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themselves and their inflexions. The language being agglutinative makes it the more simple. All nouns have the same terminal for the plural, the same ending for each individual case. - The conjugations are simplicity themselves itself - if you can conjugate one you can conjugate all. - No idioms - no exceptions to rules - from a grammatical point of view a perfect paradise. - I think I am not exaggerating if I say that I (and any other of ordinary intelligence for that matter) could learn to read & write Volapük in one week. - The object of this language is in the mean time only as an international commercial language, for which purpose its usefulness is very apparent.

The boys returned in the afternoon from their Berlin visit, and very tired. altho' they enjoyed themselves well yet I think they were glad to be home again - especially Oskar.

Monday 5
mild Busy computing. Max Oskar having colds remained at home.

Tuesday 7
mild, clear Busy computing - Oskar is confined to the house by a cold.

high wind at night
Wednesday 8
cold Busy computing.

windy, snow.
Thursday 9
very cold
windy
-11° F

Dadben & I drove to Baden, ^{14 miles} today to attend the funeral of Hoenig's father, the last of the old settlers of Wisconsin & of father's early acquaintance of nearly half a century ago. He was buried with masonic honors & father performed the ceremony. - There was a general astonishment to see father drive in such inclement weather & had roads such a distance - I must confess it was bitterly cold and aggravated by a high wind. We met a number of old acquaintances who had

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by train. — Driving home we had the wind in
our back, when it was little felt. —
— Marie & I attended a progressive social
party at Hubler's this evening.

Friday 10
cold
cloudy
wind 12 N
Busy computing. Oskar's indisposition
has changed into measles, this is his third
attack, the last being a severe one in the spring
of '84 just after I had left home.

Saturday 11
cold
Busy computing. —

Sunday 12
mild
Busy computing. — As usual on Sunday evenings
Marie & I played games with the children.

Monday 13
fair
I left for Ottawa this morning to attend the examina-
tion for Dem. and Sundayors, being a member of the
Board. Jacob drove me to Galt's Arriving in Toronto
about noon I remained till 8 to 10 P.M. attending to
some minor matters. — I called on Mrs. Poole & in the
evening met J. G. Howard of the Meteorological office.
The weather was delightful here and we went on
work outside at the erection of buildings.

Tuesday 14
slight
snow
At Ottawa, and as usual found that I was nearer
the North Pole than I had supposed. —
Attended the Board meeting, where were present besides
myself, Mr. DeWitt, King, Macrath & Webb, credits
there are 125, and their papers kept us busy.
In the evening after dinner I was at Mr. King's
discussing economic matters.

Wednesday 15
cold
clear
Ash Wednesday. Attended Board meeting.
In the evening Major Webb & I chatted & smoked in
my room.