

August

my general he can not have carte blanche in his own sphere as Dennis & Russell his predecessors had. I believe that I in that position would give more prestige to the position than he does. My programme of work is considerably haphazard and made by myself and King, but it is very unsatisfactory to be to a great extent working in the dark, not knowing for certainty what the next move will be.

It had been my intention to connect Winnipeg with Montreal, the latter being established in England, but Mr. D. wants this determination made with the new transit which has not yet arrived, and have suggested Portage du Loup as a point, this afternoon he changed it to Sault Ste. Marie, the meridian of the Northwest being an important international point.

I called on Mrs. Burgess but she was not in. — In the evening was at McKinney's and at 11 P.M. left for home.

Wednesday 17  
cloudy  
we little rain

Arrived in Toronto at 8-30 a.m. and did some shopping, at 2 P.M. at Hamilton where I called on him. Arrived at home at 5-30 P.M. where Marie, Max & Lulu met me at the station, Oskar being in Berlin. Glad to be at home & happy together, but we missed little Oskar very much.

Thursday 18  
sunny  
we little rain

Busy in my office. I unpacked a case of fossils & sent part of them to Mr. J. W. Powell Director of the Geological Survey Washington. They are from Mt. Stephen & one species has been named by Dr. Rossignol to whom I sent similar ones last fall *Gygia Klozi* - after me the discoverer. As Marie & I were both hoping for Oskar I wrote to him to come home & he did so this afternoon by stage. I sent the boys for congresses

August to make wreaths & garlands for tomorrow for  
Marie's Birthday. —

Friday 19  
fine

## Marie's Birthday

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Clear and bright the sun arose this morning to usher in the festive day. The boys and I got up early to make the decorations which we had prepared. It is ten years since I was at home on this anniversary and it's maybe many a year yet I will have the pleasure again, hence the more do I enjoy & appreciate the opportunity. At 8 o'clock Marie arose and was greeted upon entering the dining room with music and four happy beaming faces, and received from us our hearty congratulations. The room was decorated with garlands wreaths & flowers. The table was sumptuously laid. On it was Marie's gift - a drawing, Julius' also a drawing, Oskar's a bouquet, Mrs. W.'s a book, and for me a complete set of Dr. Kneiss' works, which I knew she desired to have. Gretel the servant had contributed the customary *geburtstags Bockel*. — Augustha had put a piece of "lada" work - her own make. — All were happy. Lawrence's room Dorothea, Dora, Gretchen, baby & Dave arrived. In the afternoon Father mother Augustha & all the preceding were with us "ghen Kaffen", when the time flitted with lively chatting. The Berliners remained with us for tea, then returned save Dora who remained with us.

Saturday 20  
fine Augustha's Birthday. She was unfortunately very ill in the morning & thus missed her own pleasures. — Good came in the