

Rogers Family Letters 1846 - 1914

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Yonge Street 3rd Moth 25 1846

Dear Mary

Fearing thou will be anxious to hear from us or think we have forgotten thee, I awoke this morning soon after 4 o'clock and thought I could not spend the time more agreeably than in writing a few lines to thee thy Mother commenced writing but, it seemed so awkward to her being out of practice that she gave it up as I

conclude thee will like to hear from [cut off] [first] I may tell thee [her] health is improving and dear [cut off] Benjamin, is growing finely a smart active child [cut off] Mary a kiss for thee) Susannah is well and [cut off] very well with the work, expects to go to school [cut off] we can spare her, I have engaged Mary [Hughes] [cut off] months She is to be out next Monthly Meeting [cut off] and Samuel is going to School and are doing very [cut off] they have commenced their grammar and [felt] their books [cut off] Shuman and Alfred are well and we expect [cut off] them to School as soon as the roads will admit. [cut off] is well and lively as ever, is to go to School [with] [cut off] Augustus folks are well. Lydia is at [her] [cut off] Phillips, and Codys families are well. Eleazer [Lewis] [cut off] likewise, and the neighbours generally, Thomas [cut off] was here on ~~Second~~ 3rd day him and his Father [illegible] [cut off] [sitting] to mutual Satisfaction which has given me much pleasure. Thomas [illegible] gets the land in Mariposa uncle [cut off] [King] and aunt Edith Asa and Hannah were out here with Joseph and Esther [Cody] with their Children, Stephen, Augustus, and Mary [cut off] altogether a pretty good load, the twins are very fine [cut off] Children. I had nearly forgotten to say John [illegible] and Susannah with Martha ~~they~~ were out to last Monthly Meeting and Staid till 1st day after Meeting.

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I need not say anything About Mother [so she] [expects] inclosed her lines in this, John is well and I have hired him for another Year. I think My own health is improving Since the [illegible] Spring air has made its appearance. We remain, with paternal affection. Thine
Sincerely

The Children Send their dear love to thee. We received Mary Moore's letter with thine and was very much gratified with it and wish thee to write as often as thee wishes and if thee Stands in need of any thing, do not a [cut off] thy Self to get homesick but endeavour to [keep] an [illegible] and May the divine blessing rest on thou [cut off]

Elias Rogers
Sarah Rogers

Give our love to Sister Lydia and May Eliza and Mary Hoag.

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Yonge Street 23rd of 1st Mo 1846

Dear Mary

I received thy letter yesterday and was much pleased with it, as we had looked often, thy Father was in Toronto and met with Elizabeth Hughes soon after she got there and she came up with him, and Susannah went and took her to [Claton] Webb's next morning. I must now tell thee about the family. Mother has been quite complaining and is not able to [set] up this morning, the rest of us are as well as common, thy Father and Joseph and [illegible] [Saamuel] are busy getting in hay Susannah is spinning [Alfred] and Esther are at school Benjamin is asleep and I am rocking to keep him asleep while I rite for he creeps all over the house and got up several stair steps yesterday, we have had plenty of cherries and more carrots than we know what

to do with and think we shall have plums and apples enough, and other crops look well – Elijah Gardner did not start as soon as he expected when he was here and we wrote a letter to the and Lydia said she wrote one and then he went without taking them, give my love Mary Eliza and except as much thyself.
I remain thy affectionate mother, Sarah Rogers

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Dear Mary as thy Mother is writing to thee I felt more than willing to drop a few lines to thee, the subject of thy continuing in the school, the year out had been discussed before the reception of thy letter, and the conclusion come to was that if it was thy choice and the Superintendents and teachers thought it necessary, that we would try to spare thee, altho we very much miss thee, in regard to thy coming up to Make us a visit I think I shall be down after thee between this and [the times] + Yearly Meeting We should like to have thee here a while before as thy [assistance] would be useful as well as thy company agreeable it is not that we wish to Make a show in the world or that our dear Children may be lifted up, but hope it may prove a lasting benefit to them in after life I very much crave for thee as thee is the oldest and thy example may be of great service to the younger brothers and sisters, all that I can do for thee will be of but [very] little service to them, without the divine blessing, may it rest upon them, and may they be sensible of it, I believe he has not been wanting, to show himself gracious to thee, mayest thou then be strengthened to yield thy neck to his Yoke and to submit thy back to his burden, while in the morning of thy days, thus thou wilt be prepared for future usefulness in the Militant Church, or for early death, there is a beauty in the [ever] blessed truth which surpasses every thing that this world can afford, with all of its allurements which [vanish] with the grasp, and leave a sting behind, but when we follow the dictates of divine truth what [cut off] peace we are made to be partakers of, but we have an [illegible] adversary to contend with, who is trying continually to allure us from the path of [cut off]

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Yonge Street 6th Moth 3rd 1846

Dear Mary,

I arrived in Toronto on 2nd day Morning where I received a note from Augustus giving Me the solemn news of the death of dear little Sherman who departed this life on first day Morning at nine o'clock all that was within me was moved but I felt the consoling [credence] that all was well and that is was [cut off] in best wisdom, and perhaps it was better on thy account that I was not permitted to be there they had the Docter with him for nearly 2 weeks and the simpathy and kind attention of all the neighbours thy dear Mother was supported through the trying [illegible] to her [humble] admiration and feels to render the praise to him who alone is worthy, his funeral took place at 5 o'clock on 2nd day evening the day before I reached home his funeral was attend by a large [concourse] of people and was crowned with an unusual solemnity I hope we shall be enabled to accept it as a dispensation of providence and not to repine. We feel very much for thee and wish thee to write directly on the reception of this if thee feels as if thee cant be [contented] to stay without coming home and Making us a visit I will [come] after thee and thee can stay until after half Years Meeting.

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I dont feel as if I could say much more at this time but hope thee will not give way to grieve to much I believe thee is in thy place where thee is and that thee is designed to be useful and that he who has hitherto preserved and kept when thee knew it not still will support through all if thee is willing to submit thy neck to his yoke, My greatest concern for My dear Children is that they May Seek a blessing in the [truth] and to See them grow up in the nurture and admonitions of the Lord, that they might be prepared for future usefulness as for early death, we are all as well as common except Grand Mother not quite so well they all join in love to thee and Mary Eliza with Sister Lydia from thy affectionate Father

Elias Rogers

Gideon was here and was well

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Croft House
Perseverance Road
Leominster.

My dear Friends,

It was a great pleasure to me to hear of your gift to the Friend's Service Council. I recalled so many cherished memories that I wanted to send you a note of personal thanks. It often seems as if we cannot find the money or see where it can come from for the work to which we are called abroad. And your gift was therefore a great cheer & gave us a feeling that our needs might be met in God's [illegible] way. I have been associated with our foreign work all my life & I am now 71. You may remember my Father was the first Honorary Secretary & during the early years much of the work was done in our home. I remember so well your Father's visit to us when he came over on behalf of Pickering College, & later when my Father and I visited your homes. I think

link with you & family. [With sincere praises]
[Harold] [illegible]

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[continued]

in 1901 & we went to Pickering College before it was [illegible]. [I remember how land] [illegible] Mrs. Firth were working there then. I suppose it still [illegible] in its present premises. Old Joseph [Albington] was visiting you at the same time [illegible] these Friends together, all noteworthy, Samuel Rogers, Mrs. [illegible] I wonder which of you are left now & if your two sisters are living together, what kind of a Meeting you [have now]

I have a little home in the old town & am the only member of the family here. My brother Sir George Newman has recently retired from his public service. I live near London & my sister Mrs. Eddington, now a widow lives also in London & is active in Friend's work. I am interested in our local Schools & educational work. I am able to be fairly active. [There a Friend in only] yesterday to tell me [though her a religious]

visit [illegible] recalled so much & this morning [illegible] friend told me she was shortly [illegible]. So I gladly recall the old

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Toronto [illegible] July [8th] 01
[illegible]

Dear Ms. Rogers

It is borne in [upon] me to send you a few words of sympathy while you are in this Borderland of suffering and quiet waiting [for] [He] [illegible] will.

Your life has not all been [strong] [illegible] - Take the [illegible] been [He] [illegible] to be to other Souls a [illegible] of strength in some accordance with His Divine will, that thou shouldst be restored again to health.

We have had many of His dear servants with us from other Yearly Meetings and the burden of their Ministry has been for our young people, that they may go forward under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and that their watchword be “Immanuel, God with us”.

Our dear friend [Mac] Hobson from across the water tenderly referred to thy visits among them.

Many expressed the indebtedness Canada Yearly Meeting to thy earnest effort in the years gone by, and [of] the gentle firmness with which thou faced the many difficult problems that had to be solved, thus inspiring all with thy faith and confidence that God would overrule all for the glory of His name -

We trust that thou may realize at this time the comfort of the promise “The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.” Deut. 23.12

We remain with love and sympathy
thy friends
Canada Yearly Meeting
Wm [J.] Moore
Clerk

Pickering 7 mo. 1st [901]

Samuel Rogers

Dear Friend:

Ever since word has gone abroad of thy recent illness, there has been throughout the various meetings a deep sympathy with thee and as we have met in our annual gathering we have greatly missed the inspiration of thy presence and counsel – We greatly appreciated thy kind letter so full of loving words of counsel and prayer – feel interest in our behalf. Our hearts were drawn together in much love and tenderness before the Lord and we were led unitedly to ask if in [...]

December 27, 1935

£1,000 for the F.S.C.

The Friends Service Council acknowledges with deep thankfulness a most timely and unexpected gift of £1,000 which was received last week from two Friends in Canada. Behind this gift lies the story of an incident which is probably quite unknown to most English Friends to-day.

In 1892, Canadian Friends were struggling with a debt on the reopening of Pickering College (the Canadian Quaker College then situated at Pickering, near Toronto), which had been closed for three years for financial reasons. In that year, and again after the College had been burnt down in 1905, an appeal was made to English Friends, to which they had responded, and thus helped in the reopening of the college. After the fire the college was rebuilt at Newmarket, where it is still situated, though it retains the original name of “Pickering”.

As a thankoffering for the help given more than 40 years ago, and because of their deep interest in the work of English Friends for world friendship, both in Europe and more distant lands, two Canadian Friends have sent this generous contribution towards the funds of the F.S.C.

In the letter accompanying their gift they speak of “the very gracious and friendly way” in which the Canadian Friends’ representative was received by English Friends when he came to ask for help to free the college from debt, and say: “We remember the thrilling moment when it was announced in

Yearly Meeting that word had come from England of a final subscription which would clear the college entirety from the burden of debt it had been carrying.”

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The Imperial Oil Company Limited
Queen City Division
Division Head Office
Toronto, Ont.

Sept. 30th, 1914.

Trade Mark
Imperial Oil Company Limited
Heat Light Power Lubrication

Subject:

Mr. J.B. Hutchinson,
Office

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Having decided to withdraw from the active responsibilities of the Company's business, we are pleased to be able to advise you that it has now been arranged that Mr. J.E. Shatford – until recently Manager of the Halifax Division – will remove to Toronto and assume the duties of Manager of this Division.

Mr. Shatford has been long associated with the business of the Company, and we feel confident will both merit and receive the hearty co-operation of all the members of the staff and associates in this important Division.

Mr. G.I. Hambly will continue as Assistant Manager and Mr. Wolfe as Lubricating Assistant to Mr. Shatford.

After October 3rd all correspondence and reports for the Toronto Office should, therefore, be sent to Mr. J.F. Shatford, Manager, at the usual address.

We are retaining our vested interests in the Company and are remaining on the Executive Board, therefore, we shall continue to be equally interested as in the past in the success of the business of the Queen City Division.

In withdrawing from this active work and responsibilities of the business, we wish to express to all of our associates our grateful acknowledgement of the loyal co-operation and earnest support given in promoting the welfare of the business and the friendships of our association therein will always to us remain prized and unbroken by any business changes.

Yours very truly,

A.[J.] Rogers
J. P. Rogers

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Queen Street Division
The Imperial Oil Company Limited
63 Bay St. Toronto

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The Imperial Oil Company Limited
Heat Light Power Lubrication

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Mr. J.B. Hutchinson
Toronto, Ont.

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[illegible] 13th June

My Dear Daughter

I have been as busy as ever since you left & see no chance that I can come to England in time to come back with you. The Standard have been over here looking round & talking of arrangement but I shall not feel sure till I see it done however I can only wait till I see what comes. I feel as if I want to go to England when I am under no pressure I miss Gertrude very much I long to see her when I come home tired and worn out after hard trips.

Life goes on much the same as usual. I have been away much of the time – just now there is great excitement in the Elections & it looks as if there might be a change of Government on the [23rd] of this month. I was out last night to Massey Hall to hear [Lauria] & others they had to lock the doors an hour before the appointed

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appointed time every part full association Hall was more than full from the overflow & they waited till after Eleven for Mr. [Lauria] to get through at Massie Hall – he then spoke to them.

I was tired & did not wait for him to finish at Massie Hall – I recd the Friend telling of London YM – I was more interested than usual thinking of you and Gertrude being there tho I know if I had been there I should have grown weary... Still I shall always feel that it is the motherland & London YM the head of the church I love – I want you to feel as you meet the people I know that I have sent a special message of remembrance to all of them. I am so glad Gertrude Janson has been able to be up & be with you – I feared so much from reports last year that she would never see you – I have thought so much of her from the time she introduced herself to me at the Monthly Meeting at Durham – she will remember

the [time]. I was then loaded down with care & I almost shudder as I look back at what I have passed through since then, all of the [Woodrow] trouble & competition in trade – I could not have lived if it had not been for the everlasting arms that have ever been underneath. It would have been sweet to die if by so doing I could have shielded those I love from trouble. God for Jesus sake has been very merciful to us and from the darkness has brought light & will I beleive bring us through all that can assail us. I feel I am getting old and the strain will break the thread in time but it troubles me not & if it should some time come suddenly you will all know that I am anchored at last in

[Postmarks]

Mere	[illegible]	[illegible]	
B	1984		[illegible]
JU [illegible]	[illegible]		
96			

Darlington
7.30 PM
JU 24
96

Sarah R. Janson
11 Granville Terrace
Darlington

J. [illegible] [Rutter]
Mere
Mills

c/o P. [Yates] [illegible]
Wilton
[cut off] England

the Haven of rest where no storm can assail or disturb. I may live for years & if it should please God to so provide that I might do more for His work in the Earth – in my closing days I shall rejoice – nevertheless I am [content] to do as way may open. My especial desire is to help the needy & the work of my own church – God has so tendered my heart that I long to ease the sorrow of every troubled heart – there is only one way – the love of Jesus – Say to dear Gertrude Janson there is rest & joy & peace for the weary; there is balm - Healing balm for the sick in the Lord Jesus. I do not doubt she is resting there. resting under the shadow of a Great Rock – May the Lord as He sees meet comfort and cheer & keep her continually give my love to her. I am enclosing in this a letter for dear Baby Gertrude all for herself you must show her how [to obey] [cut off]. It is her own letter – I want - [her] to think of me while she is away [illegible] well Good by with [illegible]
Love

Albert

[Postmarks]

[illegible]	MERE	BATH	DARLINGTON
8.15 AM	B	A	3.15 PM
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[illegible] 2/15

My Dear Daughter

I have been wanting to write you for some time but at night when I get home I am tired & at the office I am too busy – but tonight I have just had a hearty supper & will not put it off any longer. I am very sorry to hear you have been so poorly but hope you will now be feeling better. You will have to take the best care possible of your self and not fret about the work I shall suggest to the Girls to turn in and try and help you with your sewing [etc.]. I shall likely come down before long as I have to go to Montreal & can come that way.

I have just returned from attending the funeral of W. [illegible] at Pickering – I staid at

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the college all night – they have altogether including day students about - 85 students on the Roll – this is exceeding good - if no disaster overtakes the school, its success is assured - I am very glad indeed for its prosperity & hope I may be able to get some money from New York & New England [illegible] – I hope to go there before our YM if Albert gets back in time & with improved health. I have just recd a letter from him written from Myrtle Bank Hotel Kingston - Jamacia - I think from the letter he will be all right tho' he had a very rough passage in the first part of it & was sick indeed – said the steward gave him beef tea & [illegible] but now with the temperature

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at 85 and plenty of fresh air he should get on. I was sorry he had to stay as long in New York, but he did not want to go till we knew how matters would turn & then he had to wait for next ship – Campbell had been trying to get the Standard to open an office in Toronto & leave us but [illegible] had matters pretty well stirred up – he wanted to come to Toronto himself but with Mr. Dudley's assistance I [illegible] him out and instead of coming to Toronto he has been sent to India – I suppose that now the [cnty] has been changed the Standard will make some further moove in Ontario but I do not think it will be detrimental to us as they have promised we shall be

[Stamp]

[Postmark]

TORONTO

[illegible]

CANADA

Mrs. Dr Janson
197 Rideau St.
Ottawa
Ont

Register

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considered – We have about recovered our loss with [Wooders] but of course our business is spread out – but since I have been able to work there has been a great improvement & all our ventures are prospering The business in the States is making money, Hamilton is making money – The Lumber business is making money - J.H. Farr & Co are also making money & if the Refinery does not make money We will only loose half of it so you see that a few years attention will make it so we can pay cash for all our goods I am writing these things so you may be of good cheer – there is no skeleton in the closet as there has been for the last five years – I believe Albert will return in good health – I shall not

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allow him to go into the drudgery of detail any [more]. There will be plenty of work for him to do in looking after general things & keeping track of the [cut off]. I have taken [Spooner] of Port Hope & given him a chance to accumulate a small interest & he opens the mail while I guide the ship of state, I feel we are in better shape than we have been & I do not think the change in the tariff will hurt us in the end I seem to be fully restored in health when in New York (I was there for a week) I consulted a good Doctor & on examination he says I am fully restored & the disease wiped out – tho I must be careful as

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to diet & not get cold or damp feet - I have concluded that it will pay to keep Samuel Rogers well fed – well clothed & to follow Drs instructions – take all I want of good roast - [from] mutton chops & beef steaks drink Saratoga or Sprudel water when I want it & leave pies & cakes largely alone If I should hope to reach sixty I think I should then only work when for pleasure – I want if life is spared to go to Jerusalem & Egypt if health & funds permit – but I shall not think of it till the ship is sailing in a calm & untroubled sea. I feel that day will come even if I should not live to see it – I am writing this letter at R R Speed and will

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not vouch for its correctness so I hope you & D will pass my blunders over as I am such a bad hand to look after detail that I do not even intend to read it over so you will have to take it as it is – at any rate it would be about what Uncle Levi told Jo [Kately] when he said he would like to send his boys to school to make something of them “it would be hard work to make a whistle of a pigs tail” You and Dr will both read this letter so there is no need my writing seperately – there is no need of him takeing any trouble about what Jo asked him about as there is no

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hurry about it – Mary is waiting to post a letter in the box before nine so I must draw this scrawl to a close.

Esther M.J. & Hannah Rogers are talking of going to Quarterly Meeting if the snow dont go off they will start day after tomorrow & drive Friends up Yonge street – I will likely go up by train

With much love to both of you I remain
Your loving Father

Samuel Rogers

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SAMUEL ROGERS
JOSEPH P. ROGERS
ALBERT S. ROGERS

STOREHOUSE AND WORKS
21 AND 23 PRINCESS ST. AND COR. OF SHERBOURNE ST.
AND ESPLANADE

QUEEN CITY OIL WORKS
SAMUEL ROGERS & CO.
IMPORTERS, MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN

MACHINE AND BURNING OILS

OFFICE, 30 FRONT STREET EAST

Toronto, July 13 1891

Dear Sarah

I enclose \$40.00 or [illegible] years Interest on [illegible] [balcs] amt given you by Father - I wish you would again send me if you have it a memo of amts furniture and cash which were to be chg'd against the original amt - you gave it to me some time ago & I feel it will [illegible] I cannot find it it would not matter only unfortunately I failed to enter it in [books] at the time – all I require is the total amt cash. & the total amt furniture – I want to [make] a credit on the furniture as much as the profit in the goods supplied will allow. If you put it on letter acknowleging this to me addressed office it will then be entered while I have it before me – and I will know just what your balance should be at credit here – The enclosed

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SAMUEL ROGERS
JOSEPH P. ROGERS
ALBERT S. ROGERS

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OFFICE, 30 FRONT STREET EAST

Toronto, 188

has no reference to the annual 100.00 [illegible] of course was [illegible] of interest – I intended sending this early in the month but had almost overlooked it.

Father perhaps told you I am thinking [some] of taking a vacation – I do not like doing it this time of year but have been feeling kind of blue and find the care & work has been [illegible] heavy [illegible] the last year & [illegible] thought it wisest for all [illegible] for me to get a way for a short time in which conclusion Father very kindly encourages me.

I have about decided to go on the S.S. Caribee which leaves NY on the 28th inst for Barbados & other [West Indies] islands & have conditionally reserved berth. I have been led to choose this trip by a young fellow here who took

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it a ~~short~~ couple of years ago – should be away abt 4 [weeks] and on boat most of time - & [illegible] - is all round not [across] [per] day than I would have to [illegible] at hotel ordinary resorts – The only thing I fear is possible sea sickness & heat at [course] end – but am [told] after the day out it is quickest trip possible. But I will [write] you more fully before sailing – ask the Dr as he knows my constitution [etc.] which he would prescribe sea trip or mountain air for complete rest & good [time an] have abt 6 days before reaching the islands after that can go on shore about every day & boat [illegible] shifts island in night.

By the way has the Dr found his glasses? & could I borrow them? If so wrap them safely & send by express any time soon & I will repay you [illegible] with some fotos. I [should take] camera. My only regret is I cannot afford to take one of the girls with me – seeing I have not got a wife - By the way they all [think] that this is my [illegible] is [say] [illegible]
With love from

Albert

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OFFICE, 30 FRONT STREET EAST

Toronto, June 6th 1890

My Dear Daughter

I recd thy very welcome letter on my return from Toledo. I was there on business & had to remain over sabbath. I was very much worn & suffered a good deal from neurology & am not altogether clear of it yet. I have been at home very little of the time there are so many things to look after that it keeps me on the go but I hope after a while I shall get easier – the three months absence make gaps not easily filled up at once – I am glad you were pleased with the things sent – I thought it would be handy for you to have the oil there so you would not have to send out for it – when it gets empty let me know & I will get Morris to fill it – I am glad you are satisfied with the place – I think myself that it does nicely – Albert has quite a wish to sell 107 & buy on Sherbourne near Carlton – it

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would be nice to be where we could run home to dinner & not have so far to go on first day & if we can sell where we are & get [suited] in another place we may change tho' I very much dread pulling up & getting settled – I am also rather dreading Yearly Meeting – it is hard work & makes a break in our work – when do you think of coming up – We expect this year to have an 8 am boat instead of 7 from Long branch this will give us an extra hour in the Am which I think we shall appreciate. We have a fresh boat which makes very good time – we are getting the veranda floor & steps painted also the back kitchens - I suppose they have told you that Albert rented Mothers cottage for \$120.00 I was glad it went off early. I have not written to her since my return – have not felt like writing any one as I have felt under pressure all the time – I had a very nice call from [Squire] Hill – it was so nice to see him well after he had been so near death – Our Toronto Meetings have been very good not so loud & a real worshipful feeling good sized - prayer Meetings not afraid of a little silence.

With much love to both of you from Father

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SAMUEL ROGERS & CO.
QUEEN CITY OIL WORKS

30 FRONT ST. EAST

Toronto, Aug 16 1890

Dear Sarah

I enclose \$20.00 which with the V I left you will make (25.00) [illegible] we will send you this [1st Oct. Jan April & July – drop me a line if it does not reach you [illegible] at any time and also if you need any more any time. Reached home in good shape. [Father] has not been [well] this [week], but is [illegible] [at] words, - The girls are [wondering] if you were not coming [up] in [illegible] on some [excursion] mentioned when here. Can you give me [illegible] address – his boarding house – if not would [like] you to get it some day soon – But [illegible] letting him know I want it – I wish to write to [MHC] without sending it thro' the office - [illegible] best [illegible]

Albert

[found] [illegible] here from [illegible] when [go him & inclose] it. You may return when [writing]

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Miss Sarah Rogers
Saratoga Springs
NY

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Remedial Institute

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MEMORANDUM

SAMUEL ROGERS & CO.,
QUEEN CITY OIL WORKS
TORONTO, ONTARIO
P.O. BOX 1075. OFFICE, 33 ADELAIDE ST. EAST.

Toronto 188
To

and send a post card every day saying how she is don't fail to let me know anything you may need, & don't mind expense so long as it is for your or Rachels comfort, I would come right off but my business needs attention & unless I am needed for the present will remain – but I will come when she feels able to moove, If you should need any thing at all don't fail

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to get it – all are well at home – the Christmas tree for the school came off last night – the house was crowded & every thing passed off very well – Mary started to school this Am - Esther is doing like a little woman – she is such a dear child – Give my best love to Rachel & May our Kind Heavenly Father in Mercy [illegible] & drive away her sickness & pain & My Dear Child May His sheltering hand keep you both safe from every care – I am mailing this in the morning Friday in hopes you will get it before first day – Good by from Father

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MEMORANDUM

SAMUEL ROGERS & CO.,

Toronto Jan 7th 1881

QUEEN CITY OIL WORKS
TORONTO, ONTARIO
P.O. BOX 1075. OFFICE, 33 ADELAIDE ST. EAST.

To My Dear Child
Saratoga Springs
NY

Have been away & just got home – Went to London on business – thy letter of 2nd only recd yesterday on recpt of the other letter I wrote enclosing a check for 50.00 which I hope you have recd. Your letters would come sooner if directed to the office instead of the house – our Box is 1072 – I am uneasy about thy health & want thee to be sure and take care – you must hire help so as not to leave the work to fall on thy shoulders – it is indeed

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fortunate that you are at a Hotell where you can have good care – My fear in the start was that Rachel might be taken worse where she would not get care – as it is now I know she will have better care than she could at home & there is no use worrying about cost, comfort is the main thing – and Rachel should have every thing to make her comfortable – just as well to use it as not, I hope she may get round so as to come home – but it will not do to think of mooving her untill fully satisfied she can bear it with-out injury – I will come when she is able to be mooved or at any time if she grows worse – be sure and telegraph if any worse symptoms appear

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JOHN FISKEN, President
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MACHINE AND BURNING OILS

OFFICE, 30 FRONT STREET EAST

Toronto, Jan 28th 1885

My Dear Child

I recd thy letter when I went home last night & was glad to get it – Glad you are making the acquaintance of my friends & enjoying yourselves. I notice what thee says about leaving NY – I do not want thee to stay there one minet after ready to go. the whole idea of this trip is rest & comfort. I knew it had been a hard summer & there seemed to be an [unsatisfied] & weary feeling & I wanted you to get rested & recruited if the idea has gotten into your head that I want you to be away from home on [a/c] of Janson or any other man it is wrong. I have passed through the world long enough to know that take a toy away from a child & they want it. I was alarmed about your health and wanted you to have perfect rest & thought the best way to get it was make you feel free to enjoy your self – this I want

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you to do only so long as you are fully willing to do it & when you come home I want you to invite Janson home with you just as often as you want to. he stands round kind of out of the way when I am round & if I speak to him I have to go out of my way as he wont speak nor notice me unless I first salute him, any one that is good enough to associate with my children is good enough to come to my house & I want all my children to feel that home is a place where there is freedom, & I do so much want my children to feel so. It is not likely that I will live to be what might be called an old man – I have been a long time on a [storm] & some day I may go down sudden – while I do live I want there to be the fullness of home at my house – now I want you to enjoy your visit – go to what friends you want to see stay just while it pleases at each place – come home when you want to I did not think about people calling on you at Mrs [illegible] & think it would hardly be the thing – I don't want you to make Mrs [illegible] feel bad as it was kind in her but I think you had better go on to Poughkeepsie with Joe & [illegible] good by to NY for the present – remember me to Mrs [illegible] & the Girls – Esther was a little disappointed at not getting a letter from you – I think she has written one letter which you did not get

Love to Jo also much love to
My Dear Daughter
Father

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MEMORANDUM

SAMUEL ROGERS & CO.,
QUEEN CITY OIL WORKS
TORONTO, ONTARIO
P.O. BOX 1075. OFFICE, 33 ADELAIDE ST. EAST.

Toronto, Jan 17th 1881
To My Dear Child
Saratoga Spgs

I recd your letters late – on Saturday night & was very glad to hear from you – I do not want either of you to fret or feel bad about the cost as it cant be helped & it was so fortunate you were at a place where you could have care – I feared Rachel might be taken sick while away but when the Dr told her to go I was in hopes she might miss it – I do not blame her being away for it as she was very weak before starting and

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liable to be taken any time I enclose check for \$100.00 and as you need more I will send it – Esther is getting along all right – Mother gets the [illegible] occasionally & would like to start me off to bring you home – but I don't say any thing back as it will do no good & make her do [less] work I shall write up to Henry & send him some money or what I owe them & if he dont go over when Rachel is able to moove I will – perhaps I may come any way if I can get away – I will if I can leave business so far it has needed such close watching that I dared not be away long at a time.

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MEMORANDUM

SAMUEL ROGERS & CO.,
QUEEN CITY OIL WORKS
TORONTO, ONTARIO
P.O. BOX 1075. OFFICE, 33 ADELAIDE ST. EAST.

Toronto, Jan 17th 1881
To My Dear Rachel

I was so glad to get thy letter – I know it must have cost an effort to write it – I know the feelings of the heart without the written words but it sweet to know that even with an effort thee is able to write – I feel very thankful for thy recovery so far & pray for thy restoration to full health, all is in the hands of Him who doeth all things well, at Longest this life is only short & it has often seemed to me if I could lay it down

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and be at rest it would be sweet – but my children and friends are dear to me and it gives me joy to work for these – great longings often take hold of me & when I see want and sorrow stalking round & the thought often comes if I could only drive sadness and sorrow from all these wretched homes I would freely lay down my life – but all these feelings matter not – all must tread the wine press alone – only one can go by our side – our dear loving Saviour – I know He has long been a dear loving Saviour to thee and this fills my heart with Joy – All is in His hands – do not worry for the expense is only made to use spare no expense when thy comfort & restoration to health is in the balance I have sent check for 100 & will send more as needed – I will try and come over if I can get away – I am writing in much haste so please excuse haste

From thy ever loving Uncle

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SAMUEL ROGERS & CO.,
QUEEN CITY OIL WORKS
TORONTO, ONTARIO
P.O. BOX 1075. OFFICE, 33 ADELAIDE ST. EAST.

Toronto, Jan 3rd 1880
To My Dear Daughter
Care Drs [illegible] Strong
Saratoga NY

Thy letter & card both at hand – I enclose check for \$50.00. It is made payable to thy order – thee will have to sign thy name across the back & give it to Dr Strong & he will cash it. I would have sent New York draft, but it is too late to get one today to better give him the check at once – I expect the collection will not be over 50.00 & perhaps he may not charge anything as you are guests at the Hotell. Telegraph me at once if Rachel should grow worse

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QUEEN CITY OIL WORKS
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P.O. BOX 1075. OFFICE, 33 ADELAIDE ST. EAST.

Toronto 188
To Dear Rachel

I recd thy few lines in Sarah's letter & have sent check for \$50.00 in her name she can endorse her name on the back & get the money from Dr Strong as they can use it at the bank – do not worry the least bit about cost – or money, I will send all you both want to use & come my self if needed – God has been very merciful to me – given me health & blessed me in business – I do not want to lay by riches

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in this world tho' I do feel more grateful than I can tell that all my wants are being supplied in so wonderful a manner – I am very sorry your visit should be mared in any way & thee have to bear pain away from home – tho' I know you have as good care as can be given where you are as you could at home & I think better do not try to moove till fully able – I have always remembered you both in my prayers – May Heaven restore you to ful health again & bring you both back better for the visit – I wish my business cares were not so great & I would run over a day or two & check you [up] shall look for a card from Sarah every day & Dear Rachel do not hesitate to tell Sarah to send for me if you dont [gain] up soon [in March]

Love ever thy loving uncle Samuel

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and do not worry about any expense – our Heavenly Father has been very good to us & I think there is no fear but what we shall get along – I paid out over \$10,000.00 for oil today & am very thankful I had the money ready to pay it with our business the last month has been very large – it will take about \$25,000 this month but as I have already paid \$10,000 there will be no fear but what I can meet all demands - for all this. My heart is full of Love to Him who so fully blesses us – If Rachel should grow worse I will come at once – I do not think her being away has made any diference & have no doubt but that she might have been sick all the same. I felt a little afraid strange beds might be worse for her – now that you are at the Hotell she could not be better cared for & I say by all means to remain until she is fully better – I am afriad to have you make the trip down

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Toronto, 188
To

the Hudson as you could not get so nice a place to stay at – down there if she should be taken worse but I do not ask you not to go, as I do not want to discourage [I she as] able & you wish to go be sure & do so – my only care is that you will not undertake any more than Rachels health will permit, I

will send you any money you may need, I do not value it at all in the balance in this case I am thankful to have it – and glad to send it & more as needed

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Miss Sarah Rogers
“Care” Dr Strongs Institute
Saratoga NY

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Esther has had a cold but is nearly over it & everything going nicely on – Albert has just returned from the street, has been here the last two weeks till Saturday – when he went home to attend the Bible class & returned today – Miss Dymond Mrs [Summerfelt] & Elias have been [illegible] my office this afternoon arranging for the Christmas tree – it will come off on thursday – the school of course is large as all expect a present We still keep up our share of visitors at home – we [cut off] to dinner last first day Elias & Eliza & Sarah Crowe. I was very glad I was able to coax Eliza to stay – we had quite a house full Christmas night & Esther done the honours of the house splendid. I kind of wished you were there but of course knew you were enjoying your selves – I am writing this rather hurriedly & will have to close – be sure and be careful – don’t hesitate to telegraph at any time and I will come at once if needed – Good by

Dear Daughter
from Father

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Saratoga Springs NY
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Elias Rogers & Co.
Importers of Wholesale Dealers in Coal
SOLE AGENTS IN CANADA FOR

BUTLER COLLIERY CO.
PITTSSTON, PA.

REYNOLDSVILLE COAL MINES.
JEFFERSON CO., PA.

OFFICE – 33 ADELAIDE STREET EAST.

Toronto, Dec 5th 1877

My Dear Children

I have just come up to my room & before going to bed will write a few lines. I reached Buffalo last night – went to bed & had a good sleep. this Am & all day it rained very hard so I did not go round as much as I would have done, but I called on several oil men & not one but what says it is a good thing – it will take some time to bring it into use but I think it will pay in the end – I have not tried to sell it yet – I don't think

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that I will try at present – in Buffalo. There is some chance of there being a pipe line come here – if so there will have to be large tanks & if this turns out well, it would then be worth much more – besides this is not the time of year to build tanks but I am well satisfied to show it & make no present sales my trip will be worth all it costs me in the knowledge I will gain in the oil business as I now think it certain I shall go into oil in Toronto – I shall look round a little more here tomorrow & probably take the train for Cleveland at noon tomorrow. I learn the Standard oil Co. have their head office there – they are the oil Kings of the States & I would not at present sell if I had

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the chance, till I see them – I shall go through the oil region before I return so as to learn all I can, It will be of great use to me in future business - I find they make very large tanks 50000 to 100000 Brls - I also find they are often struck by lightning & burned & I see no reason why, in the end this tank should not take the [load] of course it cannot come into [geral] use at once as all these large tanks are now in use – but let it be once established & its adoption will follow, I

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know there is hard work ahead & I do not look for an easy time in making sales, It may be imposible to make any until we build a tank of our own, but I feel more sure than ever that there is a good living in the oil trade in Toronto – the heavy oil men here have ordinary iron tanks – when I told them they had [illegible] in toronto – they said at once that even on an ordinary tank there was a great saving over [illegible] & all of them seem to think this tank will work – I will probably be at [illegible] by Sunday I would like some of you to write me there as I will be there several days - well I suppose you are now thinking & perhaps wondering where I am – I fancy I can see you all sitting round the fire – I dont think you will be out this stormy evening – I would like it if I could only be home at night – I dont find any

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JEFFERSON CO., PA.

OFFICE, – 33 ADELAIDE STREET EAST.

Toronto, 187

bed equal to my own, nor do I find such grub, I smiled at the waiter Girl & she done the best she could for me, but it dont come up to Sarah's cooking – I had porridge for Breakfast – mutton chop & [illegible] Dinner, turkey, Roast Pig, sweet potatoes, Irish ditto – turnips & [√] with mince pie – Corn starch & [√] but a plain home dinner beats all hollow & I see no one I like so well as my own children God Bless & keep you all is my ever earnest prayer. I shall kneel by my bed

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Miss Sarah Rogers
163 Sherbourne St.
Toronto
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side every morning & evening & ask for His protecting care for you and myself – He alone is able to guide us in the right way – I hope Mother will be feeling well by the time this reaches you also uncle Ben will be over his asthma - & that Ann will be down so Ben will feel more at home, I hope the coal business will go on all right & those vessells get in OK tell Elias you have heard from me & that I am well – I will surely be back before Christmas so the children can rest easy I will write you often – tho' it may be two or three days before I write again as I will be on the road tomorrow night – I will now bid you good night – dear Children all – ever yours
Father

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Grover & Baker S.M. Co.

OFFICE OF THE
GROVER & BAKER SEWING MACHINE CO.
No. 58 West Fifth Street,

Cincinnati, Mar 5th 1876

My Dear Daughter

Thy letter of 20th recd some days ago in my absence from home also one from Joseph since then I can hardly tell you how busy I am – I have been on the go all the time, not a week passing without my being away – When I read the letter I intended to ans at once but before I had time other matters called me away & I had to make a sudden trip to Indiana – I reached home last night at ten PM very tired – to day I was at meeting & Sunday school & thought I would write a long letter this PM, but it is now nine of the clock & I got no sleep till after midnight last night – so I know thee

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will not look for a long letter from me this time thy nice letter deserves a better one & I will write one soon – I never have had so much to do before & to day I have recd notice that I am to go & take charge of Dayton office & transfer its business to this – I will start for that place on tuesday & while there will write Joseph a letter if I can spare the time to do it – I cant tell you how much I was pleased with both of your letters & say with all my heart – God Bless & keep you both my dear children. We have had no winter here that could be called winter – the grass has been green for the last six weeks & I saw the farmers ploughing when out this last trip – While away I had the privilege

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Cincinnati, 187

of sleeping in [illegible] an old fashioned country log house where I could lay & look out at the stars & by so doing I caught a heavy cold & am not feeling as well as I might, the got cost for the furs so it is all right – I bought them under price – they were 1800 – Let me know how the got along with the recitation I like so much to hear from you & I am glad that I am to look for a letter each week – I feel real lost when I have been out all the week, going from one point to another & then come home weary & worn & no word from those I love so dear – I notice what the says about Morris Whites Daughter & I would like for thee to go

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and see her, her Father & Mother are particular friends of Mine – they live in Mt Auburn & have about the finest house there - the House & lot cost over \$100 000.00 they are very rich but are real nice people & I enjoy a visit very much. I would like the to be real sociable with her & it would do [illegible] no harm for the to tell her that I have often mentioned her Father & Mother as they are the people I have frequently mentioned – I saw her Mother & Father to day & spoke to them, they are well her Mother told me she had asked her Daughter to call & see thee – but said she was not sure she had as she was bashful – If it is allowable Joseph might go along as I would like for you to know them – tho' I do not think her brilliant – but none of us are & so long as the heart is right we are doing the best we can.

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Cincinnati, 187

I am not sure whether Joseph saw her or not – she has always been very kind & friendly with me, in fact all the friends here have been more than kind – I of course intend Joseph to remain next term and will send money to buy such clothes as are needed thee and him make an estimate of what you both will need & I will send as I have the money by me – Thy memory is good about the fire I could not have told the time – how it has gone by & I still in the same business – I have no expectation that I will still be in it six years hence for it seems to me as if the Co are drawing in – they are all rich enough to wind up and I think they will in a year or too

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more – I will be ready to wind up at any time they say the word – but I will not think anything about it – now make the most of the chance you have & learn all you can for I feel proud of my children & want to be able to say in the coming years if my life should be spared – these are my children & feel when saying so that you were an honour to my name

I again say Heaven bless you both My Dear Children I never close my eyes in sleep but what my thoughts are lifted up in your behalf in Him who alone can guide us in the path of peace
Good by from thy ever loving
Father

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Cincinnati, O, July 18th 1876

My Darling Daughter

It lacks a few moments of time to go to dinner & as I can spare them from other work I will write a few lines & if I do not get time to finish just now I may in the future I cant tell how much comfort it brings me to get & read thy letters In my life of toil & hurry they are like bright spots in the Desert I am looking forward in hope to the coming future – I do not

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paint it with the bright colors of youth for I know as in the past so in the future there will be dark clouds around my life – but with such kind & good children waiting to fold their arms around me, surely I am right in coming to you, if at any time in the future when we are all under one roof you should see your Father silent & perhaps sad – never for a moment doubt my love or think it is one a/c of my children for I love you with a love so strong that if the need should ever come I would lay down my life for my childrens sake – I cant share the time to *[cut off]*

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far & wide that I am unable to bind them down to plain prose. I can feel so deeply & think so much that the words I do utter seem like stunted fruit from so rich a field – but it is not always the uttered word that sinks the deepest in the heart – there is a magnetic influence – a something – a language Divine which fills the heart & tho' no uttered word is heard, yet the knowledge that we are loved [winds] us round

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round & round, such love as this I fear to all my children to you the older ones if posible it is more than doubled – I the bygone years when I was toiling at manual labor thinking that my health would last & I be able to work along till thee & Joseph would be able to be a help and comfort to me – never dreaming my lot for years would be so far away from you – I even then pictured a bright home in the future & at times it seems to me as if imagination was prophetic & the weary waste of years now about to burst into the reality of fancy's wildest dreams.

My Darling Daughter, pray every night that God will *[cut off]*

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down in my own heart I will do what my hands find to do so that when the time does come that I can gather my children round my knee & no more go away for these long seasons I will be in a position to make a home worthy of what I hope my children to be, But I do not wish one of you to think I am labouring for what gold can bring, for even tho' it has been purified ten times in the fire yet it can take wing & fly away, I am labouring

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so that you my dear children now in the seed time of life may learn such useful knowledge as will be a benefit to you in all the coming years – I often feel the loss which I have suffered by not paying more attention to education in my young years & for that reason I am very anxious that my children shall have the change & make use of it – so that when you are launched upon the world you will be fit to fill any position which chance may bring – I should not use the word chance, life is better Yes any position life may bring, and in order to be useful in the world it is necessary we also preserve our health – that is one of the first things we should look to, by that I do not mean we are to shun work – on the other hand

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the mind is being filled with useful knowledge – the body should be developed & strengthened by hard labour so that when we reach an age that will call upon us to do for ourselves, we will feel that reliance that will enable us to go forward nothing doubting But of first importance and above all is to secure for our selves that peace of mind & joy which God alone can give, secure in that then life may bring no joy or sorrow & yet we know that

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all is well – This is what I crave for my children more than I can write or think – I hope it will be a benefit to Joseph going back with thee to school & that both of you will be benefitted by being together – I dont know as I asked what time school begins, if I did I have forgotten it – when the writes let me know – We have had four days of fine weather this last week – but to day it is raining again – Yesterday the River reached its highest point the water went a little above the ceilings in the first stories on the River front I was out on business to Hamilton yesterday & in going out saw the western portion of the City – all the low places under water – Many of the brick yards you could only see the roofs of the sheds over the kilns – the damage all through the country is very

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My Dear Daughter

Just recd thy letter. I know the three old friends faces sent me in the letter very well, you look quite Motherly tho' thy face hardly tallies with the plain garb Minnie & Rachel look rather serious, tho' I doubt not they were neither of them very grave I recd a letter from Rachel & have an answer partly written but have really had my thoughts so full of other matters that I have not completed it, but will do so soon – I have thought about it a good many times, but when I had the time I have not been in a writing mood I shall only write a short letter to day as I am stealing a few moments from business – but in those few moments I say God bless you, to all of you [illegible] I say that it means much – it means

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not only that you may all find [fervent] happiness but that you may also grow up and do good – it means I want you to enjoy those things which will bring you the most joy in the in the world – If you keep that in mind I know you will be good for there is not real joy in sin – I will write again when I have more leisure but now I will say in regard to the graduating that if my life & health is spared the shall have all the schooling the wants & I might add that I have already made up my mind it would be a good thing for thee to graduate – but to the teaching part – I do not promise that just now – I rather fear the staying over in York State & teaching school – away from all of us – but we will see what the future brings – I have been looking ahead in hope to make a home when I could be one around the fireside – this hope I must give up, if the was to want to teach school & graduate too – I intended the to go to school till done & then if I still remained here – I hoped

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to have some of my children with me but I will do what ever will be best for my children – I have toiled for them through many years & still will for your sake do all I can I do not say I will not consent for I think it a noble thing to meet the battle of life face to face & the day may come when I am gone, that self reliance will be of more value to the than all the money I can save & give - for that reason I will not now decide or try to discourage. I feel proud to know that the would like to do something to help along, but while I am strong & in present position, such a course will not be really necessary – all this however can be settled when the time comes nearer & we see how the rest of the children are situated – If any thing should turn so there would be a change at Mothers, I rely on the

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to help me make a home for the rest but I hope such a change will not come for many years – I have taken more time than I intended & must now close at once as I am needed

My love to all and especially to thy self
from Father

That P.O. order should have been [illegible] - if not already [illegible] demand it at once & if not settled write me immediately & I will see about it

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Miss Sarah Rogers
Oakwood Seminary
Union Springs
NY

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Cincinnati, O., Jan 17th 1875

My Dear Daughter

Thy letter of 7th recd in due time. I should have answered it sooner but have been away to Columbus, also to Lexington & I will still be away frequently as I am closing our office at Columbus. Our yearly statements are not complete yet & will not be for some time. I was glad to hear Elias accompanied you a part of the way back to school, also glad to hear you reached there safely and pleased to know you are

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glad to get back. I do not doubt but what both of you [cut off] make the best use of your time & learn that which will be most useful to you in the coming time – I am glad the made it right with Rachel for the 10.00 given me, It had slipped my memory – In thy next tell me how much money the has left – so if necessary I can send more – I want the to be prudent, but at the same time use all that is necessary, for I feel that I can trust my child in these matters. If the day should ever come when it would be harder for me to get money than it is now, I know you would all try and help me, I found all my friends here glad to see me on my return & kind [cut off]

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write me good long letters, for it is sometimes lonely for me. I may smile & appear glad, but there is a sad sad place in my heart, & the bright dreams of early life are often covered over by clouds of sorrow, the hidden chambers of my heart are often filled with Mildew & as the chill damps gather on its secret walls, a sense of loneliness steels over me & the realization comes with awful force that I am alone. Alone & yet in a large City,

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not one kindred tie to bind me here – my children all far away, but then again comes the [gilden] hope that, some day, yes some day in the ever promising future, I shall see my children all around me – gather them near me & feel that my whole life has not been in vain – Your welfare is the guiding mainspring of my life & all my hopes are placed on you, I have now passed the midway post of life & must soon start down the incline whose terminus is the Jordan of death - I may be spared for many years, but they fly rapidly by to those who are engaged in Life's busy scenes, I would not fill young hearts with sadness or sorrow, there is no need of that, I do not ask my children to put on

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symbol of hypocrisy, but I ask you to be good & joyful, I know you cannot be truly joyful unless you are good for God has placed in every heart a silent Monitor, whose presence is always felt & I my earnest prayer for my Oldest Daughter as well as all my children, is that you will seek to walk in that

way which will not only bring you peace while here, but when life is ended and all its battles over, will bring you that joy which

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all the possessions of the world cannot give – I know you are now at that age when it is very necessary to guard well every step – the school life as a rule lays the foundation for the future & Oh how I desire my children may lay a sure foundation & be benefitted by all the privilege you enjoy. Gather up & treasure from every day life that which is good – but cast off the bad like a fatal serpent – that would poison our brightest hopes & turn our sweetest joys to sadness & sorrow, & may God be with & keep you all, for Our Saviours sake.

If the has not gotten a [broach] I will get one & send by mail [cut off]

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We have had some very cold weather during the last week, six deg below Zero – but no snow to speak of, I do not often make a fire in the Store on first day. I have so little time as I go to school at half past [illegible] nine, then to meeting & frequently out in the afternoon & evening meeting, I have a class in the Sabbath school & a very interesting one it is – I have to study my lesson or I will not be able to answer some of the questions they ask me

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If I was young & quick to learn like you are - I mean all you Girls – Rachel & Minnie too, I would get along better – did you have any one to keep you awake from the [illegible] Bridget to Rochester I thought of you that night & wondered how you were getting along – I wish I could have you all here on First Days – when fine I could show the [lights] of the City – Perhaps sometime I may be able to do it – tell Rachel I am looking for her letter – I expect you will both of you write – two letters to my one – Also tell Minnie she may also write me a letter in payment of that kiss which I did not give her at [Suspension] bridges, I was bashful then as I [cut off]

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Cincinnati, O., Oct 15th 1874

My Dear Daughter

Thy letter of 10th recd this Am & If I do not write long letters I think I make up for it in the number of short ones I send. If I begin & persevere in writing till pens ink & paper fail, it will be the same old story so often told – love & regard for my children – the ink may not run off my pen so quickly as when I am [writing] [cut off]

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that none of us can see what ever a day may bring & yet we all build upon a certain something which we hope will come to pass – I have these hopes but I cant see their fulfillment – I can only say, I love my children & for them I will try & do what love & duty call. God bless you all & keep you all & especially thy self – interested as the now is away from home at school, the very place of all others [cut off]

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was a great success when it comes into that world of talk which sometimes means so little – but for all that my whole being is wrapped up in that of my children for your sake I wish I could build a permanent home here in this City, where you could have all the advantages which refinement & culture bring – My pathway has long been out in the wide world only in imagination have I been able to gather my children round my knees & feel that at last a home is mine & as has been in the past, so still a cloud of mist surrounds me & I cant see what a [cut off]

age can see so much to turn the head – but My dear Daughter I have unbounded confidence in thy discretion & good judgment - & know the will not only make good use of the time, but will also improve thy self in every way & instead of coming home a boarding school Miss will come home with those true principles of womanhood engrafted in thy being, which will sustain in all the coming years – When I look at my own children & contrast them with many others that I see, my hopes rise high & I look to the dim future when I who will then be old if alive can [illegible] these [cut off]

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possible tho' when I made the calculations for it I expected our yearly closing of the Books here would be Oct 1st while now they are deferred to January – but I will come some time this winter & will stay a day at the school before I return – I want the to give me a history of thy finances – tell me how much money the has paid to the school & how much for Books also when the will have to pay

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[cut off] I want to know as near as can be how much it will cost for the year – Please give me all the information the can as I [before] have made no enquiries about it.

I have splendid health now – the weather this time of the year is so lovely I wish Rachel & the could step in & see me first day. I would drive you round the City - & suburbs – but it is no use wishing now – perhaps some day I can. Give My Love to Rachel & tell her I want her to keep her hand [illegible] & write me again – I have been much pleased with thy letter & so have written at once
Good by My Dear Daughter

from Father

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these hopes of mine, just now putting forth the blossom that is either to bring a rich golden fruit or be blasted by the early frosts that destroy so much of human happiness – are to be realized depends on my children & very much on you the older ones. The time may come when the will have to be a Mother to thy young Sisters. It has been the dream of my life for long years that some day I would gather [cut off]

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[cut off] call it home I can never do this unless my children help me & even then I will have to try & do something that will be steady for it would not do for me to keep house here on uncertainty as it

would cost at least 2000.00 per year & if this business should fail it would leave me in a bad way with this expense on my hands – but we will see what is best I want Joseph to go to school this winter & may be if he stays where he is for two years I will let Joseph go one year - a good deal will depend on how I get along here – I still intend to spend Christmas at home if at all

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My Dear Daughter

I recd thy letter all right – Joseph Webb had already told me of your safe arrival. but I was glad all the same to get the letter & shall look for them often. Joseph came home with me & is now enjoying himself he likes the city so far & I think will be pleased as I shall show him round. he has been to Division to night but does not think that part of it

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comes up to [illegible] he has not yet been to the Exposition but will go to morrow- it is very fine.

I have been so very busy since I got home from the trip to Reynoldsville that the only time I have had is after business hours and to night I have written [10] pages before I began this letter so I am getting a little tired – I will get Joseph to write before he goes away – I shall keep him here some time as I want him to see all – I want a letter from Rachel tell her please write. With much love to both of you
I am thy ever loving
Father

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My Dear Child

I recd thy letter on my return from Columbus & was glad to get it as I always am. I shall be much pleased to get thy picture & hope it will be a good one, I want to show it to my friends here, I have a

number of them, I have been writing several letters this evening & as there has not been much fire in the store to day, it being the Sabbath I am a little chilly, but I am never too cold to write a few words to my Dear Children – for I love you, you are my hopes for the future, it is for my Children

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that I am fighting this battle of life & my heart is filled with gratitude to you for His mercy in giving me such good Children. If you take your proper places in the World, then my life will not have been in vain, and that you will I have no fear, for I know you mean to do right. May Heaven ever pour down its richest blessings along your path-way, but do not look for all joy in this World, for there will be some sorrow, Yet I do not beleive it was ever intended that we are to go on our way sorrowing through this world, God made it bright & fair & planted flowers all along the way, Planted them so that we poor weary mortals might rest sometimes from our labours & gather a wayside flower

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But I would not instill into the minds of My Dear Children romantic ideas, Life is earnest, Life is real & there are many hard places along its pathway, we must not look for great things, they do not often come, it is only by treasuring the passing moments as they go, that we can expect to gather the rich gems of Earthly Crowns but bright dew drops of peace on Earth & good will to men, These are Gems of rare value – Gems that not only bring peace & joy here, but Gems that will not

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melt away when death draws nigh, but will grow brighter & brighter as we pass beyond the River, & flash and glisten in our Heavenly crown on high – This World so bright & fair is our field of labor, assist the weary, feed the hungry and cheer the dying, that our crown may brighter grow, It may that our work is to learn or assist at home in common daily toils, but no matter where our lot is cast, there is always work to do, let us do it cheerfully and make the most we can of all that life may bring, I am glad they do not let you off on that excuse I wrote – for I thought at the time I was doing wrong, It will be far better for you, not only to learn to compose but to read as well, I wish I had taken

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more of these advantages when I was young. It would be of vast importance to me now, if I had secured a more liberal education when I was young & able to grasp & understand it – Now I could not learn as then, my education for more than 20 years has been in the hard school of life & while my life lasts I suppose it

will remain there, But I do not repine at my lot, God has been very merciful to me, has given me many blessings – the cheifest of them being my children

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and enabling me to give to you a chance to secure for yourselves while you are young, a store house of knowledge from which you will be able to draw instruction in all the coming years, and I rejoice that it is so for these are riches that cannot take wings & fly away, I have bought a Broach to match thy ring, It is not large but it is very fine Gold & a pure amethyst, I hope the will like it. - I have a letter from Martha – She says Elias was home, but has again gone back to the mine. I hope he will get through all right – as it late – I will close with Much Love to thy self & Rachel – Minnie too can appropriate a small corner tho' she dont never send me any word, yet I hope she has a chance to sleep without being bothered – Good by all & love to all from
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My Dear Daughter & Neice

As I have recd a letter from both of you I will steal a march & make [me] letter answer both, tho by rights I should write each of you a good long letter for both of your letters were interesting & I prize them highly As I recd Sarah's letter first I will first talk a little to her, but you can both read it – I fancy the broach was not quite large enough to [suit] right – well & perhaps the was a little disappointed in its appearance but I thought it would do for

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the present & it is a real stone & pure fine Gold – a Large one of the same make would have cost 450.00 while this only cost 1/5 of that sum – I suppose as Rachel did not mention it Minnie Wilson has gotten better – I think it would be real nice to read your compositions on the stage. I know it will do you good to do it & as I feel proud of both of you I want you to gain all the advantages you can – I was very much pleased with thy picture & have shown it a no of times – but I must tell a joke on it – I let all my Sunday school scholars see it - & who do you think they thought it was – Why, my Wife - & they said she was very pretty – I laughed & told them that was my Daughter – they looked at me in astonishment & could hardly think it posible my child could be so old, I have such a nice class & they ware so

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glad to see me after I came home from Canada, I did not write & tell you that I was going home & I have not had time since, I went home to attend monthly meeting, I had asked for a minet of membership & some of them made a fuss about it – so I determined I would be there & have a word to say, I don't know what they will do in the end but at present they are in a fix, as I am determined to push the matter through to the end, The Cars were all snowed up when I reached Toronto so that

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Elias had to come down for me, we drove up home after 10 at night & a bitter cold night it was, my beard was so frozen up that it took a long while to thaw it out after I got home I only staid from fifth day till Monday & since that time I have been very busy & a little under the weather since getting back but am now feeling better – I recd Rachel's letter this Am and it really deserves a good long one in reply & I will some day when I am in the humour write each of you a long one – I cant tell you, I mean both of you, how often I think of you – I would like to step in on you unawares some day & see how you are getting along – I thought of it when I was over home but it was imposible for me to do it as it would have taken as

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much time as it did to go home & that I could not spare, If it should turn so I can I may be able to go home with you summer vacation time, but even that is very uncertain – When I was home the snow on the street in many places was thru & four feet deep under the sleigh runners & to day I recd a letter from Ben he says it is worse up there, Ben is going back to the farm he & Mrs. [Sinclair] do not [fit] - I think Mrs. S is to blame as Ben has tried to please

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no matter whose fault it is they they dont agree & it is better to go back to the farm – I am glad you had your sleigh ride I suppose it is more of a treat than it would be if you were home in Canada with the snow four or five feet deep – I am also glad you are looking forward to a pleasant time this summer – you can then study your lessons out in the shade of the green trees with the blue canopy of

Heaven for a ceiling, & the pure fresh air to invigorate and strengthen your frames fresh from God's own Laboratory – I can remember when I was younger in years than I am now that I used to like to get off alone – no Mortal near me, and there with Nature – the works of God all around me – sit & think – yes sit & think of the future – think of the great beyond to all young lives & carve out & plan

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a destiny of my own, Many and grand were the castles painted by fancy in these early days – days now gone by forever, but days which are still written down on memory's tablet, tho' the real does not fill the record as fancy painted, yet in my checkered life many blessings have fallen & I would not fill your young hearts with sad & sombre thoughts, God has made this World one of beauty – along the little trickling streams He has planted beautiful flowers, In the rough & rugged mountains where Nature towers in all of her sublime [cut off]

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enduring monuments of beauty that must remain while the World lasts, all through the wild forests, all along the aisles of Earth & all over the arches of Heaven & has traced lines of beauty – changing lives they may be, but they will be beautiful while time goes on, God has created all of these things for us, has made them that we burdened & sometimes weary Mortals, may look up & rejoice & bless the source from whence these blessings come, I do not believe that we fulfill the end for which we were created by trying to be so good that it is a sin to laugh, I love to see young hearts rejoice & be full of gladness, we can do this and be religious too, there is nothing in christianity that should check a single smile, Some might think that this is not good advice to give to School Girls – my Dear Children & Neice - [illegible] My children, I not only love you with my whole heart, [cut off]

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in you too, I know that planted deep down in your hearts is a silent monitor that when the time of trial comes, will whisper words of guidance words that you will heed, I am all alone in the office, the work of the day is done, the clock is ticking on & on & soon will tell the midnight hour, but if I should sit and let my pen run on till morning's dawn, I could not tell you of all my love & all my hopes & of all my pride for my children, I call you both my children for my heart is large enough for both, as well

I enclose five dollars for Sarah if the dont need it now it will be ready when it is wanted, you will excuse my mistakes as I have a head ache to night and I know I have made a number

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as all my children in my native land, my native land, how the thought of it fills my being & carries me back so many years but I must not let my imagination have full scope when it gets on one of these wild flights, else I would tire of writing & you of reading, I said my heart was large enough for all – as my hopes are placed on all – of what use would the old battered & barren trunk be if the young bright branches were lopped off – May happiness & peace be your lot & some day in the coming years if my life should be spared so long – perhaps when my hair is white - & my limbs feeble your then strong hands may then give the old man a drink of water, May Heaven bless & keep you always & may you while my life is spared never feel one sorrow, or have one trouble but what you can feel that my heart is waiting to cheer & help you.

Bless you my Children – May you keep your God - pray to Him & He will Guide you [cut off]
Father

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I recd thy letter a few days ago - I should have written some but have been so busy since my return that day after day has passed away & just now I have awakened to the fact that School is about to close & the has no money to get home on - I happen to have a 4 dollar bill in Canada money & I enclose it with a 10.00 of Am money - I hardly know whether this is enough for the to get

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for much romance in it but it is sweet when the beautiful flowers grow up along our pathway - But I have not time this Am to let my pen run at will - I am not up even with my work yet - & so must not linger over these lines no matter how pleasant it is for me to do so - I intended to write both of you a good long letter before you left school & I may yet have time to do so but whether I do or not both of you know that my love & best wishes are all your own & I wish we had a home where we could all meet from time to time - I must close as I am needed at other work [cut off] [pray God] [cut off]

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money matters in thy letter if it is not – as soon as the gets this - telegraph me at night rate & I will send what is needed – when you go home buy tickets right through to Toronto – if I had any more canada money I would send it – I also want the to write me first mail after getting this letter, as I am sorry I waited so long before I wrote – I am much pleased with thy letter & glad you had a nice visit at the head of the lake, I tried very hard to plan my trip so I could call at the school but could not do it & go home too. I was only home three days & to be there that long Elias

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Saturday night as I reached there too late for the Cars & had to drive up the street, my visit tho' short was very pleasant – Sister Mary went with me as far as Toronto – Ben was also along – We seperated there Ben went west – Mary [illegible] east to Yearly Meeting & I south to my City home, I felt very sad at parting but it is a part of lifes battle & I must meet it like a man – Life is earnest, Life is [real] & we must not look

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Good by & May God bless

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Cincinnati, O., June 6th 187[3]

To my Daughter on her 17th birth day (= June 9th)

My Darling Daughter

I recd thy letter yesterday but did not have time to write an answer & as I thought it would still reach thee in time by my taking First day, I [illegible] for it I waited till now – I am in the office all alone, many miles from any of my children, One of you, my oldest Daughter at School, three of you at My Mother's, One at my Uncles & one – my youngest – is with her Mother at my Sisterinlaws – widely scattered indeed, not one of you near me, Well do I remember seventeen years ago thy birth day some such a day as it is here to day – a warm showery day – then I have one son & one Daughter & oh how I hoped that the coming years would see my children by my side, a happy family – some clouds of sorrow even then, [God] began to fall across my pathway & as the years rolled on their intensity increased & I began to look to the years to come for that happiness which seemed to be denied me then, I said in my heart I will bear my sorrow alone, I will devote my life to toil & lay by something

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[cut off] when my children – yes my children, are a little older they will gather round their stricken Father & chase his tears away, and so I laboured on, laboured beyond what my strength would bear & for this recd the name of being a grasping man – a man whose aim was to make money – Many & many were the hours (I was poor then) that I laid awake at night & tried – yes tried to think what would become of you if I should be called away to the land of shadows, It was for your sake that I lived & toiled, had you not been there I should not have cared to fight the battle longer, but in the hopes of a better day, I was strong & I pictured the coming years when thee, my Dearest oldest Daughter would be large enough to help thy Father – But soon the fight was ended & I no longer able to labour as I had done – toil worn & sad – weary & ready to die. In that hour when hope had gone My Mother came – she reached out her hand and saved your Father for you still – and by that act she got the name of coming and taking you away from my family – she took me to the Doctor & gave me money to go away to the sea shore, time passed along – I could no more work as I had done but my will was still good as ever & I determined that while I could walk in this beautiful world which God had made – see the bright sun on his daily journey & breathe the pure air of Heaven that I would not despair, so I worked on many & many were the weary hours – often driving during the five years that I traveled, did I drive over loney roads long after midnight – many times wishing I only had a home where I could live without being obliged

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life's burning sun [illegible] how I rejoice [illegible] [day] to know that after may years the night of darkness seems to break away & my Daughter on whom my hopes have been placed so high will on this her seventeenth birth day reach out her hand and say Father I will help. The echoe of that voice

which I know I would hear, yes Father I will help, goes through my whole being, flashing its fire through every vein – I know not in what way my hopes in full will be realized, but there is in my inner being a certainty that not always am I to be thus alone my children scattered far and wide – God who has been so good in times past will in some way open up a pathway that will be as clear as the noon day sun – It may not be just now – it may not be next year, ~~but it will come~~ but it will come in due time & in a way which is best, I am content to wait & if this, the land of my adoption is to be my home, then I with Gods help will be able to bring you here, Or if He is willing that I again lay down to rest in my Dear old native Land, a way will there be opened & all will be as He wills it should be May His Blessing be thy lot my dear child – without that all my solicitude will be in vain – seek for guidance from Him in every time of trial & also do not forget to render thanks to Him when joy fills thy pathway – God ever bless & keep thee my child – May He who never slumbers nor sleeps watch over and guard all thy steps & May Heavens richest Blessings be all your own – My Daughter [and] my Neice – Good by from thy ever loving [illegible] I may go to NY the latter part of this week – If I do I hope to get a letter before I go

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to pass through all the toil and anxiety which I did, but I thought then & I think so now that God made the way & that God has been with me all the time, Tho' I am far from being as good as I should be yet it is to His Mercy that you my dear children are indebted for all your blessings, I have not passed through this struggle unscathed & there has been times when I felt with all the pentup bitterness which slander had driven into my very soul, that it was no use for me to care & I would defy my enemies, nor try to show them they were wrong for this course I only recd more censure, but let it pass, I would not fill nor wish thy young heart to know not even a small portion of the agony I have endured – It is gone by & may it go forever – may the bright dawn of a new day bring in flowers whose fragrance will fill the morning air and drive away the night shadows of despair – may the buds of hope planted many years ago soon burst & grow up a glorious tree whose spreading leaves will sometime shield my weary head from

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My Dear Daughter
Union Springs

Thy letter of 21st recd long ago but not answered yet, So I will to day start a letter even if I do not complete it – I just returned last night from Columbus I have been there a great deal of time during the last two months but have now gotten it in shape so that I will not have so much trouble.

We are now right in the midst of spring – the grass is green & the trees putting out in leaf – I drove out over the Hills on last Sabbath afternoon Howard Smith accompanied me – It was very pleasant indeed but I should have enjoyed it more if I had both of you along with me – I sometimes wish I had a home here so I could have my children with me always, But there seems to be that uncertainty about my future which does not warrant a great out-lay, I could not live here & have you all with me short of

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[200] per month – but I would not mind [that] if I become reasonably assured that my business will hold good for any length of time.

As it now stands, in case of change I can turn to something else – I feel it is my duty to look closely to all the chances for I am determined with Gods help that I will give my children a good education – It is something which no reverses of time can tear away from you – It is a store House from which you can in the coming years draw both comfort & help. This life if left to a mere animal existance – like the beast that lives & dies or the door that comes & goes on its hinges – becomes drear indeed – but if beautiful & made lovely by culture & refinement – living stream of enjoyment may spring up all along our pathway through this world. The Christians pathway is one of joy – not free from care & anxiety – but a quiet trust in God, that mid the darkest trials Earth can bring will still clothe the face with Smiles & make the heart glad – how I rejoice in the hope which my children bring to my darkened life. In the years gone by, when my struggle for a sustenance was great – many & many are the wakeful hours I have spent – my whole being wrapped in agony when contemplating the future which seemed to loom up for my children, then I was shattered in health & poor in this Worlds goods & I often wondered what would become of my children, when I was gone But God has been very good – He has spared all my children & has helped me to

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provide for you & give you a chance to obtain an education, I am filled with deep gratitude for all of these mercies - But my greatest joy is in my children & I am looking with all a Fathers joy and pride to your success in life, By success I mean all that can make you useful & better in this World & fit you for an entrance in that World to come To say that I am proud of you does not [tell] my meaning for that might mean simply a pride of good appearance or [worldly] attainment. I am proud because I think you are good & your hearts filled with noble impulses - Proud because I beleive you will grow up good & do good in the World after ~~after~~ I am gone - I am now past the middle walk of life & if I should live for twenty years more will be an old man my next birth day will make me forty, I can remember the time when to be forty, seemed to me to be very old, but now it does not seem so old & yet the time goes by like the wind - Winter is gone & Summer near & then fall & Winter in rapid

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whirl go by - But my Dear Child I will stop this moralising for I know the is a good Girl - I know you are both good & I love you both & pray for both, May Heaven ever bless & keep not only you, but all my dear ones - & if my life should be spared till my steps grow feeble & my eyesight dim, perhaps I may then if not before find a home with my children, but while God gives me strength to fight lifes battle I for your sake will meet all that comes, I have just recd Rachel's letter & will write her one in a day or two - I am always glad when I look over my mail & see a letter from the school, I send two money orders in this one for 20 & for 50.00 The will need to sign them Sarah Rogers, for I forgot to put the middle letter in thy name when getting the order - for my part I do not see why they have three weeks vacation at Easter - it is a great loss of time & no good - a week would do very well but three of them is a humbug. I shall want thee to go back again after Summer vacation

for I think it better to finish thy schooling while at it & may be something may turn up that will enable me to have a house of my own some time – I have already written more than I intended and will now close with much love to both of you – from thy ever loving Father

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Cincinnati, Sep 1st 1874

My Dear Daughter

I have just recd thy letter this Am & hasten a reply. I wish I could pour out the full feeling of my Soul, its doubts, its hopes, its fears, its love, but I cant tell it all, I cant clothe in words the full thoughts that often fill my whole being, it is like some raging flood confined by rocky walls on every side – whose white capped waves dash against the rugged cliff's in vain, the spray is all that can climb the dizzy hights - [cut off] great & roaring flood lies far down in [these] [illegible] walls, but is still there & will remain while life lasts. “My Daughter” & my Children, You know I love you, I may not show it as much as some, but if you could see my heart you would know that sometimes when I say least I think most – this morning it is full – yes full to overflowing & it is with difficulty that I can keep back the tears, I am in the office & have several times had to choke them back when some of the hands have come near me. My Dear Daughter the can [never] know the anxious thoughts that now fill my very soul – I have never tried to hold a tight hand on my children – I have never

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as doing not one joy is (plucked from our pathway in this world – they are rather increasing 100 fold – strive for the good [will] of [all] & if thee cant speak well of thy school mates say nothing – select for companions those who are good & true, but treat all with kindness – gain the good will of all & remember that the coming year is to be the seed time of thy young life. God grant that the fruit which it will bring will be good fruit - & that ~~& that~~ I, should I live till my locks are white & my limbs tremble can lay down in the arms of my children in perfect [peace]. May the richest blessing of Heaven be with you all my own dear Children – I wish I could be down so as to take you over to the school. If you leave home in the morning you will not get away from Suspension bridge till dark as you have to wait in Hamilton or Toronto. I have wondered if by staying over night in Toronto & taking early train you could not get to the school the same day you leave the City but I leave all this to the good judgment of Martha tho I do [wish] you were quietly settled at the school. I shall look for a letter as soon as the get there & after will look for them regular With much love to all I am thy ever loving Father

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My Dear Daughter
Union Springs

I recd thy letter of the 18 & am pleased with it, for it reads as if the was getting contented & I feel sure the will try and gain all the information the can. It might be that some day I may have a home so that you can move in the same society that I now do. If it ever should come to pass the the will see the value of a good education & sweet

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My Dear Daughter
Union Springs

I recd thy letter of the 18 & am pleased with it – for it reads as if the was getting contented & I feel sure the will try and gain all the information the can. It might be that some day I may have a home so that you can move in the same society that I now do. If it ever should come to pass the the will see the value of a good education & sweet

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Tecumseh House
London, Ont.

Jan 16th [1890]

McGaw & Winnett
Proprietors

C.W. Davis
Manager

My Dear Daughter –

I have just been up to Sarnia & Petrolea & now on the road home – expect to start at six in the morning – I have been laid up with La Grippe & so lost a week, If I go to Engld this month will have to start one week from today & will not be able to come to Ottawa before going as I intended owing to so many things crowding in at the last. I really should not leave home now, but that college work has to be done & will be a load till it is over

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so if I find a letter on my return home from J.R. Harris saying he can go I suppose we will start – I expect to have to run up to North Bay tomorrow night - & then return Saturday night – reaching Toronto on [Tuesday] Am – I dislike going to the Old [illegible] very much at this time - I see so much work that I could & should do in fact I hardly see how I can be away – I shall hurry back as soon as possible & hope very much that some one or more than one, will give a good large sum & send us home rejoicing. I lost Dr [illegible] names that he gave me to send [illegible] so if he will send them again I will send them - [James] Harris Brother John Richard got hurt

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in the stable while attending to his horses lat week & died on tuesday – as he was not concious before he died they could not tell how it happened - [illegible] was at my office when he got the wire telling of his death – Howard Nicholson sent me a nice letter offering us a home on our arrival in London Thos [W] Fisher also wrote me a letter asking me to count his house my home if I came over – If I had nothing else to do I could put in the time pleasantly but

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going to ask for money I dont like – We have had fully half our men laid up with La grippe & it has made things topsy turvy – I hope to find an improvement when I get home – I have been quite uneasy for fear Albert would get sick – there is so much resting on his shoulders – especially when I am away – I do not seem to do much when at home but things turn up & a few words decides what to do – I could not see my way at all only [for] trust that it is right for some one to go & I see no one else. The Lord has blessed us this past year & it may be that it is for this purpose – I suppose you are now pretty well settled in your new home I hope you will have many pleasant friends & may the dear Master bless you both & may your path through life [illegible] of quiet trust looking for guidance in Him [cut off]

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I shall try & run in the night before Christmas, if I don't get off in time to meet you – [Again] I may possibly start from here next tuesday evening & go to New York. If so I will be there on thursday & leave for home same evening & come by way of the Springs – I would take the regular [illegible] Ex from NY to Sus bridge & would want you to meet me at the Cars. If I do this I will telegraph from New York – to meet me at the Cars – You will get it if at all on thursday afternoon – So if you get

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I expect the money I send will be enough to take you both home but you would not have any to spare – I would send more only I will try so hard to be there – let it go which way it will I want you to be saving & careful & not spend money when you can get along without it – I hope to see you both before another week so I will say good by from thy Loving Father

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[13[illegible]]

Peaks Island August [illegible]

My Dear Sister

After having recruited up for two or three days I take up my pen to write a few lines to thee. I arrived in safety in four days after leaving [Mother] and I was not as tired when I got here as I was after riding out to Mothers first day evening, I feel a good deal better since I came here the atmosphere is quite different here from what it is at home, heavy clothes are quite comfortable particularly in the mornings and evenings

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I have got an excellent place to stay in with lots of agreeable company & it doesnt take a person long to get acquainted here for every body that comes seems to take it for granted that they are one of the family and it is a free country and they can do as they please. We make a practice of going in [and] bathing once a day men women & children all together and I am sure if you could be standing on the cliff looking on it would make you laugh heartily, of course we have bathing clothes to put on but if any thing that only adds to the novelty of the scene, the water feels nearly as cold as ice when you first go in, but after bathing several times it begins to feel a little more bearable There is plenty of amusement here on this Island for almost every day there is a picnic party comes over from portland bringing their dinner with them & plenty of music they scatter round amongst the spruce trees of which ther are any quantity lay their dinner in the Shade & then go to work and gather a [cut off] of clams, heat up a lot of stones and mak a clamb bake, the next performance is to go to work & eat them all up and then out comes the music and the

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way they enjoy themselves is a [caution]. We got up a company yesterday of our boarders & hired captain Sanford to take us out [illegible] or twelve [illegible] miles to sea in his schooner to fish for cod. It was a pleasant trip and the way we bounced along over the waves was fun Several of our party thought it was pretty rough, but as for me I like to be standing on the deck watching the waves as they come up with their heads crowned with foam tossing our small bark like a nut shell on the deep Our captain was most afraid to anchor for us to try our hand at the fish, but he finally consented and we fished for half an hour in water 150 feet deep I caught four codfish & [illegible] polek they weighed from 6 to 10 pounds. I have room to write no more at present. I am in hopes to get a letter from home soon it seems a long while since I came from home but I enjoy my self well here and I consider it as a blessing to be able to get along as well as I have I hope Mother got home safe from [illegible] You must write right off for I am in a hurry to hear I will now close this [illegible] and remain thy affectionate Brother

Samuel Rogers

Direct your letter to the care of Mrs Henry M Brackett Portland [S of M]

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OFFICE, 30 FRONT STREET EAST

Toronto, 4/25th 1890

My Dear Daughter

J.R. Harris has just come from England he brought the sugar spoon – they found it in my room at Howard Nicholsons – I am afraid the old tea spoons have gone I suppose they have been wrapped up in paper loosely & as I did not have the list at the time of unpacking & was in a hurry they may have gone in the waste-paper – I am very sorry but it cant be helped I will send you the sugar spoon first chance or by mail – I hope you did not get cold by being out – no car overtook me but I did not mind the walk & slept all right – The Dr was partly right about the station – it is to the East of where we were standing but yet on the left of the track – so both

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of us were right - [illegible] J. Howards wife has gone out of her mind – the Doctor thinks she will recover but has recommended them to take her to the assylum – she is to be taken this evening – I should think it will be a heavy blow to Mr Howards hardness & hope he may be led nearer to God than I fear he has been

– I have but little doubt but what the strain on Mrs H has had something to do with her sickness – I hope they may both of them receive a blessing in the end – We had a good prayer meeting last night – 24 in attendance – I believe our meetings are better than they would be even if we had a minister who felt called to always preach – We are talking of having a tent at Y Meeting & having it pitched near the College so as to use both if needed

With much love
from Father

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THE QUEEN CITY OIL COMPANY LIMITED
Head Office, 30 Front St. East

Samuel Rogers, President
A.P. Rogers, Treasurer

Toronto, July 6 1898

[illegible]

My Dear I am very sorry I have not been able to come out to the branch to see my little Girl – I am getting real lonesome – last night when I went up to the house I found no little Girl there I would have been very glad to see one there. [Bob] Oliver from Ottawa was with me. we went round to uncle Alberts & had supper after supper I went back to [Ave] [illegible] & went to bed as I was tired, before going Catharine kissed me good night after that [illegible] went out to see some friends. I left the front door open so he could come in. This morning I got up at 7 Am & cooked the break fast. we had eggs fried, also fried toast & [illegible] - also some boiled pease which Aunt Mary cooked – I left the dishes for some one

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else to wash – I thought I would get out this evening [But] we have had special work all day & so have to come back to the office this evening and as the rest are not here yet I am writing you so you will know I am well, I have to go to New York on friday but will try & run out some time to morrow possibly in the evening & If I can will stay all night – I am working away to make money so I can give you all plenty to eat – Give my love to all the family from your loving

Grand Pa

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Toronto 4/3rd 1892

30 Front St. East

Sabbath Evening

My Dear Daughter. It is 10 minutes to 10 I am in my room – I started a letter to you one week ago tonight but I did not feel like writing had a bad cold & did not finish it, I have not yet gotten fully over it but am better. but I am sorry that Albert seems to be getting it Tonight. We have had so much work on hand & so many things

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to worry about that it has been rush all the Time but all things will come right in the end. Smith Anderson and Marshall were all laid up through whiskey at one time – I had the whole three round me in the office at one time, I felt sick but they are all out now & I think Jack is converted & Smith has made a fresh start. I think perhaps he is stronger – I have been praying for Jack Anderson for ten years & I think he will pull through – he stood up & [couldnt] say a word – broke clean down – but stood after & said he had no Christian experience It give but [wanted] to lead a better life & he seems to be going steadily along – may the Lord help him – I should have answered thy first very welcome and interesting letter – but now that another one has come I will only have one to write But tho' I do not write you both know that I

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[illegible] also called on four or five other friends who have promised help & will consider [Amt] if they only intended a few pounds they would have given at once, [T] P thinks our days work will [count] up £80. I [illegible] to attend M meeting tomorrow night here & lay the matter before friends & [illegible] [Dumphrey] will follow up the work which I begin as I cannot stay to complete I take the cars at 7:40 on 5th day Am for Bishop Auckland to attend Darlington M Meeting & from there go home with J.B. Hodgkins

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to Darlington to stay over first day – I will try and call & see Drs [Tisler] - did not have time to call on his Brother in London The thought of this work has been a great burden to me & it is only the great need of the Church that have made me willing – I can see very clearly now that it is a great help to the cause my coming – friends have been very kind to me & they give more freely than they would to strangers – We are dividing up & the committee will appoint some one to go with each of us JR is working round London while the circulars are being printed

We shall finish with all our might so as to get home soon with much love to both of you from Father

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NY address care Chris Hoyland
12 Bishop Gate
[illegible]

3rd day
11/2/90

London

Summerhill Grove
Newcastle upon Tyne

My Dear Daughter

[You] will see by the letter head that I an [T] [Dumphrey] reached here last night at ten Pm & this Am went with [TD] to Sunderland to call upon some Friends in the interests of P College. We reache London a week ago last night – attended Meeting for Sufferings on 6th day & [illegible]

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returned after many days – he spoke of that turkey we had for dinner – I also got 5 pounds from Walter Morris 2 pounds from ~~Edmund~~ Alfred Ransome & some other small sums making 30 pounds – I hope when the other subscriptions come in from that place that they may amt to £100.. in all – I was there over first day & went back early 2 day Am to London & then left at 3:20 for Newcastle – reaching here as above – today Catharine Backhouse gave me £50.. and another friend £5..

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recd very well by that body – they granting us a full minet cordially recommending friends to assist us. this has never been done before by the meeting for sufferings, on 7th day I [rode] out to Hitchen & called on a few friends (I forgot to say also that the meeting for [S] appointed a committee to assist us & they [illegible] now getting up a circular to send all over England also to map out our course & while they are doing this I am out on a short run) and arranged for [Walton] Morris to collect what sums he can later I saw JH Tuke – also Frederick [Leabohm] both of whom have promised a [subscription] & will decide the Amt later - [illegible] Ransome whom thou will remember being at our house gave me 20 pounds – about 15 of this is due to the turkey & [entertainment] at our house so thou will [see] the bread cast upon the waters has

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Hôtel Pension Weiss
Villa Belvedere
Castellammare di Stabia

July 24 1898

My Dear Father

Have settled here for about a [£] [illegible] until [over] Sunday next – its such a quiet healthy spot & so convenient & [homely] got here from [illegible] the other day. Cabin air is very sweet & fresh, but a little damp, this is better & I am [gaining] here - [illegible] are just a little early as [illegible], but the quiet makes it worth while staying here for a time, good food, large rooms, fine view, airy &

moderate [illegible] (very moderate) 4 francs day i.e. say 1.25 lights x tea say 10 cents [illegible] a good honest Swiss – very different

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from the Italiens, who watch for you at every corner to rob of your coins – Our rooms are where you see the X & glass door windows opening on the promenade, from which we see the mountains, the sea (the town away below) & [illegible] with [Nobles] away across the Bay - Pompei is 4 miles away X - Were there yesterday abt 2 ½ hours came away at 2 PM [illegible] fatigue - drive from here (4 miles) 2 horses – 3 francs = 57.00 or 19.00 each!

- This is an old time Pension Hotel rooms large & lofty – our room double (mine & [McLains] is 30 ft by 16 or 17 ft with a large wide 4 ft fireplace, in which we build a fire every evening & have a very cosy time – French we find very useful – Ella has hard [work] with Italien but no trouble with the French [cut off]

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150 – 200 ft [dred] stepp to gardens road & town so we look over town steeples & roofs to the sea quite near & the mountains just at side & behind.

- I will be able to tell you some very interesting things about Pompei - I am gathering a fine lot photos of this & other places – they are so very cheap, only 91/2 cents (1/2 franc) each [(illegible)] (we get 26 ½ frames for £) [(illegible)] size 5 x 8 – good views

- At [illegible] we saw an old palace of Emperor Tiberius ruins – There was some pavement exactly like Pompei, so must be genuine

- At first it seemed cold here at night but I am getting on to [way to care of it] & now have no difficulty – I am sure will join rapidly – it is such a rest for mind & body – I sometimes think how engrossed you will be how heavy it must be for you, but as I am away I have to put it aside with the [illegible] that [illegible] will not help until [illegible] dear [illegible] Albert

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French very handy around the hotels – [illegible] was very interesting

- small – air very sweet & fine but a little damp – month from now it would be charming

- Pompei is intensely interesting - I did not permit myself [illegible] to do it all – shall go there two or three times perhaps for short time while here, the carriages [illegible] are so exceedingly cheap – The day yesterday was perfect – sunshine & cool – today is cloudy, we have remained in just contenting ourselves with strolling on the promenade & up the road. This afternoon as I write is turning brighter & we will go out again for an hour or so

- Our promenade is build on the [illegible] crest of the hill which drops down [...]