-1.1-January Sunday, First

-1.1-1st Another year has dawned and many hearts to-day may be joyous and happy. I among others have cause to be thankful & grateful for the gifts which it has pleased Our Father in Heaven to give to me & with me those I love; we have been blessed in a special manner; Mother, brothers & sisters, we have all closed a year of peculiar blessings & comforts to us; we have been spared, have been blessed with good health almost uninterruptedly and with numerous privileges which we often estimate but lightly while we possess them & never know their value until deprived of them; and how little have we felt of that gratitude which we should feel to the Giver of every good and perfect gift! Oh! God help us poor worms of the dust—to feel as we should, help us render to Thee thy due. Altho’ this year, now past, has been one of so many blessings to me I can not feel light-hearted to-day; this is a day which would call upon every one to think on what is painful as well as pleasing in the recollections of 1859, and many things of a painful nature do I remember—friends and relatives kind and noble have been taken; one and another of the latter near & dear have been taken in mid life. Sue a bright example, a shining ornament among the band professing to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus in the midst of her usefulness as it seemed to us. The other a dearly beloved uncle in manhood prime almost yet wasted by a long-enduring & painful disease—and, altho’ he had followed the example of his Master in the solemn ordinance of baptism—had never been buried beneath the baptismal wave. Yet I trust, as he trusted, he had given himself up to his God, had experienced a change of heart; he had lived an honest upright life tho’ an ungodly one, until about a year & a half ago when I believe he was by the grace of God led to feel deeply & fully realize his condition, & to find his God; he too we have good reason to believe rests in Heaven. It has been my painful privilege too to stand beside the dying bed of one in the tender years of boyhood—a young cousin—who had been a disobedient son and by many considered, as he had been I think, a bad, reckless boy; he was taken sick with the measles, recovered and spent a night from home, was taken down again & in one short week was called hence; yet thanks & praise be to God he was spared long enough to make peace with his God to acknowledge his sins and to ask his all whom he had ever offended to forgive him; when told that he must die he said he was not afraid to die and made all his preparations with great composure and calmly sank to rest. Many others of friends and relatives have been called. God, why do I mourn over these, over any who have been called home to Heaven? Neither youth nor manhood have been spared & Oh how carefully should I live that I may be ready when the summons calls me. Help me Oh! My God & enable me to devote myself anew to thy service; I have served, if I have served Thee at all, but feebly, if I am thine enable me “to prove myself worthy of the high vocation wherewith I have been called”; if not think Oh! Make me thine—thine for ever. I have been a professor of religion for nearly two years now and often am I perplexed with doubts & fears and am led to doubt my conversion; I am so proud and stubborn & cling so firmly to my old sins. Oh! how I long for the confident consciousness of having been accepted. Help Lord my unbelief. Reflections of a similar nature to these have occupied my mind to-day. I must however not attempt to record reflections as my intention is simply to keep a record of whatever topics of interest, items of news, & occurrences rendering striking & other matters such a nature which I may feel disposed to preserve for future reference; I have become so disgusted, I may almost say, what I have written during last year that I had almost resolved to give up the attempt in despair; upon reading over some of it I found a conglomeration of foolishness with little of interest in it, precious little instruction or amusement to be found in it and not interesting enough to cause me to read it & were it not for a few facts in the mass I should do as I have been tempted several times to do, consign the whole mass (nearly 200 pages) of foolscap to the flames. I may however record some facts which may be of interest in days to come & may improve my hand-writing. This morning opened the New Year with the Earth clad in snow & it promises to remain some time I think; it melted slightly during the morning but turned cooler this evening & is frozen to-night—tho’ it melted till dark. Mr. Furman preached on the shortness of life this morning, a fine sermon; not many out of course yet more than might perhaps have been expected; my feet got very cold during services. Otherwise I was quite comfortable; Charlie & I sat in the gallery. Attended Monthly Conference of Prayer this evening; Mr. Hartwell’s letter to Mr. Furman was read this evening; it was very interesting indeed. No preaching to-night in consequence of the weather. I took supper at Aunt Hannah’s; Joab and Newton Reid were there; sat some time playing with the children. Newton Reid came down with me & will stay over near the Depot & go down in the morning; he is staying at work-shops at Helena. Several took tea here and they have been singing; stopped when I came in—afraid I would join in & spoil everything as I generally do I suppose. Cold to-night & turning colder—cloudy too.

-1.2-Monday, Second

-1.2-2nd Saleday in January and the day generally observed as New Year’s Day; not much of a stir in town today however except among the darkies; don’t think I ever saw as many negroes in town at one time as I have seen today; the day has been remarkably quiet for this time of year (New Year’s Day) as well as remarkably cold. Will Shumate and Joab expected to have been engaged all day making a settlement; Shumate, Uncle Frank has appointed to make settlement with those indebted to Mauldin and Long; all amounts due them belong to Uncle Joab’s estate; Joab came up to assist him; I believe they collected about $9.00! Uncle Frank had published a notice that he would collect or sue but it does not seem to affect them much

-1.3-Tuesday, Third

-1.3-3rd This morning clear and cold; rode out about 2 miles with Joab; he rode a gray pony belonging to Uncle J’s estate down to Winston to fatten him up some; he had a cold ride but was well fixed for it; I got very cold before I got home. Sent Uncle Frank a letter from Judge O’Neall in answer to one from me to him (Judge O’N) asking him to come up and assist about settling up our affairs with Uncle J’s estate; he said he could not come. They have been hauling ice today but I have not seen any of it and have not been at the pond; don’t know how thick it is. Gold come up last night but has not come over yet; he is at Mrs. Anderson’s; a young man named Marsh came up with him and wanted to board with us also but we could not give him a room to himself as he wanted one; I attempted to get a place but did not succeed; he is a Theological student. Attended Prayer meeting to-night; saw Marsh out very cold; not many out but very interesting. Toy was called out and spoke, afterwards Cousin Charlie and Mr. Randolph each said a few words.

-1.4-Wednesday, Fourth

-1.4-4th Cold today in the extreme. Uncle Frank came up this evening but has headache to-night and I could not talk to him about the affairs which I wished to speak to him about. Wrote to Grand-pa to-night that I might come down Friday if I could find out what the trouble was about which they wanted his advice. Have been getting our accounts together today so that we could have them settled as soon as possible. Paid 50 cents for stamps today.

-1.5-Thursday, Fifth

-1.5-5th Have been engaged part of the day drawing off our accounts with Mauldin and Long and have been helping Cousin Charlie and Uncle Frank the balance of the time till about one o’clock tonight; Uncle Frank staid all night but I came home found it very cold indeed. Did not go out to Preaching tonight as they wanted me to come to Cousin Charlie’s and help them.

-1.6-Friday, Sixth

-1.6-6th Have been at Cousin Charlie’s office today helping them and they wanted me at the house tonight. Went to O’Neall’s Division Sons of Temperance tonight; Aunt Lizzie and Sissy went also; although it was very cold outside was very comfortable in the room; we installed officers; I was installed R.S.; some ladies were initiated. We took supper after we came from Division home then took Aunt Lizzie home and went to Cousin Charlie’s; staid till nearly two o’clock; did not work very much; we ate scrambled eggs, apples, and c. Uncle Frank goes home in the morning; he laid down but will not have time to get to sleep. It has been sleeting or rather a slight mist has been falling which has frozen as it fell and the ground is as slick as glass; it is as cold as I want to see it.

-1.7-Saturday, Seventh

-1.7-7th Wrote to Robert Watson tonight; will add something tomorrow. It has been raining nearly all day and is somewhat warmer; the sleet is melting pretty fast—in fact, has all gone except what lies on the snow of which last (the snow) some still remain. I have been in my room the greater portion of the day next to Section tonight; we elected Officers; pretty cool and damp. Have been reading Trench on Study of Words today; it is a good little work. It is twelve o’clock.

-1.8-Sunday, Eighth

-1.8-8th Rev. Edward Edwards a young preacher from the West preached here today (this morning); he is the first preacher I have heard ever allude to the subject of Temperance in the pulpit in many a day; he was a very wild young man and spoke very warmly in alluding to it. I think ministers neglect their duty in refraining from the mention of the subject. Sheppard a young Theological student preached a very good sermon tonight.

-1.9-Monday, Ninth

-1.9-9th Today has been damp and unpleasant underfoot but not cold I think. Charlie and I agreed today to go to another country party tomorrow night—5 miles at old Mr. Moore’s and will stay at Mr. Shockley’s about 1 mile from Mr. M’s. We went out to Frank Stairley’s tonight and took supper with him. Charlie wants to go into the book business with him; he will in says; we staid till after 8 and came home through one of the heaviest fogs I have ever seen although it was clear at dark; Lady slipped her bridle and charged about inside the enclosure out there. Peter has been promising Charlie to take him in but is unreasonable in his demands and Stairley will treat him fairly.

-1.10-Tuesday, Tenth

-1.10-10th Today has been cloudy and foggy all day and this evening it looks very much like rain. I have just witnessed about as frightful a scene as I remember ever witnessing. I was standing just opposite the Mansion House on the other side of the street when I heard a noise and looking around saw Charlie Hammond in a two-horse buggy coming down street at full speed and discovered that they were running away with him; they ran against the scaffolding poles lying just in front an addition which Swandale is putting up to the Mansion House and threw Charlie H. out; turning out into the middle of the street they dragged him, one leg having caught over the front axle—tree to a post in front of Peter Smith’s confectionery just below new C-. against which they ran, broke themselves loose, knocking a horse hitched to the post some 15 feet or more, and ran down the sidewalk not being injured in the least. I ran over to where Charlie H. lay and found after they had taken him to the Mansion House he was but slightly injured; his escape is truly wonderful; his horses knocked down a horse hitched to the post they ran against and taking the sidewalk ran on, uninjured themselves. Charlie, Ben McDavid, and I are going out to Mr. Moore’s (5 miles) to a party tonight; will come home in the morning; it may rain on us I think. Paid Isaac 20 cents for shawl fastening.

-1.11-Wednesday, Eleventh

-1.11-11th Had a fine time last night at the party, after the frolic rode 1 mile to Mr. John Shockley’s and spent the night all three in one bed; we kept warm after our feet were very cold when we retired; rose late this morning and after a very nice breakfast came home. Lady got loose at Mr. Moore’s last night and cut Albert’s leg having kicked him; we found out there was something the matter when we got to Mr. S’s and exercised him for colic; he is somewhat stiff. Gave the boy at Mr. M’s last night 25 cents. Cloudy but not cold today. Will attend a party at McCarter’s tomorrow night.

-1.12-12th hursday, Twelfth

-1.12-I have commenced Washington Irving’s Life of Washington; began 1st not this week and will finish by Saturday I think; intend to read pretty steadily. Has not been cold today. Went to Mr. McCarter’s to-night; not very many out; a pretty rough set. Charlie and Ben amused themselves kissing the girls most of whom had no great objection to the operation; we left about 12 and got home before 1; is only 3 miles, Albert pretty stiff.

-1.13-Friday, Thirteenth

-1.13-13th Have been in the house nearly all day; it has been damp and raining some. We had a very good turnout of both male and female although the night was so unfavorable. I have not been able to get R. S’s book posted up yet but will try to do so tomorrow; initiated some tonight and received propositions for more. Robert is to be here tomorrow night and I am anxious to see him.

-1.14-Saturday, Fourteenth

-1.14-14th This is Sam’s birthday. Rode over to meet Robert this evening but he did not come; bad weather I suppose kept him; shall look for him Monday; he wrote he would be here to attend the sale of Uncle Joab’s negroes which is Wednesday 18th. Section met tonight and installed officers.

-1.15-Sunday, Fifteenth

-1.15-15th Mr. Furman preached this morning a very fine sermon; I thought he had gone off as Agent for F.U. till I saw him in the pulpit; he was to have gone yesterday but one of his children was taken sick. We had communion service this evening and no preaching tonight; gave 25 cents at collection for the poor.

-1.16-Monday, Sixteenth

-1.16-16th The weather is somewhat milder today—almost pleasant and in fact is pleasant riding; sissy and I took a short ride this evening; Albert is stiff and of course somewhat lame. Uncle Frank came up this evening to make some arrangements about the sale Wednesday next; he will remain up till Saturday; Aaron has been busy hauling lumber over for them to-day from the shop back of Dr. Rd. Furman’s place. Sissy and I stopped in and bid Mr. Furman good-bye this evening; he leaves in the morning; I hope and believe he will be successful in doing much for F.U. We need it and will receive it I believe; he will be gone only a few weeks.

-1.17-January Tuesday, Seventeenth

-1.17-17th They have been appraising Uncle Joab’s property to-day; Uncle Frank thought he would need me; I went up and stayed while they were appraising the furniture which he had given Aunt Hannah and some other property and then came home finding they had no use for me. Not so very warm tonight. Mr. Arnold and Aunt Jinney are with us tonight; will stay till tomorrow evening. Robert Walton has not come yet; don’t know when he will come now. Went out the prayer meeting tonight; Mr. Arnold and Aunt J. also; had a good warm meeting.

-1.18-Wednesday, Eighteenth

-1.18-18th Uncle Joab’s negroes sold well to-day; George brought $3500; he is the best and most sensible negro I ever saw—a fine mill-wright and one of the best carpenters in town; Professor Boyce bought him; he has his wife and although everybody thought it high Professor B. was offered $4000 tonight for him. 24 negroes including children from 2 to 12 years old averaged $100. A great many people here. Say Mr. N Moore (Miss Lee’s father) from Edgefield and spoke to him of course. Rather pleasant this morning but cold tonight. Wrote to Grandpa tonight and asked him something more about our affairs as well as gave him my opinion about the matter objecting to Charlie Elford’s having anything to do with is as neither Ma nor I have any confidence in him.

-1.19-January Thursday, Nineteenth

-1.19-19th Absalom Blythe took dinner with us today and sat some time. Ma and the girls dined out. Mr. Moore today he came in and staid a short while this evening; no one here to receive him but me as Ma and sissy had not come back from Colonel Hare’s where they dined. Went out to church tonight; Hyde preached; not much of a sermon either.

-1.20-Friday, Twentieth

-1.20-20th Turned out to Division tonight; also Aunt Lizzie and sissy; we had a good attendance some initiated and others proposed; our meetings are very interesting but everything does not go on as I would wish; Jeremiah Eldridge a vagabond and scamp convicted of violation of Art. 2nd was reinstated. Shameful.

-1.21-Saturday, Twenty-First

-1.21-21st Warmer to-day. As I anticipated we will have trouble about the Eldridge case yet. Attended section to-night; have been busy all day on Washington’s Life; Washington Irving is indeed a beautiful writer.

-1.22-Sunday, Twenty-Second

-1.22-22nd Rose very late this morning having retired late last night. Dr. Jason C. Furman gave us an excellent sermon this morning and also tonight but not so grand as this morning. Charlie and I took a walk this evening which tired me very much and I went to sleep in church tonight in consequence. Quite pleasant today.

-1.23-January Monday, Twenty-Third

-1.23-23rd We are having fine weather now; as pleasant today as a summer day. Busy today reading Washington. Gold and I are going to study German under a young man named Caspari; we will recite to him tomorrow evening at 3 o’clock. I saw him last week and he pronounced the letters of the German alphabet for me.

-1.24-Tuesday, Twenty-Fourth

-1.24-24th Wrote to Benson today and sent him 3 bushels Of apples I bought at his request last Saturday; he will get them tomorrow. We recited in German this evening 1st time had some fun with him. Dr. Jason C. Furman conducted prayer meeting tonight and spoke very well indeed.

-1.25-Wednesday, Twenty-Fifth

-1.25-25th Read all the morning. This evening started out to help Aaron drive a cow and calf which he was to take up to Tyger and bring one back with a young calf; I only intended to ride a short distance but they had some trouble and I am tonight at Mr. Reese’s; we got here some time after dark. Not cold at all tonight though out-door it would be chilly; Mr. Reese had the wagon loaded tonight; I helped them; they are hauling corn down to Greenville C-. to be shipped to Newberry to feed them one at the home place; they will send 200 bushels at this time. The roads are good—very good hard, solid, better than I have seen for several winters. Want to start very early in the morning when the wagon does.

-1.26-January Thursday, Twenty-Sixth

-1.26-26th Did not start home this morning till late; Mr. Reese came with us about 2 miles; Aaron and I drove on very quietly and with very little trouble; I left Aaron about 6 ½ or 7 miles from home and galloped on ahead got home after 1. Rode over to the Depot and attended to unloading, got some harness which Mr. Reese wanted me to get for the place and hurried the negroes off as they were disposed to hang around these Jew stores here detestable places that they are. Heard Shipman preach tonight and, though I like the young man’s looks, can’t say I admired his sermon; he is a regular wood-chuck preacher and rather high-flown; I would admire plain straightforward common sense much more; he did his best however and I am satisfied.

-1.27-Friday, Twenty-Seventh

-1.27-27th We recited our German to-day at least as much as we knew of it. I finished 4th vol. Washington to-day and borrowed the 5th from Jeter’s private library as the Society haven’t it; will begin it soon in the morning. Aunt Lizzie came down with sissy to tea tonight and went to Division; Gold joined tonight; Eldridge’s case came up and his having been erased on his confession the motion to reinstate him was lost; he is therefore in effect excluded from the Division which I think good for us; we had a good attendance out tonight and much interest manifested.

-1.28-January Saturday, Twenty-Eighth

-1.28-28th Read some today but have fooled away most of my time. Went to the Section tonight. Wrote to Mr. Lee tonight in reference to taking Willie if he did not get there till last of next week; also wrote to A.S. Willington and Co. Charleston S.C. Pub. Charleston courier to discontinue Mauldin and Long’s paper which they have been sending on. It is cool again tonight though not cold. It is 12 o’clock.

-1.29-Sunday, Twenty-Ninth

-1.29-29th Professor Edwards preached this morning a very fine sermon though a very long one—more than an hour; he is a fine scholar and gave to us the fruit of much research and long study. Charlie and I walked out to the Allston place (2 ½ miles) this evening; just about cool enough to be pleasant walking. Professor Furman preached us a fine sermon tonight; he is a splendid preacher; talking is his forte though; he is not the critical scholar that Professor Edwards is, though a man of genius (I think) and learning.

-1.30-Monday, Thirtieth

-1.30-30th Read all the morning and most of the evening; finished Washington to-night—all except an Appendix of 70 pages. Rode out to Mrs. Stewart’s this evening with sissy and saw Miss Hallie Black a few minutes. Mrs. S not in the house.

-1.31-Tuesday, Thirty-First

-1.31-31st Worked with J.A. Crowder all the morning on examples in Maxima and Minima (Calculus) in my room. Caspari was not at home and consequently we did not recite this evening. No prayer meeting tonight. I have finished Washington; it is fine interesting in the extreme. Raining today and still tonight.

-2.1-February Wednesday, First

-2.1-1st Cleared off cold last night and the ground was frozen hard this morning. Charlie and I rode out to Professor Furman’s this morning got pretty cold; Charlie had some business with him; we sat some time and the old fellow (I mean no disrespect) chatted very freely. Took Jeter’s 5th Vol. Washington back today. Finished Trench on Study of Words. Aunt Lizzie was down here this evening. Willie got off last night about 12 o’clock for Asheville; he went off very willingly though he objected very seriously about supper time. I have commenced taking Eclectics Magazine- like January no. very much; have not received any other yet; Charlie (and Jeter) furnish one with it at $5.00. Billy came up this evening and will go down in the morning; only saw him a short while. General Waddy Thompson spoke in the C-. tonight before the O.C. Society; his audience rather thin (4 ladies only); his subject was Mexico discovery history, inhabitants, country, present condition, and c.; it was interesting though rather disconnected; he was rather too drunk I thought to get along well. It is very cold at present, and clear; we may look out for cold weather I think. Sissy and Sam are spending the night at Colonel Hare’s, Ma took supper over there.

-2.2-February Thursday, Second

-2.2-2nd Cold today indeed. Took a short ride this evening alone. Professor Edwards took tea with us tonight; I went with him to church; Reverend Jason B. Taylor of Va. preached us a very good plain sermon though he wandered somewhat I thought. Ann was taken sick today and Dr. Crook called in tonight to see her; don’t see how Ma will get along without her.

-2.3-Friday, Third

-2.3-3rd It is still cold very cold. This morning I got up before day and kindled a fire; quite a change for me as I have been lying in bed till late waiting for the fire to be made and not even getting up when it was kindled. This is the anniversary of the saddest day of my life. Four years ago I became a fatherless boy; an all-wise God saw fit to afflict us then but why we cannot tell yet we must not complain since it is His doings who doeth all things well. We recited to Caspari this evening. Attended Division tonight. Will. H. Harrison withdrew from the Division tonight on account of a spirit manifested as he says by members of the Division opposing him on every occasion; am sorry he withdrew yet if the case is as he represents it I will also.

-2.4-Saturday, Fourth

-2.4-4th Still cool though moderating somewhat. Charlie shot at some ducks on the ponds this morning but did not kill. Bought a white Marseilles vest pattern $2.50 and 2 ¾ yards de le for pants at $1.50 from Dyer to give Vol something to do; Dyer is to pay me about $100 for Ma next Tuesday. Attended Section tonight.

-2.5-February Sunday, Fifth

-2.5-5th It has been raining pretty steadily today and very cold during the greater part, a cold drizzling rain fell all the morning though not so bad this evening. We had no preaching in our church so Gold, Charlie, and I went around to the Presbyterian Church and heard Mr. Willbanks who is to teach in the Gaillard School to open tomorrow over by the Depot; did not think his sermon very good. Went to Aunt Hannah’s to dinner and remained great part of the evening. No preaching anywhere tonight though I don’t think it has been raining since supper but very little. We will go to bed early and try to get up early in the morning.

-2.6-Monday, Sixth

-2.6-6th Got up early; I think about 5 o’clock; I made the fire and roused both the boys; made Charlie pull Gold out. Commenced on Engineering today; and read a portion of Eclectic Magazine; have been waiting for Horne to begin Engineering but had to begin without him. Got a pair of shoes from Harrison and Long today and have been wearing them as I was out. Cloudy with some rain today but not very unpleasant in the house.

-2.7-Tuesday, Seventh

-2.7-7th Recited to Caspari this evening; he is going to move his boarding tomorrow; it was raining this evening when I went up to recite as it has been doing the greater part of the day. Very few at prayer meeting; Gold spoke; remarks very good.

-2.8-February Wednesday, Eighth

-2.8-8th Have been reading and studying today. This evening Charley and Ben McDavid went out to a party and expect to have a fine time tonight; I concluded I would stop going and behave myself though no doubt I would enjoy myself tonight were I there. Gold is to try to kill some ducks in the morning; perhaps I will go with him down to the pond.

-2.9-Thursday, Ninth

-2.9-9th Went down to the pond with Gold this morning and prevented his getting a shot at them (the ducks). I did not see them and scared them up. Charley and Ben staid at the party till 12 o’clock and came home; they staid at Ben’s room the remainder of the night; Charley’s horse fell down with him and threw him bruising him pretty badly; his head and face are scratched and bruised enough to give him the appearance of having been engaged in a fight; we have laughed at him and worried him considerably today. Horne came this evening; saw him for a few minutes after preaching tonight and tried to make him stop in for a short while on his way home but could not succeed; says he likes Arkansas fine a great country he thinks; he looks like rest might help him; he has been traveling some time; he will come down and talk some in the morning. A very good attendance out tonight; Mr. Frye (the sound of his name, don’t known how spells) preached.

-2.10-Friday, Tenth

-2.10-10th Horne came down this morning and staid till nearly dinner time; talked his trip over and about things in general; the old fellow is pretty but seems quite well. Attended Division tonight and did not get out till 10 o’clock as we had a great deal of business before us. Several members joined and we had also several interesting speeches. Charley’s eye and face are some better today. We (Gold and I) recited to Caspari at his new place (Mr. Stone’s) this evening. We expect to go to the mountains Monday and made an agreement with him to hear us Thursday and Friday.

-2.11-Saturday, Eleventh

-2.11-11th Failed to get up early this morning early but will try to rise in proper time tomorrow morning. Received a letter from Hughson tonight. Spent the morning at Horne’s room; read this evening; I attended Section meeting tonight. Wrote to Chief Justice J. B. O’Neall tonight. Charley went out into the country this evening to attend church tomorrow.

-2.12-Sunday, Twelfth

-2.12-12th Rose at ¼ before five this morning. Dr. Mauby gave us a fine missionary sermon this morning; I think it was the best he has ever preached here. This has been a fine day as pleasant outdoors as I could wish. Dr. Williams gave us an excellent sermon tonight though very short; pretty cool tonight and guess will be in the morning.

-2.13-February Monday, Thirteenth

-2.13-13th Rose this morning early enough to write to Jason Scott Hughson M. D. Camden S.C. before starting to Table Rock; we had breakfast and started about 7 o’clock I on Lady, and Gold on a Liberty stable horse; Gold broke his saddle girl about a mile from town and rode Lady back and got a new one; about 15 miles from home Lady fell with me and gave me the hardest fall I ever had; over her head on my head I tumbled bruising my face slightly just above my eye; have a black streak there though I feel no inconvenience from it; arrived at the house at foot of Table Rock without any farther accident laboring under a very severe headache but managed to hide a pretty considerable dinner of very salty meat and half cooked cornbread though the latter would have been very good if well cooked. After eating (we and our horses) we ascended the mountains without a guide. Went all over the top down into the Devil’s parlor around the Cedar Stump (cutting off the other names and writing our own with the date on it) rolled off some rocks and c; then went down to the base (I had never been there before); this sight is the best of all—the most sublime I have ever seen; just after leaving the pool a sheet of ice fell on it (it was frozen over) which had it fallen a few minutes sooner might have killed us; Gold left a Valentine for Mr. Devil is his P.O.; came down to the house a little before dark. Gold very tired, I sick with an awful headache the worst I ever had; I retired very early without any supper very unusual with men.

-2.14-February Tuesday, Fourteenth

-2.14-14th Left Table Rock this morning about eight o’clock and arrived at home about 2 without any accident worthy of mention; it was so cloudy that we did not go to Caesar’s Head as we intended but came straight home; it rained on us part of the way but we kept dry as we had umbrellas; I had a shawl and did not use my umbrella much as my shawl kept me dry; we were very well pleased at the idea of being at home and after dinner which meal they had just finished proceeded to rest ourselves. Have been in my room all the evening reading and resting while it is raining outside as it had been doing all the evening; I have pretty much stopped up and have been yesterday and today feel dull and have a head-ache from it. No prayer meeting tonight. Newton Loveland died Sunday night but I did not hear of it till this evening.

-2.15-Wednesday, Fifteenth

-2.15-15th Been doing pretty strong with Aperient today but am stopped up yet; feel better than I could expect under the circumstances; my eye (or rather eye-lid) has a black streak today above it. Wrote Y. J. and Benson today; wrote no Valentines at all. Went up with Ma to Aunt Hannah’s tonight; she is going off in the morning to be gone several weeks. Received a letter from Grandpa tonight; he will be up Monday next.

-2.16-February Thursday, Sixteenth

-2.16-16th Studied with Horne all the morning our Engineering. Saw Mr. Richard Furman today; he has just come up from below; has raised $25000 in Savannah River Association to endow a Professorship in Furman University; I am truly rejoiced that he has succeeded so well and hope he will go to the Welsh Neck Association as he speaks of doing next week; I would be perfectly willing to listen to worse preaching if he will stay out as Agent. Took a ride this evening the first since the mountain trip. Wrote to Judge O’Neall also to Uncle Frank tonight. Did not go out to preaching tonight; read Eclectic tonight.

-2.17-Friday, Seventeenth

-2.17-17th Went up to study with Horne this morning but had only been there a short time when Ma sent for me; a young man named John C. Willingham was at home and wanted Ma to board him; I took him for his brother Ned with whom I had been very intimate when he was here a few years ago at F.U. I soon discovered my mistake and struck up an acquaintance with this one; we walked all over town before dinner; he moved up to our house and will room with Y. J. and I; this evening I left him to take care of himself and went up to Horne’s room and studied with him. Attended Division meeting tonight; although a little rainy we had a very good attendance; 5 were invited as regular members and 2 as Lady visitors; a change in the night of meeting was spoken of and I think will be carried.

-2.18-February Saturday, Eighteenth

-2.18-18th Got up made a fire and dressed this morning by 20 min. before 6 o’clock; then went up to Horne’s room roused him and studied with him till breakfast; came home and after breakfast went with John Willingham over to Professor Judson’s to see about some of his (J. W.’s) studies; sat and talked some time found him very pleasant; walked and found the streets just as bad, wet and muddy as I would care to see them. Attended Section tonight and asked the boys if they could change to Friday night; said they could not.

-2.19-Sunday, Nineteenth

-2.19-19th Lent Mr. Toy my horse and Ma lent Jones, Albert to ride out to Duncan’s Chapel as it was very muddy; they teach Sunday School out there; walk out every Sunday but I thought it too muddy to let them do so today they were glad to get the chance to ride out. Mr. Furman gave us a fine sermon this morning and Dr. Mauby a good one tonight. This has been a very pleasant day although the roads are very muddy.

-2.20-Monday, Twentieth

-2.20-20th Horne and I finished part 2nd of Mosley’s Mechanics of Engineering today. John C. Willingham paid me $48.40 in full for board and washing from Feb 17th to June 1st at $14.25 per month; gave him receipt. Met Judge O’Neall and Uncle Frank at the Depot this evening they are to make some settlement of Ma’s affairs tomorrow.

-2.21-February Tuesday, Twenty-First

-2.21-21st Judge O’Neall today looked over the lists of notes belonging to my father’s estate; Uncle Frank was not ready today to make a settlement in the Ordinary’s Office this will be done on Friday; Judge O’N and Mr. R. B. Duncan signed Ma’s bond with her for Fifty Thousand dollars and she took out Letter of Administration and Warrant of Appraisement. I took a short ride this evening and Lady fell with me again I falling off she rolled over on to my legs breaking one stirrup all to pieces but did not injure me although she was on my legs and mashed them somewhat. Went out to prayer meeting tonight Sissy and I; rained and Ma did not go. It was raining somewhat when we went out to church but not when we came back.

-2.22-Wednesday, Twenty-Second

-2.22-22nd Rained last night but this has been a fine day; Grandpa went up to his place today; Charlie with him; they will come back Friday. Donaldson gave us what is called a speech I suppose; no analysis no originality and a half dozen subjects; a good number out considering. Went down to Target shooting which was rather poor. Was at Cousin Charlie’s office this evening; Uncle Frank paid over to Ma $1700 today part of the estate coming into her hands as Administration de bouis mon. I paid out Uncle Frank’s and Mauldin and Long’s accounts Roberts and Shumate’s and others. I have about $500 in cash in my possession tonight besides an order for some money. Met Mr. N. Moore tonight at McDavid Duncan and Goldsmith’s; he came up this evening and says his family are all well. There is a party at McBee’s Hall tonight.

-2.23-February Thursday, Twenty-Third

-2.23-23rd Paid McDavid and Duncan’s accounts against the children myself included this morning and have been attending to some other matters connected with the estate today. A meeting was held in the Baptist Church for prayer for colleges this morning. Dr. Mauby and Dr. Jason C. Furman spoke briefly but well. A mass missionary meeting was held there (this evening as most persons here call it) tonight (I would say). I have been at Cousin Charlie’s office this evening till dark and again tonight helping them so that I was prevented from attending the missionary meeting; Dr. Williams and J.C. Furman delivered fine addresses it is said; wish I could have heard them. Met a committee of Sons of Temperance a short while tonight at 7 o’clock; we decided that the charge against this Thomas Grogan (violation of Art 2nd) was sustained and if our report is adopted his name will be erased.

-2.24-Friday, Twenty-Fourth

-2.24-24th I paid Mrs. Walton’s accounts as well as some others this morning and will try to finish paying them tomorrow. Grandpa and Mr. Robert Duncan went down to the Ordinary’s Office this evening and examined somewhat into the state of affairs in the settlement to be made with Ma; they will look over the final settlement when it is made out; Uncle Frank passed Ma Judge O’Neall’s note for about $800 today for which she receipted him. Recited sermon. Attended Division tonight. Boyce gave Judge O’Neall a serenade after the meeting. Judge O’Neall could not go as Directors of SCRT met tonight.

-2.25-February Saturday, Twenty-Fifth

-2.25-25th This week has been warm until yesterday evening when it turned cooler and has been cold all day. Attended a special meeting of Sons of Temperance this morning; we expelled E. J. Pinson for gross immorality; a committee to whom the business was referred dismissed the charge against him but he appealed and was unanimously expelled; received his dues, I think. Paid taxes and attended to some other matters today; Pickle took my measure for a coat today; Vol will make it; he has made me a pair of pants, cost of coat $19, of pants $10 (commencement suit). Attended church conference this evening and Section tonight. Grandpa and Uncle Frank left this morning.

-2.26-Sunday, Twenty-Sixth

-2.26-26th Rose early this morning and washed and sat about the room without washing till breakfast bell rang. Reverend Mr. Broadus an uncle of Dr. J. H. B’s preached today morning and night, two excellent sermons plain and full of truth. I liked him very much indeed.

-2.27-Monday, Twenty-Seventh

-2.27-27th Have been reading some today though not much; Gold moved to his new quarters today over the store. Y.J. will be up tomorrow. Talked with John Willingham tonight pretty freely as I always do with those I feel to be my friend; showed him Miss Mollie Burkhalter’s Ambrotype and told him how I got it. Should like to see and know her; I never knew her.

-2.28-February Tuesday, Twenty-Eighth

-2.28-28th Have been attending to some of Ma’s private business and also some estate business; paid in advance for Southern Enterprise for one year for Ma and paid subscription to Pat. and Mountaineer for two years past and one in advance. I worked on a clock up in Gold’s room most of the morning and finally got it taken pretty much altogether to pieces and will try Davis and see if he can mend it. Y. J. came up this evening; he is looking quite well and as usual is in fine spirits. Recited to Caspari this evening somewhat later than usual on account of my having to prepare after dinner having neglected to do so before. Attended prayer meeting tonight; a very well-attended meeting.

-2.29-Wednesday, Twenty-Ninth

-2.29-29th Y. J. has been busy as you please today, is staying with Horne tonight. I have been reading Calhoun some today and am almost—if not quite convinced of the right of secession and nullification though I might have advised (I think) a different course. I have ever been a strong Union man and am yet if the Union can be preserved honorably, but have never before read anything on the subject of which Calhoun treats except Story on the Constitution and he does treat of the subject as fully as Calhoun and in fact is opposed to him in views and does not discuss those questions upon which they differ.

-3.1-March Thursday, First

-3.1-1st I finished Calhoun (1st Vol on Government and Constitution of U.S.) today; he is certainly very clear and a most forcible writer; if he is wrong he has a wonderful faculty for conceding it as well as for convincing you that he is right. This has been a beautiful day very pleasant indeed. I paid Mr. W. F. Nigel’s $20.70 for Sissy and Betty’s Music Lessons and took a receipt for each one to Ma. Mr. Witt preached tonight; I did not hear all of it but thought what I heard excellent; he had a manner which I think he might improve; he almost sang his sermon.

-3.2-Friday, Second

-3.2-2nd We recited in German to Caspari this evening our last recitation and paid him each $2.25 for lessons; I thought he intended charging us 50 cents. a lesson but he made his own charge; we intend keeping our German to some extent though not to a very great extent. Sissy and I took a ride this evening it was as pleasant as we could wish. I paid Gold today $1.60 which he paid out for me in our Table Rock trip. Attended Division tonight; we had a goodly number out and a protracted meeting; we had several questions before the Division which took some time and excited considerable interest. A change of night of meeting was prospect and after a warm discussion defeated; such a spirit seemed to me to be manifested that I am somewhat in favor of another Division.

-3.3-March Saturday, Third

-3.3-3rd Wrote to Cousin Thomas Crayton at Anderson today; also to South Baptist in closing $2. Ma’s subscription. Gold, John Willingham, Sam and I took a short hunt this evening for mere fun; walked up to McBee’s barn but not getting a shot though we saw some doves John and I came home; Gold and Sam staid and shot 3 or 4 times but brought no meat home. We had a little fire over the river tonight just after supper to which I went; it was small house formerly used as a work shop on a place at which Reverend T. D. Gurim resides; did not find out the cause of the fire or what was in the house; the fire engine arrived before the sills were entirely consumed; there was no need of it however and it was not used at all; I came back and went to the Section room but found no one there.

-3.4-Sunday, Fourth

-3.4-4th Miss Mae Moore came yesterday by private conveyance; saw her this morning though I did not have an opportunity of speaking to her; she looks well; has improved some I think; talked with Mr. Moore a short while. Professor Edwards’ Bible class will begin next Sunday. Dr. Williams gave us an excellent sermon this morning and Dr. J. C. Furman a fine one tonight; they were both short. Horne conducted the meeting this evening Concert of Prayer for the spread of the Gospel. Today has been successful, cooler than last week.

-3.5-March Monday, Fifth

-3.5-5th Attended a meeting of the Division this morning where we made arrangements to attend the funeral of Bro. Ambrose Brissey this evening at the Methodist Church; Professor Furman announced last night- the funeral of Mrs. Ambrose Brissey instead of her husband. Division attended the funeral this evening in Regalia although it was raining; Rev. Mr. Hill preached the funeral in the Methodist Church and Dr. Manly followed him with some very appropriate remarks. It has been raining the greater part of the evening. I’d 35 cents for funeral expenses and crape.

-3.6-Tuesday, Sixth

-3.6-6th I have been reading Hardee’s Tactics today. This evening Sissy and I rode over to the Depot to meet the crowd for Byers as Aaron was flouring Albert; we got to the Depot before the crowd had come away but after the arrival of the train. After Prayer Meeting at which we had a good number. Sissy and I went over to Mrs. Anderson’s she to see Mary Anderson and I to see Furman Dargan; she till stay all night. I staid till about 11 o’clock and I have just come home. Some new ones and more old students came this evening but suppose we will have more tomorrow and the succeeding days.

-3.7-Wednesday, Seventh

-3.7-7th Furman University opened today with a very respectable number; quite a number of new ones; the greater part of the old students will delay returning for several days I suppose. Female College will have a good number too I suppose; they had about 66 today I understood.

-3.8-March Thursday, Eighth

-3.8-8th Went over and requested; showed some of the new ones through and did some electioneering for our society a thing which I seldom do; there is a great deal going on by the members of the other one and we are compelled if all some in self-defense. Tonight heard a man named Powell preach; he is from Wake Forest College but I think he did this college little honor: a very poor sermon indeed I thought. It was raining some when I came home from church.

-3.9-Friday, Ninth

-3.9-9th We had some recitations assigned today and will go to work Monday. Adelphian Society had a monthly meeting this evening and also had the regular meeting tonight; we received 9 new members, and I think we will receive some others. We got out pretty early tonight- as we had no debate; Gold, our opening Orator, gave us a fine speech though brief as it should have been.

-3.10-Saturday, Tenth

-3.10-10th FU will have as many if not more than last year I think though I do not know yet what number we have. John Davant has come though I have not seen him. Aunt Jinny came over today and brought Henry Watson (Rob’s brother) with her; he is at school at Winston; he and I walked all over town this evening. Attended Section, call tonight.

-3.11-March Sunday, Eleventh

-3.11-11th Professor Edwards formed his class this morning in S. S.; We had upwards of 50 I think. Henry Watson went back to Winston today. Mr. Furman preached this morning. We had an address from Mr. Rue at the Missionary Society this and a sermon from him tonight. Gave 25 cents at Missionary Society collection.

-3.12-Monday, Twelfth

-3.12-12th Attended F.U. today for the first recitation did not get regularly to work however. Y.J. Pope, Thomas Adams and I went with John Davant to his room at Mr. Holloway’s (in the house belonging to F.U.) and got our plumes which we had directed him to purchase for us; they are very pretty but cost remarkably well $8.50 each; Thomas Adams and I went over to John’s room this evening and partially attended to some business which we three as a committee had to transact; we were appointed last year to collect from the members of the Old Company to pay a debt due Professor Boyce for borrowed money; we wrote some of the letters this evening. Tonight we had some company here (at our house) Misses Jane Alexander, Jinny Carson and Anna Buru were the only young ladies or girls several others were asked but did not come. Furman Dargan, GA Maller, EM Horne (Capt), Mr. Maroh (the dog), RM Leymoeur, Alex Townes, JE and BF Meller with John Willingham, Charlie O, YJ and I composed the party; Gold and Stiles did not come in; we had a very pleasant time but wish more girls had come; YJ and I went home with Misses Jane Carson and J Alexander about 12 o’clock we agreed very nice ladies.

-3.13-March Tuesday, Thirteenth

-3.13-13th Recited some again today. Wrote to Reverend Richard Fuller DD Baltimore MD this evening requesting him to deliver the address before the Missionary Doc on the night preceding Commencement Day. This morning there was frost and ice; very cold; I think the wind blew about as hard yesterday evening late as I have known it for a long time; it was almost as ever as any we ever have. Attended Prayer Meeting tonight Mr. Furman conducted the meeting as usual.

-3.14-Wednesday, Fourteenth

-3.14-14th We have all our recitations arranged and are reciting regularly except the Engineering for AM; we have not begun that yet. I have as much as I can do well and perhaps more. We will recite to Professor Judson 3 days in the week Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 ½ to 10 Engineering as AM study; our class (except AMs) recite mind science (Hagg’s) Tuesday and Thursday at the same hour to Professor F. From 10 to 11 ½ we recite Whateley’s Rhetoric (Professor F.) 3 days, Calculus Professor Judson 2 days; 11 ½ to 12 ½ Mhewell’s Elements Morality including Civil Polity 3 days Professor Judson (AM Study) Dr. Campbells Philosophy of Rhetoric 2 days Professor Furman (AM Study) 12 ½ to 1 ½ Professor Edwards 2 days in Latin 2 days in Greek Friday in Biographical History of Philosophy in Leaves. Professor Edwards has no in claim upon us but he was very anxious for us to continue under him and all of our class concluded to do so.

-3.15-March Thursday, Fifteenth

-3.15-15th We have had pretty cold but dry and dusty weather for several days past. There has been considerable electioneering by Adelphians as well as Philosophians this week though I have spoken to no one except Austin and Goldsmith and very little to them; they have determined to join us when they join either one. March preached tonight and gave us a very good sermon too. Ma went over to Aunt Jinny’s today and came back tonight; she took Sam and Sissy and left them.

-3.16-Friday, Sixteenth

-3.16-16th We recited to Professor Edwards today first time History of Philosophy. Mr. Reese was down today but I only saw him a little while and promised to write Grandpa a short letter for him which I did tonight. UR had a drill this evening at 4 ½ o’clock; we drilled the company in squads (4 squads); we had six new members but not one in my squad. I did not go over to society tonight as I had this letter to write to Grandpa. Went up to Mr. Nardry McBee’s tonight for Bettie and sat a short while; Bettie went up this evening to see Miss Malinda McBee. It is still cool at night.

-3.17-Saturday, Seventeenth

-3.17-17th Ma gave her note to Charlotte Mutual Insurance Co. today for over $480 (25%) for insuring the store house and dwelling the whole or part- only of this note may be required in case of heavy losses; they require $15 in cash; policy will take effect about next Tuesday. Cut my thumb pretty badly making a fire this morning. Did not attend section tonight as we had a prayer meeting and had to pass by the door to get out and neglected till too late.

-3.18-March Sunday, Eighteenth

-3.18-18th Professor Edwards began with his Bible Class in S.S. this morning and gave us some fine thoughts on beginning Romans 1-8 verses of 1st chapter was assigned us last Sunday; I gave 25 cents collection for Missionary purposes being taken up in our class. Mr. Furman gave us the best sermon this morning that I have listened to in a long time; he was very much warmed up and excited; he spoke of the state of religion in our midst deploring deeply the coldness existing and made the most earnest appeals I think I ever listened to; he preached again tonight though the weather was unfavorable; it rained this evening although not tonight I believe.

-3.19-Monday, Nineteenth

-3.19-19th Did not go over to Chapel this morning as I had no recitation 1st hour and was deeply at my books at home. It has been cloudy all day but cleared off this evening and tonight Dr. (Maller), Capt (Horne), YJ and I went over to F. U. to meet Professor Laureau; he took us up on the top of the building in which the Chapel is, per going there the Adelphian Hall climbing out the window and going up a ladder per the lower; we found it quite cool and windy up there stood up a long time and then sat down awhile; it was very instructive and interesting, the other members of the class were to come but did not; we came home about 11. Professor Judson gave a recitation in Engineering for next Wednesday. Wrote to Benson Jones today.

-3.20-March Tuesday, Twentieth

-3.20-20th Attended Chapel this morning and after that service the students held a meeting and adopted resolutions presented by a committee appointed a week ago in reference to wearing home manufactured goods; the vote was unanimous and taken without any excitement; \*after the vote very flawing and for the worst amusing almost ridiculous speeches were made by various persons; I think it was the most amusing scene I ever witnessed; we held on till after 9 o’clock when Pres Furman came in and dissolved the assembly. We recited in Engineering first time this morning.\* At prayer meeting tonight Mr. Dulchiuson (a very old man over 70) who has been a Methodist preacher spoke. \*….\* This happened the next day.

-3.21-Wednesday, Twenty-First

-3.21-21st In the proceedings of yesterday’s meeting I placed by mistake the proceedings of the one held this morning, when the vote was called and those wishing to purchase suits of home manufacture signified their desire to do so; almost all agreed to do so it was after this that the amusing speeches were made and a com. was appointed to select some merchant to purchase the material.

-3.22-Thursday, Twenty-Second

-3.22-22nd Spent most of this evening at Horne’s room studying Mechanics of Engineering and had so much to do that I could not attend preaching tonight. I took a short ride this evening late. Somewhat windy and cloudy but not cold.

-3.23-March Friday, Twenty-Third

-3.23-23rd Attended F.U. today; Professor Edwards only consumed a half hour today having to meet the faculty at 1 o’clock. UR had a drill this evening; we drilled not at all remarkably well. Received a letter from Reverend R Faller DD stating that he could not accept the appointed by Missionary Society to deliver sermon here commencement week. Attended Society tonight and spoke twice; was rather much interested in the debate. It is after 11 o’clock and I want to get up in the morning early if I can.

-3.24-Saturday, Twenty-Fourth

-3.24-24th Rose about sun rise or a little before; it was quite comfortable and I kindled no fire. Went to Capt’s (Horne) room and studied till 10 o’clock stopping and talking frequently. Gold and I studied German till dinner and some little after dinner. Went to Church Conference this evening; we changed communion so as to have service monthly instead of quarterly; I subscribed $2 towards paying deficiency in last year’s expenses. Went to diction and gave the boys a little talk; came back and staid up in Gold’s room till after 11 studying some and worrying him and I left. There was a prayer meeting here tonight and I would have liked to have been at it, but had my duties at diction to attend to. They have been having prayer meetings at private houses for several weeks.

-3.25-March Sunday, Twenty-Fifth

-3.25-25th Professor Edwards gave us a fine lecture on our lesson this morning; he has between 40 and 50 in his class. Mr. Furman gave us an excellent sermon this morning and a fine one again tonight. Charlie O’Neill and I rode out to Duncan Chapel this evening to S.S. with Toy and Jones; Toy had them singing some and after S.S. Jones preached them a short sermon; they have a fine school there. Toy talked with me in reference to entering the ministry and especially the foreign field and says that the great need of Missionaries is in his opinion a direct call to all education Christian young men to consider the matter earnestly and see whether they are not called to labor there; he thinks a desire to preach constitutes a call; he thinks that we must ask ourselves the question whether we cannot do more good by preaching than in any other way. May it not be if this is the case that I am called; if I am help me O God! to feel and to enter upon whatever field thou shalt call me to; may I be given strength and wisdom to decide and to act.

-3.26-Monday, Twenty-Sixth

-3.26-26th We recited today at F. U. Court week has commenced but I have not been in CH. I have been busy studying for tomorrow. Went to Horne’s room to work some examples this evening but did not do anything at time as we did not have them all; worked at them tonight but did nothing.

-3.27-March Tuesday, Twenty-Seventh

-3.27-27th We got excused today and consequently did not recite: Capt and I studied Mech. of Eng this morning. Ma sold Milly a girl 14 years old today belonging to my father’s estate for $1235 to R E Holcombe. Gold and I studied German this evening.

-3.28-Wednesday, Twenty-Eighth

-3.28-28th Court is in session today but I have not been attending although we were excused; I had something else to attend to, my books.

-3.29-Thursday, Twenty-Ninth

-3.29-29th I have not been very much interested in court although there is much interest manifested by those attending; Wyllis’ case has excited some interest as also has Albert’s besides others.

-3.30-Friday, Thirtieth

-3.30-30th Made partial recitations today i.e. we only recited some were excused from others. UR had a drill this evening which of course I attended. Attended Adelphian Society tonight and spoke as is usual with me of late.

-3.31-Saturday, Thirty-First

-3.31-31st Adelphian Society has received a new member named Hoffman or Huffman, who I think is the biggest fool I know; he spoke last night and had the most complete conglomeration of foolishness I think I ever heard. Studied some today. Attended prayer meeting at F. U. this evening and will try to attend regularly. Attended prayer meeting at Charlie Elford’s house tonight.

-4.1-April Sunday, First

-4.1-1st Made an agreement with Toy last-night to go to Jason Mays’s place 17 miles above here on a preaching expedition this morning (ie) Toy was to preach I to go along only; I woke early and as it was raining I turned over and went to sleep again; when I next woke up it had stopped raining and I rose and dressed as speedily as possible, eat my snack instead of breakfast and hurried up to Toy’s room but did not get off till after 7 although I went up soon after 6. Toy gave them a very good sermon in the house as it was rainy and only a few came. Mrs. Mays was there and we had a very nice day of it; we got home before dark all right although it rained some on us on the way. Professor Furman gave us a splendid sermon tonight one of the best I think I ever listened to; it was rousing, startling, and full of deep feeling, his text was “He that believeth not shall be damned.” I am quite unwell tonight tired and almost sick.

-4.2-Monday, Second

-4.2-2nd Attended F. U. today though quite unwell. Ella Townes took dinner with us today and supper tonight after which we went up to Female College to hear Dr. Lambert lecture on Physiology; he is a stranger here; gave us quite a good lecture; he has been lecturing at Female College today for which he received $20 from the girls; Professor Twitty took up a collection after the lecture; I gave him 25 cents.

-4.3-April Tuesday, Third

-4.3-3rd They played off some tricks on us last night by interrupting our beds, April tricks; they took out the slats and folded up the sheets. Attended F. U. today as usual. Attended a lecture given by Dr. Lambert at Theological Seminary this evening before the students of the Seminary on Physiology; it was very good although it lasted from dinner till dark; he gave us a fine illustration of a country debating society as a bit of the humorous. Attended prayer meeting tonight. Gold conducted the meeting our pastor being absent.

-4.4-Wednesday, Fourth

-4.4-4th Yesterday evening some 5 or 6 of the students made arrangements with Dr. Lambert agreeing to pay him $25 for s course of lectures (thinking he would deliver 4 or 5) to be delivered before the students of F. U. I was among the number but only understood or thought I understood that I was to be one of a class if he could get a class; as however the rest felt themselves bound to pay the $25 I felt bound to share with them the burden we asked permission of our faculty for him to lecture and also them to give us the time; they declined doing so recommending to us to have them lecture Saturday; Dr. L asked $50 if he should remain; we then determined to hear him this evening and tonight and collected 25 so that it cost $1 each; he gave us two good lectures giving us some knowledge; they were more sensible than any I have heard from him; he delivered them at the Theological Seminary.

-4.5-April Thursday, Fifth

-4.5-5th Drew very little about my recitations today in consequence of having attended the lecture yesterday. Did not go out to preaching tonight as I had some studying to do for tomorrow; Friday is my hard day and tomorrow will be no lighter than usual.

-4.6-Friday, Sixth

-4.6-6th Attended F.U. today and Adelphian Society tonight; spoke of course though I know little of the subject, almost nothing in fact. Studied some little this evening.

-4.7-Saturday, Seventh

-4.7-7th Spent the morning at Captain’s room; Doctor was with us; we studied some and worked on some of Judson’s stuff. Horne’s face is very red in spots; I think he is taking some breaking out disease. UR had a company meeting at 3 ½ o’clock this evening a court-martial at 4 and a Drill at 4 1/2; of course I attended all; we did not get home till nearly dark. Attended Diction tonight received $3 from McCarter.

-4.8-Sunday, Eighth

-4.8-8th Attended S.S. this morning. Mr. Furman gave us a good sermon tonight and good one this morning also. I spoke before Young Men’s Missionary Society of F.U. this evening; we elect a speaker every meeting to address the society at the meeting I endeavored to get them to excuse me or rather not elect me where I was elected but attempted to discharge the duty to the best of my ability; I spoke to them off hand on the position which Christians should take in reference to intoxicating drinks; advocated total abstinence and a decided should in opposition of such drinks.

-4.9-April Monday, Ninth

-4.9-9th Recited today as usual though I did not feel very well; my ear has been running again for several days and this always makes one feel badly; besides I have a very bad cold and this too has had an effect on me by no means calculated to do away with my bad feelings; it has affected my head and I have had a dull headache something which I seldom have. Have been quite busy this evening.

-4.10-Tuesday, Tenth

-4.10-10th Feel quite badly today, though am no worse; still my ear is troublesome and my nose also worries me as it has been discharged very freely ever since I took this cold which hangs on pretty well; think I am improving however. Miss Lucy elected Dr. Williams of Theological Seminary to preach our usual sermon and I informed him of the fact very informally by a visit this evening in which I found him very pleasant indeed though I had never been introduced to him: I think he will preach for us though he did not give us a direct answer; I did not know the exact day, aim to tell him tomorrow. Went to prayer meeting tonight good number out. This is Y.J.’s birthday and tonight he and Giles had a few friends up in Giles’s room to eat a birth-day cake prepared for them; G’s birthday is in this month and he and Y.J. put theirs together and had a partnership affair; we had a lively time and I left several their; I have just come down; it is after 1.

-4.11-April Wednesday, Eleventh

-4.11-11th We had no recitation to Professor Judson today as he neglected to assign us one last time (AM I mean); he gave us one in Mechanics of Engineering for Friday; he has been giving us some lessons in tracing curves and finding curvilinear asymptotes. UR had a Drill this evening at 5 o’clock; will have another on Friday next at the same hour; we intend Parading on Saturday week and have to do some extra drilling to prepare us for it. Uncle Frank was here; took supper with us tonight; he goes home in the morning. Dr. Williams refused to deliver our sermon as he is not sure that he will be here; I am very sorry indeed. Miss Amanda Bishop was married to Mr. Jason Meredith tonight in Baptist Church; had the wedding (ie eating part) at The Thompson’s; Sissy acted as bridesmaid; I did not go to either place; had no invitation.

-4.12-Thursday, Twelfth

-4.12-12th Spent nearly the whole evening at Captain’s room preparing Mech. Eng.; have been quite busy tonight trying to prepare for tomorrow; have not been over all my recitations yet; will try in the morning to finish them. Today heard of a nice piece of business; Levy (a Jew keeping a store up street) has a sister of his wife Mrs. Barnett living with him; she received a black-guard letter and Levy accuses Vol a negro boy of Ma’s (a truly worth boy) of writing it and they have been examining some of his writing to see if it corresponds with the other.

-4.13-April Friday, Thirteenth

-4.13-13th Adelphian Society met at 4 o’clock; did little more than nothing for an hour when they excused the members of UR. We (UR) drilled for about 1 ½ hours; drilled remarkably well. Adel. Society had a business meeting in place of a meeting for debate; we elected officers and after a lengthy discussion on the subject of changing time of meeting; we changed to Friday evening at 4 o’clock for debate meetings and 3 o’clock for monthly meetings on 2nd Friday; Hoffman resigned on account of the change, but no one expressed any regret; most of the members were very glad of it I think; I was I know; we got home a little earlier than usual; after this we will get home at dark and have Friday night to devote to some other business or pleasure.

-4.14-Saturday, Fourteenth

-4.14-14th Studied this morning (A.M.) at Horne’s room (Meck. Eng). I have been looking into this affair of Levy’s and am fully convinced that Vol had nothing whatever to do with it and shall defend him if Levy prosecutes him which however I think very improbable; I am inclined to the opinion that Levy himself is concerned in it; perhaps he wished to drive her off; studied one lesson this evening and still have one to study Monday morning. Wrote to Misses S. S. Farrar Bros and Co, Charleston ordering some rice and sugar; wrote also to Rev J.C. Johnson, Micanopy Florida as he was elected Dr. Williams’ alternate. Went to Section tonight.

-4.15-April Sunday, Fifteenth

-4.15-15th Vol cut my hair this morning early very close on the back of my head a half shingle. Attended S.S. Mr. Furman preached us a fine sermon on the causes of coldness in the church especially in our own midst; after the discussion of the congregation at a special meeting of the church Ms. Jane Greenfield was received as a candidate for Baptism. There was a sunrise prayer meeting this morning at the church but I did not go, not rising in time. Attended Episcopal Church this evening but can’t say I was much edified or invested; the preacher was a stranger to me did not speak directly enough for me to understand half the words; saw the farce (cannot call it by a less harsh name) sprinkling of a negro baby (free-negro); the little chap did not seem to take much pleasure in the service was quite an unwilling subject I thought; I was much struck with the great difference between that scene and one like the one witnessed tonight at the Baptist Church where those baptized were not only willing but glad to follow the example of our Lord and Master and like him descend into a watery grave signifying by this significant and divine ordinance that this they have died to the world and rise to newness of life; it seemed to me that no candid searcher after truth can long hesitate in reference to the scriptural position on this question; Miss Jane Greenfield and several negroes were baptized tonight; Mr. Furman gave us a splendid sermon.

-4.16-April Monday, Sixteenth

-4.16-16th Recited as usual today. This evening prepared my recitation for tomorrow and partially prepared for Wednesday as we have a drill tomorrow evening and will not have time to prepare all my recitations then. Cousin Charlie Elford went off to Charleston this morning I believe but left $15 with which I shall pay Professor Judson Ma’s percent; have been promising him sometime to do so but couldn’t get this from Cousin Charlie.

-4.17-Tuesday, Seventeenth

-4.17-17th Recited this morning. Studied Mech. Eng. At Captain’s room till 4 ½ this evening; I attended Drill; had a very good drill, will have another Friday evening next at 5 o’clock a parade next morning. Attended prayer meeting tonight; not many out; had a little rain since we came home; looked very threatening when we went. Paid Professor Judson $60 Ma’s percent last year and half of this, also $2 for myself subscribed to pay deficiency in paying express of church last year.

-4.18-Wednesday, Eighteenth

-4.18-18th Cloudy and cool this morning; did not rain however till after 10 o’clock; Professor Judson heard our A.M. recitation but did not stay to hear our 11 ½ to 12 ½ in law; we then get excused form Professor Edwards and came home. Has been raining most of the evening and is still tonight; have been in my room all the evening Y.J. and Esg (Gold) went up to Chick’s Springs yesterday for their health they said laziness I think; they have had a nice time today.

-4.19-April Thursday, Nineteenth

-4.19-19th Attended F.U. today; still cloudy but I hope will be clear on Saturday next as we have a parade that morning; the streets are not in the best condition possible; pretty muddy at present. Y.J. and Gold came back today; don’t know where they have been; somewhat improved. No preaching tonight; Caspari was to preach but is unwell. Have not prepared for all my recitations yet, must try to get up in the morning and get them.

-4.20-Friday, Twentieth

-4.20-20th Went to society at 4 o’clock this; got excused at 5 o’clock to attend drill which lasted till nearly dark; we drilled pretty well and I think will make a respectable show in the morning. Attended Division tonight; pretty good attendance

-4.21-Saturday, Twenty-First

-4.21-21st Paraded this morning; went up to Ex-Captain Launeau and presented a gold-headed cane to him through our Captain J.G. Dauaut; Launeau’s speech quite flowery; got home about 11. Attended Church Conference this evening. Had a little shower. Received a visit from a committee of the cadets requesting me to come back; promised them to come up and examine into affairs next Saturday night.

-4.22-Sunday, Twenty-Second

-4.22-22nd Charlie O’Neill and I went over into to Pickens Dist. to George’s Creek Church and heard Horne preach a fine sermon; let Jones ride lady up to Mrs. Mays’; I rode Albert; Charlie rode Hyena (Ma’s carriage horse); Charlie and I went to Aunt Jinny’s to dinner and got a fine dinner although she and Mr. Arnold were away from home; got home after dark; had a fine sermon tonight; gave boy at Mrs. A’s 20 cents.

-4.23-April Monday, Twenty-Third

-4.23-23rd Am a little sore today from my ride; we were directed to come to Ligon’s Bridge and food but finding a fence across the entrance were afraid to food and attempted to go up the bank to the other bridge; think we rode about 3 miles wandering about through the old fields and woods; don’t think it more than a mile straight up. Recited this morning as usual. Aunt Hannah came up this evening; will try to find time to go up and see her tomorrow; Aunt Lizzie is also there; saw Billy a short while tonight; he came up this evening- will go home in the morning.

-4.24-Tuesday, Twenty-Fourth

-4.24-24th Took a ride with Sissy this evening. George Blackburn spoke this morning the opening Chapel speech a very good one indeed “Intellectual and Moral Culture” was about his subject one will have to speak every morning; don’t know yet what I will do about my speech- have no subject yet. Was at Aunt Hannah’s a little while after supper; then went to prayer meeting. Think there must have been an eclipse of Venus tonight by the moon; they were very near together when I saw them.

-4.25-Wednesday, Twenty-Fifth

-4.25-25th Crowder spoke this morning; not much I thought; “Procrastination its Fruits” was his subject I believe. Students had a meeting this morning, the manufacturers we wrote to declined crediting us; we gave the order to some merchant to be chosen by the com. We took up a collection for a crippled man about $17. I gave 50 cents.

-4.26-April Thursday, Twenty-Sixth

-4.26-26th Spent most of the evening at Horne’s room studying; tonight read some for my speech; it shall be on Will 3rd of England. Henry Watson came up from Winston where he is going to school; did not see him was out when he called in; suppose he came to the hanging; a negro is to be hung tomorrow near the village and I suppose we will have a tremendous crowd here. Ma is sitting up with a young lady Miss Stubbs who is very ill at Female College.

-4.27-Friday, Twenty-Seventh

-4.27-27th I saw the crowd pass on the way to the gallows this morning at 10 o’clock; Professor Furman excused his Rhetoric class and many of our students went to the hanging a very large crowd there I heard; didn’t go myself. Had no speaking this morning; Tilman R Gaines gave us a pretty good speech yesterday morning. Professor Edwards has gone off; will be away about a week. Henry Watson has been with us this evening; went over to Mr. McKay’s and will probably not return till morning; think he will stay at the hotel with some boys who came up with him. Attended Society this evening; had a short session. Studied some more on my speech tonight and wrote a little of it; must try to finish it tomorrow. Went down to the Division pretty late and staid till the close; will try to attend regularly and be there early after this. It is cloudy tonight and think we will have rain soon.

-4.28-April Saturday, Twenty-Eighth

-4.28-28th Cold and rainy this morning; Captain and I studied Mech of Eng this morning; Doctor did not come. Went over to F.U. this evening in order to attend a drill of UR; it was drizzling slightly and was cloudy and cold; had about a dozen out; John (captain) drilled us a short while only and dismissed us. Have been busy on my speech tonight; have about enough written already, but will have to write it off again. Henry Watson and Y.J. retired at 9 o’clock tonight.

-4.29-Sunday, Twenty-Ninth

-4.29-29th Dr. Jason C Furman came around and heard our class this morning at S.S. (Professor Edwards’ I mean). Attended Bap Church this morning; this evening I attended Episcopal Church; Mr. Arthur gave us a sermon on Temperance a very good one too. There was a S.S. Meeting at our church, but I was anxious to hear the Temperance sermon; went to Baptist Church and staid till 4 o’clock; the S.S. scholars were practicing singing for the meeting at 4. Henry Watson and I took supper at Aunt Hannah’s and sat some time with her. No preaching in our church tonight, as the chapel of the Gaillard Institute takes place, did not go.

-4.30-Monday, Thirtieth

-4.30-30th Attended F.U. as usual today; Professor E still away. Studied at Captain’s room this evening. Wrote a note to Chambliss Cor. Sec. Of Missionary Society for inquiry of S. B. Theology. Sem. answering one written us (YJ’s Men’s Miss Soc of F.U.) and delivered it to him; they meet tomorrow.

-5.1-Tuesday, First

-5.1-1st Professor Judson excused the class this morning and told Doctor, Captain, and I need not recite any more with the class as we have just finished diff calculus and we studied a portion of integral before (under Laureau in recitation). President Furman excused Campbell’s Rhetoric class for today and Doctor, Captain and I came over to Theolog Sem Miss Soc meetings received some very interesting information with regard to Brazil and Japan as Mission fields. Studied this evening; went to prayer meeting tonight. At a called meeting of Miss Soc this morning just after service Rev Dr. Crawley of Limestone Springs was elected to deliver our annual sermon Frank Johnson having declined; Dr. Mallary of Geo was elected as alternate. Wrote to Dr. Crawley this evening.

-5.2-Wednesday, Second

-5.2-2nd Recited to Professor Judson (AM); Professor Furman excused the Rhetoric class; we recited Elements of the Laws in the time allotted for Rhetoric and came home; I spent part of the morning at Cousin Charlie’s office; went there to ask him if Betty and I could go down on the R.R. free; he said we could; there is a R.R. convention in Columbia and Stockholders go down free; we are the heirs to ½ of 50 shares taken by S and J Mauldin; we will go down Friday; Betty will stop at Newberry and I will come back there Saturday morning and home Monday. Went around and sat a while with Miss Sue Moore this evening.

-5.3-May Thursday, Third

-5.3-3rd Recited Campbell’s Rhetoric to Professor Furman this morning; had no other recitation as we are free from Integral Calculus and Professor Edwards is away still. Studied at Captain’s room with him this evening. Went to Mr. Henry Thompson’s tonight to Miss Agnes Thompson’s wedding; she as married before we got there; Bettie and I kept Sissy waiting for us some time. I shaved w’h took me some time of course as my beard was about 5 or 6 months old. Went by Mr. W P McBee’s and I went in Mr. McBee’s carriage with Miss Sue Samuels. We had a very nice time of it although the marriage ceremony was over when we got there; we had a nice supper and pleasant company; got home about one o’clock and have but a short time to sleep and sit up either. Sam is going with me and Miss Anna Ware is going with Betty to Aunt Eliza’s at Newberry.

-5.4-Friday, Fourth

-5.4-4th Got off this morning all right; Sam and I for Columbia, Betty and Anna Ware for Newberry; we left them there and go back there in the morning ourselves; saw Aunt Eliza and Tom Pope a short while at Newberry. Talked with several strangers on the train and heard a great deal of political conversation. Arrived in Columbia at 1 ½ o’clock and after dinner Sam and I walked all over the city and saw sights. State House will be a magnificent affair and even should now what it will be; received $20 (10 percent on S and C R.R. Co’s assessment) for Estate of S and J Mauldin. Saw Captain J B Patrick at Arsenal Academy and paid him $5 for picture frame purchased for Adel Soc; Captain seemed glad to see me; saw drill. From the Arsenal walked up by Hampton’s Garden but could not get in we saw a part of the garden however from the outside. We met Misses Sue Wright, Mary Crosson and Mallie Black (to the last I was introduced for the third time) and we walked with them to Lyons’ garden which is a beautiful place certainly; walked through. I was very tired and as it was late we did not go back to the Arsenal to see the parade although we had intended doing so. Major Perry, Mr. Perry, Mrs. P and Miss Fannie P as well as others from Greenville are at the Congaree House; have been with Mr. P talking some; met Thomas and Mister Gary here this evening; Sweat (Lawrence J) called around to see me tonight; he is in S.C. College at present; saw Toney (AM) Dosier at Arsenal. Dr. Harrington I met here tonight; he is going up in the morning. Tonight walked up and down the street on which most of the stores are situated looking for some molasses candy which the girls insisted on having; couldn’t find it. Got Sam at Hat for $2; a book (Desert Home) $1; also paid for him going down for ice cream orange and soda water tonight 25… Omnibus far 25…; total paid out for him $3.50. Paid out of my own money oranges .25 ice cream 30 for girls and myself; in Columbia omnibus fare 50 soda water .5 cents = $1.10. I am tired completely down and will sleep soundly tonight I think. Wanted to go to Female College to see Betty Watson but had so much else to do could not go and was not sure I would be admitted if I went.

-5.5-May Saturday, Fifth

-5.5-5th This morning got up and dressed in the same dirty clothes (brought no others with me) paid Sam’s drill $1; my room $2 and after breakfast Mr. Perry, Sam and I walked to the Depot and had to remain there nearly an hour; some fun; several acquaintances on board; 5 cars (4 full) in the train; hot and dusty and mean water to drink on the cars. Johnny Jones met us where the trains meet and took us from the Depot home; he is a son of Uncle Lambert’s brother is at Lutheran College at present; has a sister; I call her Cousin Anna; she is rather pretty and quite pleasant she intends making Uncle Lambert’s her home till married; says she wants to marry; told I was at her service any time after 1st of August. I washed and cleaned up for dinner this evening Cousin Anna, Anna Ware, Betty and I went out to Grandpa’s; he is in Columbia but I did not know it till I had got here; saw Grandma and sat some time; then came to Tom Pope’s and stopped a while; I had to pull the Annas out declared they would not get out but I carried them in; Mrs. Pope and Tom were very glad to see us; the girls got a large bunch of flowers there; we then rode all around town had some few crowded up in the carriage with 8 tremendous hoops; I plagued them considerably; when we had rode all around I bought the children I called them (the girls) some oranges (35) and candy (55=90) and sent them home; went back and got shaved and walked out home. Tom Pope and Belton Rodges here a while tonight I talked with Cousin A a good while; am pleased with her; Thomas Ware would not play; acted ridiculously I thought.

-5.6-May Sunday, Sixth

-5.6-6th This morning Johnny and Fannie and Mary went to S.S. Sam and I went down with Betty and the Annas to Baptist Church (Sam rode outside) and heard Dr. Brantly preach a fine sermon he has quit reading and a great improvement I think it is; he had a good congregation. Did not go to church this evening or tonight; Johnny and I walked downtown this evening; the Annas went to pay a visit to Miss McMorris. Tonight two young men Drake Ramage and John Kauce familiarly called came out for the girls but soon concluded it too late to go church and we spent the time foolishly chattering; badly spent indeed. Aunt Eliza and Uncle Lambert have not been to church today.

-5.7-Monday, Seventh

-5.7-7th This morning Carrie allowed me to speak to her; she has been very shy of me all the time till this morning. We left Newberry about 11 o’clock and reached home in due time dusty and dirty as possible almost. Tom Adams came up with us; has been to Washington City. Aunt Eliza and Cousin Anna came with us to the Depot; tried to persuade Cousin A to come up with us; could not; she will be up at Commencement; I brought her likeness with me; she did not object very strongly; told her wanted to fool the people. The girls brought a great many flowers and strawberries; flowers are ruined but strawberries are not. Paid 55 cents for ice cream and c today. Uncle Frank came up to Winston from Belton. Sam Horne this evening at his room; Betty and I went around and saw Sue Moore a short while tonight.

-5.8-May Tuesday, Eighth

-5.8-8th Attended F.U. today and recited; partially prepared my recitations before breakfast and finished all the preparation I gave them before the time to recite and after Chapel service; I recited at 11 ½ and 12 ½ til 1 ½. Showed Doctor Anna Jones’ likeness and told him I was in love with her; intend to fool him if I can and keep him in the dark. Studied this evening at Captain’s room and attended prayer meeting tonight; few out; there is a show in town “Swiss Bell Singers” and most of those who should have been at church were there I suppose listening to little foolery. Got $1 from McDavid and Duncan and paid Mr. Furman for Mr. Hartwell’s support by this church; also got auto for the other children making it $5 in all and gave him besides $5 from Ma.

-5.9-Wednesday, Ninth

-5.9-9th Recited this morning. Had very little to do this evening and succeeded remarkably well. We have had five in our room this evening and tonight as it is cool; has rained some. Y.J. and I took a walk tonight and stopped in at Captain’s room as we came back and talked some time with him; he and Dr. Furman (Pres) worked on Captain’s speech for May Anniversary of Adelphian Society but Captain didn’t finish reading it over to him (Dr. F); they are to have another trial tomorrow and I hope they will try to get through with it as he will have but a short time to prepare it; he will have to speak on 18th.

-5.10-May Thursday, Tenth

-5.10-10th Rain today and appearances indicate more yet. Went over this morning to F.U. at 11 ½ had no recitation till that hour and consequently did not attend chapel; Dr. Furman was not there and Dr. Edwards had excused the class; I immediately returned without reciting at all; went over and back in about 25 mins. Sissy sent for me to come down in Ma’s room this morning after came back from F.U. and told me in Ma’s presence (she had been talking to Ma before) that she wished to marry Mr. C. H. Toy and go with him to Japan as a Missionary and asked my opinion; I told her that was a matter she must decide; she then said she had left it to Ma and Ma was unwilling; Dr. Broadus had been talking to Ma this morning and she was very much excited I therefore refrained from saying anything this morning but will talk to her about it the first chance I have; she says it would be a great loss to us all (and it would) and thinks Sissy’s first duty is to her brothers and sisters; is besides not willing to trust her with Mr. Toy; don’t think he loved her. I would as soon see her marry Toy as any man I know and though of course I would much prefer to have her near us and had always expected to have her so, though she would be a great loss to me and greater to some of the others, the need of Missionaries is so great that I can’t object to her going although my feelings are all opposed to it; I had rather be separated from all the rest than her. Tonight about 9 o’clock heard Gen Patrick from Cal delegate to Natl Dem Conv at Charleston, delivering a fool speech; he was called out at Goodfelt’s house; very senseless I thought; Perry and others did much better.

-5.11-May Friday, Eleventh

-5.11-11th Recited as usual today. Attended Society this evening; we met at 3 o’clock in order to attend to our business which we transact monthly meeting at and devoting 1st hour and a half to business. Came home for Society and cleaned up and went to C. J. Elford’s tonight to a party at which quite a number were present, John Willingham, Charlie O’N, Gold and I went to here besides Sissy and Betty; Stiles and Y.J. were invited to attend but were very anxious to attend Society tonight we had a very pleasant time at the party where I remained till 12 o’clock. I talked to Ella Townes and Mattie Duncan most of the time; took “Little Soph” (Miss Sophie McDaniel) to supper; we had a fine supper and I did it justice as I generally do; Dr. Boyce, Manly and Broadus with their wives were there with a number of others; and Misses Lane of N.Y. City staying at Dr. Boyce’s were there; did not get to an introduction however; am not very sorry did not like their looks much.

-5.12-Saturday, Twelfth

-5.12-12th Got up very late and spent all the morning at Captain’s room studying Mech of Eng and talking. Attended Drill of UR this evening; quite a number were absent, some ladies or girls were out to see us; Misses Jane Alexander, Janice Cardon, Ann Wallace and Miss Holloway. We drilled badly but learnt some new maneuvers in which I was green. Attend section tonight for the last time as their W.D.; the Eldridges are in the section still and I will not preside over them, they expelled one tonight, they are bad boys.

-5.13-May Sunday, Thirteenth

-5.13-13th I got up at 6 ½ this morning but did not get dressed till 8 ½; did not go to S.S. as I thought no one would be there; it hailed this morning before I woke and rained constantly and often heavily till I got through dressing. Dr. Williams preached us an excellent sermon this morning though very short; his text was “All that new would praise the Lord for his goodness” part of 107th Psalms. Stopped raining about 9 o’clock, and the sun shone out part of the day. Attended Young Men’s Miss Soc of F.U. this evening; Doctor spoke (rather badly) I thought; I gave them 25 cents; took supper with Doctor and Furman Dargan at Mrs. Anderson’s tonight. Dr. Williams gave us an excellent sermon again tonight his text was “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.”

-5.14-Monday, Fourteenth

-5.14-14th Recited this morning to Professor Judson; he then excused us (A.M.) for this week from Mech. of Eng. Professor Edwards not out today. Sissy and I took a ride this evening; she seems determined to go to Japan with Toy: Ma is still unwilling; I will talk to her the first time I get a chance. Received a letter from Grandpa tonight and answered him immediately; I was owing him one before; wrote to Rev. Dr. Crawley of Limestone Springs second time as we were afraid he had not received my first; invite him to deliver Annual Sermon before our Miss. Soc. It is after 11 o’clock; late for us to be up.

-5.15-May Tuesday, Fifteenth

-5.15-15th Heard Gold speak this morning in Chapel; he made the best speech that has been yet made I think I then came home and went back at 11 ½ o’clock as had no recitation till that hour. I wrote to Mr. Robert A. Thompson Editor Heowee Courier to stop S. Mauldin and Co.’s paper; also wrote to Jason F. Buist, Barnwell C-., S.C. Received a letter from Rev. Dr. Crawley, Limestone Springs. S.C. accepting the invitation of young Men’s Miss Soc. of F.U. just as I was about mailing a second letter to him, did not of course send the second letter then. Paid $1 for postage stamps. Miss Sue Moore was here this evening a short while; I walked home with her and brought her out to prayer meeting tonight. Miss Mary Anderson and Mr. J. A. Chambliss took supper with us tonight. We had a very interesting meeting tonight; Mr. Furman appointed a prayer meeting for tomorrow evening at 5 ½ o’clock.

-5.16-Wednesday, Sixteenth

-5.16-16th Randolph Bacon spoke this morning; not much of an effort; Memory of So. Ca. Patriotic Dead I believe was about what he called his subject. Had very little studying to do for tomorrow. Wrote to Jason O. A. Gerry Esg General Land Office Washington, D.C. today. Attended prayer meeting this evening; it looked very much like rain and I believe did a little after blowing up terribly; Dr. Broadus gave a very fine address.

-5.17-May Thursday, Seventeenth

-5.17-17th Did not go over till 11 ½ this morning as I had no recitation till that hour. Aaron took Betty over to Anderson yesterday in the carriage and came back today; Sam went over and returned with him. Betty is to stay several days or longer. Wrote to Cousin Louisa (Reeves) today. Charley O’N, Willingham and I, also Sissy went to Colonel G.F. Townes’ to a small party tonight and stayed till after 12 o’clock; don’t know that I was much benefited in any way; talked most of the time with Georgia Townes come to the conclusion that she is a most consummate goose silly in the extreme; talked with her sister Miss Fannie a short while; she is a nice girl, or young lady I suppose I should say. Misses Sophie D’Oylay and Lidia Croft were there. Dr. Johnson spoke at prayer meeting this evening; we had quite a good attendance out: Mr. Furman gave notice that the church would be opened for the recitation of candidates for Baptism tomorrow evening. O may we see many forsaking the ways of the world and leaning into God and may we who profess to be His devote ourselves a fresh to Him and His glorious work! Help me O Lord to do what my hands find to do with all my might and help me to choose that which Thou wilt have me do! May I be directed and may I have thy assistance, thy divine guidance to lead me and aid me in every time of trial and trouble. Had a slight shower this evening.

-5.18-May Friday, Eighteenth

-5.18-18th Wrote to Gen J Scott Hughson M.D. as I directed his letter; I gave him the nick name of General when he was boarding with us last year and he is studying medicine now; he is quite a clever little fellow. Went over to recite at 10 this morning but got excused and came home and worked in the C-. all morning with Sue Moore assisting me; of course had a pleasant job; they were dressing C-. for Captain’s speech tonight; they worked there this evening but I didn’t go back as Sue Moore was not to be there. Mr. Furman went off this morning to see his father who is very sick in consequence of which the doors of the church were not opened at prayer meeting Dr. Manly conducted the meeting; attendance good. Adelphian Society anniversary was celebrated tonight; Horne gave us a good address and delivered it well; Something to do was his subject; it was well handled Drs. Broadus, Boyce, Furman, and Manly (the last acting as Chaplain) congratulated him and spoke in high terms of his effort; also Old Pete (Professor Edwards I should have said). There was a good audience out and they heard something worth hearing it was plain common sense, no fancy sketch of the imagination. We well may be proud of such an Adelphian and he may well be proud of the ability necessary for such a production; everyone seemed pleased and many were I hope otherwise benefitted.

-5.19-May Saturday, Nineteenth

-5.19-19th Have studied some today though I did not prepare History of Philosophy which we will recite Monday instead of yesterday. Wrote to Thomas H. Pope requesting him to visit and talk to Miss Anna Jones who I think is deeply interested in regard to her soul’s eternal welfare. This evening UR drilled and then had a meeting for a few minutes to consider the propriety of going on an encampment in July; we appointed a com. to report next Saturday after Drill. Went with Ma to a prayer meeting at Mr. Robert Duncan’s tonight.

-5.20-Sunday, Twentieth

-5.20-20th Dr. Broadus gave us an excellent sermon this morning and Dr. Manly preached a good one tonight though it was long and dry. We had a very interesting prayer meeting this evening. I went over to Mrs. Anderson’s to see Doctor (Maller) a short while late this evening; he is sick in bed but I hope will be up in a few days.

-5.21-Monday, Twenty-First

-5.21-21st Captain and I recited to Judson this morning in Mech. Of Eng. and then appoint delegates to State Democratic Convention soon to meet at Columbia to send delegates either to Richmond or Baltimore. Professor Furman was called to the chair Colonel Ware having been voted down Resolutions were passed endowing the conduct of the Columbia Seceding delegates at Charleston; 2 moderate and 3 secession delegates sent to. After the adoption of the resolutions and while the com. to appoint delegates to Columbia were out we had speeches from Will H Easley and H Lee Houston both strong secessionists, the boys (F.U.) called them out and applauded them frequently; the meeting had very much appearance of a secession affair but I am much mistaken if Greenville District will support any such principles. We had a very pleasant prayer meeting this evening; afterwards I walked out nearly a mile to meet Sissie and Sue Moore who had been out to visit a poor family the other side of the old race-track Sissie and I took Sue Moore home.

-5.22-May Tuesday, Twenty-Second

-5.22-22nd Went over to Chapel service and returned immediately after it was over. Spent most of the morning at Cousin Charlie’s office listening to political talk. He paid me $100 for Ma, for which I gave a receipt in my name for Ma. I paid Mr. J-. Arnold some accounts for the children. Studied with Captain, Judson’s mathematics all the evening. Received a letter from Grandpa tonight. Recited to Professor Furman (Philos Rhet) at 11 ½ and got home just in time to miss a wetting; had a little shower. Plenty of wind. Went to prayer meeting tonight; several spoke, a number out; very interesting meeting. Uncle Frank came up this evening.

-5.23-May Wednesday, Twenty-Third

-5.23-23rd Doctor did not come out today but here he will tomorrow his is up. Students called a meeting this morning to consider the propriety of giving Captain H Lee Houston a cane, as I at first understood the object of the meeting; they had determined to give him one though and requested all who did not desire to take part to walk out; I very willingly accepted their kind invitation and came out from among them. Were I a secessionist (they will present him with she stick for making a secession speech) I would sooner give a stick to almost anyone else than HL Houston; I am not, and would not contribute to give any secessionist one on account of his political views, think this stick-business exceedingly foolish any way. Sissie and I took a ride after prayer meeting this evening.

-5.24-Thursday, Twenty-Fourth

-5.24-24th Doctor spoke this morning and gave us too, an excellent speech; there was more matter in it than in all the speeches that have been spoken in Chapel this session I think. Finished Dr. Campbell’s Philosophy of Rhetoric today and turned back to study some parts we omitted in going over first time. Studied at Captain’s room this evening (all of us). Attended prayer meeting at 5 ½. Billy came up this evening saw him a little while; goes back in the morning. Y.J. and I got cloth (home-made) yesterday for our shirts (graduating); 5 yds at $1.20 and 3 at 80 cents.

-5.25-May Friday, Twenty-Fifth

-5.25-25th We recited over last lesson in Mech. Of Eng. Today; Professor Judson will lecture on Mathematics the balance of this session and examine us (AM’s) on the lectures; he spoke in the very highest terms of us and said he was very much pleased with our entire course and perfectly satisfied as regards our attainments that we would be entitled to the degree of AM without any examination on what we have been over this session; unless the faculty demand it we will not stand on this. Attended Adelphian Society this evening and Laws of Temperance tonight; 3 joined Adel Soc. and 3 joined Division. Heard a speech from JP Reed of Anderson tonight at the Mansion House on Politics; Democratic Conventions of course he dwelt on at length; I thought he tried to stay “on the fence.” He advises that when the Richmond Convention assembles it shall immediately adjourn and await the result of the Baltimore Convention if a Southern anti- Douglas man is nominated by that Convention then the Richmond Convention he advises should endorse the Baltimore nomination. I think him inconsistent; he advises this, the south to vote for a man running on a platform upon which the Richmond Convention would not nominate a candidate retired in Charleston from Last Coon. Although he believed a southern man could be nominated on the same platform, on which nominated by Baltimore Convention he advises we should give our support. I am a southern man, union man; believe Baltimore Convention would endorse Richmond nominee if a southern man.

-5.26-May Saturday, Twenty-Sixth

-5.26-26th Tom Adams and I had a long talk this morning on politics principally tho’ other subjects were introduced; Y.J. and John Davant do not speak; I believe it arose from Y.J.’s having supported John’s opponent in the last election of president in Philosophian Soc and thus securing John’s defeat and the election of the opposing candidate; John took offense at this and refuses to speak to Y.J.; Y.J. wrote a note to John and left it with me to read; I showed this to Tom and we talked the matter over; I persuaded Y.J. not to send it today but to wait a short while and will try to bring about a settlement of the affair. Attended drill this evening; after drill at a called meeting UR decided to go on an encampment at the end of this session for several days; I opposed but if we can get as much time as it is now thought by many we can, I am perfectly willing to go. Attended First Anniversary Celebration of “Andrew Fuller Society” of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary tonight; J.A. Chambliss of Alabama a student gave us a very good speech indeed; “Andrew Fuller” was his subject, at least if I may be allowed such an expression, as calling a man’s name a subject. Chambliss had a good audience and did himself and society credit. Mr. Curry (Will S Curry’s father) is here; he took tea with us tonight. Aunt Eliza sent us some letters from England, from Benson, Uncle John B-. McHardy and wife and daughter, some of which my assistance was needed to read; I began a letter to Benson today; didn’t finish.

-5.27-May Sunday, Twenty-Seventh

-5.27-27th Attended S.S. this morning; we had a large number out some strangers were there; Dr. Manly Senior and Rev J. G. Laudrum made some remarks to the teachers and scholars. We had a sharp little thunder storm between S.S. and preaching or rather before S.S. closed it began; it rained very little though. We had a good sermon this morning by the Rev. Mr. Tichenor of Montgomery Alabama The Commencement sermon of Sou Bapt Theological Seminary he is a warm good preacher though not a very learned man I should judge. At communion service this evening Dr. Manly Sr. made a very feeling and most appropriate address; Rev Mr. Pritchard of N.C. also made a few very appropriate remarks a large number were out; we met in the upper room as the lower one would not have held all. Mrs. Stewart and Miss Sue Wright were here at supper; also the Misses Curry and Miss Holloway; the 1st two are sisters of Will L Curry; Mr. Marsh of Theolog Sem was here also. I took one of Curry’s sisters out, Marsh the other and Hazel Scaife took Miss Holloway; Haze took supper with us also Will L Curry. We all carried on a shamefully foolish frivolous conversation from the time we came home from communion till we went to church at night. Dr. Sampson of Washington D.C. gave us a fine deep yet plain sermon tonight; it was preached before the Miss Soc in Theolo Sem; the church was crowded. Gave 25 cents at church this evening.

-5.28-May Monday, Twenty-Eighth

-5.28-28th Attended Sou Bapt Theological Seminary Commencement this morning. Dr. Manly of Alabama gave us a fine address (said by good judges so to have been) 1h 20min long; I was tired before he finished and did not pay as much attention as I might have done and should have done paid. Dr. Boyce then gave us an address meant to be a touching farewell address but which in my opinion fell as far short of such an one as any I ever heard, while at the same time he labored very hard indeed; the choir of Bapt Church performed on the occasion and gave them good music and very appropriate too I thought. We had a warm prayer meeting this evening; Jones and other Theolog students spoke and Professor Furman gave us a most feeling though short address. God grant we may all be aroused. I took tea with Chambliss tonight at Rodlphus Long’s; he is going off in the morning as are most of Sem students. Betty received a letter from Benson Jones tonight; quite interesting; I finished mine to him but will add a few lines in the morning. Dr. Boyce gives a large party at his tonight; a great many will be there; I heard that no one would be invited but that everybody who desired to do so might come; I have understood since that some have been invited and of course I could not go without an invite. Col Townes (G. F.) was here when I came home; took tea here and remained a while after.

-5.29-May Tuesday, Twenty-Ninth

-5.29-29th Mailed Benson’s letter today (or rather my letter to him); the postage is 24 cents; I bought $1 worth of 12 cent stamps. Dr. Furman excused our Phil of Rhet class today as he had Haze Scaife’s speech to examine. Attended a prayer meeting tonight; we had a good warm meeting; O my God may we all who Profess to be Thine be revised and may strangers to Thy Redeeming Love come to Thee! O that I could love Thee as I ought! Help O Lord!

-5.30-Wednesday, Thirtieth

-5.30-30th Professor Judson gave us the 1st lecture of a course on Mathematics this morning. Wrote to D.C. Anderson on UR business this evening. Prayer meeting this evening was well attended. Went around to see Miss Sue Moore tonight and staid till 10 ½ later than I intended; talked all the time did most of the talking myself; she is not very talkative though I believe I never have any difficulty in carrying on conversation I intended making her play some for me but did not.

-5.31-Thursday, Thirty-First

-5.31-31st Dr. Furman was not in his room at the proper time this morning and Professor E not being over at F.U. we came home having done nothing. Billy came up today will stay with me tonight and go home in the morning; he came on horse back and drive home in a new buggy he has got here; had it made to order. Y.J. spoke tonight part of his speech and read the balance which was great part by much, it was well written better than I expected.

-6.1-June Friday, First

-6.1-1st Got up early and saw Billy off in his new buggy it is a very pretty one; I wrote to him this evening & mailed him a collar button he left at Jeweller’s (Daris) to be mended. Philosophians Anniversary Party came off to-night at the Mansion House; I went down & staid till 10 ½ o’clock when I came home; a few of the Adelphians joined with some of the Philos. & took some of the company (ladies) into another room & commenced dancing altho’ the Philos. Soc had voted down a proposition to allow dancing; didn’t feel I was doing right to… such proceedings as to a certain extent I was doing by being present at the place. I only talked to Sue Moore didn’t speak to any other lady; will get a good night’s rest; John Willingham took Sue Moore out. Profs Furman & Edwards were there & I tho’t out of respect to them the boys ought not to have danced there & they (the boys) were asked not to do so but they seemed bent on mischief & some were naturally such fools that no argument c’d have any weight with them. This is a beautiful night & I c’d have enjoyed it much but for this affair.

-6.2-June Saturday, Second

-6.2-2nd Have felt better to-day than most of the rest I expect; all who staid last night till 2 or 3 o’clock as most did. Profs left before the close of the affair; they (a part of those present I mean) danced in the dining room till Luandale wished to arrange the supper table when they (the dancers) came into the piazza before the Profs & danced there. Profs then left; Prof F was deeply affected & had a perfect night; such utter disregard of all propriety & contemptuous insulting conduct towards him c’d come from none but lawless minds. I have very little this morning & have been engaged in the same unprofitable employment the greater part of the evening. Went over to UR Company meeting at 4 o’clock; we had a parade at 5 o’clock w’h however was short; don’t feel tired at all to-night. J. W. Brunson sent me $1 to-day w’h he has been owing me ever since last year; it is bal on Military Coat w’h he bo’t of me. This is a beautifully bright night.

-6.3-Sunday, Third

-6.3-3rd Attended S.S. preaching twice, negro S.S. & monthly concert of prayer this evening, all to-day. Had a shower after prayer meeting this evening w’h was much needed. P.C. Dozier a student at F.U. joined the Church this morning at a special conference after preaching. Had baptisms to-night- 4 whites & one black; two of Mr. Aaron …’s daughters & …

-6.4-June Monday, Fourth

-6.4-4th Prof. Furman gave us a very severe lecture on the party affair; his views were in my opinion very just & were approved by most of the students as I am glad to know; he spoke just after the close of chapel service. John Davant who was the leader in the affair was not there to hear the lecture; Prof F. spoke directly of him; John in Prof F.’s room this morning some time talking to him on this subject. Went to prayer meeting this evening; Profs F. & E. both spoke. We have been having a great deal of thunder & lightning since supper & some rain. Capt. Went over to Anderson Saturday & preached there Sunday; he came home this evening; was down here a short while to-night.

-6.5-Tuesday, Fifth

-6.5-5th Went over at 11 ½ this morning to recite to Pres. Furman; he did not come up to his room & we sent down to him (he was in the Reading room) when he sent us word he would not hear any more recitations in Campbell (Philos. Rhet.); Prof. E is very anxious to have us recite to him at that hour but has not been able yet to make any arrangements for so soon. Sissy & Helen are both somewhat sick to-day. Miss Sue Moore came home with Betty this evening & too tea with us to-night; went to Prayer meeting fr. here; afterwards came back here; I went home with her & John took Bettie up to Mr. M’s; she will stay with Sue M.

-6.6-WJune ednesday, Sixth

-6.6-6th Finished Whateley’s Rhetoric to-day; Pres. F gave us Mark Antony’s speech in Shakespeare’s “Julius Caesar” to criticize for our next recitation. Wrote to Grand-pa to-day. Have one recitation only for to-morrow & therefore have done nothing this evening. S.E. Miller made a speech on Punctuality in Chapel this morning & to-night he was persuaded with tin paus & waiters; I intended going with the crowd but when I saw what kind of a crowd it was I c’d not come and backed out; I tho’t when I heard of it this morning that the older & more advanced students w’d take the matter in hand & behave themselves & thus w’d conduct the affair decently; I went up & heard all the noise & then I took no part; in fact they did not get a sight of me till they were nearly half thro’; they started to persuade Julius… Burge when I came & home.

-6.7-Thursday, Seventh

-6.7-7th Dr. & I have spent the whole morning nearly at Capt’s room; went over at 12 ½ & recited. Sissy & I took a ride this evening; as we came back went in at Dr. Boyce’s & offered our services to ride with Mrs. B & her sister Miss Mary Ficklin they accepted of course; will call next time we ride out. Dr. B gave Sissy Toy’s likeness w’h he (Toy) sent to him. Went up to Capt’s to work on Shake but he did not …

-6.8-June Friday, Eighth

-6.8-8th Attended F.U. to-day; Adel Soc this evening & O’Neall Division of S. of T. to-night. Adel Soc met at 3 o’clock; in consequence of the time occupied by the business meeting the meeting for debate (weekly) after hearing the essays adjourned; we elected officers. Sissy & I took a ride horseback with Mrs. Boyce & Miss Mary Ficklin; I was much pleased with Miss F found her quite pleasant talkative enough. Had a rather exciting meeting at Division. Ma rec’d $80 from Giles for board. Went to sun-rise prayer meeting.

-6.9-Saturday, Ninth

-6.9-9th Studied some this morning at Capt’s rom . Attended Drill & officiated as Capt, John Davant being sick; had fine fun. Got $3 fr McD & D; bo’t a hat from Luddith for w’h I p’d $3. Paid Dr. John Anderson Dentist $100 (for w’h he gave me a receipt) on a/c of work done for Bettie. Have not been out of the house to-night; have been busy doing nothing.

-6.10-Sunday, Tenth

-6.10-10th Went out to S.S. this morning; gave 25 cts at collection taken up in the class for Missionary purpose. Attended m’g Men’s Miss Soc. Meeting at F.U. gave 25 cts. Miss Nannie Benson of Anderson took tea with us to-night; I took her to church & then to Mansion & sat some time there; she goes back I n the morning; I walked up to the Episcopal grave-yard with her, Mrs & Miss …

-6.11-June Monday, Eleventh

-6.11-11th Prof. Judson did not come 1st hour this morning & Prof F was not at F.U. being absent at Anderson. Capt, Dr. & I worked on Mark Antony’s speech this evening. Attended prayer meeting this evening at 5 ½ o’clock. Dr. took super with us to-night. He Capt & I called on Miss Sue Moore to-night; I talked to Mrs. M, Capt to Miss Charlotte Paine. Dr. to Sue M, we had quite a pleasant time, came home at 10 o’clock as Capt was along.

-6.12-Tuesday, Twelfth

-6.12-12th Met at Capt’s room, Dr. & I this morning; finished some notes on Antony’s speech then went to Dr.’s room & staid till 12 o’clock. Recited to Prof E. Had a fine tho’ hard shower just after dinner. Went to ride with Miss Ficklin & Mrs. Boyce late this evening, tho’ Sissy had gone away fr. home & I had to ride with both. Attended prayer meeting to-night; quite a no. out. Got $5 from… & D to-day.

-6.13-Wednesday, Thirteenth

-6.13-13th Prof Judson gave us his last lecture on Mathematics, wants us to recite on these lectures Friday. Had Dr. Anderson to work on my mouth this evening; he plugged one tooth & filled one over w’h Dr. Allen partly filled; did not get thro’ at Dr. Anderson’s in time for prayer meeting. Took a short ride alone.

-6.14-June Thursday, Fourteenth

-6.14-14th Studied at Capt’s room all three of us this morning. Recited to Prof E or rather heard him lecture on Grk Gram; we had some discussion with him in reference to the A.M.’s standing under him he thinks we are compelled to stand, we don’t think so however. Dr., Capt., & I studied over the substance of Prof Judson’s lectures on Mathematics; we will have the last lecture to-morrow during w’h he will question us. Attended prayer meeting this evening. Studied some to-night.

-6.15-Friday, Fifteenth

-6.15-15th Prof Judson dismissed us (A.M.’s) this morning after his lecture & the question propounded to us; we have graduated under him in Mathematics when we stand on Integral Calculus with the regular class. Examination begins next Tuesday week (20th) & continues one week or 8 days I believe, when our vacation commences. Had quite an exciting time in Adel Soc this evening; Hoffman’s name was proposed and he was finally elected; I made what was called a “flaming speech” (by an opponent) in opposition to his election and am glad to know that 6 votes were in opposition to him; the debate was not very lengthy. Studied Division to-night; made a speech in opposition to …

-6.16-June Saturday, Sixteenth

-6.16-16th Had some rain last night & a shower about 10 o’clock to-day. John Willingham & Thos. H Broom went out to Sam Townes’ last night & got thoroughly wet coming home; we have been plaguing John some to-day about his visit; they did not get home till about 12 o’clock in the night, last night. Spent the morning at Capt’s Dr. Also working Int Calc Formula for Integration w’h Prof J has on the board in his room; we worked all of them I believe, tho’ we didn’t finish till after 1 o’clock. After dinner studied till 3 ½ o’clock when I went over to F.U.; the Court martial of Univ. Riflemen met fr. 4 to 5 o’clock; we drilled then for an hour; had a company meeting then for a short time also occupied a few minutes closing up the Court Marshall’s business w’h we did not have time to finish before the drill. Have been studying to-night again

-6.17-Sunday, Seventeenth

-6.17-17th Attended S.S. Mr. Furman gave us an excellent sermon this morning on the text “let brotherly love continue” O how I wish I c’d obey this precept help me o God to love all men more! Attended negro S.S. this evening. Mr. Furman gave us an excellent sermon to-night again; he was more excited than usual.

-6.18-June Monday, Eighteenth

-6.18-18th Attended F.U. of course to-day. There was prayer meeting this evening specially for the young of the congregation & the S.S.; the attendance was very large & some good addresses C.J. Elford & Dr. Manly. To-night went with Y.J. to find out where the lesson in calc. was; went to Alex Townes’ Haze Scaife’s & Crowder’s room; got home in time to go to bed.

-6.19-Tuesday, Nineteenth

-6.19-19th Got up in time to read over Y.J.’s calc with him before breakfast. A.M.’s met at Capt’s room & staid till nearly 12; recited to Prof E.’ Capt & I got a good wetting coming home to-day in a hard rain without an umbrella; it has been raining nearly all the evening but cleared off late this evening. “Bees” (an old dog we had a long time) died this evening; he was a little fice and a pet but not any account; we got him from Anderson fr a daughter of old Mr. Benson’s; she gave him to him Pa when she was little girl & died soon after giving him to us. I wrote to Rev. Dr. Curtis S.S. of Limestone Springs S.C. in reference to his taking Betty in July. Rec’d letter fr John S Hughson & D. C. Anderson this evening. The attendance at prayer meeting was not very good to-night. Last night there was a party at Alex McBee’s & after the closing of it Joe Carson, Frank… made a fuss at….

-6.20-June Wednesday, Twentieth

-6.20-20th Attended F.U. to-day. Students met this morning and resolved to have a Commencement party given to our class as they term it; they meet after Chapel service and again at 10 o’clock for a half hour; they elected as Lenior Maugers for President J.C. Furman Chief Justice jrs Melton O’Reall Hon J Duncan Allen T.P. Lide Osg Hon A. G. Magrath junior Maugers Tho’s S Adams S.M. Pringle J.C. Daurat J.D. Gold Abialone Blythe R Bacon & jas F Furman. I don’t care much about the affair myself. Had a most interesting prayer meeting this evening; Mr. Furman extended my invitation to those desiring the prayers of the church in their behalf when 6 young men & boys went up; Oh how glad I was I only a’d wish they; long has it been since I have felt so before; O my God wilt Thou not hear their cry & our prayers & enable them to become Thine. Sissy & I took a ride with Mrs. Boyce & Miss Ficklen…

-6.21-Thursday, Twenty-First

-6.21-21st Studied at Capt’s this morning. Miss Sue Moore was here when I came from Capt’s room at 11 ½ & I went in the room & talked to her till nearly 12 o’clock altho’ I had to recite at 12 ½; Prof E had not called the role however when I got over to F.U. Miss Mary Carson & Mrs. Welsh spent the day here. Prayer meeting a very….

-6.22-June Friday, Twenty-Second

-6.22-22nd Have but one more day to attend F.U. as a student; our examinations begins next Tuesday and end on Monday following. Met with Adelphian Society for the last time this evening and really feel some regret at leaving it; I have been a member a considerable time and am sorry to have to leave; tried to express to them briefly some part of the feelings w’h have heretofore & shall in future actuate me in acting towards them; I am glad however I am to be spared the painful feelings w’h I sh’d experience in seeing S.J. Hoffman a member; he didn’t come over this evening & I hope he will conclude no to come at all. We had a very hard rain this evening during Soc meeting. Had no prayer meeting in consequence of the rain. Had a somewhat stormy time at division to-night; several resigned in consequence of the rejection of one deemed by most of us a worthy member & one who w’d have made a worthy member.

-6.23-Saturday, Twenty-Third

-6.23-23rd Studied at Capt’s room this morning; he has moved to Rodolphus Long’s as Hammond has gone off awhile. Attended church conference this evening & afterwards prayer meeting; Will F Rhame joined the church this evening; at prayer meeting many went up to be prayed for. Wrote to Grand-pa to-day. Did not go to the drill on a/c of prayer meeting. Sissy & I took a short ride. Went down to the Mansion House to see a little fellow from Asheville didn’t see him.

-6.24-June Sunday, Twenty-Fourth

-6.24-24th Attended S.S. then went down to Mansion House and saw “Legare” the little fellow who has been up at Mr. Lee’s with Willie; he is quite a nice little fellow; he w’d not go out to church but came up & took dinner with us & also supper; I walked about with him this evening & am much pleased with him. A great many were out at communion service this evening; we met in the upper room. Gave 25 cts at the collection for the poor taken up as usual at communion. Prof Furman preached to-night & gave us a fine sermon.

-6.25-Monday, Twenty-Fifth

-6.25-25th Went to morning prayer meeting this morning at 5 ½ o’clock. Prof Edwards gave us a lecture on “History of Philosophy” beginning at 12 ½ and holding on till 4 o’clock; I never was as badly bored in my life as I was with this lecture; it was a good one I suppose (some say it was) but it did not benefit me much as I was so tired & hungry that I not listen or even sit quietly; he gave us permission to leave at any time we chose after his hour had expired 1 ½ o’clock but I concluded I w’d try to bear & succeeded in forcing myself to do so; got my dinner & rested a little while before going to prayer meeting at 5 ½; we had a large attendance.

-6.26-June Tuesday, Twenty-Sixth

-6.26-26th Yesterday was my last day at F.U. as a student; I will stand an examination Wednesday, one Friday, & one next Monday; Prof E’s examination will stand (if at all) some time during vacation; I don’t feel like I was soon to be a school boy no more, but if I had to endure such lectures as that one yesterday was I think I sh’d very soon be glad to escape fr. school. I have felt very badly all day, so that I have studied some this morning & this evening till 6 o’clock studied pretty well; the examination in “Elements of the Laws” under Prof Judson. Took a ride with Miss Ficklen this evening she said she enjoyed the ride very much; I did I know as I almost always do. We had quite a large attendance at prayer meeting to-night and much interest manifested.

-6.27-Wednesday, Twenty-Seventh

-6.27-27th I got up this morning & studied till about 8 ½ or after. Got tho’ the examination before 12; Y.J. & I came out together & feel pretty well satisfied that we are “in” (…) in 1st division without being in w’h we can’t graduate. Prayer meeting this evening was well attended. The day has been very warm & to-night Gold, Giles, Y.J., Charlie & I went down to Thompson’s mill pond & took a bath. Have just got home & will go to bed immediately.

-6.28-June Thursday, Twenty-Eighth

-6.28-28th Capt came around this morning & he Y. J. & I began on the Formula for Integration in Int Calculus; we had just about… these when Dr. came in; we then proceeded to review the remainder of Int. Calc. such as Rectification, Quadraline & Cubature; after w’h we adjourned. This evening Y.J. & I reviewed in Dif. Calc. Singular Points. We had a fine shower this evening; it lasted till nearly 5 ½ when it stopped & we had several gentleman tho’ only a few ladies at prayer meeting. Have been reviewing some again to-night.

-6.29-Friday, Twenty-Ninth

-6.29-29th Got thro’ in calculus about 12; I waited for Capt a few minutes; did all he had on the board in some sort of fashion; it was pretty hard because we were not expecting it on the things he gave us; all of the boys think they got “in.” This evening Capt., Dr., & I went over to Prof Edwards & had some conversation with him in reference to studying examination under him he very willingly excused us as soon as he understood the case; we asked him to give us a “lecture” he agreed to do & appointed next Thursday morning at 8 ½, for the time. It was awfully hot walking out there. Attended prayer meeting; division to-night. …

-6.30-Saturday, Thirtieth

-6.30-30th Went out to morning (5 ½) prayer meeting we had more ladies than usual out & quite a pleasant meeting. I gave John C Willingham a receipt for $14.25 bal of board a/c up to July 1st w’h he paid me this morning. Mr. T A Lafar came to Board with us last Wednesday he is staying in the “little-room” with Charlie but Ma will change him to the room over the counting room in the store in a few days as soon as Gold & Giles have; they expect to be away all vacation; he seems to be quite a nice young man; he is a Dentist & is only staying up here this summer while he is having his office fixed up on Cola where he will locate. Have not studied any for examination to-day & will have a pretty rough time of it Monday on a/c of this I suppose. Wrote to Billy & John S. Hughson to-day; p’d Nigels $20.40 tuition for Marie for Sissy & Bettie & took receipt from him. Had a short drill this evening; very few out. Went around to church as soon as I got home and saw nine rec’d as candidates for baptism; Ella Elford, Alice Roberts, Erauder H Graham, J P Austin, J E Leide, Basil M Lanneau, J W Hill, B F Roberts (the last 5 are students of F.U. & the 1st a tutor) & Mr. Hills the members went forward & gave them the right hand. Sissy & I took a short ride.

-7.1-July Sunday, First

-7.1-1st Prof Edwards gave his last lecture to his Bible class for this session this morning. Mr. Furman gave us a fine sermon this morning from the text “and that Rock was Christ” 1Cor 10th chap. & last clause of 4th verse; he had a large congregation. Attendance at missionary meeting this evening was small; I say miss meeting where I mean monthly conference of prayer for the spread of the Gospel; Horne conducted the meeting & Prof Furman gave us a few thoughts good & appropriate. I went up to Aunt Hannah’s & took supper there; then went to church with her but did not come home with her as Sam’l Mines was there; Prof E was there a short & went to church also. Ella Townes took dinner & supper here. The church was crowded to-night more than I have seen it for some time; Dr. Williams preached an excellent sermon from Luke 15th chap 18th & 19th verses. Mr. Furman baptized 8 to-night; Alia Roberts & Ella Elford, W F Rhame, J E Leide, Basil M Laumeau, J P Judson, B F Roberts & Mr. Hids, Graham is expecting his sister to unite with the church and be baptized next Sunday; Hill is waiting for his mother to come up & witness his baptism.

-7.2-July Monday, Second

-7.2-2nd “Stood” on Rhetoric this morning and “passed” I am pretty certain; got thro’ in about 2 hours; some got thro’ in less time; dr. took another trial to-day I think hardly fair as we had the same questions to-day w’h they had last Friday when Dr. stood before so that they had two trials at them and altho’ he may not have studied the questions any at all since then he w’d stand a better chance to-day from the mere fact of his having attempted to answer the same questions before. Have done nothing much the balance of the day; feel free & yet scarcely know what to do with myself. Heard Hon Will L Yancey of Ala speak in the C H to-night he had the house crowded; he was very different from what I had anticipated; his speech a close argument 1 ½ hours long, most instructive & interesting to the more intelligent portion of the audience, tho’ not so to a great many of them. Yancey is a very moderate man as I view him, judging from what he said last night.

-7.3-Tuesday, Third

-7.3-3rd Frank Perry died this morning; he has been home only a short time & in bed but I did not know he was any worse than he had been for some time till I heard of his death; went there with Ma to-day & will sit up there to-night; Y J & I will be two of the pall-bearers to-morrow evening. Dr. Furman dismissed us this morning after giving certificates & declaring…

-7.4-July Wednesday, Fourth

-7.4-4th I sat up at Maj. Perry’s till after 10 o’clock this morning when I took a nap till about day light; came home about sunrise or after & slept an hour or two. We had a parade this morning and Tho’s S Adams’ speech before the University Riflemen; Butler Guards were out at Miles Southern’s at a Fourth of July celebration; we were invited but I was glad we did not go; we only had the Band to play for us marching up the street & while in the CH to play till the address began when they left & went into the country to Miles Southern’s; Tho’s Adams’ speech was a very good one something practical & plain and for that reason better than speeches on such occasions generally are. After the parade hot weather & Frank Perry’s death too w’h last event prevented our making any unnecessary display or noise, we elected our officers (Lieuts) for next session; Tho’s Adams is 1st, T P Gaines 2nd & A Blythe 3rd; we transacted some other business & then adjourned. Our class had a meeting immediately after dinner & decided to have a Salutatory & a Valedictory this year according to a recommendation of Faculty…

-7.5-July Thursday, Fifth

-7.5-5th Saw Prof Judson this morning & he gave me a list of the best Mathematics… in w’h to pursue the studies of his department still farther; I asked him to assist me in getting a subject for commencement speech; he referred me to Prof Edwards; I rode over & saw Prof E & he said he w’d try to get me one by to-morrow; he is to give us (A.M.’s) a lecture at F.U. on the Cases in Greek & after the lecture will see me. We had a fine shower just after dinner, A.M.’s were to have had a meeting this evening immediately after dinner & elect the Valedictory orator; the A-.’s were to elect the Salutatory; I did not go around until too late when I met Dr. coming away; I believe we will give it up as some are opposed to the measure. Dr. & I went into Dr. Earle’s Library this evening at this request & looked over some of his books of w’h he has many excellent ones; he offered to lend us any work or to allow us the use of his books in his library at any time we might choose to come in; we will avail ourselves of the opportunity this afforded us of acquiring information on the subject we may choose for our commencement themes. Attended prayer meeting at 8 ½ this evening; we had it yesterday & night before at night; the doors of the church will be opened to-morrow evening.

-7.6-July Friday, Sixth

-7.6-6th Prof Edwards gave us a lecture to-day from 9 or 9 ½ toll about 3; we got there (at F.U.) at 8 ½ but Prof E did not come at the appointed time as he had to come over in the village first; I did not get a chance to see him about my speech afterwards but he appointed to-morrow morning at his house as the time and place for an interview on the subject. At prayer meeting this evening the doors of the church were opened and 7 read as candidates for Baptism; Ella Townes, Will H Goldsmith, Sam’l Furman, & Miss Harriet Graham. Thanks be to God for this manifestation of His mercy by w’h we see some coming out & acknowledging the Lord! O how glad I was to see Ella & Alice among that number. Sissy & I were to take a ride after the meeting, but it was too late. Mr. Furman took supper with us to-night. Attended Division & p’d 40 cts dues to Div; we had several cases up & re-instated several who acknowledge a violation of Art 2nd of Constitution contrary however to such expressed wishes; I opposed re-instated but Mr. Anderson strongly in favor of doing so with a reprimand w’h they were to receive from M R Price; the reprimand if it c’d be called such was the slightest I ever heard.

-7.7-July Saturday, Seventh

-7.7-7th Spent part of the morning at Prof Edwards getting him to help me choose a subject; I believe we settled on “Motives to high mental culture at the present day;” I told him I w’d take this subject & think of it till Monday & probably take it as my subject; Dr. & I went over together thro’ a slight rain; he gave Dr. the subject w’h he had chosen for me & presented several others to me; we settled on the one above given. It was quite cool this morning & cloudy; think we will have a general rain w’h we need very much & in some parts of the state they need much worse than we do. Horne went over to see Prof E about his speech this evening. Tho’s L Moore was rec’d as a candidate for Baptism this evening at prayer meeting. Wrote to Dr. E A Crawley… also to Joab (J L Mauldin) to-day. Y.J. & I spent a short while at Dr. Earle’s in his library this evening. I p’d 60 cts for 1 ½ lbs candy to-night (½ lb for Sissy’s cold & the rest for the children); Fanny… little girl is here.

-7.8-Sunday, Eighth

-7.8-8th I went into Prof Judson’s class in S.S. this morning as Prof E dismissed his last Sunday. Mr. Furman preached us a fine sermon this morning & Dr. Boyce to-night much better than I expected better than I ever heard him before. R J Willingham (John’s brother) took supper with us to-night. Mr. Furman baptized 11 tonight…

-7.9-July Monday, Ninth

-7.9-9th Spent the morning at Dr. Earle’s in the library, Y.J. & I. Attended prayer meeting this evening & afterwards Sissy & I took a short ride; I rec’d a letter from Benson this evening and was truly glad to hear from him tho’ I am somewhat afraid from what he writes, as well as from Uncle John’s letter to Uncle Lambert (w’h Aunt E sent up to us) that Benson has not improved much and as he is anxious for me to come over & be with him I am thinking seriously of going at as early a day as possible; if I only had the means I w’d not hesitate one moment. Mr. Rob’t Willingham called & spent a while with us to-night. We are having warm weather.

-7.10-Tuesday, Tenth

-7.10-10th This morning after breakfast took a ride with Fannie; put her on Albert; she rides very well indeed is only 8 yrs old. Rob’t Willingham bo’t a… of horses yesterday & left this morning for Limestone Springs by way of Spartanburg in a buggy he also bo’t here. Spent part of the morning at Dr. Earle’s library. I wrote to Uncle Lambert to-day in reference to the probable expense of a trip to Europe w’h I am desirous of making at present on Benson’s account entirely; I also wrote to Grand-pa & asked his advice in reference to going. Attended prayer meeting to-night; we will continue daily meetings.

-7.11-July Wednesday, Eleventh

-7.11-11th Nearly all the morning at Dr. Earle’s library tho’ I was reading Lord Bringham’s 1st vol. w’h Prof Judson had sent me. Court of Equity is in session here but I have no time to waste there. Belton Hodges (J B Hodges) came up this evening; he has left Newberry & is going to set up at Edgefield…; took supper with us to-night. We are having at present the hottest weather I think I have ever felt; 94 degrees in Dr. E’s room this morning at 11 o’clock & much hotter out-doors.

-7.12-Thursday, Twelfth

-7.12-12th Wrote to Uncle Lambert & Tho’s Pope to-day replying to Uncle L in ref. to my European tour; think on a/c of the great expense will be compelled to give it out altho’ I shall be very sorry indeed, if I am compelled to do so; also wrote to Misses Ravuel & Co Char’ton SC in ref to the expense of crossing the ocean. I bo’t $1 worth of stamps & sent off a no. of invitations to Com. Party of F.U. & some catalogues; sent Miss Mary J Burkhalter a catalogue of F.U.. I have read some on my subject for commencement speech & am going over to have a talk with Prof E on it in the morning; I must stir up & try to finish my concern as soon as possible as I will have trouble memorizing it any hour. Attended prayer meeting this evening.

-7.13-July Friday, Thirteenth

-7.13-13th Prof E & I prepared an analysis this morning w’h I think will do; I came home & lent Dr. Lady to ride over; left Crowder there when I came away & Ges. Blackburn went after Dr.. came home so that the old fellow (Prof E\_ has been fully occupied to-day. Capt & Dr. came around this evening & sat a short while; we saw Mr. C.N. Laumeau this evening & he says he will take photographs of our class for each member of the class on a large sheet (49 photographs) for $1 each or $49 for the whole; think we will have it done in fact we are willing now I believe & we will tell Laumeau in the morning to prepare for us next’-week; he will take as many more as we want at 50 c each. At prayer meeting this evening Mrs. Humphrey’s (a woman of bad character, formerly if not…) asked the prayer of the church. Attended Div. to-night & was installed R.S. altho’ I was anxious someone else sh’d take the office yet as they or some at least seemed desirous of my keeping it I consented to do so, the Div. is improving now owning principally I think to the resignation of some very undesirable members. It has been quite pleasant to-day & is cool to-night.

-7.14-July Saturday, Fourteenth

-7.14-14th Spent from 8 to 12 o’clock this morning with Prof E & think now I have got an analysis w’h will do yesterday we made one w’h however to-day we completely altered so much so that it is almost a new one throughout. P’d Laumeau to-day ($13) $6 for Anna Ware’s two pictures taken yesterday (w’h $6 she gave me this morning) $4 for Bettie & $3 for Sissy pictures taken at the same time; got $10 from McD & D $5 for each Sissy & Bettie, gave the balance. Billy came up this evening for Fannie; will go back Monday; he is staying at Aunt Hannah’s to-night; had a talk with him to-night & he surprised me somewhat by telling me he is engaged to Miss Nora Canor & intends to marry her in the fall; she is a very nice girl I understand & hope he may be doing well. I borrowed for Ma to go to Limestone Springs on $35 fr. Y.G. & $65 fr. Sloan Duncan & gave her some $30 or more w’h I had part belonging to her part mine. Wrote to Misses John Fraser & Co Char’ton about a sail packet to Liverpool asking the passage & time next packet w’d sail & when I hear fr. Them will decide as to my going w’h (if possible), I think at present I shall do. Anna Ware was over here to-night & did not go home till late. B F Miller was here to-night, came to see Bettie Sissy & Anna fr.… plagued him some.

-7.15-July Sunday, Fifteenth

-7.15-15th Mr. Furman gave us two fine sermons to-day. I taught Gold’s class at negro S.S. this evening & will till he returns. Billy is staying with us to-night as Ma Betty & Sam intend starting early & it will therefore not disturb for he & Fannie to get off from here. I told Ma Bettie & C good-bye as I will not be up when they start in the morning.

-7.16-Monday, Sixteenth

-7.16-16th Sent one of Bettie’s trunks by a hack of Pool’s to Spartanburg; they c’d only take one & I must make some other arrangement for the other one; the carriage is so heavy & such a load was in it (4 with Sam & his Ma’s baggage) that Ma was very afraid to attempt to carry the trunks. Got $100 from cos Charlie & p’d Sloan & Y.G. Have wasted most of the day; spent greater part of the morning with Jack Austin at Mr. Goldsmith’s; this evening read some & to-night began my speech; wrote about a page. Attended prayer meeting this evening.

-7.17-Tuesday, Seventeenth

-7.17-17th Have written my speech at least 7 pages fully… but will add some & expect to have a great deal stricken out. Gold, Giles & the rest of the Missionary boys arrived this evening; Gold & Parrot have left for Limestone Springs. Golden gave some aloof their trip in prayer meeting to-night at Mr. Furman’s request. Had Lady… to-day & took a short ride late this evening on her.

-7.18-July Wednesday, Eighteenth

-7.18-18th Y. G., Dr. & I had our photograph taken to-day & he (Laumeau) wants to take the others of the class to-morrow. Wrote to Grand-pa to-day. Went over to see Prof Edward at 3 ½ this evening & read him my speech; left it with him & am to go back to-morrow morning at 8 for it when he is to give me a plan, the present tone being somewhat faulty. Sissy & I took a ride very late & I carried Prof E, Lord Brougham’s work fr. W’h I have rec’d material aid; saw Ma at Limestone Springs. We then Rode over to Dr. Richard Furman’s & Sissy wanted to see Miss Lucy McIver; she came out on the piazza & talked a little while. Saw Uncle Frank at Aunt Hannah’s a little while to-night, the only time I have seen him this week altho’ he has been up since Monday. Sent Bettie’s trunk over to Goodlelt House to-night; will be sent to Depot in the morning & Mr. McHay will send it off.

-7.19-Thursday, Nineteenth

-7.19-19th Prof Edwards sent me word this morning not to come till 9; did not go till 10 & staid till nearly 2; Old Pete changed my speech very much so much indeed as to make almost a new speech throughout. I came home & wrote it off again & carried it back again to-night; staid till after 11. Will write it off again to-morrow & go back to-morrow night when we expect to finish it after w’h we will submit it to Dr. Furman.

-7.20-July Friday, Twentieth

-7.20-20th Y.J. spent most of the morning & part of the evening with Dr. & now is ready to memorize his speech as all the corrections and criticisms are over; I will go to Dr. F to-morrow myself. Ma came home to-day with Sam sick tho’ nothing serious is the matter I spoke; she got home before dinner. We had promise of good rain this evening tho’ appearance of the clouds can be a promise had we had…; on the Spartanburg road there was a fine rain. In fact a very hard one on a part of the road. Rode over if Pete’s but only read my speech to him after w’h he referred me to Dr. F, I came home about 10 & went down to the mansion house where I met Ned Willingham; I knew he was coming over here to-day as Ma saw him at Limestone Springs but as he arrived before dark tho’t he had given out coming till to-morrow. I was somewhat surprised when I saw his name on the register; he came up while I was looking at this name & we walked about town an hour or more & then… in here & talked with Y.J. a while so that it is now after 12; I tried to make Ned stay with me but he said he c’d not & I left him at the Mansion House; I don’t know any one I w’d rather have seen….

-7.21-July Saturday, Twenty-First

-7.21-21st Went down to Mansion House & told the party with w’h Ned was that they must stay till Monday; they were talking of going to the mountains to-day but I told them they must not & they soon persuaded the girls with them; Misses Sallie & Bryan, Mary Peeples & Belle Willingham, to stay; they, the girls, came up & will stay with us till Monday. Dr. Jessee Meiller, Col Rob’t Willingham, Capt Smart and Mr. Beu Roberts (I believe they call him) with Ned & the girls above named compose the party. Ned is with us. George Washington Hicks is here at Prof Bacon’s he took dinner with us to-day. This evening Ned & I took a walk & then went around to Church Conference in our church. Miss Martha Hawkins, Jas Furman & Millie Anderson were rec’d as candidates for baptism but I understand will not be baptized to-morrow. After supper Dr. came around & he, Ned & I walked down to Cos Charlie’s spring & talked over old times; Ned says I must go home with him & I am very anxious to do so & will if I can but he wants to go on Friday after Commencement & I don’t think I can go that early; got a letter from Johnnie Jokes in w’h he says Cos Anna he & their sister Laura will be up Monday week & I don’t know when they will leave & I can’t go off while they are here. All the ….

-7.22-July Sunday, Twenty-Second

-7.22-22nd Went out yesterday & got Dr. Furman to look over my speech in w’h however he made a few very slight alterations; I will begin to memorize on Monday. This it is said has been one degree hotter than any day we have yet had. Mr. Furman gave us a fine sermon this morning. Late this evening, after early suppers, Ned W, Dr. …, Charlie & I walked down to cos Charlie’s Spring with these girls fr. Limestone they did not go to church to-night, neither did I as they are going off in the morning start at 4 & I want to get up when they do. Ned has been sleeping nearly the whole evening & I hope will get enough by morning tho’ he has lost a great deal in the last week. Attended communion service; Mr. Furman gave the night hand of Christian fellowship to all of the newly baptized who were present; some were absent; gave 25 cts when collection for the poor of the church was taken up.

-7.23-Monday, Twenty-Third

-7.23-23rd Got up at 4 & saw the party off, went to Morning Prayer meeting afterwards. Memorized part of my speech this evening. Wrote to J M C Jones cos Anna’s brother & mailed this evening to Newberry had a fine rain w’h lasted from about 2 till nearly sunset; it …

-7.24-July Tuesday, Twenty-Fourth

-7.24-24th Rec’d a letter fr. Grand-pa last in w’h he stated that Benson w’d be home in Oct; I have therefore out all notion of a trip to Europe for some time to come & now thinks I shall go down & spend some time with Ned Willingham tho’ I can’t go with him as he wants to leave here on 3rd of August. Wrote to Grand-pa & gave him some of my reasons for differing with him on several subjects especially as to raising the standard of scholarship to w’h he seems opposed yet I think w’d be to over advantage. While I was writing the letter Tom Pope came in just up from Newberry; he has been sick & this is the first day he has been out; he will soon be entirely recovered I hope & will stay up with us till he does. Miss Lucy McIver took supper with us to-night & is staying here to-night. Attended prayer meeting.

-7.25-Wednesday, Twenty-Fifth

-7.25-25th Have been trying to memorize my speech but find it hard work indeed; I hope however I shall be able to accomplish it at last. Ned Willingham returned with his party this evening & in spite of all we can do, will go home in the morning altho’ a delegate to the convention w’h meets Friday. I will stay with Ned to-night & have promised him I w’d come down & spend some time with him in the Fall; …

-7.26-July Thursday, Twenty-Sixth

-7.26-26th All of the class who were partially or wholly ready met Dr. Furman & Prof Edwards in the chapel at F.U. & delivered our speeches as well as we c’d spoke part- & read part- except Horne who knew his; we are to meet them again to-morrow evening at 5 ½. We had a fire in the town last-night; Col Hoke’s burnt was surely with two horses & one cow; I saw it very plainly from the window of Ned’s room in Mansion House tho’ I did not go to it as I saw no other buildings were in dangers; it was about 12 o’clock & was a most beautiful sight from our window. Ned left this morning & will soon see that wife & baby he is so nearly crazy about; it was very difficult to wake him up & I had a pretty strong notion of letting him sleep on & thus compelling him to stay longer. Grand-pa came up this evening & quite a no. of others; we had a fine rain to-day w’h was acceptable. I went over with Sissy to the Goodlelt House to-night to see Miss Ella & Pres Duncan. Miss Ella has improved wonderfully; we did not sit long. I have been quite hoarse & if so next Wednesday will not be compelled to speak.

-7.27-July Friday, Twenty-Seventh

-7.27-27th To-day have about mastered my speech I think tho’ occupied with other things the greater portion of the time. I was pretty hoarse indeed yesterday & am still very much affected & perhaps I may be compelled to decline speaking commencement of w’h I sh’d not be at all sorry if my own feelings alone were to be consulted. Robert came up this evening & will stay till after our speeches are over. I am really glad he has come. Attended Division to-night & of course had something to say on every question w’h came up.

-7.28-Saturday, Twenty-Eighth

-7.28-28th Attended the convention part of the day; I have kept out this evening as Prof E told us we must devote very little of our time to such matters. To-night attended S B Pub Soc Meeting in the church & gave them $1 the am’t necessary to constitute me a member for one year. He had some very good little speeches all the better for being short.

-7.29-Sunday, Twenty-Ninth

-7.29-29th Went around to S.S. & sat a while this morning, Rev. E T Ninkler preached the charity sermon this morning; a fine sermon it was too. Had a S.S. meeting this evening at w’h Mr. B.C. Pressley & Rev. Mr. Culpepper addressed us. Prof. Furman preached the commencement sermon to-night; our class sat upon the front benches: we had an excellent sermon; it was not written & …

-7.30-July Monday, Thirtieth

-7.30-30th We have a house full to-night. J.W. Davis is with us. Aaron wanted to go to Allen’s (his brother’s) funeral this evening and I drove the carriage over to the … & Clas. Anna & her sister Laura Jones with their brother J. N.C. Jones & Mary, Aunt Eliza’s daughter home with us; it was raining; I took Tom Pope & Rob’t over with me; Sissy also went along; Rob’t held the horses till I got the baggage off; … bro’t that over for me. John G Hughson came up & is with us to-night also. Y. J. & I will sleep in Grand-pa’s room & get him to wake us up early as we have to rehearse in the C-. at 6 o’clock in the morning before Prof Peter. Dr. Crawley preached us a very good sermon to-night before the Young Men’s Miss Soc. Of F.U. I was one of the committee to take up a collection & did so; gave 50 cts at collection.

-7.31-Tuesday, Thirty-First

-7.31-31st We rehearsed in C-. this morning at 7 instead of 6 as Prof E did not arrive till then; also a part of us this evening a shower preventing us fr. exercising in the wood as we intended. Judge Magrath delivered the addresss before the Societies to-night & afterword Diplomas were delivered by pres of each society & republic …

-8.1-August Wednesday, First

-8.1-1st Had a quiet night’s rest last night & felt quite refreshed this morning tho’ a little excited; Y.J. appeared much excited all the morning even when he first woke was not entirely calm. University Riflemen paraded this morning before commencement & did remarkably well; they had the Brass Band from Col’a to play for them; this Band last played for us yesterday twice & to-day twice at commencement & at the party; they cost us about $140. Riflemen paid them extra this morning. Ja’s P Moore delivered the address before the Alumni Association yesterday morning to a good audience tho’ I didn’t think anything extra in his speech; his pretended moral sentiments w’h from his conduct at Edgefield C-., I am compelled to put down as hypocritical disgusted me; altho’ a professor of religion he has led a highly immoral vicious life for some months past. Was very sorry indeed that Y.J. & I c’d not parade with UR this morning but it was impossible almost for me to do so as we had to dress & get ready for the speech making. We (our class) all got thro’ much better than we expected, I think at least I know I did. Much to my surprise I was calm & cool as c’d be when I first came out but from excitement or fright before I finished was very much agitated; I never was as much excited in my life before & hope I never will be again; I … we all did remarkably well tho’ not competent to judge; if my speech had only been my own instead of Prof E’s I sh’d have felt much better delivering it. We had a meeting of old & present students of F.U. yesterday morning & one again this morning at w’h we formed a… Monument Association & elected officers; also adopted some rules for our gov’t; I promised to give $10. Have rec’d congratulations till I am heartily sick of hearing about speech. Our class dined with Pres J.C. Furman to-day by invitation (of course) & had a splendid dinner too. Hon. A.G. Magrath S.C. Pressley Esg., Mr. Tho’s P Lide & Dr. Rev. Crawley also dined with Dr. F. we had quite a pleasant time; p’d a boy 10 cts (all the change I had). Got in just a little before the meeting of the Alumni Association altho’ we came off very soon after dinner.… rec’d our class (i.e.) all who word present as members of the Association; J Elaine Knotts was elected speaker for next year & Rob’t P Duncan alternate … the party to-night & enjoyed myself as well as … under the circumstances; my boots hurt my feet badly indeed & I therefore left … possible since I c’d sit without pain while I c’d not walk with any degree of comfort; Miss Sue Moore I promenaded with for some time; took Ella Townes to supper w’h was fine tho’ the room was so much crowded no one c’d eat much. Carried Cos. Anna Jones home as I bro’t her from home; in going home I too her past the house & had a good long moon light walk up as far as Female College; got home about 2; did not leave Mansion House till nearly everybody else had left; Cos. Anna is a might clever little girl tho’ most too fast; think she w’d like to flirt some if she had the chance to do so. Cos Laura is quite different & tho’ not near so pretty yet I like her much better; she is well educated much better every way she is more sensible more intelligent less fond of show & attentions from young men; does not paint or grease her head, both of w’h disgusting practices cos Anna follows at least I am fully convinced that she does. Yet these last practices might be discontinued & I think w’d be did she know that others c’d detect them; I have always looked upon them as shameful dirty & injuries while at the same time they are certainly wrong to some extent being intended in many cases to deceive. Bart Pope is here to-night & Y. J. & I are still in the store.

-8.2-August Thursday, Second

-8.2-2nd Slept till after 9 this morning; got up & took breakfast in time to take cos. Anna up to Female Commencement; Sissy & cos. Laura had already gone. Compositions (11 were read by Prof. Boyce) were some very good indeed others not quite as good yet I was very favorably impressed with all. This evening cos, Anna & Laura & Sissy & I rode around inviting (Sissy & I) some of the girls here to-morrow night to a gathering of my class & our Profs. with a few others. Attended Concert of Female College girls in C-. to-night w’h was the best I think I have heard here. I got a seat very near up & let the girls come in after me so that I c’d not get out or rather so that I w’d have a good excuse for not doing so. We came home & dressed up & went all went over to Col Ware’s where we arrived about 12 & remained till nearly 4! The … was just returning from the Depot where it had been to take passengers down when got home; cos Laura w’d not go over. We had a very pleasant time tho’ not many beside our class & some young ladies who are staying at Col. W’s. We had a splendid supper & did it full justice. All the party there except John Davant & Misses Lilly & Sophie McDaniel will be here to-morrow night; these three shall not be invited.

-8.3-August Friday, Third

-8.3-3rd Got up at 11 this morning & eat breakfast. J N Davis left us to-day tho’ I tried to get him to stay till to-morrow; he couldn’t as he had to go with the mail boy. Got a “Doddard & Henkel’s University Algebra” fr. Jeter to-day. Got $1 fr. McDaniel & Duncan. We (our class) signed our photographs w’h Laumeau has taken for us to-day. Had my class Alex Towens & Doxier, the 4 Profs, Mrs. Pres Furman, Miss Dora Charlie, & Ja’s F., J.F. Dargan, [Continuing list of all class mates] were all here to-night & I think these were all; it was a class gathering & passed off very pleasantly indeed. I took on considerably with Miss Eichgleberger but it was not my fault as she commenced the business & seemed anxious for the fun all I had to do was to humor her & talk as foolishly as possible; the more so I talked the better pleased was she.

-8.4-August Saturday, Fourth

-8.4-4th P’d 75 cts toward defraying the expenses of Alumni Association. Have done nothing most of the morning. This evening cos Anna took a ride in a buggy with Tho’s Davenport and cos Laura & I took a ride on horseback; she started on Lady but I put her on Albert as Lady behaved so badly; she was lazy & rode rough too; cos Laura rode in Sissy’s skirt & hat & was taken for Sissy several times; she is a very nice girl indeed; I am more fully convinced of this every time I see her & talk with her; I am very much pleased with her indeed. Rob’t & I paid Misses Annie & Miriam Maxwell a visit this evening and engaged their company to go to the Falls to-night. After supper we all went down I with Miss Miriam & found her quite pleasant I fell down going to the large rock but did not throw Miss Miriam for w’h I am thankful; we came home earlier than usual; a great many were out.

-8.5-Sunday, Fifth

-8.5-5th Went to S.S. this morning. Mr. J R Hendrick preached for us this morning but did not preach much of a sermon according to my notions of a sermon what it sh’d be. This evening cos. Laura & I, Sissy cos Anna & Johnnie went to the Episcopal Church & heard a sermon fr. Mr. Arthur on his particular belief (Episcopal) w’h I am compelled to say I think the poorest I ever heard fr. him. Did not go to church to-night as Mr.….

-8.6-August Monday, Sixth

-8.6-6th This morning early Rob’t Watson & Miss Lucy McIver, Tom Pope & Miss Ella Duncan, John Willingham & cos Anna, Luther Bostick & Miss Jenny Cason, cos Laura, Sissy, Mar Jones & Sam in the carriage with Aaron driving the others in buggies in the order grouped above Johnnie Jones & I horseback all went up to Paris Mountain & spent a very pleasant morning; we eat something as we didn’t start till after 6 some time, altho’ we intended getting off at 5. We eat, up there, what we carried as no one is keeping the house now altho’ it is thrown open. As we were leaving another party came up; Johnnie & I staid about ½ hour after the rest left but got into town in time to get sight of the last buggy. This evening Tom Rob’t Max & the rest of us children cos A & L, Mary, Helen, Sam, Sissy & I went out to Mrs. Stewart’s & eat some fine peaches & water melons. Got Prince & Grier to promise to send over & wake us up in the morning & take the girls’ baggage to Depot in the morning. P’d Laumeau $11 to-day; $8 for the photographs of the class & $3 for 6 of myself; he is to give us as many as we want at 50 cts each after we have paid him $8 for 8. I am tired and sleepy to-night & shall not undress entirely as I intend to go to Winston & spend the day; Rob’t also. Misses Annie & Miriam Maxwell are also going down; they go on to Pendleton but we will have the pleasure of their company as far as we go.

-8.7-August Tuesday, Seventh

-8.7-7th Rob’t & I went down to Winston this morning and came up this evening; had a nice time with the Maxwells & cos A & L; Miss Miriam said she intended staying some time with us when she came up again; they are coming up in Sept. to go up to the mountains & promised to let me know when so I might accompany them w’h I sh’d be glad to do but can’t do so. I sat with cos Anna most of the time; she gave me a kiss at Winston when we parted; she is a fancy little chap but quite clever & by the kiss intended nothing wrong of course; she kissed me only as a cousin. Just got off in time at Winston. Rob’t slept most of the day; Billy & I talked over matters & things in general; he is going to marry. Had a hard shower at Winston & about but none here. Went to prayer meeting to-night was very sleepy. Wrote to Ned Willingham fr. Winston. But will mail the letter here. Billy came up with us but will return in the morning. P’d $1 passage to Winston & return.

-8.8-Wednesday, Eighth

-8.8-8th This morning Rob’t & I went out visiting & went the rounds; Mr. Henry Earle’s & saw Miss Emmie, cos Char Jeter’s & Mr. Moore’s saw Miles Mallie Shaw & Sue Moore, Rob’t then went on to Dr. Crook’s when I come home. This evening went to Depot & met Grand-pa. Grand-ma Moriah, Harnet, Hugh, Belton, Young & Sallie Harrington; they go on up to … in the morning. Bo’t “Hodge on Romans.” P’d 50 cts …

-8.9-August Thursday, Ninth

-8.9-9th Gold left us to-day to board at Col Ware’s as he is anxious to be with a class mate & will have one or more there; he has concluded to stay here two yrs & try to take AM & if he does he will succeed. Rob’t & I spent the day at Dr. T G Croft’s most pleasantly; we had several nice young ladies for company & some most delicious peaches in the way of fruit; dined about 3 ½ or 4 & came just in time for the cars; Rob’t was expecting his mother but she did not come & he will look for her again to-morrow evening. Grand-pa & all the party or family rather as those with him are his little grand-children, went up to Tyger to-day.

-8.10-Friday, Tenth

-8.10-10th Rob’t went over to Aunt Jinny’s early this morning about 5 or 5 ½ & came back to dinner. Rode over to the Depot with him but his mother did not come; he drove over in town & Sissy & I on horseback rode over with him to Mr. Furman’s where he got Miss Lucy McIver in the buggy with him; we all went out to Mrs. Stewart’s but did not stop as she was not at home; we had a nice ride however. It has been raining some to-day & set in about 10 to-night & seems to bid fair for a steady night rain; doesn’t seem to prosper as it once did. Rob’t leaves in the morning.

-8.11-August Saturday, Eleventh

-8.11-11th Robert left this morning. I went into Dr. S court this morning a little while & heard J Johnstone Pettigrew make a short speech. Mr. Pickle p’d me $1 this morning on a/c of Vol’s hire. I p’d Chas D Farrar $100 on Ma’s a/c with S S Farrar Brothers & Co, for w’h he gave me a receipt. I have been writing off S of T, minutes to-night & been straightening up Ma’s accounts. Tom Pope & Sam went up to Tyger this evening; I borrowed Sloan Duncan’s saddle bags for Tom & lent him Lady to ride up as I will be at Winston & not need her next week; they started about 4 ½. Rained some this morning but altho’ cloudy still holding up this evening.

-8.12-Sunday, Twelfth

-8.12-12th Got up very late this morning; washed & dressed just in time to get to church as Mr. Furman was announcing his text; I washed & had my hair cut after breakfast. It has been raining nearly all day & still is raining to-night. I was up till nearly 12 last night & wasn’t to relive early to-night as I have to rise early to go to Winston; the … will call for me & I will go by Aunt Hannah’s for Aunt Lizzie. Col Rob’t Willingham took tea with us to-night & sat a short while after supper: David Anderson came in & we had some singing or rather tried to have some. Mr. Hendrick was to preach to-night but the rain prevented.

-8.13-August Monday, Thirteenth

-8.13-13th Slept in most of my clothes & so had very little trouble dressing this morning; it wasn’t raining when we got here this morning but has been most of the day pretty steadily; looks to-night like clearing off Billy & I worked some on the books to-day this morning & this evening again. Prof Boyce & wife & Miss Mary Ficklen cos Charlie Elford & Mr. Perry Duncan were on the train this morning & went down; Uncle Frank got on here & went down; he has gone to Atlanta Geo. Prof Boyce lost a box of very fine grapes indeed this morning coming over to the Depot; the box dropped off the omnibus & bursted so that they could not be saved. To-night I wrote to cos Louisa. P’d omnibus 50 cts; R R Fare $1.

-8.14-Tuesday, Fourteenth

-8.14-14th Billy & I took a ride this morning with a splendid mare he has the greatest fool however on the face of the globe I suppose; she is the prettiest mover I ever saw I think & as fast as any use for, but only goes when she wants to and at the gait she pleases. Got a letter from Jeter inclosing are a/c on H. J. Smith. Wrote to Jeter this evening telling him that his man was not in town but w’d present the a’c as soon as he came. Went out to church to-night Rev Mr. Carson of Chas’ton (editor of Sou. Bapt.) preached us a sermon not the best imaginable; I went with Miss Fannie Broom, Billy with Aunt Lizzie. It has cleared off at last tho’ I don’t know how it will be by morning.

-8.15-August Wednesday, Fifteenth

-8.15-15th Heard Mr. Carson speak again this morning and can’t say I was much better pleased then last night. Billy & I have been posting most of the evening & have finished all we intended to. We took a ride horseback this evening & looked around town a little. I attended a meeting of han Div Sof T to-night & filled an office for them; they have rather a small Div.

-8.16-Thursday, Sixteenth

-8.16-16th This morning Aunt Lizzie & Miss Fannie Broom came over as the train went by; Aunt Lizzie wanted to see cousin (Mrs. Jeter) as she was going over to Anderson. Billy & I got up & went out; Mrs. Nier of Abbeville went over also; Aunt Lizzie did not go altho’ cos expected her. Aunt Lizzie, Miss Fannie Broom, John C Calhoun (a young man boarding at Uncle Frank’s) & I walked up to Maj Hamilton’s when we left Miss Fannie Broom; she … to a S.S. Picnic at Calhoun. Billy went off up to Maj Couner’s to see Miss Nora this morning; he will return to-morrow morning early. I occupied myself most of the day writing to Benson M Jones; have written him 8 pages of largest size letter paper; will mail from home; I sent also an invitation to commencement party at F.U. given to our class; this late in the day I more sent it for him to show. Came home this evening; p’d $1.00 R.R. fare walked over from Depot; all well at home.

-8.17-August Friday, Seventeenth

-8.17-17th Have been fixing up things somewhat this morning. Tom Pope came down this morning & is going down in the morning & I think will probably go to Princeton Theolog. Sou. Instead of coming here; I hope however he will return here. Grand-pa came down this evening & will go down to Newberry in the morning. Tom called on Miss Lucy McIver to-night & spent his time very pleasantly he says. I attended Division meeting to-night. Helped Tom pack up & after he retired wrote a letter to Billy & put up Grand-pa’s likeness for Tom to take to Billy ; want Billy to take the likeness on to Mr. T B Roberts in AM as we want a seal for the Div. with Grand-pa’s head in the center; will go to Depot in the morning with Grand-pa & Tom; it is 12 o’clock.

-8.18-Saturday, Eighteenth

-8.18-18th Tom neglected to wake me this morning & consequently I did not go to the Depot. Have been writing off minutes of S. of Temperance greater part of the day. Tom left the letter & the likeness & I concluded to make a different arrangement about the seal; I took the likeness down to Goner, Cox, Markley & Co & directed them to send on & inquire the cost of one (seal) from a firm in Philade for w’h they are agents here. I added on something to Billy’s letter in explanation of what I had already written & mailed the to him this evening. I mailed Benson’s letter; also a paper (Sou. Bapt.) to him; p’d two cts postage on this.

-8.19-August Sunday, Nineteenth

-8.19-19th Last night we had a fine shower in town; one of the most severe & sudden claps of thunder I ever heard burst over us while we were at supper; we had the rain afterwards; many persons were somewhat startled & frightened. We had a small fire on the other side of the river; late kitchen to the house in w’h Dr. Austin Bruce lives owned by Mr. Thoruburg was burned down & the house only saved being wet I think; I rode Albert over & looked around after it had been burning some time it happened about 9 o’clock. Charlie O’Neill & I left home this morning at 7 ¼ on Albert & Lady & came up here, Prospect Hill in about 3 hours; we stopped at Chick Springs a short while; we tho’t there w’d be preaching near here but we disappointed. This evening we rode over to Mr. Reese’s (Hugh with us); there the rain caught us & we staid some time; Mr. Reese has quite a nice little house & nicely furnished also. After it had rained slightly for some time (for it only rained lightly but continued for some length of time) it held up & Mr. Reese came over with us to Mr. Mays’ place where we stopped & found two young ladies from Cha’ston Misses Hinlock whom we found quite pleasant very talkative. We came over to Prospect Hill & will stay to-night; Sissy is home staying with Grand-ma while Grand-pa is away; she went yesterday morning.

-8.20-August Monday, Twentieth

-8.20-20th Charlie & I started at 5 minutes to 5 this morning & got home at 10 minutes before 8; we came about 2 miles out of our way intending to come a near way; found it quite pleasant riding so early, tho’ it has been quite warm since I came in town; we took cold breakfast after we got home. I drove Ma & Mrs. Broom up to Mr. Perry E Duncan’s this evening in cos Charlie’s carriage (light one) with Ma’s horse as Aaron was busy took Sam with us & came home most of the way after dark. There was a great deal of thunder & lightning tho’ we had no rain on the way & only a few drops after our arrival at home tho’ I hope they have had rain around us & think they have.

-8.21-Tuesday, Twenty-First

-8.21-21st Wrote to Millie Willie to-day also to Y. J. Pope & will send Y. J.’s letter down by Dr. S Hughson in the morning as he leaves then; he p’d me $8.00 for Ma for board two weeks. Have been preparing somewhat to go to Limestone Springs Thursday with Col Rob’t Willinghim & from there to Beaufort Dist. To visit Ned, tho; I haven’t determined yet whether I will go or not. John is going over to Limestone & will come back horseback from there; we will take Lady or Albert & ride time about with him going but he will have the full benefit as he returns of a long & lonesome ride; Ma does not want me to go down the country now as the fears I may catch the fever. Attended prayer meeting to-night; not many out.

-8.22-August Wednesday, Twenty-Second

-8.22-22nd Have gotten nearly all I want now I believe & expect to start to-morrow evening; I fixed up the R S's book (S of T) & also Estate book. John Hughson left this morning. I bo’t me some shirts, socks, drawers & am nearly ready now to go down the country; Mr. Rob’t Duncan, to whom I spoke, does not consider it dangerous to go where I shall go. We have a show here w’h has been here more than a week shows every night & is well patronized for w’h I am sorry & only hope they will leave to-morrow as they now say they will.

-8.23-Thursday, Twenty-Third

-8.23-23rd This morning marked all my clothes & let them lay in the sun a short while. T P Gaines offered to pay me $20.00 the am’t he owed me for sword sash & c of Dr … ; I told him to pay to Treas of Dr, R, to where I owed $50 w’h Y. J. had given me to pay him (Treas); I have therefore placed this am’t in my cash a/c tho I have not rec’d it because it am’ts to the same thing; yet this will make the am’ts rec’d & spent by me each too great by $20.00 since I p’d this am’t for my sword & c & have then sold them the same year for the same am’t. Charley O’Neill p’d me $25 on board a/c for w’h I gave him credit; I had just borrowed that am’t fr Mr. N T Shumate & returned it to him as Charley had p’d this am’t. I gave Peter Cauble Ma’s note for $100 w’h he is to lend her. To-night we are in Spartanburg; arrived here about 10 o’clock after a pretty hard drive. Left home about 3 ¼; rode Albert …

-8.24-August Friday, Twenty-Fourth

-8.24-24th Left Spartanburg about 7 or a little after & arrived here (Limestone Springs) about 1 ½ just as they had finished dinner but they gave us a very good dinner altho’ they were not expecting us & we ate pretty hearty as we had only a little cold supper last night & traveled this morning; p’d $1.10 each at Spartanburg (man & horse) as we had no supper last night. I p’d 30 cts for two watermelons at the Roling Mills where we stopped 1 ½ hours, & John & I looked at the operation of rolling irons w’h neither of us had ever seen before. This evening as soon as dinner was over John took a nap & Col W & I walked down to the Spring where we met a boy belonging to Dr. Curtis by whom Col. W sent a message to the girls his (nieces & cos Sister & Bettie) that he with two friends w’d be up to see them at 6 o’clock; we sent over a box for Bettie & one for Maria Pool. About 5 ½ o’clock we went over & sat till supper time in the parlor with Misses Sallie & Annie Bryan, Mary Peoples, Belle Willingham, Bettie & a Miss Jaudon; we then came over to the hotel took supper & went back; went down to the Spring & then after spending a short while there, went up & sat under a tree near the Seminary building till prayers w’h we attended & saw all the girls or young ladies, some pretty, some not, and some even ugly; yet they all taken together are remarkably healthy looking. After prayers we talked out in the piazza till 9 o’clock when they have to retire; was introduced to Miss Jenna Norton a …

-8.25-August Saturday, Twenty-Fifth

-8.25-25th This morning, met all the girls at the Spring & John & I staid till dinner; Miss Jenny Norton was there as we had some of the girls to go for her; I talked to her most of the time; she is pretty, but fast, very much such a girl as Mildred Watson I think; sh’d have liked it c’d I have had a chance to take on with her a little tho’ it is best for me that I did not have such a chance as this never does a man any good & some times injures both parties to the affair, almost invariably one or other. Have felt rather badly all day; I staid at our room for some time after John & the Col went to meet the girls at the Spring; they, John & Col., took down a water-melon & musk-melon w’h they were all eating when I got there; didn’t taste as I was afraid to do so. Staid there at Spring till nearly time for super & then staid a while under the tree in the yard; after supper went back & sat under the tree (“our tree” as we called it) with “our girls” (as called by us), till prayers, after w’h we (after Mr. Johnson’s request) went in & heard Misses Sallie & Annie Bryan & Mr. J himself play some for us; after this we had a short … with the girls before we left them at 9 when they are required to be in their rooms. We soon retired ourselves & will soon be in bed. Our horses don’t look as fresh as they sh’d after resting; old Albert looks somewhat tired to-day tho’ I hope he will be all right again to-morrow.

-8.26-August Sunday, Twenty-Sixth

-8.26-26th Saw “our girls” at Dr. Curtis’ house a short while before preaching; Dr. Curtis gave us a good sermon; we came over here (Hotel) got dinner drove by the Seminary front gate & told the girls good-bye getting off about 2 ½; we left John at the gate with them but suppose he left soon after we did; we arrived here (Unionville) about 8 to-night (26 miles). P’d $5.25 at Limestone each opens this being $1.50 per day for a man & half price for a horse. After supper I walked up to Mr. Scaife’s to take a letter to Miss Sue Scaife from her sister at Limestone; all had retired but Haze got up & dressed (half way at least) & I spent the time very pleasantly with him till 10 o’clock.

-8.27-Monday, Twenty-Seventh

-8.27-27th Intended last night to leave at 5 but didn’t get off till 7 ¼; p’d $1 Col W paying for himself & horses & leaving me only my own way to pay. We stopped here (Mr. Glymps) at 2 o’clock (31 miles from Unionville). Will go to Col’a to-morrow night (37 miles). We had a warm drive to-day & will have good again to-morrow.

-8.28-Tuesday, Twenty-Eighth

-8.28-28th P’d $1 at Glymp’s; started at 5 min to 6 & reached Columbia about 1 ½ o’clock, a long ride of 37 miles w’h tired us & our team more than us of course. We washed cleaned up & took dined at 3, a fine dinner too it was, at Janney’s Congaree House. This evening walked up to new State House, SC College of SC. I bo’t a tooth brush 50 cts & p’d 70 cts for having my valise mended (lock & key). To-night concluded we w’d not go till Thursday since the …

-8.29-August Wednesday, Twenty-Ninth

-8.29-29th Have been waiting to-day most of the time. This evening had “Henry” (name of Ned’s boy) put on a cup I bro’t from home for him & p’d Cooper & Gailers 20 cts for this & $1.50 for a pocket knife; Cooper is the same man who kept a jewelry shop in Greenville 6 or 7 y’rs ago. I p’d 55 cts for washing at 75 cts per dozen; had 10 pieces washed. P’d $1 for 4 collars to-night; they were Marseilles collars. Wrote to C A C Naller this evening & sent him a copy of the list of books given to us by Prof Judson as valuable Mathematical works to be used by us sh’d we choose to pursue our studies any farther in that direction; I had prepared the list for him before I left home & enclosed it in the letter I wrote here. Col Willingham bo’t two mules from Mr. Wolaver (the man who had the other three Col W b’ot in Greenville in charge) Mr. Wolaver will bring the five mules down & we will take the straight road for Ned’s place in the morning & try to get there by Saturday night tho’ we may not succeed in so doing.

-8.30-Thursday, Thirtieth

-8.30-30th Left Col’a this morning about 7 o’clock & reached Orangeburg (40 miles) aout 4; P’d $4 at the hotel for 2 days board & gave Dover (the boy who waited on our room) 25 cts. The road to-day was very pretty & part of it the finest I have ever seen, tho’ a portion was very heavy with … Col W bo’t a water melon, a very fine one, this evening & we ate it. Walked all over the village, rather a shabby place I tho’t.

-8.31-Friday, Thirty-First

-8.31-31st Left Orangeburg (where I p’d $1.25) about 7 & came to Dr. Sweat’s (some 21 or 22 miles) by 12; there we took dinner & staid till 3 or 4; I wanted to come by there to see Lawrence J Sweat an old class mate for 1 or 2 years in F. U.; he is now in the country & I didn’t get to see him but I was much pleased with his father & what I saw of his sisters; one was at dinner a very pretty girl; the other did not come till a short while before we left & I didn’t think her very pretty; had no conversation with her & very little with the other. We came on 16 miles to Maj Brabham’s where we have stopped for the night. We intended stopping at a Dr. Rice’s two miles back but the master of the house was away & altho’ we were told we might stop we declined doing so & came on here after night; they prepared us a very good supper here but my appetite was not very good and I c’d not enjoy it as I otherwise w’d have done; but I hope they will soon be all right again; it is something unusual for me to have little or no appetite & is a sure sign that there is something wrong; part of the time I am costive & part of the time on the other extreme; when I get quietly settled down at Ned’s I think everything will come out right. I ate some sweet potatoes at Dr. Sweat’s to-day the first I have tasted this season, they were not very good, had very little taste about them.

-9.1-September Saturday, First

-9.1-1st Left Maj. Brabham’s about 7 ½ o’clock this morning & dined at the plantation belonging to Mr. Tho’s Willingham w’h a driver (negro man) named Billy has under his charge; he is a very intelligent boy & acts & speaks as if the place belonged to him; calls it his place; he gave us a nice dinner some fine sweet potatoes w’h I enjoyed very much; we didn’t intend stopping there but Billy told us his master w’d be there to dinner & we staid expecting to see him but he failed to come so we were disappointed. Maj Brabham refused to make any charge this morning for our stay last night; he treated us finely & seemed to be quite a nice man. To-night I am at Ned’s & already feel quite at home, we got here about 3 ½ or 4 (32 or 33 miles the distance we have come to-day); we had a fine shower here a short time after we arrived; after the shower Col. W. went on to his father’s (about 4 miles); the rain cooled the atmosphere somewhat & I don’t find it as hot now as I expected since the whole morning was very hot indeed on the road. Ned is somewhat unwell, with the same complaint I have been troubled with, tho’ I think he looks better now than when he came up to Greenville. I like his wife’s looks very much; his little boy is a bright little fellow & fine looking.

-9.2-September Sunday, Second

-9.2-2nd I slept between 11 & 12 hours last night & consequently rose late this morning but will try to be up in better time to-morrow. I wrote to Ma this morning soon after breakfast; we all then … for preaching 3 ½ miles Ned & his wife & child in a buggy with a negro girl behind, I on horseback; Ned has a brother of his wife’s living with him who did not go out; he is an idiot almost & a cripple too poor unfortunate being. They had SS & then a sermon from G W Hicks, who preaches 3 Sundays in every month here; the church is a very nice building tho’ the congregation to –day was very small. Ned had to leave church with Dr. Miller a young physician here who was at school at FU one year several y’rs back, he went home with Dr. Miller who attended to him & bro’t him to Mr. Willingham, Ned’s father’s where we all took dinner; also Hick’s we had a fine dinner; everything on the place was in fine style; the house is a nice one & splendidly furnished; I like old Mr. Willingham & his wife both very much; they are nice clever looking old people; they have a son & a daughter younger than John at home, tho’ the son is very large & stout; they have a young lady named Miss Jenny Post (teaching in the house for them) who seems to be quite a nice young lady or old maid as perhaps she sh’d be classed under this last head; I ate a piece of water-melon there w’h I sh’d not have tasted. …

-9.3-September Monday, Third

-9.3-3rd This morning Ned went off on Vigilance Committee business & has been gone all day but sent his buggy back to-night with a message that he w’d probably not be back till to-morrow. I wrote most of the day & late this evening came over here Mr. Tho’s Willingham’s (Ned’s father) where I am staying to-night expecting to go to Barnwell Dep’t to-morrow with Col Rob’t W who is going up there to see his brothers, Tho’s & Benjamin

-9.4-Tuesday, Fourth

-9.4-4th This morning Col W his father & I rode over to Mr. W’s plantation where we met Ned; we spent a short time when we all returned to Mr. W’s & Ned & Col. W each in their buggies went out to request the citizens to assemble at “Silver Hill” to-morrow at 12 o’clock to decide on the case of an old rascal, Bottle John Smith (so-called) who had been taken up & is tho’t by some to be an abolitionist; the com of w‘h Ned is a member have him (smith) guarded & seem disposed to hang the old fellow. Ned got back about 9 o’clock to-night, (here his father’s) & went on home. Col. Came back earlier & I will stay with him to-night (here at his father’s) w’h he makes his home; he opposes hanging Smith but I rather believe I sh’d favor it. He decided not to visit Barnwell now since they have sent up for his bookers to come down & we want to attend the trials.

-9.5-September Wednesday, Fifth

-9.5-5th I & Geo Rushing (a young man keeping store near Mr. W’s & boarding there) went over in Ned’s buggy to the trial; a great crowd out; they decided not to hang him but to send him off; Rushing came home with Col W in his buggy; I rode Ned’s mare & left the buggy for him; l I left about 4 ½ but Ned didn’t come home till after dark.

-9.6-Thursday, Sixth

-9.6-6th Ned went back to Silver Hill (Capt. Speak’s) this morning & staid till after dinner; Vig Com decided to send Smith & all his family except one son to Florida; Ned is to take them to-morrow to Savannah, GA & ship them on the first steamer to Florida; I am going with him. I took a nap this morning & read the rest of the time; read Rob’t Cushman thro’ & began Dagg’s Moral Science. Ned & I went over to his father’s a short while late this evening. Wrote to Ma again to-night & will mail it in Savannah.

-9.7-Friday, Seventh

-9.7-7th We left home later than we intended but arrived at Coosawhatchie a station on Cha’ston & Savannah R.R. almost ½ hour before the train passed; 10m before 1 o’clock we left there the guard (some 25 of Vig. Com.) fired off as the train left; we had quite a pleasant trip down the first time I ever was on a boat, we went down from the point where the R.R. is to cross the River, to Sav’h (10 miles) on a steam rocket (Isundiga); it was something new to me & quite pleasant; I staid up on deck most of the time and saw very pretty scenery along the banks mostly on the Georgia side; very little besides rice fields to be seen on our side (S.C.) tho’ I was much pleased to see them; we saw some very pretty fields indeed, & I had never seen any before except one or two very small ones. We arrived in Sav’h about 4 ½ & went out shopping as Ned’s wife gave him a list of articles she wanted & he had to buy some for himself & some for a brother in law (J J Kirb) he has living with him. We walked up to the Pulaski House (where we have put up) & saw some of the city in this way, & then we have been shopping till a nearly 10 & thus seen a good portion of the business part of the city with w’h I am much pleased. Ned paid my way down & will back again; Smith was to pay his way & he gave (Ned) that to me & p’d his own way. I bo’t a wish brush in Sav’h to-night for 50 cts & 1 pr. Gloves $1. P’d hotel bill to-night, $2. P’d for 2 glasses of soda water 10 cts.

-9.8-Saturday, Eighth

-9.8-8th Left Sav’h at 6 & got home about 3 1/3 or 4. P’d Omnibus fare 50 cts this morning. Left Smith & family to go off on a boat this morning for Florida. We met Mr. R J Davant jr on the boat & he showed me a paper containing a short notice of an affray in w’h John Davant (his brother) was engaged a Greenville on last Monday but knew nothing more of it; he came up with us & rode in the buggy with us from Coosawhatchie to Gillisonville, where his father lives (5 miles); we had too a little donkey on behind making on one horse in the buggy; the boy Ned took with him to take his buggy; he rode one of the horses or rather rode them (the two horses) time about to Gillisonville yesterday (Ned driving by turns) where he got behind the buggy & rode to the R.R. then bro’t the buggy back to Gillisonville where he took care of the horses & bro’t the buggy for us this morning; Davant insisted on our stopping but we hadn’t time to do so; we got some sweet biscuits at a store 7 or 8 miles from Ned’s father’s, w’h we devoured ravenously. After taking dinner at his father’s Ned came home finding his wife & child here; I remained & will spend the night here (Mr. Tho’s Willingham’s). Rec’d a letter from Ma to-night wishing to know has become of me, & telling me that John Davant & Charner Scaife who were the parties in the affray have both been expelled. I can but feel glad that John Davant has been expelled for I think he has done more harm at F. U. than any one I know, from being a church member & I think this may do him good too.

-9.9-Sunday, Ninth

-9.9-9th This morning Miss Jenny Post Col Rob’t W his little sister Mary & I went up to Beach Branch & heard a sermon from Rev. G W Cicks, a good sermon it was too; we found it very warm indeed & did not stay to hear the evening sermon; they are carrying on a meeting there w’h is a very interesting one I think from what I saw. I came home with Ned this evening.

-9.10-September Monday, Tenth

-9.10-10th To-day has been cloudy but no rain yet, tho’ I hope we shall have some soon. This morning went out in the field a while with Ned; we came home & molded balls for two repeaters w’h Ned bo’t in Sav’h (one for himself & one for Dr. J C Miller); I felt sick & so very weak. I c’d scarcely walk; Ned insisted so strongly that I drank two table spoonfuls of wine the first drink of wine I have taken in a long time even as a medicine. Willie S Willing … took dinner & spent the evening here with his wife. Ned & I went out & shot some little & after Willie came he went out with Ned & they shot several times. It has been cloudy to-day to-day & looked like rain very much but we had none.

-9.11-Tuesday, Eleventh

-9.11-11th This morning we had a very hard rain indeed at Ned’s tho’ not much at his father’s. After the rain Ned, his wife & I came over here (his father’s) I horseback, & took dinner here; Mr. & Mrs. John Oswald & Miss Rebecca Matthews were also here & we had a nice dinner & very pleasant evening; the day has been cool enough to be very pleasant. Ned & his brother Robert traded mules to-day; Ned had 6 mules in Georgia & he traded these & a wagon for 7 his brother Rob’t had here w’h he got last night the same we left in Col’a & 2 he bo’t from the man who bro’t the others down. Ned & Willie took them home this evening; their wives went in Ned’s buggy. I wrote to ma to-night & Col W will mail the letter in Cha’ston as he is going down in the morning.

-9.12-September Wednesday, Twelfth

-9.12-12th Col W left this morning about 3 o’clock & went by private conveyance to meet the stage about 14 miles from here. After breakfast I came home to Ned’s, & have had fine fun breaking mules (3 that Ned got were unbroken); we broke 2 to-day; he & Willie or Bull (as Ned calls him) broke one this morning & this evening we all three put that one & another new one in the wagon and drove over to his father’s where we staid supper & then returned.

-9.13-Thursday, Thirteenth

-9.13-13th Last night I slept on a couch in the parlor placed by the side of the sofa while Bull & his wife occupied my room; I had quite a pleasant bed. This morning was cool & I expect they had frost at home; my winter clothes felt quite comfortable. Bull & his wife went home to his father’s this morning & Ned & I rode all over his place nearly, till I took a head ache w’h has lasted me the whole evening; he & his wife rode over to John N Smith’s, Ned attending to his (Smith’s) business& staid till nearly dark. Mr. Tho’s Willingham (Ned’s father) & Bull came over here & sat a while drove a horse he (Mr. TW) bo’t this morning & bro’t a pony (Matty) for me to use while here. Dr. Miller came over & sat with me till Ned came over & is staying with us to-night.

-9.14-Friday, Fourteenth

-9.14-14th Ned went to Smith’s early this morning & I went over with Dr. Miller to Mr. W’s where I found 2 letters from home; 1 from Ma containing 3 others from the boys (correspondents I … ) the other Charlie O’N.; also rec’d 2 Crusaders. I wrote to Ma this evening from there & got back to Ned’s about dark.

-9.15-September Saturday, Fifteenth

-9.15-15th Rode over with Ned this morning to John Smith’s hog-pens but Smith’s son failed to meet us there according to appointment & we came home not finding any hogs there. I wrote to James FB wish Barnwell C H, SC & Chad C O’Neill, Greenville CH, SC to-day & carried the letter over to Mr. Tho’s Willingham’s where Ned & I went this evening & took supper; I expected to get a letter to-night but rec’d none; we came home about 9 o’clock. Col. W got home to-day with a Mr. Kelly a friend who travelled in Europe with him, whome he bro’t up from Cha’ston.

-9.16-Sunday, Sixteenth

-9.16-16th Ned & I went up to Beach Branch to-day to a meeting w’h has been going on there for 8 or 10 days; Ned was afraid to drive his wife with the horse we drove and didn’t want to drive the only other horse he had. We had a very pleasant time & heard two very good sermons; saw Mr. Beu Willingham (Ned’s brother) & liked him very much; Mr. Tho’s Willingham (the old man) was there with 5 sons & 1 daughter; we got home before dark.

-9.17-Monday, Seventeenth

-9.17-17th Wrote to J M Jones Newberry SC this morning. Ned left early this morning for John H Smith’s to attend to the sale of the old scamps effects; he rode Matty & I went over in the buggy & drive Mollie a runaway nag of Ned’s I went over about 9 o’clock in company with Mr. Tho’s Willingham & Bull & carried some breakfast for Ned w’h however he w’d not eat as he ate there this morning; everything sold well; we got home about 5 o’clock; Dr. Miller came with us back; took dinner at 6 o’clock …

-9.18-September Tuesday, Eighteenth

-9.18-18th Ned took his while force & went over very early to Smith’s place to “break in a field of corn” w’h he bo’t yesterday at the sale; rode Matty & I followed in the buggy with Mollie after our breakfast & carried Ned his breakfast w’h he ate & relished, I think & even know; I went into the field with … of the wagons after two loads, but this heated me so that I abandoned it; rode over the field on Matty; I ate 4 or 6 water-melons I think in the field; I drove home; about 2 o’clock got home; Ned staid in the field & ate potatoes with the negroes. The morning was quite showery here tho’ we had no rain at all at Smith’s till just as I was leaving. Ned got a “Rockaway” home last night w’h his brother Rob’t bo’t in Cha’ston for him; we didn’t see it till this morning & like mery much. Wrote to Sissy this evening.

-9.19-Wednesday, Nineteenth

-9.19-19th This morning Ned went to Smith’s again; his father & brother WAW came over &stopped a little with us; after they left I cleaned up put on my cloth coat the first time I have worn it since I came; have been wearing the Geo goods & went over to Mr. TW’s in the buggy driving Mollie& staid till after sun set; Ned came home from Smith’s & drove his wife over in the Rockaway before dinner; we were all invited there to dinner; Mr. John Lawton & family were there & we had a fine dinner; Mr. Rhodes & family were invited, but failed to come. We had a shower this evening; Ned came home in the buggy & went over to Smith’s; did not get back till about 8; I drove his wife home in the Rockaway & got home about 7 ½; we staid to see a $15 sewing machine work; Mr. BJ Judson hadn’t as spent.

-9.20-September Thursday, Twentieth

-9.20-20th This morning WAW came over but did not bring his wife as he agreed to do; she was sick. He & Ned & I went over to Smith’s I in the buggy they horse back & when we got there I borrowed a saddle & all three of us rode over the fields & ate water melons occasionally till nearly 12 when I drove home & got my dinner & started back with dinner for Ned & Bull; met them coming home; they had eaten with the negroes but stopped & ate a little on the road side when the met me. After we had been at the house short while Bull started home about 4. Ned & I went back to Smith’s & came home behind the wagons (3) his father loaned ned his to-day; we didn’t get home till after dark & did not come in to go to bed till 11; we were getting the corn pout up & feeding; we didn’t have family worship the first time we have missed since I have been here.

-9.21-Friday, Twenty-First

-9.21-21st Ned & I worked in the black smith’s shop this morning mended the pole to the buggy; this is my first job of that kind of work; I blowed & used the sledge; this evening we mended up the harness & took a ride in the Rockaway with the pole fitted to it late this evening drove Blackey & Mollie; Bull & his wife, Ned & wife, Henry & I rode. Bull & wife are staying with us to-night; they came over in the buggy just as we were hitching up our team for the drive we intended taking. I will sleep in the parlor on a couch again to-night as I did the other night when Bull & his wife were here.

-9.22-September Saturday, Twenty-Second

-9.22-22nd This morning Ned & Bull went over to Smith’s & staid a short while; I wrote a letter to Sam at home while they were gone. Ned’s father & mother, sister, & bro Rob’t, Mr. Kelly & Miss Jennie Post took dinner here to-day besides Bull & his wife & I. This is Ned’s 21st birth-day anniversary(?) & his wife gave him a dinner on the strength of his becoming a man; he is now no longer an infant in the eyes of the law even, for he has long been a man if physical strength can constitute any one a man. After they all left this evening late Ned & I dug potatoes a short time & I blistered my hands even in that time having a rough hoe handle & being no a/c as the expression is. The wagons didn’t get every thing home from Smith’s till 9 o’clock to-night.

-9.23-Sunday, Twenty-Third

-9.23-23rd This morning we went in “Rockaway” to Lawtonville Church & heard a sermon from Rev. Wilborn Lawton w’h however I am compelled to say was to me, wanting in clearness, tho’ the old man usually preaches very plainly I understand. Lawtonville is a poor excuse for a town; two were baptized before we got there Misses Rebecca Matthews & Kattie Jaudon; I was asked by several to take dinner with them but had to decline as we all were to, & did dine at Mr. Tho’s Willingham’s. Col W is sick in bed with a very hot fever; was taken yesterday evening.

-9.24-Monday, Twenty-Fourth

-9.24-24th Today Ned & I spent in the field with the hands; we dined on bacon & potatoes very heartily; finished & got all the cotton home before dark. Mrs. W spent the day at Mr. …

-9.25-September Tuesday, Twenty-Fifth

-9.25-25th This morning Ned went over to his father’s pretty early to see his brothers Beu & Winny Joe who came down yesterday to bid Bull & his wife good-bye. Rollin Kirk & I went over in the buggy driving Blackey after breakfast & staid till dark nearly; Ned & his family (wife & child) came over this evening & came just before we did. I p’d 12 cts for a pack of envelopes 12 cts for paper of pius & 5 cts ¼ quire letter paper = 30 cts at Rushing’s Store this morning. I wrote home to Ma this evening from Mr. W’s but didn’t say a word about going home; I expect she will think somewhat strange of me not mentioning it but I don’t know when I will go & as I intend to stop in Newberry will write home from there what day they may expect me; I had intended going up next Monday or starting rather, top Newberry, but now we will go up to Barnwell Dist to see Ned’s brothers & sister next week & I can’t say when I will leave for up country. We all came home this evening. Col W seemed some little better this evening tho’ he is threatened with a spell of fever.

-9.26-Wednesday, Twenty-Sixth

-9.26-26th Rollin Kirk left this morning, Ned went as far as his father’s with him & staid, hunting hogs, over near his father’s place till dinner. I went over & looked at the mules Ned has in the pasture at Smith’s place; all was right there & I came home early; I carried Ned’s Repeater because ned tho’t it best I sh’d the first time I ever went around in my life. This evening Ned has been cleaing a well & working in Black smith’s shop; I wrote to Tho’s H Pope at Princeton N J S J S Hughson Camden SC. Ned is out to-night on duty with Vig Com. GW Hicks is with us to-night.

-9.27-September Thursday, Twenty-Seventh

-9.27-27th Wrote to H F Scaife Unionville SC to-day to know if he w’d be at Limestone Springs at a concert to be given there about the middle of the month; directed him to answer me at Newberry. Monday next I expect to go up to Barnwell Dist to visit Ned’s brothers & a sister of his living up there; we will return here Thursday, Friday morning I will go to Coosawhatchie take Cha’s & Sav’h RR to Cha’ston & SC RR (night train) to Col’a & thus reach Newberry Saturday morning (Oct 6th). This evening Ned put Blackey & Red hawk (Hicks’ horse) in the carriage & we all (Hicks included) rode over to Smith place. To-night Ned & I with three of his darkies took a coon hunt & caught two nearly grown; we have just got back; it is nearly 11 o’clock late to be up, down here tho’ at home ‘tw’d not be. This is my first coon hunt.

-9.28-Friday, Twenty-Eighth

-9.28-28th Ned, Geo Hicks & I went to Lawtonville to-day to attend a meeting of the different Vig. Coms of this Dist & staid till after 2; we didn’t get dinner till after 4 as it had to be cooked after we got home. I got a letter form Johnnie Jones & an invitation from cos Anna & Jones to a party at Uncle l’s Oct 1st, both this morning at Mr. Tho’s W’s; if I had rec’d them last night I c’d have gone this morning to RR but now can’t get to Newberry in time I suppose. S & Benton are to be home to-day or to-morrow & I wish very much I c’d be there. Col. W is still very sick Ned will sit up with him to-night. I have not been very well to-day; it is warm. P’d 50 cts for stamps at Lawtonville

-9.29-September Saturday, Twenty-Ninth

-9.29-29th Geo Hicks left us this morning going up to Barnwell to visit friends of his up there we will meet him up there if we go. This morning Ned & I walked all over the fields near the house & this evening weighed 8 bales cotton w’h they had packed to-day; the average was 535 5/8 lbs. Ned has gone to Smith’s again and I will sit up with Col Willingham at his father’s; I have been undecided all day about going to Barnwell or going home towards home rather to Newberry; I had determined to go to Blackville on RR between August & Cha’ston & taking the night train on Sunday night so as to reach Newberry Monday morning Oct 1st but Ned tells me there is no night train on Sunday night& I have determined to make myself easy as I w’d like very much to visit Barnwel any way & shall no doubt enjoy myself if Col W is not too sick for us to go.

-9.30-Sunday, Thirtieth

-9.30-30th After I got to Mr. W’s last night Col W w’d not permit me to sit up with him; his mother staid in the room with him & she w’d wake up at the slightest noise. I wrote to JHC Jones telling them I c’d not come to Newberry Monday next. Also wrote home to Ma. Dr. Miller bro’t the letters from the PO one for me from Sissy w’h I was glad enough to receive; she gave me a great deal of news; she will probably be in Newberry when I get there. Ned & wife came over this morning & he, his sister, Miss Post, Dr. Miller & I went over to the church where Mr. TW read a sermon to us & some others, Col W was better this morning but doesn’t seem so well this evening. …

-10.1-October Monday, First

-10.1-1st Ned & I got up pretty late this morning & came over to Mr. Tho’s W’s (his father’s) soon after breakfast w’h however was late; we stopped a short while there & seeing that Col. W was no better & perhaps even worse we hesitated some time about coming away but his father insisted so strongly on it & all said we c’d do no good & we concluded to come. We came to Mr. Tho’s H W’s first but he & his family being away we came on 3 ½ miles to Mr. Beu L W’s got there about 2 ½ o’clock; Mrs. W prepared us a dinner; she had just finished eating, Mr. W was away at Barnwell CH but he got back about dark. I wrote to Sissy to-day; began the letter at Ned’s this morning & finished it here this evening & will send it to PO here (Allendale) in the morning; I directed to Newberry. I am very much pleased with the country up here; I think it as pleasant as any country I have ever been in; both the Willinghams (TH & BL) have nice, very nice places indeed & fine lands too I expect from what I have heard; they both have fine houses & live well & enjoy what they have. Mrs BLW is a very nice lady & their children are very sprightly little chaps; they have 9! The oldest not 12 yet. His wife Mrs. THW & Miss Martha Lawton’s mother (Dr. Jas. Stoney Lawton’s 1st wife) were sisters Miles Baynard. Miss Martha is in this neighborhood; she has only been home a few days; has been north this summer; she wrote to Sissy that I must not go home till she came & I will try to see her; Ned advises me to court her but cdn’t court a woman I knew as little as I do about her; …

-10.2-October Tuesday, Second

-10.2-2nd This morning Ned, his brothers & I rode out over the fields a short while & then rode over to Mr. AB Estes’ after drying off a little as we had been out in a shower; Mr BLW did not go all the way out to Mr. Estes’; we met Dr. Beu Lawton a short distance from Mr. Estes’ & after waiting a while for them to finish Ned & I rode on to Mr. E’s mill about 1 mile; we were caught in a shower & after looking around at the mill a short time Mr. E rode up & rode back to the house with us; he tried to persuade us to stay to dinner but Mr. W expected us back & we felt obliged to go. Mr. Estes has a large fine place here; he has a beautiful yard (flower garden) in front of his house & a very healthy lawn too. This evening Dr. J C Staney Lawton his wife & Miss Martha came over to Mr. MLW’s; Miss Martha looks very much the same she did when I saw her last tho’ she is whiter, looks more like a white girl & more like a woman; I fear she has become somewhat worldly from some things I have heard & from her conversation; God of Heaven grant in mercy grant that my fears may be incorrect & grant that she be among thy children on earth & within the “Redeemed” in Heaven may she stand! We are to spend to-morrow night at Dr. Lawton’s & will see Miss Martha again; she is staying at BLW’s to-night. Dr. L & wife with several small children went back home. Mr. Hicks came to BLW’s this morning & he, Ned & I came on to Mr. Estes’ late this evening & are spending the night here; Mrs. Estes is a very nice lady indeed; I catch myself continually calling her Mrs. Willingham; she …

-10.3-October Wednesday, Third

-10.3-3rd Got up very late this morning tho’ we retired early last night; neither I nor Hicks got down to prayers. After breakfast we all walked out a little ways to where Mr. Estes is putting up some negro cabins & sat a short while when we came back to the house & Mr. E, Ned & Hicks rode over part of his place (Mr. E’s) while I was writing. Have been writing to Ma this morning. This evening Mr. Estes & Ned in one buggy & Mr. Hicks & I in another rode over about 3 ½ miles to look at Capt Johnson’s place w’h Ned intends trying to buy; Mr. H & I went in his buggy and as we had no top, only a large umbrella & it rained pretty hard on us the greater part of the way back we got a little wet. Capt J as not at home consequently Ned didn’t see him; we will stay here to-night instead of going to Dr. Lawton’s as we had promised; Ned is anxious to go over & see the lace again to-morrow morning & Mr. H & I will take Ned’s carriage with Old Blackey & Red Hawk & go home in the morning & leave Mr. H’s buggy for Ned to drive Molly in. I am very sorry indeed that we c’d not go to Dr. L’s to-night as I was very anxious to see Miss Martha again but I may see her at Mr. W’s when we get there to-morrow; she spoke of going down; Ned wrote a note to Dr. L apologizing for not coming. Mrs. Estes went down to her father’s this evening to see her brother Rob’t.

-10.4-Thursday, Fourth

-10.4-4th Mr. Hicks & I came down this morning & got here while they were at dinner; Mr. Tho’s HW is here; he was very sorry he was not at home when we called there; he is a very nice man. I drove Ned’s wife over …

-10.5-October Friday, Fifth

-10.5-5th Left Lawtonville neighborhood Mr. Tho’s Willingham’s house at 2 ½ this morning; Mr. Hicks woke me at 2 & I dressed & eat something & then started. P’d Rent 25 cts. Saul drove me in Mr. W’s buggy; we expected to meet the stage about 13 or 14 miles from home but when we got there we concluded, upon finding a track we took to be that of the stage, that the stage had passed altho’ it usually passed about sun-rise & we got there about day-light; we then took the road to “Coosawhatchie” on Cha’ston & Sav’h RR & went on as far as Gillisonville CH (5 miles from Coosaw) where we found that the stage had not been passed; it had been drizzling ever since we started but I wrapped up in my shawl & didn’t get wet; I succeeded, after trying several places, in getting 2 boxes of fodder for the horses to eat; gave Saul 50 cts including 25 cts to get breakfast with. I took the stage here to Coosawhatchie; P’d 50 cts fare on stage to RR; took Cha’ston & Sav’h RR to Cha’ston at 9 ½ o’clock I believe & p’d $3 fare & reached the city at 1 ½; p’d omnibus fare to Mills House 50 cts; our train killed a negro who was lying asleep on the side of the RR; he raised up his head just as we got to him when the cow-catcher struck his head & threw him off down an embankment killing him almost instantly. After a fine dinner at Mills House I paraded King Street till about 5 o’clock; P’d 5 cts for soda water 10 cts for candy & 5 cts for cakes. Wrote to Ma from the Hotel & am waiting for supper when I will take night train for Col’a …

-10.6-October Saturday, Sixth

-10.6-6th I left Cha’ston at 8 ¼ last night & am at Newberry to-night; I tried to sleep on SC RR but failed to do more than one or two hours’ sleeping; arrived in Col’a at 5 o’clock & staid till 7 ½ when I left for this place; I got a kind of breakfast at the Depot for 45 cts & staid there till time to leave for Newberry except a short walk I took up to the State House. Met Mr. CH Toy on the train up also RH Marsh; both were students at SB Theolog Sem last session & the latter will be this; Toy however is going to remain in Greenville only a short time, when he will return to VA & sail as a Missionary to Japan. Also met Miss Katie Eichelberger of Laurens CH & had some foolish chat of course with her. Saw TC Gower & WH Glovey on board. I p’d 50 cts omnibus fare from Mills House to SC RR Depot in Cha’ston last night. $5.00 SC RR fare to Cal’s & $2.40 G & C RR fare to Newberry to-day. I was very glad indeed to meet Sissy here as I was also very glad to see all here; Benson is thin tho’ his color is better & he looks much better than when I saw him before he sailed for Europe. Anna Ware I saw at the Depot; she came down with Sissy & went up to day; said she w’d like very much to stay but c’d not. I feel here like I was at home. This evening Aunt Eliza, Benson, Sissy & I rode out to Mrs. Pope’s she is quite sick; met Grand-pa & family there & spent some little time there; saw YJ a short while looking quite well. Aunt E & I singed Mrs. Pope’s will with Grand-pa as witness.

-10.7-October Sunday, Seventh

-10.7-7th This morning all of us (young folks) went down to SS, cos Anna to Presbyterian next to Baptist; Aunt Eliza came to Baptist Church; Dr. Brantly gave us a good sermon; after preaching Johnnie & I returned to Presbyterian Church & waited for cos Anna. This evening attended communion service at Bapt. Church. None of us went out to-night.

-10.8-Monday, Eighth

-10.8-8th This morning Benson & I went down in town & spent the morning, this is the day for election of Senator & Representatives to State Legislature & the contest for Senatorship will be very close it is said. Sissy rec’d a letter from Ma; also one from Robert W; he is engaged to be married to Miss Lucy E McIver, & is desperately in love it seems from this letter; he has just courted her. To-night Benson & Johnnie went down to call on the Misses Robins; cos Anna is sitting up with a corpse at Mr. McMorris’ Sissy & I have been holding a concert in parlor & the children have been standing around; Sissy played on the piano & I tried to help her sing.

-10.9-Tuesday, Ninth

-10.9-9th The election is progressing slowly to-day; went down & saw YJ a short while in Uncle Lambert’s office. This evening Benson & I rode out to Grand-pa’s & told him we w'd come out & spend the day with him to-morrow. Benson & Sissy rode before breakfast & I think this will do him good. Much cooler than we have had.

-10.10-October Wednesday, Tenth

-10.10-10th Wrote to Ned Willingham to-day. Sissy, cos Anna & I went out to Grand-pa’s & spent the day; took Mary & Fanny with us Benson rode his pony out this evening & he & I rode over to Helena with Grand-pa & I looked all thro’ the work-shops with Newton Reed who is working there; he used to Clerk in Cos Bail C store at Anderson; we all came home before dark.

-10.11-Thursday, Eleventh

-10.11-11th Wrote to Charley O’Neill to-day. I rec’d a short letter from Ned W. informing me of his bro. Robert’s death on the 6th. I was very much surprised indeed & sympathized with the family as deeply as anyone can; Col RJW was as nice a young man as I ever saw in every respect & a Christian; he died of Typhoid fever; I wish very much I had staid till his death; he died the second night after I left there; I knew he was very sick indeed but tho’t his strong constitution w’d enable him to overcome the disease. I had become strongly attached to him tho’ I had known him for a short while only. I will wrote to Ned & w’d to Mr. Tho’s W if I c’d but know not what to write. Mr. Toy stopped here to-day on his way home; he will go on to-morrow; he came out here to dinner & will spend the night here. We all went in to Bapt Church to-night (except Uncle L & Aunt E) & saw Dr. Brantly baptize Miss Mary C Hollman & 3 negroes.

-10.12-October Friday, Twelfth

-10.12-12th Wrote to Ned to-day as well as I c’d; also to H F Scaife. Mr. Toy left to-day on the Freight traind; he got left by Passenger Train. Col Ware is elected senator in Greenville Dist I heard to-day. Aunt Emma went up home to-day; just before she started I was telling her good-bye just outside of Benson’s room door when Benson picked up his gun & coming towards the door pulled the trigger & the gun discharged putting the load into the ceiling over his head just inside the door w’h even caused quite an excitement at the time; Johnnie had left it loaded but Benson did not know it & was taking down in town to have some work done on it; he is going up to Glenn’s Springs & wants his gun along to hunt with; will start up Monday morning. This evening we all had intended going over to Lutheran College to hear a speech from one of the “boys” there but a lady came in & prevented cos Anna & Sissy; Benson & I rode over however & tho’ we were disappointed about the speech heard Dr. Brown lecture on “illegal voting” of w’h several students had been guilty. We then looked thro’ the College Building & think it will do very well tho’ the college is nothing like as finely finished as FU; saw a Mr. Pifer a tutor who is not (in my opinion) anything extraordinary. Benson & I took a short ride by Miss Tullula Mather’s one of his flames.

-10.13-October Saturday, Thirteenth

-10.13-13th Benson went over to Mr. Walker’s last night & staid somewhat later than his father intended he sh’d; he was at work for Uncle L this morning some; he rode down; Johnnie & I walked. It has been cool to-day; we w’d have had frost but it was cloudy last night. Saw Will Long go up on the train to-day; he has been in the Asylum, crazy for some time. Went to Singing School this evening at Bapt Ch; saw Miss Tullula Walker & Kitty Hollman (MC); Benson walked with the former & Johnnie with the latter coming back.

-10.14-Sunday, Fourteenth

-10.14-14th This morning was cold, stormy, windy, & rainy when I first woke & was still cold enough to make my home-made clothes none too warm when we went out to church; Rev J Scott Murray preached a very good sermon rather long however. We had fresh peaches for dinner in honor of my birth-day; I am 21 to-day but a boy yet. May I realize O My God my gr’t & increased responsibility now that in the eyes of the law of my land I have become a responsible being & O May I go to work in earnest to do with my might all my hands find to do; my prayer is & I hope ever shall be that I may be useful. This evening heard Dr. Brantly preach a fine sermon; we walked down; to-night I took cos A & Sissy to Presbyterian Church & heard a man who I heard was named Marks preach a very common sermon; he seemed to be a young man. Benson is ready I believe to leave for Glenn’s in the morning.

-10.15-October Monday, Fifteenth

-10.15-15th We had frost this morning tho’ I didn’t rise in time to see it. Benson got off for Glenn’s in the carriage after breakfast; he seemed anxious to go & I hope it may improve him & think it will; I only wish I c’d go with him & stay there with him. This evening cos Anna Sissy & I went over to Lutheran College to hear a speech but arrived “the day after the feast;” we looked thro’ the building however. Court opened to-day but I didn’t attend very regularly only spent a short while in the CH this morning; saw Grand-pa in for a short while.

-10.16-Tuesday, Sixteenth

-10.16-16th Rec’d a letter from Rob’t informing me of his engagement; Miss Lucy McIver he has courted & will marry I suppose; she is a nice girl & I w’d rather see him marry her than any one else I know; I don’t know her character fully & can’t pass judgement on her as to whether or no she w’d suit him. Sissy & I came out here to Grand-pa’s this evening late; have Mrs. Mendenhall & a Mr. Tylee here also.

-10.17-Wednesday, Seventeenth

-10.17-17th Came in this morning with Grand-pa; he bro’t Mr. Tylee in who went up on Lauren’s train & while Grand-pa went out for cos Helen Harrington I went out to Uncle L’s & changed some of my garments; I came back with Grand-pa & cos Helen; we have enjoyed ourselves this evening & cos H is a …

-10.18-October Thursday, Eighteenth

-10.18-18th Grand-pa came in this morning to hear an application for bail & I came with him but returned with him out home & remained till this evening when he sent Sissy & I also Mrs. Mendenhall in; she is at Mr. Hunt’s; I rode out there with her. The day has been cloudy but cleared off late this evening. To-night Sissy Johnnie & I went in to prayer meeting & heard a good lecture from Dr. Brantly; as we were returning it commenced raining & I made Sissy wrap up in my shawl taking off her hat & thus she didn’t get wet; she c’d not see but held to me; her head being in the shawl. Cos Anna did not go as a young man named Pifer had sent word he w’d probably call on her; he didn’t come however & she had the pleasure of an evening alone.

-10.19-Friday, Nineteenth

-10.19-19th This has been a real stormy day; it has been raining & very disagreeable all day; I went down to the Depot & helped Uncle Lambert get Mrs. Bonie & children & servants out of the cars; she is staying here; she is on her way to Cha’ston (her home) & will go down Monday; she is a g’rt talker & very nice lady a cos of Uncle L’s. I staid in town & got the mail & have spent most of the evening in the house. Up train didn’t get here till about 1 o’clock on a/c of a slight accident at Alston train ran off a short distance but nothing serious.

-10.20-October Saturday, Twentieth

-10.20-20th Still cloudy to-day & we even had a shower this morning while at the Depot; saw Leonard Williams go up to-day & he told me he wanted to see me when I got home; I promised him to call over & see him as soon as I arrived at home w’h will be Monday night next I think now. I saw old Dr. (Waller) go up the first of the week on his way home from NY; he looked as well as usual. Wrote to Rob’t to-night in reply to his letter informing me of his engagement to Miss Lucy E McIver; it will indeed sound strange to speak of Rob’t as a married man & hardly know how I shall be able to do it.

-10.21-Sunday, Twenty-First

-10.21-21st Went to SS this morning cos Anna stopped at Presbyterian Johnnie Sissy & I went to Baptist; we all attended Bapt church & heard a good sermon from Dr. Brantly; this evening cos A, Sissy, Johnnie & I went to Bapt & to-night to Presbyterian; we heard a fine sermon from Dr. B & a rather poor one to-night. I am about ready to get off in the morning for home.

-10.22-Monday, Twenty-Second

-10.22-22nd I am at home once more & am really glad I am alive to breathe my mountain home air again; after all said & done I believe I w’d rather live here than any place I have yet seen. Came to the Depot & saw Mrs. Bowie off on the down train; Grand-pa, Fannie, Buddy, & I came up; I was very much surprised when Aunt E consented for Rob’t and the children to come with me; we got along finely; Bud took one crying spell …

-10.23-October Tuesday, Twenty-Third

-10.23-23rd This morning I went around to Aunt H’s a short while & had to apologize for not coming to tell her good-bye w’h I simply neglected to do because I was busy & didn’t suppose she felt very anxious to bid me good-bye either. Ma gave me this morning a splendid present in the shape of a double-cased gold watch a 21 birth-day gift w’h she has been saving for me till I came home; I am very much indeed obliged to her for it & will try in the future to be more dutiful & obedient; the children are all I believe getting some present for me but none of them have got here yet; I feel as thankful however as if they had all arrived & were in my possession; Oh! Thankful we sh’d be when we remember by how many comforts we are surrounded; & how thankful sh’d I be when I realize that I am surrounded by a kind mother & brothers & sisters, ever mindful of me tho’ I have been so often rough & harsh to them & always cold & stern with them all; these things ought to & shall make me more kind & forbearing with them & will try to make them love as they have never yet done. Going away hast done me good; I have fattened & improved in other respects equally as much as in this; I find too I have a gr’t many more friends than I had supposed before I possessed & am determined to be more worth of their friendship. Wrote to Sissy this evening asking Aunt E to let the children stay several weeks. Attended prayer meeting to-night

-10.24-October Wednesday, Twenty-Fourth

-10.24-24th Took my Card of Photographs of Class to Lameau & left him place the University (Photograph) in the center of the picture for w’h I p’d him $1 this improves the picture very much; also p’d him 50 cts for another photograph of myself. Have been fixing up some of Ma’s business to-day and looking around some. Wrote to Benson to-day & told him to look for me early next week; don’t know yet what day I shall reach there. Went around to Capt’s room to-night & spent some time with him. P’d 25 cts for a watch guard from Davis to-day. Have been going about with the children to-day some & hope Aunt E will let them stay as they are both very anxious to do so. JC Willingham p’d me $57 for board till Nov. 1st.

-10.25-Thursday, Twenty-Fifth

-10.25-25th Grand-pa came down this morning from his place; he went up Tuesday & I w’d have gone too had it not been that I had to take care of Bud. I rode out to the piece of land belonging to us on Pendleton Road about 2 ½ miles from town to examine the lines around it this morning. Had some conversation with Mr. Reese this evening about Benson & I coming & spending some time up there & I think we will do so. Selathiel Martin took dinner with us to-day. Fannie is to stay here; Bud is going home in the morning with Grand-pa. I p’d 75 cts for a drum & 25 cts for a tin horn for Bud to-day & he gave us some music on them. He doesn’t want to go home he says. To-night we went out Fannie, Bud, Sam & I got some candy for Bud to take home; I gave 25 cts for some chestnuts to send.

-10.26-October Friday, Twenty-Sixth

-10.26-26th Went over to the Depot & saw Grand-pa & Bud off on the train this morning; came home & took another nap before breakfast. Wrote to Mr. Stephen Lee to-day & said to him that Ma & I entirely approved of his course in Willie’s case & disapproved of Willie’s course w’h was leaving & coming home when in my opinion he sh’d have done more than Mr. Lee required of him; Attended Division to-night & am sorry it does not seem in a prosperous condition. P’d 25 cts for 1 lb of dried figs at Stein’s to-night w’h I wished to try & if good wanted to get some for Benson Jones.

-10.27-Saturday, Twenty-Seventh

-10.27-27th To-day have spent doing nothing or as near as I c’d come to that. I made a settlement with Charlie O’Neill receipting him for $100 the am’t of his board up to July 1’st ’60; he receipted an a/c against Ma for $71.55 & had p’d me $25 before & p’d me this morning $9.45 this being the bal. due Ma. I p’d Prof Judson $5 to-day for my FU Diploma; he has beard out around his face; I never saw him with any before; I wrote to Dr. TA Lafar to-night & enclosed him $10 of w’h he is to return $1 ($9 or $9.50) being am’t due him by Ma for the balance of the children’s a/cs.

-10.28-Sunday, Twenty-Eighth

-10.28-28th This morning I attended SS & gave 25 cts in Prof E’s class for misc purposes. Dr. Williams gave us a splendid sermon from Ps 84 v 12; I w’d give a gr’t deal & make gr’t sacrifices to hear such sermons every day; it was the best, I almost think, I ever heard. Dr. Broadus & Prof Edwards conducted communion this evening; I gave 25 cts at col for poor; no preaching to-night on a/c of the weather.

-10.29-October Monday, Twenty-Ninth

-10.29-29th This has been a dreary rainy day. Winter al but the cold a very essential characteristic however; last night it rained all night long & very hard too a part of the night & it continued most of the day but the moon is shining quite bright now. Yesterday morning I rec’d two more birth-day presents from Sam a pair of gold sleeve buttons very pretty indeed & from Helen a sett (3) of studs of her hair; both of w’h presents I shall prize very highly, not only for their beauty & intrinsic worth but also for the Givers’ sakes. Wrote to Tom Pope this evening. P’d $1 for Stamps to-day. I had intended going to Glenn’s Springs to-day but heard thro’ Sissy’s letter Saturday night that Uncle Lambert was not willing for Benson to leave there for three weeks to come & I then decided to postpone my visit for several days at least.

-10.30-Tuesday, Thirtieth

-10.30-30th To-day has been clear but not cool; I tho’t we w’d have cold weather after this rain but find I was mistaken. Ella Townes was over this evening & I walked home with her & sat a short while; I promised to come over & stay with Alick to-morrow night as has had a relapse & is pretty sick again; he had just got up from a spell of sickness & thinks he eat impractically w’h caused a relapse. I wrote to Benson M Jones Glenn Springs this evening telling him that I c’d not come over as soon as I expected. Golden conducted prayer meeting; JF Laumeau spoke.

-10.31-Wednesday, Thirty-First

-10.31-31st This morning I wrote to J Scott Hughson Washington DC & EG Willingham, Lawtonville SC. Mrs. JCP Jeter came down yesterday evening & will remain with Ma till Mr. Jeter comes home; he went to Spartanburg yesterday & will probably return to-night I wrote to Sissy since dinner & started Aaron up to Tyger about 3 ½ with the wagon for corn. I left at 10 min after 4 & reached Tyger at 7; I overtook Aaron 11 miles from home & got in the wagon with him turning Albert loose; he followed us very readily. I left Aaron at Prospect Hill & got Peter (one of the negroes) to show me the way to Mr. Reese’s where I am staying to-night. Mrs. R prepared me some supper I didn’t wish any.

-11.1-November Thursday, First

-11.1-1st This morning early Mr. Reese & I rode over on Lady & Albert to Grand-pa’s plantation; took breakfast & dinner there; took a walk thro’ the fields this morning; this evening we went out hog hunting & had just got home before a shower came up w’h lasted some time; after that we rode back to the plantation & were kept there till nearly dark by another shower; we came home late & will return earlier than last night.

-11.2-November Friday, Second

-11.2-2nd Last night it commenced raining again soon after we retired & continued all night. We started off from Mr. R’s this morning just as we tho’t it had stopped raining but soon found we were mistaken as we rode over in a shower w’h continued for some time after we got over to Prospect Hill; we had a fire built & tried to dry ourselves as we had got a nice wetting coming over. Mr. Reese killed a beef this morning & we had steak for dinner; I started home on Lady Albert following at 5 min after 3 & reached home at 25 after 5 (2 ½ hours). I came down expecting to attend a meeting for the organization of a company of “Minute Men” but was surprised to learn the meeting had already taken place at 3 o’clock this evening. Attended Division to-night & p’d 50 cts dues.

-11.3-Saturday, Third

-11.3-3rd This morning p’d WH King Treas. of Adel. Soc. $5.60, $5 for diploma & 60 cts for dues w’h leaves me clear of the Soc. Entirely. Bulter Guards paraded this morning & presented ex Capt HS Thruston with a beautiful silver goblet. I walked up home with Tho’s Adams & sat till dinner conversing with him & JCC Sparks. This evening took Fannie & Helen & went over to UR drill; they passed a resolution under w’h I intend to join them allowing all old members of FU to join them …

-11.4-November Sunday, Fourth

-11.4-4th Attended SS this morning. Dr. Mauly gave us a good sermon this morning & Mr. JA Chambliss to-night preached a very good one after w’h Prof JC Furman DD baptized JC Burge (one of the students) Dr. Broadus conducted the monthly concert of prayers this evening. I mailed Sissy’s letter this evening.

-11.5-Monday, Fifth

-11.5-5th Walked over home with Anna Ware this morning & took dinner came back by Col Townes’ at 4 o’clock & saw Alex a short while. Wrote to Rev Will Curtis DD Limestone Springs to-night; Betty wrote she was sick in bed & I wrote in reference to her; I shall go perhaps to see her; she has been pretty sick & we feel uneasy.

-11.6-Tuesday, Sixth

-11.6-6th Got a letter from Uncle Lambert last night w’h I have answered this morning in reference to some corn he wishes me to buy him. I left home at 4 o’clock this evening & arrived here (Prospect Hill) at 7 to-night; I am on my way to Glenn Springs to see Bettie; if she is no better, Ma will send for her. I am driving Lady & Albert in cos Charlie’s buggy; I have a box & note for Maria Pool. Mr. Reese was not here & I did not send for the key w’h he has fearing he w’d come himself; I have borrowed two quilts from the negroes & with my shall & blankets I bro’t have made me a bed on the floor & have a buggy cushion for a pillow in the dining room the only one open as it has no fire; soon I shall retire early & hope I shall rest well, having some 35 miles before me to-morrow from here to Glenn’s.

-11.7-November Wednesday, Seventh

-11.7-7th Got up this morning after spending a very uncomfortable night my cover not being long enough to keep my feet warm & it having turned very cold in the night. Mr. Reese came over this morning & was somewhat surprised to find me here; he was equally surprised at my bed & I told him he w’d not find me guilty of the like again soon. The water froze on the steps where we had been washing this morning after sun-rise. I started this morning about 8 ½ & reached Glenn’s at 5 having traveled at least 40 miles as I am sure I missed the way 5 or 6 miles. I was very glad to get here & guess my team was equally as glad. Benson I think has improved tho’ he says he is two pounds lighter than when he came; he seems to be in fine spirits & will go to Limestone Springs with me in the morning; to-night we spent a short while over at the house with a young man Will Simons from Florida who is staying here with his … Mr. Simons, he & Benson making & drinking egg-nog, the young ladies (3) being too bashful to come out where I was; Benson & I then went over to his cabin & talked till about 11; he had just mailed a letter to me when I came & we went down to the PO & I just wrote on the back that I arrived here & forwarded the letter on home to let them know our whereabouts. Mr. Simons is away from house but will be here to-morrow.

-11.8-November Thursday, Eighth

-11.8-8th This morning after a good night’s rest, Benson & I rose both feeling very well indeed. I got a man named Kimball, formerly of Greenville, to put a cracker on my whip having worn it (the cracker) out on Albert yesterday; he (Kimball) told me the Winston Hotel was burnt down the night before last & if this be true Uncle Frank’s store must have been burnt also as it w’d have been impossible for the Hotel to burn & leave the store; p’d K 10 cts. Benson & I left Glenn’s this morning about 10 o’clock & reached Limestone Springs at 5 this evening 28 miles distant; we came by Cedar Spring’s Deaf & Dumb Asylum but didn’t stop; crossed Pacolet River at “Thos’ Ford” (a pretty rough ford too) as the bridge at Rolling Mills where we intended crossing was down; we had rather a cool windy drive but quite a pleasant time; we went over to Dr. Curtis’ after supper, our faces as red as fire (from the wind), & asked for Betty; Mrs. C tho’t it unprudent for her to come over thro’ the rain & we went over to the Seminary building & staid till 9 o’clock with her, Benson & I; she seemed weak & took a hearty cry over our arrival, looked flushed & far from well but hope she will be better by morning & will see what must be done about her; Dr. C is not at home but I will find out whether he will give her fore or not & if he refuses to do so I will advise Ma to take her home. Miss Sallie Bruan met us at the door & showed us into the room. Saw Bell Willingham & Annie Bryan a short while. Miss Howe a teacher was in the room with Bettie & left when we came; she had been very….

-11.9-November Friday, Ninth

-11.9-9th It has been raining steadily all day till late this evening when it cleared off & promises now to give us a clear day to-morrow. We have spent the day with Bettie in Seminary; Mary Nance of Newberry came in to see us a short while this morning; I want over & saw Dr. Crawley in his house a short while. Miss Jenny (a teacher) who has taken a fancy & has manifested some interest in her & been very kind to her came in this morning & sat a while with us; after talking with her & Dr. Crawley I became convinced that Dr. Curtis w’d not furnish Bettie fire & have written or rather am writing, Ma she had best take her home since I think it very probably Betty w’d be taken sick again sh’d she take the least cold & sh’d remain here she w’d lose half her time probably more & she says she will study at home; she seemed quite cheerful.

-11.10-Saturday, Tenth

-11.10-10th I didn’t finish Ma’s letter last night as my light gave out but concluded this morning enclosing a note from Betty & mailed the letter at Pacolet Depot where we crossed the S & U RR requesting Ma to write me at Glenn’s where I am to-night by Tuesday’s mail. Saw Bettie this morning & sat some time with her; told her & Sallie & Annie B & Belle W good bye. Miss Howe sent Benson & I two fine large apples just as we were leaving for w’h we are very much obliged to her; was sorry didn’t get to bid her & Miss Jenny good bye. We left about 11 o’clock having p’d $3.75 each at Hotel Benson insisting on paying half horse bill tho’ I hadn’t intended it … Left Limestone Springs at 11 o’clock this morning & arrived here at 8 ½ to-night! A distance not exceeding 26 miles (according to some not more than 20 miles) but we (Benson & I) are fully convinced that it is 26 at least; it is the worst road & the hardest to find I ever saw; from Pacolet Depot here we had no road only “pieces” as a man we came across told us; we drove thro’ the gates over gullies, bogs, stumps, & rough roads in general till about 7 (having lost the road at least & I having been compelled to get out & walk one or two miles to find the road & show Benson the way while he drove) when we reached Mr. Black’s about 3 miles off where we hired a negro to show is the way here & lead our horses (for w’h I p’d him 50 cts) part of the way; he bro’t us a bye road merely the roughest I ever saw & one I’m convinced we w’d never have found so many bye-roads leading from it; we have accomplished a desperate undertaking & think we are fully determined never to try this road again; we were very much amused by the various directions & distances we were given by various persons along the route. Lady was tender footed having no shoes on behind & c’d not trot at all scarcely, w’h made us so late getting here & then the road was so bad, muddy aswell as possessed of every other bad quality hilly, rough, stumpy & c that I only wonder we got here at all. Benson rec’d 2 letters & any no. of papers from home to-night; his father wrote he might go home with me. We went over to the house & I took supper while Benson only drank some egg-nog. We have been chatting by our fire till now, 12.

-11.11-November Sunday, Eleventh

-11.11-11th Rose late, both of us feeling quite well & after breakfast went over to Episcopal Church & heard Mr. Jones preach a “20 min (!) Sermon” after all the preliminary usual in their church. We took a good walk before dinner, & another before dark this evening; in our last we walked back to the road we came last night & think it almost impossible to go over that road at night & scarcely safe to do so in the day time. Since supper we have been chatting, reading & writing. Very few people were out & we had a very poor sermon to-day.

-11.12-Monday, Twelfth

-11.12-12th We have spent the day very quietly, reading some, walking about a little & have rolled one or two games of ten-pins. We were at the house just before supper when much to our surprise Aaron drove up with Bettie in the carriage; Ma started him from home on Saturday; he reached Limestone Spa’s Sunday & Bettie being afraid to go to Spartanburg & spend the night alone; I can’t see how Aaron ever managed to get here for he says he came the same road I did. Mr. Simmons got home from Laurens with his daughter Miss Millie who is another Mildred Watson, if I can judge from a short conversation with her to-night & from what I had previously heard of her; I talked with her most of the time while Bettie talked with Benson. Miss Millie played & sung for us.

-11.13-November Tuesday, Thirteenth

-11.13-13th Bettie got off this morning after breakfast; Benson & I went up the read a mile or two with her; he rode in the carriage with her; I went in the buggy & had Lady shod behind as she was lame in one hind foot coming over from Limestone Spr’gs; I tho’t her tended footed but think now I was mistaken as I took a rock out of it yesterday; she still limps but not quite so badly as before she was shod; we got home from the Blacksmith’s shop just before dinner. This evening have been doing nothing as nearly as we c’d.

-11.14-Wedesday, Fourteenth

-11.14-14th This morning we have been filling bottles at the spring w’h Benson will send home & drink when he goes down there; we will go home (Greenville) on Saturday leaving here Friday & going up to Spartanburg & on home next day. I fastened Lady so that she had to stand in the branch as that had been prescribed for her; she still limps, but I think scarcely as much as she did yesterday. Bishop Davis (Episcopal Bishop for this State) & son with 2 or 3 other Episcopal preachers took dinner with us at Mr. Simmons’ to-day; we had a fine dinner & I did full justice to it as also did several others; they are making a gr’t “to do” over the Bishop, have been preparing for him on an extensive scale. They had “confirmation” this evening in Episcopal Church for w’h Bishop came up but Benson & I did not go over. Mr. Simmons leaves in the morning for Florida; we bade him good-bye to-night.

-11.15-November Thursday, Fifteenth

-11.15-15th The Bishop & retinue (?) left this morning after breakfast; we didn’t stay at the house to big him good-bye. Benson & I sealed up the bottles we filled yesterday & we are all right for a trip over to Greenville leaving here in the morning to-morrow; I p’d Kimble for mending harness to-day 20 cts; P’d Mr. AWT Simmons Hotel bill for 1 week for myself & 1 horse $15! & $3.35 for Betty the night she staid here; the receipt is dated 16th tho’ I p’d him to-night; I tho’t the charge exceedingly high; he charged Benson $32 ($8 a week) for one month’s board; Benson p’d for 1 horse $5 tho’ I had intended paying for both; he was surprised at the charge. Neither of us got a letter to-night. Lady is better.

-11.16-Friday, Sixteenth

-11.16-16th We started this morning about 11 & came up to Cedar Spr’gs (Deaf & Dumb Asylum) 8 miles where we stopped & took dinner; Mr. Walked, the principal, showed thro’ the building & let us see & hear the Deaf & Dumb & Blind scholars perform; the better read from books with raised letters the first I had ever seen; we spent about 2 hours or more very pleasantly; we eat the lunch Mrs. S had given us after we left Cedar Spr’gs; for a second dinner; we arrived here (Spartanburg) about 5 o’clock; Lady had entirely recovered from her lameness; have been talking to Mr. Anderson an old inhabitant of Greenville the present proprietor of Walker House where are to-night. I have … at Glenn’s 25 cts this morning.

-11.17-November Saturday, Seventeenth

-11.17-17th I am at home again to-night; good old home “in the mountains” I love you well. Left Spartanburg at 7 ¼ & reached at 3 or a little before (31 miles) just 4 miles an hour. P’d at Walker House $1.70 each; Benson however p’d all as I was minus “the commodity.” We had a hard rain on the way some 6 or 7 miles this side of Spartanburg it ceased; the roads were muddy & slippery indeed & the drive was a hard one tho’ we came slow; we bro’t Benson’s trunk (very heavy) up to S but left it this morning to come over on the stage & I am glad we did. About ½ the road (this half) was better by far than I expected to find it; it was not muddy & more level than the rest of it. We found flags flying & tremendous excitement here; a political meeting w’h began at 11 this morning was still going on when we arrived; Prof JC Furman made a speech this morning w’h is praised by ever one in the most extravagant terms; he, Gen WH Easley, Col WH Campbell, PE Duncan, & Dr. Harrison are the candidates for delegates to represent this District in the state convention to assemble in Col’a Dec. 17th & they will no doubt be elected; I am a Secessionist now altho’ I have never been before; I can’t bear the idea of living under a Blk. Repub. President; besides I see no hope now of the South ever having given to her the equality w’h up to this time there has remained some hope of her finally gaining; & tho’ there may be danger in seceding yet I w’d welcome any & every danger; even destruction itself in preference to remaining in the Union.

-11.18-November Sunday, Eighteenth

-11.18-18th Prof. Edwards didn’t come over to SS this morning as he had to preach this morning; he gave us a fine sermon from the text “pray without ceasing.” Dr. Williams gave us an excellent sermon to-night. This evening just after dinner I went over to cos Alex Brigg’s & saw Aunt Jinny a short while; I met Col. Townes there & came home & stopped with him some time. This has been quite a pleasant day.

-11.19-Monday, Nineteenth

-11.19-19th Benson & I took a walk to-day & have been stirring about some all day; I p’d Charlie O’Neill $15 w’h he had p’d Calhoun (JCC) Sparks for my UR uniform, as I will join them again. Wrote to Billy Care Naylor Smith & Co Cha’ston SC to-day. Benson & I took supper at Mr. Rob’t Duncan’s to-night at his invitation & spent the time very pleasantly till after 9; Mattie & Jenny & Sissy too played & sung too; piano & guitar were our musical instruments. They had some political speaking at Mansion House to-night for some 2 or 3 from Cha’ston; the Masons are to have a meeting here & these are here to attend that meeting. I saw Aunt Lizzie at Aunt H’s to-night.

-11.20-Tuesday, Twentieth

-11.20-20th Went up to cos Charlie’s with Joe (Uncle Frank’s son) this morning; Benson was there too. Ella & Alex Townes & Ella E have been spending the day with us. Sissy will be at home to-morrow night. Rev CH Laumeau conducted prayer meeting to-night. It has been quite pleasant to-day- is a little cloudy to-night.

-11.21-November Wednesday, Twenty-First

-11.21-21st A snow storm to-day w’h indeed surprised us all very much; it lasted from about 7 till nearly 1 & snowed very fast but the ground was warm; every one was very much surprised to see the snow falling as it was very warm. To-day was appointed by the Gov as a day of fasting & prayer for future guidance; Prof Furman conducted the meeting (in Bapt Church) & made some very appropriate remarks; we have not observed the fasting part very well at our house. Sissy came up looking quite well & fat this evening; Anna is here to-night. Wrote Tome Pope a political letter to-night in reply to one of the same nature rec’d from him a few days ago.

-11.22-Thursday, Twenty-Second

-11.22-22nd It has been cold but clear to-day & I hope will continue clear tho’ appearances now forbid such a hope. Tilman R Gaines preached to-night about an hour & when we came home it was sleeting & is now raining; very cold.

-11.23-Friday, Twenty-Third

-11.23-23rd We have had another rainy day but it is clear & cold to-night; Benson rec’d a letter to-night w’h determined him to go home to-morrow & take Fannie altho’ both of them are anxious to stay; I am very sorry indeed they are going as I think a stay here of 2 or 3 weeks w’d help Benson much & I had expected him to stay with us at least one or two weeks longer. We (Benson & I) went up to cos Charlie’s to-night; he to tell them good-bye & staid some time. I wrote to HF Scaife Unionville SC & Jus. Scott Hughson Washington DC to-day. It is nearly 2 & will have a very short sleep of it.

-11.24-November Saturday, Twenty-Fourth

-11.24-24th Went over to the Depot with Benson & Fannie but as it was very cold I did not want to keep Aaron waiting for me & did not stay to see them off. I came home & went to bed; slept till late breakfast; I had some idea of going up to Dickey’s where the candidate for the convention are to speak to-day but it was so terribly cold I did not see fit to go. Charlie O’N & I will go up to Mifford Church where Dr. Jas. C Furman is to preach to-morrow; we want to start by 8 o’clock; he & I with several others joined the “Minute Men” to-night; it was cold work meeting in CH without any fire.

-11.25-Sunday, Twenty-Fifth

-11.25-25th We left home this morning about 9 ½ o’clock & didn’t get here (Reese’s) till after 12; we found when we got to Mifford we were mistaken as to Dr. F’s preaching there & consequently we came on over to Reese’s & have spent the day here; we found N Gilreath here & he staid till nearly dark when we (Mr. R, Charlie, & I) accompanied him over as far as Prospect Hill; we came back here & will spend the night here; will go up to Gowensville (9 miles Mr. Reese says) & hear the candidates speak to-morrow.

-11.26-Monday, Twenty-Sixth

-11.26-26th Charlie & I went up to Gowensville (11 miles instead of 9) & heard all the candidates speak to a full house in Baptist Church a pretty large building; their speeches were well rec’d; much more favorably than I expected; they found a number of strong old Union men however. We took diner at Dr. MA Mooney’s where we met Miss Juliet Goodfelt, a young lady I met at Mr. Goodfelt’s at a party last winter & Miss …

-11.27-November Tuesday, Twenty-Seventh

-11.27-27th We left Prospect Hill this morning a little after 8 in the rain & got home in almost 3 hours; we came thro’ Chick’s Spr’gs road as it was the drier of the two. Judge Magrath was speaking in the CH when we got here & we went down altho’ my legs were somewhat wet; Judge M gave us a good speech. Mr. PE DDuncan & Charlie Furman got here soon after we did from Gilreath’s; Dr. F & Dr. Harrison also staid there last-night; the other two candidates & Alex McBee came on last night; the roads were terribly muddy & sloppy. I wrote to Rev EA Crawley DD Limestone Spr’gs in reference to Bettie’s trunk w’h she left there. Also to Grand-pa Col’a Benson M Jones, Newberry & commenced a letter to YJ (w’h I will finish to-morrow) this evening & to-night. Didn’t go to prayer meeting as it was so muddy I tho’t no one w’d go.

-11.28-Wednesday, Twenty-Eighth

-11.28-28th Finished YJ’s letter & mailed to-day. This has been a wet & cold day & the candidates had a bad time for speaking. I read to-night to Ma, Sissy, & Betty several tales & short pieces in Godey’s Lady’s Book. Have wasted most of my time to-day.

-11.29-Thursday, Twenty-Ninth

-11.29-29th To-day the candidates were to speak at Arnold’s Col Ware’s old place better known as Jones’ & they had the best day they have yet had; I hope they are doing good. Wrote to Mr. Stephen Lee Asheville NC to-day; also to Rob’t B Watson, Ridge SC. We had a nice piece of fun last night here; a crowd of men & boys, some 80 or 100 assembled & having proved before the assembled body that a Jew named Levy had … , or caused to be … , both Memminger & Magrath, they went up to Levy’s store seized him rode him on a rail up the river shaved half his head & beard & made him promise to leave in one week; I was to go with them but missed them am very sorry I did not get to see the fun; sh’d have enjoyed it.

-11.30-November Friday, Thirtieth

-11.30-30th Wrote to Grand-pa to-day to answer to a letter from him 28th in w’h he says he “don’t find fault with the secession movement” but thinks “it was too hastily adopted;” I differ with him as regards the last clause but am glad he does not condemn the entire movement w’h I feared he w’d do; I wrote him touching somewhat upon the point of difference in such a way in however as not to wound his feelings I hope. Charlie O’N, Willie & I left home with Jimmy Duncan this evening about dark & came up here (Mr. Perry Duncan’s) where we will spend the night & go on up to Marietta in the morning where the candidates are to speak to-morrow. Mr. Duncan himself came up & bro’t Rev Mr. Hill the Methodist preacher at Greenville with him. Dr. Furman will come on here in the morning before breakfast to go up to Marietta.

-12.1-December Saturday, First

-12.1-1st This morning Jimmy, Willie, Charlie, & I rode up to Marietta about 10 miles; Dr. F & Mr. P & D went up in Mr. D’s buggy. Mr. PED, Gen WH Easely & Dr. F spoke in the school house to a full house & their speeches were well rec’d. I advocated coming home immediately it being then after 2 (nearly 3 I believe), but the rest insisted on staying to dinner & we dined at Harvey Cleveland’s where there were some 50 or more Misses Emmie & Mary … Furman & Sallie Holloway were there from the CH & a no. of boys. We left there about 3 ¾ & were on the way about 3 hours; we came by MR. D’s & Willie staid there; Charlie & I came on home & attended MM meeting I p’d an assessment of 25 cts to MM.

-12.2-December Sunday, Second

-12.2-2nd Attended SS this morning. Dr. Broadus gave us an excellent sermon this morning & Jas B Taylor jr a student in Theo. Sem. preached a good sermon to-night; Mr. Hatcher, Theolog. student conducted monthly conference this evening. Sissy & I went to church to-night; no others from our house. This has been a cold day.

-12.3-Monday, Third

-12.3-3rd It snowed nearly the whole day to-day & altho’ it was cold there is very little snow on the ground to-night; it sleeted awhile late this evening & rained some little too I think. MM were ordered to meet to-night but did not do so. The Real Estate belonging to us was sold to-day; it was appraised at $8100 & bro’t $7795. Ma bo’t the dwelling lot at $5000 , lot by Pres Church $1000 & woodland $725. I bo’t the two lots opposite Mr. Furman’s for $1070. They all sold low I think; it was snowing at the time but we tho’t best to let the sale go on as very probably we w’d be compelled to buy it in at last. I heard this evening that Maj Thaddeus C Bolling has taking upon himself the responsibility of nominating for the State Convention Hon JB O’Neall, Maj BF Perry, Dr. Jas P Boyce, Dr. WE Mooney, Maj JC Baking. The ticket is regarded as a submission ticket & I wrote immediately to Grand-pa & told him as well as I c’d the matters stood & requested him to write me by return mail.

-12.4-Tuesday, Fourth

-12.4-4th This morning the snow is melting fast ho’ it is cold. Bo’t 23 bush corn from a boy belonging to JG Hawthorne & p’d him 90 cts for it = $20.70 for Ma. Attended MM meeting to-night; we resolved to have a torchlight precession Saturday night next Willie wanted to join but Ma objected & I withdrew his name when it was proposed.

-12.5-December Wednesday, Fifth

-12.5-5th Rec’d a letter from Grand-pa stating positively that he “w’d not serve if elected to State Convention;” I wrote to him immediately again & sent him some bonds w’h Ma & I wished him to sign with us in “CEGD’s” office for the Real Estate we bo’t a few days ago. I attended a meeting of the “Invisibles” to-night & joined them; they are an association to rid our community of some persons (Jews) who have become nuisances to the whole community; they are responsible for the action taken in Levy’s case & resolved to-night to give notice to several others that they w’d be treated in the same way if they do not leave this place. Joel Goodbelt & I will go to Tyger to-night & on to “Dark Corner” (Mason’s) to-morrow to carry Judge O’N’s & Boyce’s disclaimers.

-12.6-Thursday, Sixth

-12.6-6th Joel & I left home last night after 10 & reached this place (Tyger) about 2; it was the coldest ride I ever had; my breath froze on my beard to a sold cake of ice; we were well wrapped up however & did not freeze ourselves; we woke Joe & gave him our horses & went to bed; got up late ate breakfast & went on to Dark Corner leaving the disclaimers at … & other place’s. Mr. Perry Duncan was at Dark Corner but all to no purpose we labored; they voted about 90 union to 10 secession we tho’t tho’ we c’d not judge accurately, of course. We left about 2 o’clock & came with Mr. D to a Barton’s where we dined & then came on to Tyger, where we will spend the night; Dickey’s gave a majority for union also but no other box will I hope.

-12.7-December Friday, Seventh

-12.7-7th Joel & I got in town about dinner time 1 ½ or 2, as we started late from Tyger; had quite pleasant ride this morning tho’ the ground froze hard last night. Just before we got in town an affray took place between Jordan P Pool & Edward Jacobs, in w’h Jacobs it is feared was fatally wounded. Jacobs & Pool had a difficulty previous & last night had some words between them; this morning Jacobs walked up in front of P & saying something w’h is variously reported fired; P drew a repeated & fired also; they fired each three times & some say P fired 4 or 5 times; J ran, P pursuing round the new CH; J was overtaken thrown down & beaten by P with the pistol severely; he cannot live the Drs say. The secession ticket was elected by a large majority Dr. J C Furman 1342 votes, highest candidate & Maj BF Perry 225 highest Union vote.

-12.8-Saturday, Eighth

-12.8-8th To-night we “MM” had a grand celebration, a torch light procession; the streets were crowded & shouting & yelling were the order of the day or night rather; the candidates spoke at the Goodfelt House & were enthusiastically cheered especially whenever they referred to the secession of the state; truly Greenville is changing her politics.

-12.9-Sunday, Ninth

-12.9-9th This morning Charlie & I rode out to Berea expecting to hear Chambliss or Stiles preach after SS, we were however disappointed; we got home to dinner & hear no sermon to-night either as they had no oil in the lamps & none c’d be purchased in town I went over to Col Townes’ & sat till nearly 11. Spending my time very badly in light conversation.

-12.10-December Monday, Tenth

-12.10-10th I wrote to Dr. Crawley, J Scott Hughson, & YJ Pope to-day. To-night John & Bettie had a party w’h they called their birth-day party. Some 40 or more were present perhaps not more & we had a very pleasant time; I walked up to Prof Twitty’s with Miss Judson a sister of Prof J’s & Chambliss with Miss Davis (a niece of Mrs. Prof J’s) a pretty & very nice young lady after the party.

-12.11-Tuesday, Eleventh

-12.11-11th Wrote Grand-pa to-day; & also wrote to Landy Word Columbia requesting $10 with w’h to liquidate his indebtedness to C of Temperance. The weather is peculiarly cold. P’d 10 cts for Blue Ribbon for Sissy to make me a “cockade.”

-12.12-Wednesday, Twelfth

-12.12-12th John Willingham left this morning for home & doesn’t think he will return next year; he bid us good-bye & went off alone to Depot; the Misses McDaniel & others went down also & he might enjoyed himself if he chose.

-12.13-Thursday, Thirteenth

-12.13-13th I wrote to Uncle Lambert this morning I had bo’t 100 bushels of corn at $1 as Benson wrote he wished I w’d & shipped to him. Left home late this evening & arrived here (Aunt Jinny’s) just about dark & am spending the night here; intend going on up to the Loopers’ to engage some country pork if I can. There is a wedding near here to-night but Mr. Arnold & Aunt J did not go because they tho’t Aunt J was slighted; Mr.A’s grand-daughter Mary Holcombe was married Jas P. Moore & Behethleu Brooks are to be married to-night also.

-12.14-December Friday, Fourteenth

-12.14-14th Just as I got my horse out to go on this morning it commenced raining & has been raining most of the day so that I c’d not leave here; Aunt J & I have been talking nearly the whole day; Mr. Arnold was out in the field part of the day. To-night it is snowing or sleeting or doing both; we go to bed early out here from 8 to 10 & get up soon after daylight. Mr. Bowen gave a dinner party to the newly married couple (his son & Miss Holcombe) to-day & invited Mr. A & Aunt Jinny about 10 ½ or 11 but they did not go as they had company (me); Mr. A didn’t wish to go & Aunt J tho’t my being here was a good excuse; we saw the Bridal Party go by. The “Invisibles” are to give the “Somerses” (three Jews) a ride to-night if they can get hold of them; I sh’d like to be at home to see the fun, but can’t & hope they will succeed.

-12.15-Saturday, Fifteenth

-12.15-15th Came home this morning; found it very cold as the snows was on the ground & slippery ridding. The “Invisibles” did not catch the “Somerses” last night but have fixed Monday night for the “frolic.” There was a party at Jas P Moore’s father’s last night to w’h I was invited but not very anxious to go, & consequently didn’t come in. Mr. Jeter bo’t 1166 lbs Drove Hogs at SC for me = $87.45. Gave boy at Mr. A 10 cts.

-12.16-Sunday, Sixteenth

-12.16-16th Attended church to-day; … snow on the ground & cold weather still. Our delegates to State Convention went down yesterday & a number from the place left also to attend the convention altho’ the Small Pox is in Col’a.

-12.17-Monday, Seventeenth

-12.17-17th Our convention met to-day & SC will soon be an “Independent Republic.” “Invisible” about 60 in all set a trap to catch the Somerses to-night w’h failed because a negro informed them that we were lying in wait for them, we then came down to Somers’ store went in to Mr Samuels’ & drank his lager rum & all his apples & some had his negroes w’h was shameful in my opinion. After this they pulled down on Somerses’ sign & rocked the house! It was cold & sloppy.

-12.18-December Tuesday, Eighteenth

-12.18-18th The Convention met & elected Gen Jamison president after several ballots; they either have already & will adjourn to Cha’ston as also will the Legislature in all probability. The Gas will be lit to-morrow night I understand; the Gas hands have a large star made of an inch pipe with SC & 1860 in the center w’h they will light up the night we hear of SC independence effected by her secession.

-12.19-Wednesday, Nineteenth

-12.19-19th To-night the “Invisibles” were to meet; consequently I went around & after sitting some time there being only 6 of us, viz, Codington, Hughes, Holcombe, & Tom Walton from the shops (Gower & co’s), Picket & I we determined to take Joe Lowenberg out on a ride; failing in this however we seized “Samuels” & carried him across the bridge at the upper ford riding him a short distance on a rail, carried him over in the woods & there I shaved half his head as close as I c’d with a pair of shears & trimmed his bear also; then turned him loose ordering him to leave town by to-morrow morning w’h he said he w’d do; he cried like a baby the whole time & the whole occurrence was quite amusing. John Harrison, Alex Wisnant, James Dinver, & Marion Goodfelt followed us & saw all. Hughes struck Samuels once on the back of his head but didn’t injure very severely I am convinced tho’ one of my gloves was quite bloody.

-12.20-Thursday, Twentieth

-12.20-20th There has been a great deal of talk about last night’s scrape in town to-day & a great many condemning it but this amt’s to nothing I shall go ahead & rid the town of the Jews at every hazard. The Gas has been burning nearly all day & this is the first night. The MM has a meeting to-night.

-12.21-December Friday, Twenty-First

-12.21-21st I have never known such a day & night in Greenville as this has been nor such a day in my life. SC is now free & sovereign has declared herself so & will maintain her declaration; trusting in our God we will go forward. When the news reached is this evening of her secession yesterday the bells all over town commenced ringing & pistols, guns & crackers were fired constantly till after dark before there was any cessation in the noises of all kinds shouting & rejoicing included. MM paraded with BGs to-night & we had a fine time; I rode Lady being one of the Marshalls & had some fun holding & gentling her. Swandale gave a supper consisting of a few crackers, sardines, segars & champagne at w’h I remained only a short time however. Thomas, Arthur, Gaillard & Gold were called on at the Mansion House & made speeches part of the time in the rain w’h came up before we got thro’. Lady was perfectly wet 1 ½ hours after I got off her from fretting; I had her covered after being rubbed. Mr. Arnold & Aunt J came over Thursday & spent the night here & last night were to stay at Latimore’s but they were sent for in the night for a sick negro & went home about 10; have just got off.

-12.22-Saturday, Twenty-Second

-12.22-22nd Mr. Arnold did not go home last night; got down to Dr. Dean’s shop where Dr. D got in & went on with Aunt J letting Mr. Arnold remain here; he went home to-day the carriage having been sent back for him; Dr. D staid all night & has not come home to-day. The MM has a meeting to-night to form a company but didn’t succeed. Wrote to Uncle Lambert in reference to his corn.

-12.23-December Sunday, Twenty-Third

-12.23-23rd Dr. Manly preached this morning & Dr. Broadus tonight fine sermons both of them. I gave 25 cts at collection for the poor this evening in Bapt Church; this was our communion evening & we had a good number out.

-12.24-Monday, Twenty-Fourth

-12.24-24th Have been busy to-day collecting Christmas presents. Willie, Sam & I got a case of silver, knife, fork, & spoon ($9) for Ma from Davis’, a fine Gridle & bib ($4.75) from Heldmam’s for Sissy & a box of crochet tools for Betty at Hovey’s ($4.50); I got a necklace from Davis’ for Helen ($5) ; a book ($1.50) for sam & ($1.75) for Willie Marshall’s speeches; a Bible ($1.45) for Ella Townes. “Invisibles” met to-night & after appointing a committee to investigate the business of two men from Cha’ston (Seymour & Ottolingue) who it is reported have come up for the purpose of prosecuting the “trotters,” adjourned to meet to-morrow … die leaving the business in the hands of a committee of 7 consisting of Jeter, Scruggs, Thruston, Dearman, Will Thompson & C O’Neill with myself. Hearing that Seymour w’d be serenaded at the Mansion House I went down with Tom Moore & others belonging to the “Invisibles” but Seymour haad sense enough not to come out; the crowd showed plainly that it was a farce by calling for Kraus & various others. I then went up to cos Charlie’s where we had all been invited from our house to the Christmas tree; staid till after 12. It is sleeting or snowing now, after 1.

-12.25-December Tuesday, Twenty-Fifth

-12.25-25th Christmas has come again & joyous hearts & glad faces are everywhere seen. My presents this morning from the tree were a pr of $3 stirrups from Sissy & Betty; a satinet pants pattern from Ma; a whip from Helen & one from Charlie also; a pr of Gauntlets from Sam & a Handkerchief from Willie. Cos Sallie gave me a box of shaving soap last night. A new cavalry troop commanded by Capt JW Brooks some 50 in all paraded this morning & made quite a respectable turn out for the first time. Charlie & I with some 10 or 15 “Irregulars” followed them all around & did not see a single man thrown tho’ we fully expected to see some try the quality of the ground with reference to its hardness. “Invisibles” head the report of the com. On the gentlemen from Cha’ston & adjourned “sine die” (see 24th) since these individuals had only come close up Misses Somers’ business & not to prosecute. Went to Prayer meeting after “Invisibles.”

-12.26-Wednesday, Twenty-Sixth

-12.26-26th Have been doing nothing all day. I understand today Dr. Thruston with one or two others advised Carr to leave & ordered Samuels to leave in ten days; the latter was arranging to leave when they ordered by them but they directed him to hasten on his arrangements. We had a Christmas dinner to-day or night rather, at our house this evening at about 5 ½ or 6 o’clock after w’h we played games & amused ourselves in various ways till about 1 o’clock; I took Miss Jenny Carson home; she is getting very pretty; am almost in …

-12.27-December Thursday, Twenty-Seventh

-12.27-27th Have been very busy at my occupation for this year viz (doing nothing). Got a letter from Ned & John Willingham to-night; also one from Haze Scaife. Have been out to-night with Sam’l Dearman watching a man named Neely who we suspect of trading with negroes selling them whiskey; we saw a negro go in his house & from the character of the negro I am satisfied he got the raw stuff there; we will find out yet. Did not go to church to-night as I was on this business.

-12.28-Friday, Twenty-Eighth

-12.28-28th Have been collecting our a/cs to-day & am trying to make arrangements to pay them but see no chance of doing so as yet except at places where they owe us. Have sold Will H Harrison the front part of the lot Ma bo’t from the Estate Presbyterian Church for $900; she gave $1000 for the whole & has 2/3 of the whole left yet w’h she will keep for the present, will arrange matters to-morrow with him; he will give a mortgage after making a small payment. Went to Division to-night we had election of officers. Cos Charlie vaccinated me to-day.

-12.29-Saturday, Twenty-Ninth

-12.29-29th This has been a cold dreary day. Charlie & I intended going up to Tyger this evening but it has been sleeting & raining all day so that we c’d not go & to-night the trees are covered with sleet & still something is falling either rain or sleet. I have been gathering up our a/cs to-day. I p’d one of my own at Sudduth & Stells $2.50 also one at Heldmam’s $5.50, $4.75 being for Sissy & Bettie of w’h I am to pay $1.75 & Willie & Sam each $1.50 & $1.05 for a whip Helen gave me. I will make it … with them. Tried to get that lot of Harrison’s (is to be) fixed to-day but failed to do so. Got $10 from McD & D to-day. I wrote Grand-pa to-night.

-12.30-December Sunday, Thirtieth

-12.30-30th Got up very late this morning as I did not go to bed before 12 last night. Dr. Williams preached a fine sermon from Thess Chap 2nd & v 16th. Charlie & I got in late but heard most of the sermon. It turned warmer last night after I went to bed & all the sleet melted off the trees but the rain has been falling all day steadily tho’ not heavily. Added some to Grand-pa’s letter to-day & will send it down by to-morrow’s train. An extra train came up this evening & I understand bro’t new w’h makes it almost certain that coercion will be attempted against SC & that troops will be needed in Cha’ston. Of course they will go from every quarter of the state as soon as called. Our state noble little state will maintain her independence at every hazard & if war comes with all its horrors, her sons will show themselves as brave as any people on the face of the globe & if needs be, they are ready to die in defense of their homes.

-12.31-Monday, Thirty-First

-12.31-31st It cleared off finely to-day & we will now have some clear weather I hope. Charlie went down to-day in Pointsett Well’s place to Col’a & I shall not go out to Tyger till he comes back w’h will be to-morrow I suppose; I want them to take a little “spree” out in the country. I settled several a/cs to-day Ma’s & ours. McDavid & Duncan’s by giving them a credit on a note ($1000) due Ma; Roberts & Mauldise’s by an order on Uncle Frank, Jeter by assuming that much of the am’t he owed Charlie. Some others I will settle to-morrow by having the children’s all charged to Ma & leaving hers to be paid whenever we can get the money to do so w’h will be as soon as we can get anybody in the notion to pay us. I tried to get cos Charlie to draw up the deed to the lot Ma sold Will H Harrison for $900 but he c’d not do so to-day; will to-morrow he says. I hope to get all our matters settled up as soon as possible but from the way we are getting on with them am afraid I shall not see them settled soon. I am very anxious to get it done & it will be no fault of mine if it is not done. 1860 is gone forever, glorious year of SC’s Independence & newly established sovereignty! The memories w’h to-night come crowding thro’ my mind are not all pleasant; many sins w’h are to be deplored & O for how many must I in deep sorrow & contrition ask forgiveness; sinning & deploring my many many sins yet still sinning over & over again the same sins. My God to Thee w’d I come & yet how far way & how unwilling in my poor heart to even throw myself, poor worthless wretch on Thy mercy; & I can do nothing but coming bowing before Thee ask Thy aid for without Thee I am utterly powerless & must ever be.