Search the scriptures” -I

caught a glimpse of Mrs. H. B. Stowe coming out of church. She is very plain, and looks decidedly unintellectual, To – morrow we commence “Paley” to Prof Egbert Smyth. It will be a decidedly pleasant change from Tucker to Egbert!

Sunday Sept 15th

Another week has gone – gone swiftly! The days flee like a shadow! The time is so fully occupied, that I am scarcely up it seem, before it comes evening & I retire to sleep soundly, I never before appreciated the passage “the sleep of the laboring man is sweet!” The week has been distinguished by no interesting event save the “Rope – full” which took place Friday eve’g, after Prayers, We held the Sophmores for 4 minutes at least when we were compelled to give up. I was fearfully tired when I had got through pulling, Saturday, there was a general class ducking, Sophs filled the windows and doors with pails of water in their hands, Fortunately I escaped a ducking, this was coming it a little steep! Foster, was up before the prex yesterday, but I don’t know the result. Last evening, Prof. Egbert, preached a beautiful sermon from the passage in Abraham’s history, “Blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying: I will multiply thee” But few were present to hear him! The state of religion is very low, There are but few Christians in College, and thus the work drags Dr. Adams will preach today. My Algebra for the last week has come off slim. I can’t leave Mathematics any way! In Greek and Paley. I have sailed well, I think. Yesterday, Fred, Beecher, Tom Dwight Ed & myself went gunning. Fred killed a partridge, Ed & I each a red-Squirrel-Enjoyed myself much, Also, yesterday, I rec’d a long letter from girls in the R. H. P. No news but a good deal of fun was in it, The new teacher is a precise kind of a man. Makes them sharpen there pencils on the store!

Thursday, Sept. 19th

This Evening I attended the “Parish Circle” at Prof Chamberlain’s had a horrid time, was introduced to no one, for the the very good reason that no one was good looking or interesting enough to suit me.

Sunday Sept. 22nd Another week gone! The last few days have passed swiftly & pleasantly, We have got along quite well in our studies. Last evening, Switch, Shephard Shenyes & I joined the “Praying Circle” I gave a short account of my experience. I trust I have come to College with good resolutions, and shall try to live a Christian life. During the past week a “Base Ball Club” has been organized. Leotton, President Williams Vice President Warran, Secretary, Harmon, Treasurer, Swasey, Smith and Packard Directors. I don’t expect to play much. The beginning of a new week also finds me a member of the Y.Y. fraternity! 6 Freshman, besides myself and Davis Sophmore. The goat was very hard to cling to, but I did hold on! Prof. Egbert Smyth preached this forenoon from the text about the transfiguration, a very fine sermon.

Saturday Sept 28.

The week just past has been filled with its usual calls and duties, and has gone swiftly, Thursday P.M. Gen’l Butler passed through Brunswick and addressed a large crowd for 10 minutes or so, he looked & spoke finely. Thursday, the Prex’s (Lincoln’s) Past was duly observed – Dr. Adams gave a good sermon in the forenoon, and in the afternoon, I went to walk with Pearson & Davis in the woods, and had a fine time. But the fading leaf and the clear hazing air made me shiver in prospect of the coming cold, Yet this is, by

far, the finest month in the year, A third of the term is gone! This is “fly – time” in its literal sense.

Friday Eve’g. 4th Oct,

The week is drawing to a close, and I find myself in better condition than at any time before this term. My muscle is gaining I’ve learned to “circle the bar” & c in the gymnasium. Tuesday Eve Smith & myself started a class meeting. Five profess to be Christians out of the whole forty in the class, We had a good meeting in vein of the sweet promise “where two or three are met in my name. thus I will be in the midst to bless them” Wednesday, a match game of “Base Ball between Seniors & Juniors. After a two hour’s struggle the former were the winners by 8 tallies. Thursday will be always memorable as the day when I first saw Lewiston & c. An Excursion train left Brunswick at 8 A.M. and after a very pleasant ride of an hour we arrived at our destination. I went at once to L. H. P’s store and passed the forenoon very pleasantly, after dinner I returned and found some other young ladies in the store. Orville, Mell, Alvah are made up quite a Biddeford meeting. We had some good music from a fine Piano & after a pleasant chat of a couple of hours we made up quite a party to visit Auburn. The Court House is a very fine building. Judge Appleton was holding Court as I readily saw, by opening the door. We tried hard to go through gail but we found it not as easy as we may at some future time! At 4 P.M. the train left Lewiston and a delightful ride home in the light of the setting – sun For eight miles the scenery was all magnificent, the rail – road is upon the bank and the whole vein, is almost like the Hudson, The ride will be famous sometime, Lewiston is laid out on a large scale if it is ever filled out, it will rival Pekin in size, There are some fine houses in Auburn, which is by far the handsomest place. On the whole I had a fine time. This last week Duxbury, Junior, was pledged to the Psi U’s! This week finishes half of our working term! If it ever ends I shall sing “Triumphant Zion”

Thursday, 10th October

This afternoon we had an “adjourn” and I improved my half day’s vacation by a visit to the fair at Topsham. The crowd was immense, and I enjoyed myself highly. The first thing which came off was the riding by the ladies, which was very good, after this 4 military companies paraded and made a good appearance, The time was filled up by music from the famous “Durham Band” Taken as a whole I had a good time, The Evening train bro’t us home gratis, cause why? Such a crowd that each conductor couldn’t get round! Six weeks today since my Examination! Saturday, the term is half gone, “Bully for me” is now a very appropriate expression. A letter from Charles received this Evening informs us of his intention to be home on Thanksgiving day. It will be 19 months in November since he was at home, I long to see him!

Sunday, Oct, 13, 1861.

This forenoon, Rev. Mr. Emerson gave a fine sermon from the subject of Italy. The discourse was in behalf of the A. B. C. T. M & C & C & C – He traced the history very finely, of Louis Napolean, Garibaldi, & Count Cavour. If all ajents were as interesting as he, more would be done for the cause of the Gospel. Friday morning, after a few

moments Exercise in the Gymnasium a dreadful pain “took me” in the cords of my neck and to-day. I am just getting over it. For 24 hours I couldn’t bend it in the least. It was swollen very badly. As a whole, it was as bad a time as I want to have again. Yesterday, the catalogues appeared & for the first time I see my name enrolled as a student! The type always seems different which shows my name I can’t say why! Probably I shan’t care again, at all to see my name in the list. The “Union & Journal” of this week contains Fathers Sermon on “Fast Day”- It reads well. The letter from Father says that 1100 tickets were sold for the fair in the City Hall! The family are quite well settled in the new house, which is a very pleasant one – looking out on pleasant trees, pleasant houses and is in every particular a very pleasant one! Friday morning it began to rain and has continued till now, with a brief interval of sun – shine. Yesterday I finished “Triumphs” a novel written by Curtis, quite good.

Wednesday, Oct, 16th

To – day the class of 1865 has held its annual election, thus early in the year, for the reason, that many will be out in the Spring Term. “Tutor Lithos” gave us a short hearing & as his coat – tails disappeared through the door- Williams nominated Andrews for Chairman. We proceeded at once to our Election Everything going off quietly the result was as follows, viz.

President. G. R. Williams

Vice do H. R. Lawrence

Orator – G. T. Packard

Poet – J. E. Fullerton

Historian – H. W. Swasey

Toast – master – T. Anderson

Secretary – Mirriam

Treasurer – S. W. Hearmon

Com – on Odes

Gatchell , Cotton , Milliken

Com. Of Arrangements

Warren , Fuller , + Knight

The Sophs are raving to night They feel Essentially “ground”

Monday 31st

This morning at about one o’clock, Tutor Tucker found Caswell, Daggett, Emery and Ingersoll up in the chapel – tower, preparing to take the bell down, when discovered the wheel was smashed and the bell let down on a plank ready to move, at 10 o’cl’k a Faculty meeting decided that they must leave town the next train, accordingly at one o’clk, the immortal four were carried to the depot, in a coach, attended by twelve of the class on horse – back and as many on foot. Arriving at the depot cheers were give for the heroes and groans for the faculty. There was a great crowd, and Quite an Excitement. Sunday morning the Sophs captured a monstrous pig and painted on him in large letters, “Freshman Election” “65” & c. & c. At the close of meeting in the afternoon, the whole congregation had an opportunity to see the “monstrum horendum”

Sunday, Oct, 27th

Thursday Evening I attended the concert of the Mendelsohn Club of Boston, given in the vestry. It was the finest thing of the kind I ever heard. The first professional musicians I ever heard among all the concerts I have attended, Friday evening the regular circle came off at Mrs. Merrill's. The usual dull time. This morn'g Mer. Frothing ham preached at the Unitarian church – a weak sermon, Col. E. D. Baker's death is a sad blow to our cause. He died a soldiers death, at the head of his men!

Three weeks from Tuesday, the term closes! This will soon pass & once more, the beauties of Biddeford will meet my eyes!

Friday, Nov. 1st,

Here I am at the close of another week! The 9th week of the term is gone and but two weeks remain! The last week has passed as usual, with nothing of particular interest happening. Andrews & Dudley had a great fight with "Yaggers" the other Evening, the there were five to two, they escaped without serious injury, Attended the circle last Eve'g at Uncle's and had the usual disagreeable time. Tuesday morning the great Naval Exhibition sailed from fit Monroe. Consisting of 80 vessels, & many thousand men. Shape it well wipe out our disgrace at Ball's Bluff!

Friday, Nov, 8th

The weather during the past week has been very delightful. After the severe rain of last Sunday, the grass looked as green as in summer. We have not felt at all cold as yet, and taken as a whole, the season is remarkable.

The news of the past week is, 1st Gen'l Fremont has been removed at last from his position in Missouri. This step has created great excitement in that state as well as here. It seems to have been a case of sheer necessity.

2nd.

Reports to – day say that the fleet is bombarding Port Royal, a point between Savannah & Charleston, Hope it's so! I trust the Rebels will suffer this time!

Also that our troops have taken Columbus from the Rebels.

The news is favorable of the week. Only one week more! Gloria!

This week my weight was 142 lbs!!

Sunday, Nov. 17th

My last Sabbath in Brunswick for this term! The last week has gone almost "in the twinkling of an eye", and I find my self with in two days of the end of the term, I feel jubilant at the idea of leaving my studies for a while, and of seeing all the friends at home. During the past week the Entire success of our great Armada was made known to us, and now the Federal Flag floats over South Carolinian Soil!!! The great storm sunk two vessels of the fleet, only, and the whole fleet survived the storm well, with these exceptions. The Rebels had erected two fine forts at the extremities of two projecting necks of land and the Battle was as follows.

(Drawing)

The fleet sailed in a circle. Shelling Ft. Walker as it went up the river, and Ft.

Beavergard as they sailed down. The Flag – Ship Wabash led the raw, the remaining

vessels following in her wake. So no particular ship was exposed, all fared alike. They round the circle three times, and as the fleet came down upon Fort Walker the fourth time, the Rebels took to their heels and vamoused in double quick time! Capt. Rogers immediately landed with a flag of truce, but finding no enemy to deal with He immediately raised the Stars and Stripes over the fort, and as the Flag unfolded itself in all its glory, the bands of the Fleet struck up, "Hail Columbia"! The 7th Conn. Reg.t was landed and took possession of the fort. The interior was a mere ruin. The counties shells rained down upon it, had dismounted immense 130 # Columbiads , as well as other heavy pieces of artillery, 30 dead bodies were also found, and the country for miles was covered with accoutrements which the soldiers cast off in their flight. Our loss was 8 killed and 20 odd wounded! Almost a bloodless victory. The Wabash at one time was in range 20 minutes and hurled 25 broad sides, consisting of over 400 shells! Our vessels approached within 300 yards, thus destroying the enemy's aim. The Harbor is one of the best in the world, and a perfect safe guard for vessels. The Surrounding country is rich in Cotton and Niggers, in Summer is a noted watering place. How fitting that the war Commenced by So. Carolina should thus invade her soil! It was the very anniversary of the the hoisting the Southern flag, Nov. 7th 1860. On the land our forces have gained a good victory. In Kentucky. General Nelson attacked a superior force of the enemy and defeated them killing and capturing 600! Yesterday the news came that Mason and Slidett have been arrested in in Havannah! It really seems as the the tide of war had turned, and that henceforth no event shall put off the time for a complete overthrow of Treason! "God speed the night"

Yesterday afternoon the class had a grand "Pow – wow" in Gatchells room. After a hour spent in telling some very improbable stories, we had a fine treat and ended up with singing, talking & c & c. We all gave an account of our prospects for the winter. With three cheers for '65 we separated. The time was a perfect bust. Exhibition in Gymnasium, Friday Eve'g, As which incredible feats were performed, Enjoyed myself much, Varney raised 115 pounds in the shape of a dumbbell, Beecher raised himself with his little finger Faculty & c present in masse.

Biddeford, Maine November 24, 1861,

At home once more! Tuesday P.M. brought Ed & I home, and Charles made his appearance on Wednesday, So as a united family we have celebrated Thanksgiving. I can truly say that I never passed a pleasanter one. Father preached in the forenoon a very good sermon on the Puritans. When we were all seated at the dinner table it seemed delightful to see all the family to – gether once more. The last time we were together was fie years since at Middleboro, After dinner Father, Chas, Ed & I took a grand walk to Westbrook. And as a close to the day, we played games, sung, & c & c. Friday P.M. Chase left us to spend the night at Lawrence, and from thence go home to New York. We had a fine visit from him. He never looked better. In the evening I attended the circle at Mrs. Small's – There was a number of young ladies & gents there. To go back to the beginning of the week. Monday evening the Senior & Junior Exhibition came off: music by the Lewiston Band, Dorville Libby & Ed tooke the first and second prizes respectively. After the exercises were over, We had a fine treat at the

Wentworth Club. And after a complete stuffing I crawled into bed at 12. Tuesday
aforenoon the term examination took place. It proved a mere farce. Thus 1/3 of my
freshmen year is over & 1/12 of my College course!!!

“Glory! Glory!! Halleluyah!!!”

Sunday, December 1st, 1861 4 P.M.

This morning the sun rose on the last month of the year 1861. A few more morning suns,
and evening shadows and the year of our Lord 1861 will be numbered among the
years of the past.

Nothing of special interest has occurred during the last week. Ed left for Bristol
yesterday noon in the widest of a driveway snow, but late in the afternoon the clouds
“dried up” and it has been fair till now when it snows again quite hard. Wednesday
evening Edw’d and I toast tea at Dr. Badon’s and spent the evening till 9 P.M. Engaged
myself much. George Gust Esq of Bangor is appointed Consul at El Paso del Norte,
Good Love!!

The war news of the past week is of much importance. 1st there is news of great fight, at
Fort Pickens. The reports are very contradictory, The probability is that the rebels are
completely whipped. 2nd At Savannah our forces have complete possession of Jet Pulaski
and the rebels are probably evacuating the City.

In short, the war is in a fair way to be finished soon. The Rebels are said to be rather
shaky, don’t blame them. They will soon find a market for their Linup!!!

During the past week I have read “Last of the Mohicans”, ‘Mellichampe,’ Simnis’ Life of
Marion Irving’s Abbotsford & Newstead Abbey, & Font Burke of Class, Mr. Edwards
died Friday morn’g A fine man--

December 8th 1861

The weather during this first week of winter has been delightful. The last evening was
beautiful, a clear new moon lit up the world gloriously- The water was dripping from the
Eaves all night, Then this morning + 42° !! However, we have had some cold weather,-
Last Wednesday I had a fine time skating on the Creek. The ice was strong and quite
smooth, + 90 is the lowest temperature this far.

Yesterday noon, R. Small’s Co. went to Augusta, about 30 in all. There was a crowd to
see them off. Mr. Keely’s two sons, George & Simon Andrews go in this company.

During the past week I’ve read Cooper’s “Red Rover” & Co.

The war news is unimportant, En. Mr. Clellan reviewed 75000 troops last week in
Washington. A Splendid spectacle it must have been- The Resident’s message was in his
usual practical style. The community were delighted last Wednesday to hear of the
election of Op dy ke over Wood in New York. It was beyond the most sanguine
expectations of all. He will be on the track again in two years without doubt.

Edwrites in good spirits (?) about his school he will prosper in it, I think.

Dec. 15th 61

A person can after a time kill a day off easy, loafing, as if he were hard at work, ride, me!
The last week has passed very swiftly, reading playing chess & c.

Wednesday evening, All Sawyer's party came off, about 60 present. It was a very fine evening, a clear moon, and twinkling stars made the heavens shine. Sawyer had very unwisely invited some very hard boys, and girls, too. The rooms being small, were crowded to repletion, Some of the boys had swallowed some whiskey and we disposed to celebrate! The whole affair was disgraceful and I was ashamed of myself for going, I had a miserable time, I never have a good time when she is there, why, I can't say! I came home via R.R. bridge, As there were no planks it was a great ride, Wouldn't do it again for a V-

Read letters this week from Chas, Ed & Mary. Ed has ST scholars, but but will have no trouble. His 20th birth – day occurs Monday. War news is minus: A fellow belonging to the Lincoln Cavalry “was shot Friday in presence of Girl Franklin's Division, for desertion, The first death of the kind in the “Army of the Potomac”

News from England about the capture of Mason & Shidell is at hand. The “Time” is moderate, and very discreetly remarks that England has set a precedent of the kind in overhauling our vessels,

Ft. Pickens & Bragg have had a “free fight” No damage to our side, scarcely, Rebels were quite smashed.

George Packard

(drawing included here)

Here it is the middle of December and no snow! Last Evening I went down town with my coat unbuttoned & no gloves on, in shorts it was like a summer evening, After a rain the other day, The grass was green as Ever, Dandelions are picked in the Fall River, and a vine of peas, a foot long in Brunswick, A most remarkable season,

Thursday, Dec. 26th 1861

Nothing of very vital importance has occurred since my last record.

Last Friday afternoon (Dec. 20) Israel Hill and I walked out to ‘Westbrook’ to get “running evergreen,” It seemed like a day in Oct. I never expect to take another such walk so late in the season. Sunday was a fine day, Congregation larger than for three years previous. It seemed like old times. Monday our first snow of any importance, About a foot on a level, making fine sleighing. Christmas was a beautiful clear day. The streets were merry with sleigh – bells.

Lucretia Quimby, who has who has been near death for several days, passed away yesterday morning. It seemed very sad that her mother could know nothing of it. She is to be buried to – morrow P.M. Ferguson Haines, John Pillsbury, E.H. Hayes, Getish & I are to act as Bearers.

Last Evening, there was a grand “Shindig” in the vestry, A fine ‘Tree’ with two hundred presents. Father was presented with a handsome fur collar and a nine pound turkey.

Mother with

a beautiful Cashmere Shawl, costing \$20. A nice muff. \$8. A collar & pair of gloves. Masking in all about \$50. Aunt Sarah sent Mother a \$10 bill. Mr. Tilden sent “Spare Hours” and a “Dictionary of Poetical Quotations,” Taking in Everything it was a “Merry Christmas.” Father married Even Bumhan & Lizzir Burry Cast Eve, and got a fee of five dollars.

Sunday, Dec, 28th. 1861

This is the last Sabbath of the year 1861.

It seems sad that the "Old Man" should be cradled and surrounded in snow and ice. Lucretia was buried Friday afternoon. The house was filled with a sorrowing company. Rev. Mer. Nichols conducted the services in very good taste. We, who were to act as bearers, then went into the parlor and bore out of that room the earthy part of her, for her soul was now beyond the cold tide of death. Going into the room where we had acted charades & c to carry out the leading spirit of all this enjoyment seemed very sad. We had a very cold ride to the Cemetery, where we laid her in the Receiving Tomb. "So fades a summer cloud away, So sinks the gale when storms are o'er, So gently shirts the eye of day, So dies a wave along the shore.

"Good Night! The day was sultry here "Good night! The night is cool & clear"

New Years morning, 1862

12.40 A. M. 3

I have just returned from Saco in company with Israels Hill and Chas. Haley where we attended a Methodist 'Watch meeting'.

After our own prayer meeting we went over and got into meeting about 10 P.M. There was a regular meeting till about 11 o'clock, when Mr. Randall preached on 'Time'. At five minutes of twelve the Congregation knelt for secret prayer & the room was still as death" The stillness was soon broken by the stroke of the bell proclaiming the death of the old year and the birth of a new year! As the last stroke sounded forth on the still air, Mr. Randall exclaimed "gone, gone forever"! It was intensely interesting throughout.

January 3rd, 1862

Last evening Lottie, Cora and I called at Pine Nealley's and passed a very pleasant evening, singing, playing & c & c.

Sunday Jan'y 12th 1862

During the past week we have held a series of meetings in the vestry which have been well attended, and, as I hope, have done much good.

Last Wednesday, Usher and I took a long ride to Kennebunk & Port, On the way to K.P. we passed through the Village called lousam which is built up very handsomely through the instrumentality of some rich and retired ship – masters. It reminded me somewhat of Cambridge houses. At the Port we visited the U. S. Gun Boat "Aroostock," 500 tons further, It is built in fine style & will do good service undoubtedly. The session of the Court Commenced at Saco, on Tuesday, I yesterday heard Hayes make a fine argument in a forgery Case.

Next Wednesday Eve. Our great Tea – party comes off!!!

Sunday, Jan'y 19, 1862

A snow storm continued from yesterday makes a dreary day for us. This forenoon 55 attended church, and this afternoon we shall probably hold our meeting in the vestry. The Tea – party which was announced for Wednesday Evening was postponed on acc't of a violent snow till the eve'g of Thursday. From nine in the morning till five P.M. I worked hard and fairly Earned a much better time than I had. There were 500 present including Judge Rico and daughter T. John Goodsnow. The proceeds amounted to \$110. The tables, looked finely. The “Old Folks’ sang & looked the ancient to perfection. I went home with Jose Nealley & was introduced to Miss Lunt of Boston, who is visiting at Mr. Hooper’s. She is a very good style of woman! The Post Office Nnetted \$5.65. I was Postmaster with six assistants. Yesterday morning Harmon and I called on Frank Hayes and had a pleasant time, also we visited ‘Court’ for awhile. The War news of the past week is unimportant. Secretary Cameron resigned and Mr. Stanton was appointed in his place. No news as yet from Bunsides Expedition.

This is probably my last Sunday at home. Next Sabath I shall be right on my ‘fore; hearing Dr. Adams.

This week I have read the Ogilvies’. By Miss Mullock.

Sunday, Jan’y 26. 1862

Contrary to my expectations, I am yet at home, I had purposed to go to Brunswick on Friday, but was unavoidably prevented, and, a severe storm yesterday fairly blockaded me: so I am at home one more Sunday!

Nothing of Special interest has occurred during the past week. Tuesday Eve, I received a letter from Louisa Vou, in answer to mine of Dec 25th. A very pleasant note, indeed. Friday afternoon I made a farewell call on Phine Neally and Enjoyed myself much, Thursday I spent the afternoon at Sarah Haley’s. Have attended Court some if not more. Wednesday forenoon was spent in school. Thursday Eve Mr. Knowlton, “Amherst ’59,” gave a fine lecture on illuscular Christianity in the City Halls. Bur few attended. Wednesday morn the Thorton Block in Saco was destroyed: Loss \$7,000.

The war news of the week is quite important,

Gen’l Zollicoffer, on Sunday last was defeated and killed in Kentucky by the Federal force under Gen’l Schoeft and Thomas. Zollicoffer fearing a movement Sent off his retreat, marched out at 3 A.M. Sunday morning and attacked Gen’l Schoeft. (!) but was defeated with loss. The victory was followed up by an attack on the Rebel intreachments which were carried with a rush! This defeat cuts off the Right Flank of the forces at Bowling Green! The best victory of the War, by all odds-

Brunswick, Sunday, February. 2nd. 1862 I find myself at 25 Appleton Hall once more alone and cold, Last Sabbath Evening the Mendellsohns gave a sacred concert at the City Hall, Owing to the bad walking but few attended. Lottie and I went together and were both almost enraptured by the music Airs from the “Creation” and “Messiah” were exquisitely performed. ‘Playel’s Hymn” sounded as beautifully as when I first heard the Mendellsohns perform it. It seemed almost heavenly. The saddest thing is that we can

remember so few of the rich chords and sweet notes. Monday morning my time was fully occupied in packing up my 'duds' and getting everything ready for a start.

After several spills I managed to get my trunk up to the station. The ride into Portland was, as usual, uninteresting. When we had reached Cumberland on the K & P. Railroad we learned that an engine has been thrown from the track, and, that, in all probability we should be delayed some time: and, we were! After waiting at Cumberland till 8 o'clock we pushed on to Yarmouth, where we were detained till 12:30 A.M. Tuesday morning, arriving in Brunswick at 1:45 A.M.!!! I never was so completely 'bored' before. It was an Experience I never wish to pass through again. I came over to the room at about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and found it cold and cheerless, as I imagine the inside of an iceberg would be. And now, at the end of a week I find the room chilly! Deliver me from the commencement of the Spring time at Bowdoin College. Tuesday Evening I commenced to take my fadder at the "Wentworth Club" and, so far, like quite well. Chadwick is Steward, Recitations have gone quite well the past week. I am determined to study more this term than last, News was rec'd from Burnsides fleet this last week, A fearful storm which was encountered damaged them very considerably and delayed operations. But it will soon strike a heavy blow at Rebellion. England is well satisfied with the surrender of Mason and Slidell and is peacefully disposed; A letter from home yesterday says that Mother is but poorly and doesn't gain fast. Enclosed was a letter from New Bedford which says that poor Fanny is very much broken down by her disease. Mary Kent rec'd many nice presents before leaving for Valencia.

Sunday, Feb'y 8th 1862

Thursday and Friday, I was so much used up with a cold, that I determined to come home and, accordingly yesterday's afternoon train brought "this lump of clay" home- Lottie and Edward were at the depot to see Sarah Newman off for New Bedford- They were astonished, as were all at home to see my face so soon again. Monday evening I attended an Exhibition at the High School House in Brunswick- The exhibition consisted of exercises in composition & c. and were very interesting. Two odes, by Sarah Newman were sung very prettily-

Biddeford, Feb'y 16. 1862

Contrary to my expectations I find myself yet at home. Edward went to Brunswick on Friday, and yesterday morning Mary started for Boston to be present at an examination for a vacancy in the Brimnier school. My cold is much better and on Tuesday P.M. I anticipate a view of the cold gray towers of the chapel indicative of the freezing air which surround Brunswick. Friday afternoon, I attended the Examination of my "Alma Mater" viz; the Biddeford High School. Mr. Parsons posted Berry Cutts Small & I among the visitors, so we set there and faced the battery of Eyes directed toward us. The exercises passed off finely & the recitations showed a commendable degree of thoroughness. The "Scrap Bag" "Vol. 1. No. 5 was very good, Some poetry dedicated to Cupid hit Parsons & Miss Waterman pretty sharply. The war news of the past week is very Encouraging. Burnsides Expedition after recovering from the disastrous effects of the storm pushed on to Roanoke Island "& after a two days from Vardment by the fleet. the troops even landed. They fell upon 3 masked batteries of the rebels, but these were soon carried by a

combined attack on the front and flanks. Our troops did some splendid fighting. The Rebels were obliged to succumb to overwhelming numbers & surrenders, 3000 prisoners were captured with a large amount of stores. O. Jennings Wise was taken prisoner, but died the next days from his wounds. After the capture of the Island "Elisabeth City" was shelled & captured, then "Edenton" and "Plymouth" were occupied. Our total loss was 35 killed and 140 wounded. Col. Russell of the 10th Conn. was killed, also the Lieut. Col. Of the 53rd N.Y. This victory is of vast moment, as it threatens the Rebel Army at Manassas Junction. Wenderors the junction of the railroads which connect the army with the South is but 40 miles distant. Turning to the West, the capture of Fort Henry by Con. Foote is the most brilliant victory of the war. This fortification had been constructed with great care & mounted 17 heavy guns! But it surrendered after an hour's bombardment: 100 prisoners were taken, among them a Major, Gen'l: also a vast amount of stores. After the battle gun boats ascended the river as far as Florence, Alabama, where the inhabitants manifested the greatest joy at seeing the old flag "once more floating", Our troops now, to the numbers 50,000 are investing Ft. Donelson which is defended by 15,000 Rebels- There will probably be a heavy engagement here. General Stone was sent to Ft. Labyrinth during the last week. Charged with treason & misconduct at Balls' Bluff. I hope he will be shot, if found guilty. Taking into account everything the war never looked better & I think the turning point has at last been reached.

Sunday Feb'y 23rd. 1862

Once more I am seated in no. 25 A. H. writing in my "Journal" Everything I can think of. Last Wednesday P.M. I reached Brunswick O.K. finding everything in the room, cosy and comfortable: also, But very glad to have me return to sleep with him at night, wh. in this climate is a great consideration. The news of the surrender of Ft Donelson reached home Monday forenoon & since then we have the particulars in detail. Ft. D. is situated on the Cumberland river, 12 miles distant from Ft. Henry There were first, batteries nearly on a level with the river: then, 60 feet higher more of the "same sort" & still higher ditto-thus the whole works were very formidable's Gen'l Grant with 40,000 troops in conjunction with Commodore Yooke & Guns, boats attacked the Fort on Thursday, Friday & Saturday & on Sunday, Feb 17th the rebel flag gave place to the "Stars & Stripes"- The engagement was the severest of the war, Our loss 400 killed, 600 wounded, The Enemy's loss, of course, was less, as they fought behind their works, Bowling Green was evacuated the first of last week, then Clarksville & now Nashville is ready to surrender, This has completely changed the aspect of the war, The rebellion is fairly smashed by these repeated triumphs of our army, Columbus is being fortified and reinforced but this will not prevent the progress of the "National Army" Gen'l Price is on his last legs. Gen'l Curtis has defeated him twice & captured very many prisoners- At Ft. Donelson 15000 prisoners including Gen'l Buckner & Johnson, Floyd ran away with 5000 men the night previous to the surrender. On Tuesday evening the College buildings were illuminated with 3200 candles. They presented a magnificent appearance. The Students called on the various Profs. & heard some capital remarks from them. Unfortunately I missed all this by being at home. On Friday morning I heard President Woods give the opening lecture in the New Medical College. It was the finest thing of the kind I ever heard. We received this week the news of Henry Packard's death, at Port Royal on Jan'y

27th, of congestion hot ow by excitement during an engagement. He left good evidence of having become a follower of Christ, I last saw him in Sept. 1860.

Sunday, Mch, 2nd. 1862,

Again after a week of hard work, I have welcomed the "sweet day of rest" wh. here especially is a delight to me. For I've no genuine freedom from care on any other day in the week, This noon Communion was observed at Dr. Adams' church, I enjoyed a fine prayer – meeting this morning, and a earnest discourse from Prof. Chadbourne this P.M. The last week has been remarkable for severe gales and snows. Two trains only have arrived from Portland this week! We have been completely blockaded. For 30 hours after a day's rain we experienced a very violent gale, with the mercury at + 2°! This was succeeded by a severe snow storm which makes the snow at least four feet on a level. The war news is minus, for we've no papers. Tuesday next finishes the first half of the term! It has gone so swiftly that I am astonished to find it so far advanced, We have left the 'Concise' Thucydides & taken up Odessey – wh. is comparatively easy. Greek Prose, wh. is detestable, has bored us during the past week. Stone is dry as dust & spins out the lessons abominably. I am rejoiced to think that in six weeks, I am done with Algebra it has been my great "bugaboo"

Sunday, Mch 16, 1862,

During the past two weeks things have gone on as usual in College, the time has gone very fast, so that I'm hardly done with one of Dr Adams brief discourses. Ere Dave called again to suffer the infliction of another tedious Sermon. Since my last record, we have finished Thucydides and commenced the 9th Book of the Odyssey, which I have liked very much, after a lesson or two, I could "scan" like a brick, After the next week when we have Latin Prose, we shall commence "Cicero de Senectute" which is said to be very easy. Instead of Paley, we are to have a series of questions on Biblical history, who are in me at Cambridge, England-

Friday P.M. Mr. Tucker fell down a whole flight of stairs, injuring his ankle severely, so, we have had no recitation since Friday noon. as Stone gave us an adjouer yesterday morning. To-morrow morn. we have no recitation since Prof. Egbert is away! Bully for freshmen dignity!

Yesterday the "Hold – in" adg. From the previous Saturday, came off in the "South Wing," 22 Freshmen & 20 Sophs were on the ground, We broke the "Arch" at the first onset, but failed to get out, as some one gave the word to "let go" too soon- I am thankful to be fairly done with "Hold-in S" as a Freshmen, I wonder-no one is fairly "squelched" in such a jam- 20 fellows running 30 feet and striking a solid body of men, will make something of a shock, to say the least. I was glad to come out whole. Yesterday proved an exception to the weather of the past week, as a snow-storm commenced yesterday morning and is still at its hight. 11 A.M. more than a foot of snow has fallen.

Last Sunday witnessed a terrible fight near Fort Monroe.

The "Merrimac," wh. by the way I saw launched at Charlestown in '55, after being made perfectly invulnerable by iron sheeting, came out from Norfolk, & after sinking the "Cumberland," burning the "Congress" and destroying 200 lives, was driven back by the timely arrival of the "Monitor" a vessel constructed by Ericson of N.Y. If she had escaped to sea, the Merrimac would have broken the "Blockade" and very likely have burned Portland & c & c. It is only, by such lessons, that we can acquire ordinary

caution, The effect of this “Naval” Bull Run will be to have iron ships fitted out at once. One shell from the “Cumberland” entered the Merrimac & killed Capt. Buchanan & 17 men! Whole broadsides would glance off from her sides as a shower of pea – nuts! The “Monitor” is built, so that her deck is but 18 inches out of water. On her deck a tower is constructed, in wh. are heavy guns throwing shells of 180th weight & greater. This tower is moveable so the guns can be trained to fire in any direction. She came out of the fright, Entirely uninjured- The days of wooden ships are over, and the iron age begins anew- At last, without shedding a drop of blood, we have the famous fortifications at Manassas in our possession. The movement along with the whole line of the Potomac probably induced the Rebels to leave for the South, The works were found to be, by no means, impregnable Huts were Standing. Sufficient to shelter a hundred thousand men, The inquiry now is where have the Rebels one? Bumside will be on his guard however. So we need fear nothing for him, New Madrid is in our hands & thus the story goes on. The Rebels have abandoned their whole line of operations, under the overwhelming pressure of the Union forces. Our fleet is accomplishing wonders at the South & the coast of Georgia is in our hands.

President Lincoln’s proclamation for a gradual Emancipation is a great document in its important relation to our present state of affairs, and is a states man like effort on his part. Gen’l Fremont has a department assigned him. wh. Clears him from all fault of course. “The good work goes bravely on,” “Selah.

Sunday, Mch 23rd 1862

A regular snow-eating fog is “abroad” this morning, and the air has the peculiar dampness wh. is very prolif- of colds, but yet, hastens on the coming of glorious spring time, During the past week we have had cloudy disagreeable weather “ad nausean” but soon the rays of raw an April sun will melt the vast quantity of snow, and the buds & birds will appear once more. Tucker heard the first recitation Thursday morning, before that we had Greek 3 times pr dium. And two adjourns also. We shall go on as usual this week 4-companies of Cavalry passed through Thursday Evening. I saw John Andrews. Capt Coraw & Leu’nt Chadbourn. I felt very sadly to bid John farewell, in vein of the uncertainties of war. He is strong, brave & hopeful, but may be the first to die. God give him a safe return! Monday we learned of a great battle at Newborne N.E. between Girl Burnside & the Rebels. He attacked the enemy in entrenchments a mile in extent defended with heavy cannon and thousands of soldiers. After a hard fight he came off victorious with a loss of 91 killed & 400 wounded- Among the slaine was Adjutant Frazier Steams of the Mass 21st. I knew him some at Cambridge, and always thot him a fine fellow. He was a fine scolar & a fine fellow in every respect. He died at the head of his men fighting bravely. “Dulce et de comm est pro patria mori” What a transition from the battlefield with its scenes of blood and passions death to the fresh fields of living green wh. skirt the pure crystal river of the water of life! Lieut Andrews of the 9th Maine has just died at Port Royal, of fever, I was somewhat acquainted with him, at home. On Tuesday Eve’g I heard. Artemus Ward lecture in the Mason St. church. It was a very witty entertaining production and took well. He is a hard looking fellow, but a very pleasant speaker and genuine humorist-

Sunday Mch 30, 1862

One week nearer the close of the term of the year and of life! (The above is original) and a hard week it has been- In Algebra we have begun Log's, which are exceedingly hard, in so much that I don't thoroughly understand them yet. Tuesday morning we have our first recitation in "le : cicero de Senectute" which will be easy, no doubt, I think this coming week will finish our advance study for the term, for two weeks will finish the 2nd term of my Freshmen year! My Oration is yet on the stocks or rather I have been getting out a little timber- It shall be done in time if my life is spared; Last Sunday saw the usual fight, this time at Winchester, Gen'l Shield's Division was attack by 20000 Rebels & after a sharp fight the Rebels were driven off with heavy loss. Our forces numbered 8000! Some very hard fighting was done in this affair. Gen.l Banks had started for Washington, but returned on hearing of the fight, and, putting himself at the head of his run pursued the Enemy, who, as, usual, took "leg - fail- Gen'l Summer's Division Advanced to Gordonsville & caused 10000 Rebels to ramose. So the work goes on, At Island No. 10, slow progress is made; but sure it appears- Amidst the clash of Awus a very important movement is comparatively unobserved, viz, the Abolition of Slavery in the D. le. Truly God can bring good out of evil. This morning I took a fine walk through the woods on the crush. It is the finest walking in the world. It seems odd to be going over fences & walls with perfect looseness.

Sunday, April 13. '62

We have at last reached the last Sabbath of the term. The close of the second of my Freshmen year. 8 months have gone since I was admitted- a trembling freshman. Months never went faster, and for the last few, more pleasantly. One term more wh. will go swiftly, and I shall be a Soph. if nothing interferes, The last few weeks I have studied quite hard. Yesterday & this morning have been very Spring - like, the air soft and mild and the finds are beginning to pour forth their liquid gushing notes. The snow still covers the ground, except in a few spots- Altogether it is very wintry yet- The war news is of great importance for the past week. 1st On Wednesday we heard of a great battle at Pittsburgh near Corinth, Miss, Our accts are still meager but we have a general idea of the fight. Gen'ls Grant & Buell were separated by a river: Gen'l Wallace was detained 16 hours by mistaking the way. The forces of Grant were encamped, with a detachment of Gen'l Prentiss division half a mile in front- Beauregard planned a fine attack, calulatory that by falling with an overwhelming force upon Grant he might anmhilate him and then defeat Buell with trusting to a surprise, wh. in the End nearly defeated our forces. At the head of 60,000 troops he came, about daybreak, upon Prentiss' 400 men. Thinking the Rebel advance merely skirmishers, they engaged them but quickly found themselves face to face with the whole army of the enemy. They retreated in disorder upon the main body, but a little before the Rebel's who at once commenced the attack.

(60,000 Rebels)

(38,000 Federals)

The troops, of course, were forced back through their camp, and only by the most desperate fighting did they save the army from total destruction. Cemmed in with a river in their near and Rebels in front- it was a fight for life. But the men who behaved so bravely at Fort Donelson were true to themselves, & to the Country, The Rebels would make a strong attack on the Center then quickly would turn their whole force unto one of

the Wings- But they couldn't force our lines, and, at length, as night came on retired from the attack occupying the camp of our men. Providentially, Buell at length arrived on the opposite bank of the river & all night the troops were ferried over. With the first light the Federals now numbering 70,000 attacked the Rebels in turn. The battle now became terrible, 120,000 men engaged in a fearful contest, with the roar of hundreds of cannon, the shrieks of the wounded and the fierce shouts of the combatant what a sight for men & Angels to look upon! The Rebels now became desperate, victory wh. seemed in their grasp was being taken from them. But all their Efforts were in vain, and when Gen'l Grant finally saw disorder in their ranks putting himself at the head of Six Reg'ts he swept the field!!! What a glorious hour was that when the Old flag was borne aloft in triumph thru the smoke and blaze of battle! The loss on both sides was tremendous- Probably 8000 were killed and 3000 wounded on both sides.

Turning to the east, we find Gen'l McClellan with 100,000 men before the walls of York town. Va. The force within the walls is estimated at 100,000 wh. probably is an overestimate, I anticipate a hard fight there, The Rebels are concentrating men with great rapidity. As this lies in the way to Richmond their will be a decisive contest in all probability.

After a siege of three weeks the Rebels at Island No. 10 have surrendered to Conn. Foote- A vast quantity of military stores & c & c fell into our hands. The victory was bought at the sacrifice of but little blood. Probably my next entry will be made in Biddeford.

To - day we have listened to two fine sermons from Mr. Walker of Portland, in the morning on the character of "John" and in the afternoon on "Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, to - day & forever" - It is by all odds the finest sermonizer I ever heard.

Sunday Apr. 20, 1862)
Biddeford, Me.)

Once more I find myself in the very uncongenial atmosphere of Biddeford, with its tedious streets & disagreeable people. The term closed on Tuesday and I arrived home O.K. at the usual time. I attended the Exhibition on Monday evening, wh. passed off quite well. Choate & Magrath's parts were very good. Taylor & Goodwin received the prizes. The Junior Past always dull, were un commonly stuffed being delived wretchedly. I have being on the Street a great part of the time since arriving here, raned with two walks into the woods after May flowers, but I was too early. Wednesday Eve'g I attended a "Sociable" in the vestry, Enjoying the usual dull time, But few were present and all seemed to be having a poor time, with such a company one couldn't expect much enjoyment. Yesterday morning I took a pleasant ride with Usher Cutts about Saco and Biddeford, in the P.M. Walked with G. Mbanies & Dorville Libby over to the Saco falls wh. looked magnificently, as the river is very high. Attended church last evening and enjoyed it much. Chas Hardy & Flanders Newbegin look part, I was very glad to hear of their conversion wh. was bro't about by Mr. Kalloch of N.Y. where they were stay'ng They seem truly changed

God grant them grace & strength to keep near to their Saviour!

This morning at about 3 A.M. the "Union Block" was badly damaged by fire. The loss will be heavy, I should judge a great many business men were in the building- The fall of

Ft Pulaski was announced on Tuesday, after a heavy shelling by the Federal troops- Our loss was comparatively nothing, we captured a large amount of stores & Munitions of war, This opens the way to Savannah, Elsewhere the war remains "in stasis quo" Lincoln signed the Bill to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia this last, "The work goes bravely on-"

Sunday P.M. April 27, '62)

I have nothing of especial interest to record since last week- I have written some, read more & walked more, Yesterday I took a pleasant walk in the woods and found a few beautiful "May-flowers"- The snow has nearly disappeared and the walking is quite dry. May-day comes on Thursday and I expect a good time- The war goes on well, there has been no especial movement, but everything betokens a great fight near Corinth and also at Yorktown, The batteries at Yorktown will send 200 shells a minute into the Rebels which will be apt to stir them up. At Corinth the Rebels under Beauregard will be opposed to Gen'l Halleck, two of the ablest Generals in the respective armies. The fate of the Mississippi valley is at stake & the armies will in the aggregate, amount to 200,000, Thursday Eve, Ed & I went to a Niggers Concert in The City Hall, The music was splendid and the acting perfectly ludicrous- I never laughed so in my life.

Sunday, May 4, 1862)
Biddeford)

We have had a beautiful spring day- The air, very sweet; the green grass; the slowly blooming flowers; the singing of the birds; all are sweet forerunners of summer. The greenness always surprises me Each year so emblematic of life, it seems as though every invalid would start anew in life and be raised up to enjoy the quiet beauty of summer- This afternoon we all enjoyed the communion Service, Mrs Ricker joined by Profession- I prefer the Brunswick custom of having a separate service, Chs. Heardy & Flan Newbegin joined M. Tenney's church. I hope they will both be steadfast. By a letter rec.d, yesterday from Mary we learned of Osgood McLellan's death at Yorktown. On the 2nd of April, there was a skirmish in which about 30 of the one 7th, were engaged. The enemy attacked them while at dinner; they rallied and stood to their arms bravely, After the fight had gone on for 15 minutes Osgood was struck by a Mini ball in the right leg. He was immediately carried to the rear. The surgeons all agreed on amputation wh. was done, but all in vain & on the morning of the 25th of April he expired. It must be a heavy blow for Aunt Caroline, Thursday (May-day) I went out in the woods as usual. The usual company was out there, including the Irish crew who always are out there may - day- I enjoyed myself very much, was with Phine Neally nearly all days. Eating a beautiful dinner; stayed out from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. reaching home thoroughly tired, nevertheless, I attended a Methodist Show in the Eve. wh. was so-so-

Bowdoin, College)
May 18. 1862)

The fortnight wh. has elapsed since I made my last entry has seemed a month. The first two weeks of the term always drag and these have been no exception - Monday, 5th May

Ed & I arrived in Town and therefore have been here two weeks. Hard weeks they have been! Geometry has done the business for us – Per se it is very easy, but per Tucker tough as ‘white lightning-’

He tips the figures round in Every direction, changes letters & c & c- Will call a man up in the midst of a sentence, and if he fails to be exact- down he goes-

The highest number of deaths has been 15! I have died $\frac{3}{4}$ of the time, It had got to be too tough, so Friday we determined to give Tucker a hint on the subject by “cutting” Accordingly every man stayed out and made it a complete success. They could get no evidence since we had no meeting about the subject. We went into recitation, the next morning & found Tucker “in position” ready for a lecture. He talked about fifteen minutes on the subject of cuts & concluded by saying that he should summon the Faculty after Frankfort unless we apologized-

After he had left the room, Swasey, Norman & myself were chosen a Committee to inform him that we didn’t intend to insult him. So – he at (Battles since the foundation of the Gov’t,) War of the Revolution.

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Once returned and gave out the same lesson for Monday in Geometry,

Thus we had two adjourns & made Tucker “cave-” All College said that we cut him better than any class ever did any one of the Faculty. After Prayers Friday Eve, our “Second Rope – pull” came off after the Sophs had pulled us to the grass, we stopped them for good, They couldn’t stir us an inch! “Bully for 65”- The rope broke twice before we had our final pull-

The Sophmores numbered 9 more than the Freshmen. The two classes are now square as to “Hold – ins” and “Rope – pulls,”

I have been several times to walk in the Haley Woods in Topsham and have found my many May flowers- The walks down by the River are delightful- I intend to be on my travel as much as possible-

Have been thinking whether or no it wouldn’t be best for me to leave College, during the last fortnight- My health is poor, have no real strength and besides have the good reasons but I imagine that this feeling will blow over soon. Our geometry has been very hard, as before remarked, Latin & Greek take time so I am fully occupied- I presume a Sea voyage would be very good for me. If I stay in College After the three months of the Fall term, I shall be obliged to teach: then spring term; making in all a six month’s steady work, “Wh. it were very wearing on any person” lehas, will be here in August: he will tell me what to do, & how I do- The College yard is putting on its sone of green; the trees are fast leaving out; the air is mild & summer like; Altogether we can joyfully say, “All hail! to Summer” Friday evening I joined the “Pewcinian Society” Wh. about 12 Packard’s are member’s, 6 others joined with me, The initiation was terrible-

Since I last wrote in my Journal very many exciting events have happened in the history of the war, 1st, Monday, 5th, we received the news of the evacuation of Yorktown by the Rebels. Their fortifications were of immense strength, extending for miles- It would

have cost 10000 lives to capture it by storming- Mac night have shelled them out in a fortnight very probably. But the rebels found out the great strength of our batteries and feared the result, so Saturday, 3rd May, saw the last Rebel out of Yorktown, Our forces at once took possession and prepared to pursue the enemy. The Mass 22nd were the first in the work's! Gen'l Franklin's division was sent to West Point on the Peninsula, to cut off the retreating rebels- Our forces encountered the Rebels at Williamsburg & had a hard fight. The Rebels greatly outnumbered us. But Northern pluck wouldn't yield to a superior force: accordingly at the close of the day, the foe left the field- During the night the enemy evacuated their strong works and fled, At West Point Franklin's division had a hard fight, also, Among the troops under him is the 17th Maine, who act finely in the affair. Rebels here were whipped- McClellan is now within a few miles of Richmond, Last Sunday, Gen'l Wool headed an Expedition to capture Norfolk, the expedition was perfect success. The troops met with no opposition and made a triumphant entry into the City, here, as at Yorktown, a Mass Reg't was the first to enter the place.- On the same morning the famous Merrimac was blown up by the Rebels- Thus a long season of awenity was ended, Plwall's Point & c were evacuated, A perfect clearing out!!! The city of New Orleans is in full possession of "our folks"- No especial newsfrom Cornwith, Banslst Fremont have united their forces.

Bowd. College, May 25, '62

The last Sunday of Spring! "Sweet day' so cool, so calm, so sweet" During the last week the great change from spring to summer has been going steadily on. The leaves have started out wonderfully and the whole yard is refreshingly green, The grass waves in the mild summer breeze: the song of the birds, tho' even the same melody, sound new and sweet: the air breaths only of summer: in short, the hot ripening days of the summer are upon us. I am astonished more and more every season to the witness of the great transfiguration from death to life. The grass never seemed so green, The new leaves never so beautiful, Every thing seems to speak of life, we can not think of those sweet fields beyond the dark river as dressed in green more living- The time has gone very rapidly for the past week, In fact, after the morning recitation, the hours pass like minutes- Our life is so regular that it makes time fly. A quarter of the term is down and I am just commencing to study- But I don't expect to accomplish much during the hot weather, and if I can get along passably, I shall be satisfied- A week more of Greek Prose and two of Latin Prose will dispose of these two studies! We finished this last week "Cicero de Senectute", wh. is the most beautiful Latin I have ever read- I have enjoyed the study of it very much, Geometry has come Metreological Diary '62 - April 3rd. A storm, partly snow & some rain, About 10 inches on a level. Hardly a bare spot to be seen, (A robbin appeared for the first time this morning) Since 23rd of December we have had good sleighing-

April 5th

After two days of fine weather, we have a fall of two inches of snow- Spring lags- much easier, I shouldn't recognize Tucker in the recitation is so changed He has even prompted fellows in their propositions- That dose we gave him has worked wonders with him. I rec'd a letter from Dim Shawon Thursday. He gave me an acc't of the fight at West Point- The band were detailed to carry off the wounded, For seven hours they worked

under a heavy fire of shell & bullets, The inhuman Rebels utterly disregarded the reg. flag, wh. all civilized nations invariably respect! He had some very narrow escapes from death.

Monday wrote Mr. Rand to inviting him to give a Poem at our Psi Upsilon Convention, Rec'd letters from Ezra Perkins and Phine Nealley, Ezra is in Iowa, living with his sister Ange. He is at present attending school & likes well I should judge. Phine's letter was lively & pleasant- "She can keep a hotel" with ease. The war news is of little importance, Mac is within two miles of Richmond and perhaps is in full possession of the City. I think the next fight will be bloody and decisive-

The Rebels have introduced a most inhumane warfare and must be met with similar weapons. I hope no quarters will be given and no prisoners taken! These war must be needed with the bayonet & bullet, and nothing else. remains in statis quo' but will soon have a brush I think, Butler has New Orleans under him and will take good care that it remain so. I now find myself at the close of Vol. 1 of my Journal, I began it a timiorous freshman and close it an embryo sophomore, for in nine weeks I shall get my ticket if nothing breaks, It seems a short time, but in fact it is nine months since I commended the books.

Ended,

Sunday, May 25, 1862

Bowdoin College,

Vale! Vale! Vale!