

Saturday 10
mild

Mother's Birthday.
#72.

Today mother is 72 years of age, and if not altogether hale & hearty, yet is well preserved for her age, and happily felt today exceedingly well & bright. - In the afternoon Brother, Otto & Jack then baby came down, & Marie the boys & I joined the happy family circle. Marie had baked for mother an excellent Bûche, which we enjoyed at coffee. We remained to tea. The evening was spent with a cheerful chat. Father & Jacob attended the Linnæan meeting in the evening. Otto & I went down to see Father, & were detained for an hour or so. A Mr. Drop prestidigitator was also present & made a few exhibits of his skill.

Sunday 11
snowy
windy

Quay at latitude. After dinner we were again at mother's, where were also Mr. & Mrs. Drop. They played some dice to our gither & amidst some very acceptable, later he gave some exhibits in sleight of hand to the great delight of all a Dublin Doctor. After tea we were again down, when Mr. Drop showed me how to do some of the tricks. They are an unfortunate indifferent couple, who have travelled all over Europe & America, but have failed to gain a competency, a circumstance peculiar to many of the better class of Opiumers. Success is not handed & garnered by them, - they like to live well & drink well. -

Monday 12
cold
windy

Quay at latitude. After dinner attended funeral of Joe Clark Abt. who contracted a cold at Guffisbey's funeral a week ago & died in consequence thereof. Then called on by Pattinson who is confined to his house with a sore throat. Tom Stephenson driving me, returning he remained at my library till service in the church was over. -

Immediately after supper Miss drove me to Galt where I took the 7 o'clock train for Ottawa; after leaving Toronto Junction where I got the Sleeper I met J. Fawcett

March who was also on his way to Ottawa to attend the annual meeting of the L.I. association. -
We chatted till after midnight. -

Tuesday 13
Very stormy
Snow
Cold

This morning we found ourselves at the same place as last night at 10 o'clock - stuck in the snow. A strong wind began blowing last night, snow falling & the thermometer in low spirits. We are 1 1/2 miles from Lyttle a small station and in a Scott & A County. - The small buffet on the train was loaded with abundant supplies and it's larder some exhausted from the demand of hungry passengers. - The conductor forgo in the neighborhood among the farmers who dropped a cutter loaded with coal, bread, eggs & milk to our relief. - But the cars could not be heated, the gate drove the ^{fire} snow into the car through skylights, double windows and at the door, we sat with overcoats on & frequently blankets across our knees. - There were three sleepers and well filled by judges, Senators M.P.'s, delegates &c. I was pleased to find for example St. Knauf, J. Fennell P.E.W. Mayor & J. Shantz all from Berlin on the train. In the afternoon all gathered in our car for entertainment, which consisted of recitations, speeches, games & music. - The most of the speaking was of a peculiar "choice" nature, among its best exponents were J. M. Daly & Judge Macpherson. A country lad was found on the train who had a mouth organ, he was brought in to our car & discoursed music by the yard the whole audience joining in singing well known airs. - Our principal diet was eggs. Many a one said "If I'd a just thought of it I'd a brought something to drink along" Not only were we in a Scott & A County but we were had the original R.W. Scott (Senator) on board. - Several prayers were offered on his behalf. - Through the blockade we made mutual acquaintances which otherwise would not have come to pass. - I met Judge McKenzie of Larnia, Judge Sutherland of St. Catharines, D. W. Haver of Odessa, H. A. Cook M.P., Senator Turner of Hamilton, J. Ryker M.P. McCalla M.P. &c. - Fast the snow was piling up around us in the cut in which we were. -

Wednesday 14
Stormy, cold

Still here, and the variations in life were a repetition of yesterday, with this difference, the storm abated this afternoon & a number