

conscientiously squelched his eyes so as not to see the breakfast table (which would otherwise have been inevitable) before reaching the library, where he stumbled into Marie's arms. - Most duly had decorated the table with evergreens, and a present lay there from each of us. - What a voluminous smile surrounded her and beamed from his countenance as Marie & I led him into the dining room. He lifted the serviette and then hurriedly scrutinized his 4 presents & then made the round of the table thanking each with a kiss. - What delight what joy can be greater than that of a child. What delight what joy can be greater for the parent than to enjoy with him. - *Herbert kommt bei dem Alter mit seiner Zahl schreiben jetzt gebraucht Du aber zwei - sage ich ja Oskar, als er gleich darauf erwiderte "Jetzt kann ich auch noch ich mache ein X." - not so bad.*

— In the afternoon the three had "Chocolade" together.

— Busy at computations.

- Sunday 22 Busy at computations, H. James & music  
cold with the children in the evening.
- Monday 23 Busy at computations,  
snowy
- Tuesday 24 Busy at computations. In afternoon Marie & I  
cold drive to Galt.
- Wednesday 25 Busy computing. In evening Father & I go to train  
snowy to meet Dr. May - Superintendent of Education who  
cold comes to visit our new mechanics' institute. He is a guest of Father's. After tea Marie & I go to Father's where I introduce her to Dr. May & then we all go to the desti-

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take. - There being various amusements & meetings this evening not so many members as desirable were present. He saw and inspected everything, and was surprised & delighted with what he saw. - He then addressed those present; after paying a high tribute to Father he dilated on the various advantages of Church-Inst., gave us their history & gratifying progress they have made in Ontario during the last 5 years. He also referred to the impression that was created by Canada at the late Colonial Exhibition - in part by the work exhibited by pupils of Church-Inst. - Mr. Pattinson moved a vote of thanks & made some remarks thereon, which I seconded & also addressed the meeting briefly. - Returning home Maria & I remained for some time at Father's, where the Dr. & the rest of us chatted away cheerily for two hours, we gentlemen enjoying at the same time our pipe & some refreshments in which latter the ladies joined us.

— Tonight was a red letter day for the boys, we allowed them to go to the carnival. <sup>on the rink</sup> Max was a "road agent", Luke "a Sade" (and most comical & unrecognizable he looked) and Oscar a snowshoer. -

Thursday 26  
fine, cold  
little snow

Busy computing, Dr. May left again.

Friday 27  
very cold  
-4°.

Busy computing. - In evening attended Ct, then after spent an hour or so at Dr. Mullaig's chatting with him.

Saturday 28  
Cold

Busy computing. Mr & Mrs G. Pattinson, Mrs. Mee, S. Shepley, W. Pattinson, Harry, Aggie & Ida Ebb, Augusta & Jacob took tea with us & spent the evening. A total eclipse of the moon took place this evening. The moon