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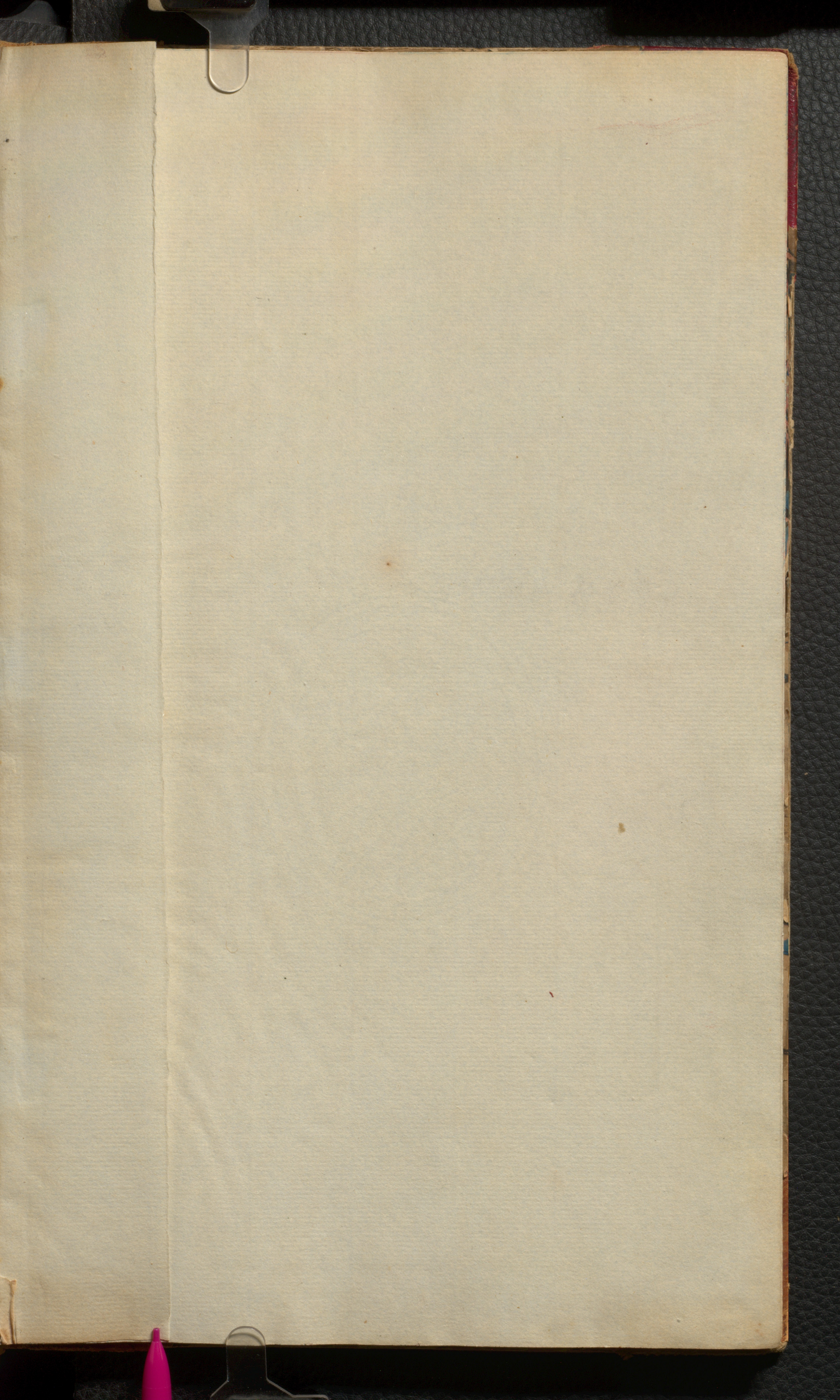
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Families

Anna Catharine Dawson	Born	14 March 1848
	Died	2 nd July 1849
George Muncie Dawson	Born	1 Aug. 1849
Anna Loisa Dawson	Born	16 Feb'y 1851
Wm Bell Dawson	Born	2 May 1854

Mrs Jas Dawson Died 21 Jan'y
1857

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Memoranda

March 25 1838

This is the anniversary of my birth, having completed my 49th year. Nearly all my early acquaintances have passed to the Unseen world of Spirits, so that little Jobb Mengers, I seem only to have escaped to tell the tale. It should therefore be an object of my anxious solicitude, to Enquire to what purpose I have lived? Whom is the evidence that I have made much suitable improvement of the time and opportunities with which I have been favoured? or whether is there not reason to fear that it had been better for me that I had concluded like my Dear Son James to an Early Grave?

Help me O God to free from these reflections, to Redeem the Time, to Banish all self sufficiency, to make progress in Holiness and to exemplify Humility and resignation to thy Holy will.

May 19 1838

It is 26 years this day since I first landed in America, during which period it has pleased God to preserve me from War, Famine, & Pestilence. to save me from the shafts of Calumny, to grant me many special instances of his favour and protection, and to bear me up under some afflicting dispensations; great reason have I therefore to be truly thankful for all his past mercies, and to trust in his gracious promise that he will never leave me nor forsake me. May I be found preparing to meet him at his judgment Seat.

June 13. 1838

This day being observed as the Preparation fast day in Mr. M. M. Hinlays congregation with a view to the observance of the Lords Supper. Heard an excellent morning lecture from Mr. D. May on Peters Self Sufficiency and his fall, Matth. 26 Chap 26 to the End. The Preacher was evidently blessed with a large measure of the Divine promise. He concluded by warning his hearers against the presumption of Self Sufficiency and exhorting them to Humility, Watchfulness & Prayer.

May the Word of God, so ably handled, be abundantly blessed to all who have heard it.

In the afternoon the same Preacher again addressed the People from Genesis 4th & 9th and the Lord said unto Cain, where is Abel thy Brother: and he said I know not: Am I my Brothers Keeper." He approached his Subject by a lengthy introduction on the danger and demerit of sinful indulgence, of which the case of Cain affords an example. He then stated the Doctrine in what sense every man is to be considered his Brothers Keeper, and he followed it up by some appropriate remarks, illustrative of the spirit and tendency of Missions, Bible and Tract Societies, and concluded by exhorting all to Christian Benevolence.

At the evening Prayer meeting, which was numerously attended, Mr. M. M. Hinlay addressed the congregation from these words "Behold what manner of Love the Father hath bestowed that we should be called the Sons of God." what a vast variety of pleasing associations are connected with this Pious ejaculation of the apostle John. Those who are indeed

The Sons of God. Pope's his grace, will Espe-
-cially holy obedience, and will abound in Love
to their fellow men Especially to those who
are of the household of Faith. He took also
an interesting view of the Privately of the
Sons of God.

May I be enabled to take enlightened
views of the value and extent of my Gospel
Privately, and improve them accordingly.

Piton 8 Nov^r 1838

B. M. Barratt

Dr Sir

Observing in the Noascotean
of the 31st Ult a Notice of the #7 Noctia Philan-
-thropic Society respecting the Indians, and re-
-questing information as to their present ^{Members}
tribes, Situation and present Condition", I avail
myself, with much pleasure, of the opportunity they
afforded of giving you the requisite informa-
-tion from this Quarter, for the Benefit of the
above Society in the Hope that it may in
some measure lead to the amelioration
of their Condition.

In the Spring of 1828 a few individuals
of whom you are conceived the Idea of
forming a Society here, having for its object
the Civilization of the Indians. B. M. May Esq
and myself visited the Indian Encampments
as a preliminary step, to ascertain from
themselves how far our good intentions
might be practicable. we then called
a Public Meeting and laid before them

what information we had got. The Deputy
Shoep presided on the occasion, and the
Result was that a Society was formed
and Schovally subscribed to on the spot,
a Committee was appointed to draw up
Rules, which were subsequently submitted
to and approved of by the Society.

I may here state that as the Indians
had of their own accord begun to cultivate
Potatoes and Corn on ^a Tract of land at
the Entrance of the Harbour, which
according to all former policy of the Kings
of Brasilia they had never possessed
but which the Crown had never ^{before} granted.
The Society were of opinion that
nothing of a permanent Nature could be
done for them until we procured the
Legal Right to this tract of land as they
were partial to it. With this view we
entered into a Negotiation with the
actual owner for the present undisturbed
occupation of that portion of it which
the Indians had claimed, and in the
meantime, the Legislature being in Session
we applied to it and also to the Governor
Sir J. Knapp for aid in purchasing the
piece of Land, to the ~~same~~ ^{purpose} an appeal
was made in vain, but Sir J. Knapp
with his usual Humanity & Generosity
offered to contribute to the extent of £50
from contingent moneys at his disposal,
providing the Society could find
the means to accomplish the rest ^{of the}
other necessary, the Society not being

able to Effect they were reluctantly com-
pelled to decline his Generosity, and
the Proprietor of the Sails having thrown
some very unhandsome obstructions in
the way of completing the Bargain on
any terms, The Society gave up their
Benevolent intention, as a hopeless task
and dissolved itself after disposing
of the little funds in purchasing Hogs
and Land Potatoes for the Indians

At that time I had an opportunity
of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the
Local Circumstances of the Indians in this
County: The Number of Families appeared to
be 38 of Individuals 123. Sutan was their Chief
he was about 100 years of age, and was in
a very helpless condition being unable to leave
his wigwam, he was a very sulky old
man and. His appearance, Manners and
the Respect in which he was held by the
Tribe gave ample indication of his having
once been a very Superior Savage.

The Indians themselves were with
few exceptions much addicted to the vice
of Intemperance, and were fast disap-
pearing before its Exterminating Ravages,
This will best appear by comparing the
Census of 1828 with that of 1838 which I
subjoin, and is taken from the best
Source of Information.

Since 1828 the Habits and Condition
of the Pitou Indians has become much
worse, and it is easy to see that unless

Something be done for them speedily, their entire
Extirpation is not far distant, at that time
they still made a successful living by hunting
and Fishing, they still claimed and occupied
small spots of land, but these have now
all been wrested from them, the Chase
has ceased to be productive and the Mand
of Intemperance has unmoored them for
Fishing or any other industrious habits.
So that at the present time they have nearly
all betaken themselves to Begging.

The more deprived part of the
Bollonists of this portion of N. Scotia have
a painful aversion to work for the
Eagerness ^{apathy they have displayed} they have shown for the destruction
^{to} of the Indians by furnishing them
with ^{of} ~~them~~ ^{ungodly} spirits in defiance of Law and the
dictates of humanity.

This Letter having extended to
greater length than I intended, I will
address you again on the best mode
which in my opinion ought to be devised
to possess them of a distinct Idea of
man, and elevate them in the scale of
Civilization.

Yours very truly
Jes. Dawson

Puton 4 Decr 1808

Mr B. M. Barratt

Dear Sir

In acknowledging receipt of yours of 27th Ult I have but little to add to what I formerly wrote you about the Indians in this Quarter. As to their Past History, I doubt much whether there be any Indians of the present day who can give any authentic and interesting particulars; probably the Catholic Priests who have imposed themselves more into their confidence than any other class of men would be the most likely to meet your views in this respect. Of this class I would recommend to you the Abbe Ligoze of Clary (if he be alive) as a most judicious man and possessor of a very superior degree of knowledge of the Indian Character & Language. Some years ago the British & F. Bell Society instituted some Enquiry, through me into the actual condition of the N. Scotia Indians with a view to the Translation of the Scriptures into their Language, and in the prosecution of this Enquiry I found the Abbe a most valuable Consulting. He stated that he was in possession of Translations of the Psalms of David - and other Portions of Scripture in the Micmac and also of some Catholic Treats in the same, but he did not say whether they were in the English or Indian Character - in fact I think the Indians have no written Character but such as were invented by the Catholic Clergy themselves about the period of their Conversion - of these Characters I send you a specimen - they are a sort

of Hieroglyphics each representing a distinct
Idea. — The Admin of the Libe as regarded
the Scripting was rather to ^{instruct} preserve their
Judging in the English to Enable them to
read them to print Translations, and the
Society agreeing with this abundance
their Entrepasse in the hopes that other
Beneficial Institutions ~~would~~ to whose
Province it properly belonged would
attend to it.

In my last I gave you a Sketch
of a portion of our Island in the Virginian
Harbor which it would be observable to
purchase for the Indians, ^{and it} to get the
with a small Island they now possess
them would do them for a long time to
come as a Location. As to what further
might be done for their Improvement
I have had a Talk with their Chief Matters
Sappier (who proposes visiting ^{you} in a
few days) He and I both think that
the Consent of the Tribe might be got to
have a man stationed among them to
instruct them in the common branches
of an English Education — in Gardening
agriculture and other branches of Do-
mestic & Naval Economy or Mechanical
Arts. This Scheme would require to be
sanctioned by the Catholic Chogy
otherwise their influence would be
of no use, and probably the
Superintendent would require to be
appointed by them — in this way I
think the Indians of W. Scotia might

be materially and permanently benefited.
As many such locations might be sought out
in the different sections of the Province as there
were Indians to occupy or furnish to procure
the same. The Indians are all exceedingly
attached to their particular locations and also
to their Religion, and whatever you do for them
can hardly need to be had that as little trouble
as possible be done to their feelings in these
matters. I will probably address a few
lines to you by the Indian Chief when he goes
down - his ~~chief~~ ^{subject} is to procure some Blankets
or other clothing from the Governor, but
he will also call on you.

Yours very truly
Jos. Dawson

Memorandum

Having been this day called on by J. Primrose
together with J. Patterson & Thos. Campbell to
approve the Survey & previous settlement
on Belleville farm - when we heard the
following conversation - H. Blackader told
the Tutor, Land, that he was to consider him
self tenant to him and Mr. Hutton as Execu-
tors of Mrs. Dawson - till the Expiry of the year
lease made with her - at same time Mr.
Primrose notified him that after that time
he was to consider himself Tenant to himself
Adm^r of the H. Dawson. Mr. Blackader
then ~~told~~ ^{asked} Mr. Phinson who put him in pos-
session of the House and Effects within he
replied, Mrs. Dawson - Primrose then
asked him if he was willing to give him
possession of the House, and descended

Refusal before Witnesses which he refused to
comply with. Mr A then asked Mr B if he
had any objections to him going into the House
and taking an inventory of Effects. Then
Mr B said he had none but did not
think that Mr Pherson would be justifying
in allowing, which being considered
Tantumamount to a Refusal, he did not
go in. J Dawson

Put on 6 Dec 1838.

Copy

Dr Thos Hamilton

Dr Sir

Your Esteemed favour of
28 Nov has just come to hand, and in consideration
of the pleasing intercourse had with you & Mrs B
some years ago when here, and the Candour dis-
played in your present communication, I should
be unworthy of your confidence did I not give
you such particulars of the last illness & death
of your late Relative as have come to my
knowledge. This painful task I was proceeding
to perform.

after the demise of the late Mr De-
raon, Mrs Dawson and my self continued
to pay every attention to Mrs D in her ^{then} feeble
situation, and by the fall of 1837 she came to be
in good health & spirits, but she was not destined to
remain long so - for in the end of that year a
plot was conceived by certain individuals, who pre-
tended to be her friends, but who had no other
intention but to get possession of her substance
& wealth; in following up this plan the Rev & Dr
McNuzie sent his accomplices to her and in
an unguarded

moment she promised him her hand, when he at
once threw off the mask which it was evident he
had worn for years, — he gave up his Congregation
and proceeded in that Political career which he
had long chosen under cover of the Cloth. a
vacancy happened at the time in the County
Representation and he commenced a Campaign
for a seat as M.P. he was opposed by Tho:
Duckson Esq. and a Contested Election was run
to the last man in the County in the Sum-
mer of January in the present year, Mr.
Munzi altho well supplied with money
(said to be by Mrs &) and the whole strength
of the Whig interest lost his Election.

altho we were not at this time aware
of any engagement between her and Mr M^r
yet report with her thousand Tongues was
Buisy and it was evident from the interest
she took in the Election that there was some
touch in — during the whole time Election was
pending she came to town every day in all
weathers to make Enquiries, but carefully
kept out of our sight, and indeed up to
the day of her death she tried to hide from
us her engagements with Mr M^r. It was
on one of these occasions that she got wet
walking in the wet snow, she caught cold
accompanied with a violent discharge of Bile
and was some days laid up in town and
from that time she never thoroughly recovered
It is likely also that Mr M^r lost his life in con-
sequence of the Extreme cold he endured at the
Election, as he was well and active before then
altho very confidential, but he never was well

after that event and he finally closed his career
in consequence of Water in the Chest and Disease
and Enlargement of the Liver 5 Days after Mrs
D - Through the Summer we frequently found
Mrs D and took the Liberty of recommending
to her to write you and let you know her real
situation; and I even offered to do for her
but to get rid of our importunities in this res-
pect ~~she~~ as well as to prevent us from interfering
with her about her Marriage she told us that
she had informed you of her situation and
requested you and her sister to come to
her, but that you had declined, from
that time she did not seem to relish our visits
so much altho we continued there at inter-
vals during the last 6 months of her life.

It is an extraordinary Expression of the real
licious of Mr M Thuniger & his Party that he is said
frequently to have wept her while lying on her
Death Bed and himself scarcely able to go and
see her, to have their Marriage solemnised and they
secure whatever wealth she had, it is no less
unmarkable that he succeeded in Warming from
her while in the above situation, her late Hus-
band's Gold Watch and some other minor articles
and also a Bill for £400 or £500 which she
had on deposit in her name. Now for
the Subject of her Will - None was made at the date
of my last, but a day or two after Mr Thuniger's
Friends prepared one for her, constituting themselves
her Executors, and got her to sign it or put her
hand to it, altho it was perfectly evident to all
around her that she was not in condition to
do so legally. - The substance of the will is as
following

Letter to Mrs. Pheasant

The stock furniture and personal effects at Belleville farm to effect partition - the residue divided into 4 equal parts to her 3 sisters and Mr. M. Thayer - some minor bequests.

Before adventing to the probable result of this will, must advert to the death of Mr. Deacon who left no will, - at that time Mrs. Deacon had her option of a moiety of the whole estate on her life and of the whole according to her marriage contract; she chose the latter, yielding her from £400 to £500 a year, but it was not generally known till her death what option she had made, and it was evincing that Mr. M. Thayer & his friends did not know this till a short time before that time, for it was only then that they advised her to endeavor to effect a third arrangement with Mr. Deacon of her services for a sum in hand in place of her life and - Mr. Deacon being in need of the money was no less desirous to effect this than Mr. D. and lost no time in advising some agents in Halifax to make an offer, they they did, and it came to her a few days before the will making, and was at once accepted, not by her, for I believe she was at the time not able to exercise a thought about it, but by Mr. M. Thayer's friends - Now it is easy to see that you and the other things of Mr. D. I am not much to be expected from this will, for the two principal administrators of the late Mr. Deacon has already taken measures to protect the interests of his heirs, lawyers are threatened on both sides, altho' the pleasure none are yet actually commenced. Doubtless

Much of the funds will be dissipated in litigation
as matters now stand.

You will have to excuse me from
giving you farther particulars at present
of this sad affair, as I will again have an
opportunity of writing you on receipt of
your next with the power of attorney.

Poor Mrs D - My heart bleeds for her fate
^{which} ~~and~~ friends have willingly accepted ~~it~~ had
it been possible. What shame I take & feel in
to be matter of fact, which is in a great
measure corroborated by the Marriage Act
- let being found among her things on Ex-
amination after her death, and the conduct
of Mr W. H. in and before the Will
making. Mrs D died on the 11 Nov^r 1838
and Mr W. H. in on the 16 Nov^r 1838

I observe that you had not heard
of the loss we sustained in July 1837 in
the death of our youngest son James
and 13 of Scarlet fever in 2 days illness
Mrs Dimeson has not yet fully re-
covered from the distress occasioned
thereby

I am yours truly
Jas Dimeson

Perth 25 Decr 1838

Aug^t - 30 1839 A heavy Gale of wind accom-
panied with much Rain passed over Picton
It began to Blow about 2 o'clock P.M. at
N East and during the Night the Wind
veered to East, S E and to South West
where it ended next morning - the
Gale did much damage to the Grain
crops, by laying them flat down.

The Center of this Gale appears to
have been to the N West of Picton.

Sept 13 1839

a Still heavier Hurricane passed over
Picton this day, with prodigious Rain
and unprecedented high Tides. It be-
gan to Blow at N E about 10 o'clock
A.M. and about 4 P.M. veered to S
and through the Night to N West.
this Gale struck the Coast with
much, Blow down Large quantity
of Turned Trees - unroofed House
&c. - the Center of it seems to have
been a little to the Eastward of
Picton.

Sept 25 1839

another Gale passed over Picton
this day commencing at S East and
ending at S West - Precipitation not
observed - but it continued about
12 hours with less or more vio-
lence - the Center appears to have
been considerably to the West-
ward of Picton.

frequency into the Subject, is it, or is it not Lawful
for Christians to Engage in Wars.

After a thorough, patient and close investiga-
tion of all the Authorities both Human and Divine
touching this Important Question, I have come to the
Conclusion that the Christian dispensation being Em-
phatically and Throughout, a Dispensation of Peace,
firmly called upon in Imitation of Christ and
his Apostles, and true Followers in Every age, to
follow Peace with all men, to do good to all men,
and to abjure War and every Principle which leads
to Violence.

As a man should always, be pre-
pared to give a Reason of his hope, fear & Resolves,
so, in sitting down to penning up a Book of Life, I am
doing no more than recording my assent to the
Testimony of Christ himself, who came to Preach
Peace on Earth, and Good will to warring men;

O that I might be enabled to carry out
this heavenly Testament to its fullest extent, that
I may not only, have no fatal Illusions, or corrupt
divine Influencing me in any of my actions, but
that the whole tenor of my life may be founded
on obediential Love to God, and Brotherly Love
to men.

Copy
Jas Primrose Esq
Do Sir

Pitcair 24 March 1814

I humbly give you notice that unless
a Settlement be made to my Satisfaction, I shall be un-
der the painful necessity of bringing an action of
Trespass against you to the next Supreme Court, for
your having, yesterday, with force & violence, broken
into my Premises, for the purpose of discharging
a Nuisance thereon. ^{With} what the Stout
Commissioners may have authorised you to do, I
have nothing to say: that is a matter of yours, not
mine, but neither you nor them shall enter my
Premises, for such a purpose, with impunity.

If this matter is not settled before the 1st of
May, I shall then hand it over to my men
of Business.
James Dawson

Mr Primrose Esq

Do Sir I believe I have done nothing to discover the
letter you have written to me, and I assure you I do
not answer it from any fear of consequences, I trust
that on reflection you will discard every thing like
Temper, and on your doing so will leave it to any
Christian man to say whether I have done you an
unjust injury, and how much pain to say
you. If you do not like this, because you must
just take your own,
Yours Truly

(Signed)

Jas Primrose

1
Aiton, 25 Mar 1849

This being my 60th Birth day calls for the most heart felt Gratitude to God, on my part for the Numberless Mercies he has bestowed on me, who dare not presume to be numbered among his honoured Servants. My life has been nearly one continued Series of happy years - during which long & varied Numberless Temptations have been presented to my mind of gratifying some Evil Propensity of my corrupt Nature, yet out of them all the Lord has graciously delivered me.

In many instances too, I have been exposed to the most imminent Danger to my Person from Fire, Shipwreck, Drowning, and other surprising accidents, from all these too the Providence of God has preserved me, I have been blessed too with great happiness in my family, and respectable Success in my Business - It is true that at times I have been exposed to severe Saps, almost amounting to Bankruptcy but these I have chiefly brought on myself by rash Speculation - but the Lord ^{Love} has encouraged me not ^{to} despair - but to persevere in honest Industry to reclaim my Saps, and he has spared me time and health and given me Abundance to do so, he has further honoured me ample scope all my life to the means of Grace, opportunities of doing good, Personal Liberty &c. When I think of all my Mercies, Family & Personal, Civil & Religious which have been bestowed on me through the Loving kindness of the Lord, and the blessed intercession of his Son Jesus Christ, what great reason have I to cast myself cheerfully and unreservedly at his feet and say with the Royal Psalmist "Such Graces & mercies shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever".

A. D. Carson

2 } Memorials of Gods Mercies

July Barns at the Town of Overtown in the Parish
Ovelagh hill, Banffshire, Scotland, on the 26th March 17.
My Father, John Dawson, was a Roman Catholic, as were
all his Kinred & Ancestors, back to the Period when they
emigrated from Ireland, said to be about 700 years
ago, and there is a Tradition extant that the Scotch An-
cestor of the Family was Thomas Dawson who
accompanied by one John Gordon, had to leave their
Native Country in Disguise, being suspected as
Principals in one of those many unsuccessful
Struggles Ireland has made to regain her Liberty from
the Anglo Saxon Yoke - and these two men formed
the Subjects of the well known Scotch Rhyme or
Ballad - "John & James an' a' Comin". The head of
the Family had been for a long time the Dawson
of Oranmore in the Parish of Marnoch, Banffshire.
My Father was much Superior to the ordinary Class
of R. Catholics, in Education, Intelligence and Liberty
while he claimed the Liberty to think for himself in Mat-
ters of Religion, he extended, freely, the same Right to
all others. He made a point of it therefore never to
enter into any Religious Disputes. He was a strict ob-
server of the Sabbath day - Seldom failed in attending
the Chapel, altho distant from 3 to 4 miles. He read
Protestant Religious Books as well as R. Catholic ones,
and on one or two occasions heard Protestant Ser-
mons, for which offences he was subjected to Discipline
and Penance by his Priest. He was attentive to his Priests
Devotions, as particularly, that when a young Child of
home often surprised him on his Knees engaged in
his morning and Evening Exercises. He was a man
of Peace, both in and out of his family, and never
displayed Zeal for propagating his own Religion.

Good understanding
 all of his own Family.
 My oldest Brother
 would go with him
 and besides this
 the Question at
 issue. This Liberty
 his fellow
 for which he was
 the Ministry of his Church
 he was highly esteemed as a
 man of Probity & Integrity of Character;
 this was so much the case that in almost every
 instance of Difference among the Neighbours, he
 course was had to his mediation, and he seldom
 failed in reconciling their Differences. He died
 about the year 18th ^{22nd - 18th Octre} at the age of 80.

My Mother was a Pious Good Woman and
 a Member of the Established Religion. She gave all
 her Children, a careful Training in the Scriptures
 and the Shorter Catechism. - The afternoon of the
 Sabbath was always spent in Catechising or Reading
 the Bible &c in which Exercise, my Father never
 took a part or interfered. She died ^{7th March} about 1805
 when ~~she~~ ^{she} was only ~~16~~ ¹⁶ years of age. Her Father was
 George Mitchell Esq. Proprietor of the Small Estate of
 Frounvaught in the Parish of Forgue, He had only
 one Son (James) who learned the Medical Profession
 and Practised in that Parish, At his ^{James's} death, he
 having no Male Issue and the Estate being under
 pecuniary Embarrassment ^{soon after his death} it was sold and the
 Proceeds furnished for the Benefit of his ³ Daughters
 two, amounting to about £1800 Sterling.

My Child hood was extremely feeble, so much
 so that it was thought for many years that I could

2 } Memorials

My Grandfather was James Dawson of
Oldtown - Parish of Cairney who was
married to a Miss Gordon of Tulich -
in the Neighbouring parish of Ruthven
he had by her two Sons - John (my father)
and James who rented a Farm in the
Parish of Ruthven and was the father
of a large Family - Grandfather died
before his Wife and was buried in
our Burial place in Cairney, his
Wife married again, some person in
Aberdeen, and at her Death was
interred in her own Burial place
in Ruthven, by her two Sons afore-
said - I have good reason for be-
lieving that they were all R. Catholics.
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in Religion, either to disturb his Good understanding
with his Neighbours, or mar the Peace of his own Family.
I have been told that he asked my oldest Brother
when at the age of 15 or 16 if he would go with him
to the Chapel, which he declined, and besides this I
am not aware that he ever asked the Question of
any other of his Children. ¹⁰ in Nürnberg. His Liberal
Constitution in the Eyes of his Priest and his fellow
Worshippers another serious offence for which he was
Threatened with the Curaturing of his Church.

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man of Great Probity & Integrity of Character;
this was so much the case that in almost every
Instance of Difference among the Neighbours, he
course was had to his Mediation, and he seldom
failed in Reconciling their Differences. He died
about the year 18th ²² - ^{18th} ^{Octre} at the age of 80.

My Mother was a Pious Good Woman and
a Member of the Established Religion. She gave all
her Children, a careful Training in the Scriviting
and the Shorter Catechism. The Afternoon of the
Sabbath was always spent in Catechising or Reading
the Bible &c. in which Exercises my Father never
took a part or Interfered. She died ^{7th March} about 1805
when ~~was~~ only ~~16~~ 16 years of age. Her Father was
George Mitchell Esq. Proprietor of the Small Estate of
Fruelvaught in the Parish of Torquay, He had only
one Son (James) who learned the Medical Profession
and Practised in that Parish, ^{James's} At his death, he
having no Male Issue and the Estate being under
Premiary Embarrassment ^{soon after his death} it was sold and the
Reversion funded for the Benefit of his ³ Daugh-
ters, amounting to about £1800 Sterling.

In my Childhood I was extremely feeble, so much
so that it was thought for many years that I could

Survive long, this feebleness was produced by frequent attacks of Measles, Small Pox & Hooping Cough; Contrary to Expectation, however, as I grew in Years / grew in strength. When I was about 7 years of age an Occurrence took place in the Parish of no ordinary kind in these times, This was the Establishment of a Sabbath Evening School by some Members of the Antiburghan Congregation at Whitehill under the care of the Rev Mr Duinaux, and some judiciously who, much to their credit joined in this Good Work. The Minister and Session of the Parish Church opposed this movement with all their might, yet in the face of their Threats, which I believe were never enforced my Mother sent myself and some Elder Sisters to the school, and continued to attend it first as a scholar, and afterwards as a Teacher till I was 17 years of age. During a large portion of this Period I was sent to the Parish School, where under various Masters I received the Elements of a Good English Education, Arithmetic &c. For some months I was put in a Latin Class as my Mother was very anxious to give me a College Education, but my oldest Brother who had himself gone through a Regular Course at College, and other friends, advised her to relinquish this plan, owing to the extreme weakness of my eyes, which they thought would unfit me for Study.

From the age of 14 to 17 I was principally employed on the farm with my Father, but at the latter Period I intimated to him my wish to be sent to a Trade, He told me to choose one - I chose that of a Saddler when he engaged me to a Mr Robt Milne of Huntly. Here a fresh instance occurred of my Father's freedom from Bigotry, for, altho he might easily have selected

a N. Catholic family for my Boarding House, of which there were plenty in Hemthly, among which were some of his own nearest Kinred, yet he selected a ^{Hospitable} Pious Protestant family for my Residence, and I remember quite well that when he sent me away he cautioned ^{me} against forming any companionship with young men of doubtful Character, but rather ~~to~~ to associate with those who were noted for their Piety and Good Moral Conduct, without even hinting that it was N. Catholic Piety & Morals to Hunt

In Mr. Milnes Shop, there were generally 12 or 14 young men about my own age, besides a Foreman who was at this time one John Wright, a man advanced in life, and who had been in Business for himself, but had been unsuccessful. Some of these young men were very profligate and immoral in their behaviour, and presented to me such examples of Human depravity as shew'd ^{themselves} Worthy of scorn, but fortunately for me, a part ^{of them} were of quite an opposite Character — they were decidedly Pious, and led a good life, and were conversant with the Church members, and besides taking a part in School Instruction, they met once a week in the evening for Mutual Prayer, to which they invited me, and having considerable quantities of Religious Books, they freely offered me the use of them, of which I availed myself. They also invited me to attend their Places of Worship on the Sabbath ^{evenings} ^(Love Bazaar, &c. &c.) ^{at their Communion} — ^{at} ^{the} ^{Parish} ^{Church} in the Day time. At the age of 19, after much serious Reflection I resolved to give myself to the Lord and, accordingly I applied to the Parish Minister, the Rev. Mr. Thorne, Master of the Late James Thorne Cabinet maker, of this Place, and was admitted to the Communion for the first time, in the Parish Church of Hemthly in the Summer of 1808.

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At this distance of time, I have no distinct recollection what it was which influenced me to take so decided a step at so early a period of my life, but think that the Bent given to my mind in S^r School, and the fortunate Circumstances of my being ^{afterwards} brought into the Society of Religious People, was instrumental in producing this Effect, and I have no doubt that I was influenced in choosing the Established Church, rather than any other Communion by the Circumstance of my Mother being a Kirk Member. I sincerely loved my Mother, and at that early period of my life, would have deemed it a kind of Sacrilege and a Dishonour to her Memory to have joined any other Communion.

In the Year 1811, being then 22 Years of Age, and my Inclinations Expired, I Emigrated to Picton in the Employ of the late Edw^d Mortimer Esq. I had my Passage in the Brig Amphitrite Captain David Scott from Greenock, the owner, Mr Mortimer, and the late John Dawson Esq. of Picton being also Passengers, We sailed on the 11th ^{of April} and arrived on the 19th May 1811.

In 1812 I applied to the Rev^d Thos. McCulloch for Admission to Membership in his Congregation, and was admitted to Communion partly on the Certificate I brought with me from Mr Mowat, and partly as the Result of Personal Examination. To some, who act very differently, it may appear rash and Presumptive to associate thus early with the Company of Believers, but I am of a very different opinion, and I am persuaded that no greater Evil can befall a Christian Church than to permit her young people to Part from year to year, then making a Public Profession of their faith, till they become so immersed in the Palating Realities of life till they lose all Relish either for Religion or the Society of Religious People. Such people, when they get Married very generally apply to the Church Session not for Privileges to themselves, for they are very ready

to admit that they are unfit for that, but for Baptism
to their children, and sorry I am that they but too readily
obtain this, and that such a Practice has been introduced
into the Church. I believe it to be unscriptural, and a
most insuasive Practice for unreflecting men, In my
own case I am conscientiously I say that Early Communi-
cating has been blessed to me in a variety of Ways,
for, in the first place I am assured that it has been in-
strumental in keeping me aloof from many temptations
to Sin, into which, but for the Check of my being a Chris-
tian Professor, I would inevitably have been carried
headlong in the vortex of folly & Dissipation to Destruction,
In the second place I am proud that when beset with
Commercial difficulties—Exposed to sudden & Extreme
personal Danger, or visited with Personal or family
affliction, in Humbling myself before God, Praying to
him for Direction, and firmly relying on his Promises,
he has not forsaken me, but afforded me that Protection
and Direction which enabled me to surmount
all my difficulties, Escape from Danger and Enabled
me to say "whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and
scourgeth Every Son whom he receiveth". I would then
for recommend all young people to give themselves Early,
even earlier than I did, to the Lord.

In 1813 a Prayer meeting was for the first time
Established in Piton Congregation, I have no recollection
who led the way in this honourable movement, but
think Mr Mculloch had a principal hand in it
as it was he who first asked me to attend it.
It was held for a few years at first in Fox Begg's
Stone house—there are few now living who attended
it, besides Mr Miller, Mr Begg and myself—there may
also be some I believe living, as I do not remember
names of them attended. In 1813 my Brother came
out, and in the following year he and I were

instrumental in commencing Pictou Sabbath School, which the Rev. Mr. McCulloch gave a sort of passive approbation of but never patronised it with his personal attendance, as he did at the Prayers meeting.

This year (1815) an Election of Elders took place in the congregation; the choice fell on Jas. Pattison, Towns, & James Pattison, Donald Cameron, Chas. H. and myself. It may easily be believed that this event proved a subject of deep & serious reflection, as well as of devout & earnest prayer, to me, for the Divine Direction; I felt an entire want of confidence in my Qualification for so important, and solemn an office arising principally from my want of Christian Experience, and from my youth, particularly as compared with those Fathers in the Church who were elected at same time, all of them being more than double my age, but when almost overwhelmed with perplexity as to what was my Duty in the matter, the Lord himself seemed to lead me by a way which I knew not to stand forth for the honour of his name, saying to me - "Fear not, I will make my strength perfect in your weakness". Having debated myself anew in prayer to my heavenly father, and supplicated him to lead me in the way he would have me to go, to cast my lot more unreservedly in with the People of God than I had ever yet done, & to keep me from desiring the Riches & Honours of the World, consented to be ordained an Elder. How let me bless God for this further token of his loving kindness, in permitting me to exercise the office of a steward in his vineyard here below, and in making that office instrumental in keeping me aloof from many of the fashionable sins and follies of the time and place. Two of the gentlemen who were ordained with me are now (1850) numbered with the dead. From 1815 to 1825 I was deeply embarked, in Merchandising, exporting Timber

and News & Intelligence to Great Britain; and Fish & Simular to the West
 Indies, and during that period being Exposed to Great Tem-
 ptation, to Indulge, in Speculation & even Dissipation the Common Vice
 of nearly all Traders of that time, and I have to confess with
 Shame that during that period I was often so involved in the
 affairs of the World as to occasion frequent Interruptions, in
 the religious Duties of my Family, but for this the Lord in
 great Kindness, and Mercy laid on me about the Close of
 the above period, some heavy afflictions, and sanctified them
 to my Good. At the Close of the year 1816 my Business requir-
 ed my Presence in Britain and I took my passage in the
 Brig Scaton of Workington, Captain Turnbull for Liverpool
 we had a very stormy Passage, and the Master being a
 notorious Reprobate, and there being no other Gentlemen
 on Board I felt the Passage to be a very unpleasant one
 The night before we got into Liverpool it blew a Hurricane
 from the North with a heavy Snow Storm and being
 then in the Channel, the vessel was almost miraculously
 saved from Shipwreck on the Chester Sands. When all
 hope of safety seemed to be gone even from the hardy Sea-
 men, I observed Captain Turnbull on his Knee in the
 Main Top, supplicating mercy from that Being - perhaps
 for the first time in his Life - whom he had been de-
 vying or prosuting all the Passage, yet the very first place he
 visited after getting into Liverpool was one of his old haunts,
 a House of Bad fame. After settling my Business
 in the most satisfactory Manner I could, and
 writing a great part of Scotland and a part
 of England, I returned to bona Scotia the
 following Spring in the Brig Good Intent
 Captain Eleazer Hibbard, Mr John Geddie
 and family, Alex^r Shearer & family & others
 being also Passengers in the vessel, which was
 consequent to me for a Cargo.

From that Period till the Close of 1826 I was

deeply Engaged in a variety of Business, Such as General Merchandise, Shipping Timber to Britain, Fish. Oil & similar to the W Indies and Ship Building, the result of which was, like most Worldly pursuits, that, after a variety of Goods & 13th fortune, I was left poorer in 1824 than I was in 1816 when I began, and I fear it was no less detrimental to my Spiritual interests. For, altho, I continued generally attentive to the duties of Public, Family and personal Religion, and abstained from every thing which would bring a Reproach on Religion in the Eye of the Public, yet I had not that inward Satisfaction that I have since enjoyed, when less deeply Embarked in Worldly Business, and I bless God that I have good reason for Believing that he has, in his adorable Providence, led me at times ~~led me~~ through the deep Waters of affliction ~~and~~ sanctified to me for the good of my soul many painful Benevolences.

On the 8th of Decr, 1818 I was united in Marriage to Mary Rankine, only Daughter of the late John Rankine Esq of Loccully - Parish Stamanen, Straburgshire. She having followed the fortunes of her only Mother to N.S. the late Wm Rankine Merch^t & Retailer. This connection has been blessed to me in a variety of ways by my heavenly Father, she has been my Counsellor in Difficulty as well as in Prosperity, and my Solace in affliction, and, while God has seen meet to withhold worldly Substance and Dear Children from me I have I thank God to be my Companion in old age, and I trust also to enjoy with me the loving Kindness of God, when the concerns of time have disappeared from our views.

4th Nov 1855. Nearly 7 years have now elapsed since the previous Part of this Narrative was written, which has been to me a most painful Review of my Life. The general Commercial Embarrassments & Bankruptcy of 1825 & 6, left me unable to meet my liabilities by the large sum of about £4000 - in the latter year after settling all my accounts here I went to Britain, where my principal Creditors were

and finding that they were all willing to wait ¹¹
till I should try some new and more safe line
of Business - I assumed the full liability of the
whole of this Union on me together with in-
terest, and gave them Mortgages of all my
real Estate, my liability at this time for interest
alone exceeded £200 per annum, In the Spring
of 1827 I returned to A Scotch with a small
Stock of Books & Stationery and commenced
Business in that line - and I earnestly and
perpetually professed the Divine Blessing so as
to enable me in this new line of Business to
meet my yearly liabilities and gradually to re-
duce them so that I might be enabled to leave
the World in Peace, and without suspicion
any pecuniary loss upon me with whom
I had dealings in life - and I have good reason
now to say that he has not only heard and
answered my Prayers, but has far exceeded
them - He has since that time enabled me
to make through a sea of Difficulties, kept me
from those deplorable vicissitudes to which the un-
fortunate are so liable to fall, and has so
blessed my Subsistence that I have been enabled
to pay off all my past Debt and relieve all my
Property from encumbrance - for all which be-
lieve me to thank his Mercy from his bless and praise his
name. - But these years of uninterrupted Pro-
sperity have not passed without meeting some
Chastisement at the hand of my Heavenly Fa-
ther - on the 14 of July 1837 my youngest son
James a fine lively active and kind hearted
Boy first entered on his academical Studies
was seized with Scantletina, a Disease then
fatally prevalent in the Place, and on the
third ^{day} ¹⁵ ^{July} he died and his affectionate Parents were
 plunged into deep affliction, This dispensation
was peculiarly severe upon his Mother, whose

affliction for him Rucy via Bannets, and the
 suddenness of the Blow, rendered it doubly dis-
 tressing — her sufferings, ^{more} for this last were so
 distressing and protracted that for many months
 she got no sleep and for a long time had no hope
 that she would survive it, I thought that her
 recovery or her life must give way under it,
 It pleased God however to restore her so far
 as to enable her to attend to her ordinary
 duties in the family — yet her general health
 was so far impaired by this event that she
 always complained of pain and uneasiness
 about the region of the heart, during this month
 of May & Weeping Jesus but a poor comforter
 of the afflicted, for, on her account I had to suppress
 my own feelings on her funeral as well as show
 a sense of due resignation to the Divine will,
 yet my heart was often little to befall space
 the intensity of my grief — even altho sanctified
 altho 18 years have now passed since this event, yet
 I have frequent times of solemn thought about this dis-
 tress not unaccompanied with tears, Perhaps in
 this I have deeply sinned and grieved the Holy Spirit
 of God, and therefore he made it the precursor of
 a still deeper affliction with which he beset
 me in the death of her whom he had given me
 as my only comforter, here below, This sad event
 took place on the 21st Jan^y 1854 — Early in the previous month of
 December, serious attack with a severe cold called influenza
 our family Dr (Dr Anderson) attended her, and always gave
 it as his opinion that there was no danger to be apprehended
 and a few days before her sudden death I thought too that if
 danger had existed it was now past — the Dr was so far
 of this opinion that he had for some days discontinued
 his professional visits, and I observed, with great thank-
 fulness and satisfaction that her respiration had become quite
 easy — the cough had almost left her, and her spirits had
 nearly resumed their usual tone — On the evening of
 the 20th I had a meeting of the Bible Society meeting in
 the House Dr Anderson being one of them, I asked her

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if she would not wish to go to bed before the gentlemen that
she said - no! and she sat up in her Bed Room till 9 o'clock
when the meeting broke up and she walked in and
spoke to the gentlemen before they departed, and Dr A
went in with her for a few minutes to her Bed Room &
conversed with her - on his return in passing through
the Parlor, he remarked to me that he was glad to
see Mrs D so well - after family worship we both
went to bed, which might be about 10 o'clock, she
fell asleep, but almost immediately waked up and
had a severe fit of laughing - she wanted to get up
but the night was exceedingly cold and persuaded
her to lie in bed getting up myself to hand her some
cousin's Misture which the Dr had given her, after a
little time she got over this fit of laughing and was
enjoying a somewhat disturbed slumber when about
between 12 & 1 o'clock (2^d part) she was again assailed
with a laugh more violent than before and without
paying any attention to my remonstrance she got
out of bed and went into the Parlor, and set down
on a chair, with nothing but her night clothes on, the
laugh continuing incessant and severe got out of
bed and covered her with a shawl and held her
head - when all at once she began to put unusual weight
on me, her laugh became weaker and she faintly
said to me - "I think I am fainting", I became alarmed
but had no one to help me as there was no Bell string
in the Room that communicated with the girls bedroom
I asked her if she would not allow me to help her
into bed, that I might get assistance, she immediately
made an effort to rise, but was unable, with my
assistance she succeeded to get on her feet with a strong
effort, but when she got to the bed side she became weaker
and sunk down on an arm chair at the bed side,
I saw it would not do to let her sit there as she was
getting quite cold and the fire was nearly out, I
then put forth all my strength and succeeded in
getting her into bed, by which time her eyes had be-
come almost fixed and her breathing almost
imperceptible, I called the girls and ran out
half dressed and called Mr ^{the first} and then
ran to Dr A's House and called ^{probably from how} long time
not being answered, when I was, ^{probably} $\frac{1}{2}$
an hour the answer was, he is in the next
neighbour's House (A. N. B.) attending a sick Child,

I had held for 13 years with a view to devote my
 attention exclusively to the Business of Baalseton
 farm pond of this Bupinep, and I think that while
 this is the case it will afford me many opportunities
 of doing good to my fellow men and the means
 of performing many benevolent objects which lie
 near my heart. - My son is now provided for
 and I have no wish to stand up what God be-
 stows on me for the purpose of Exemplifying be-
 nevolence - The Silver, & the Gold is his, and while
 he allows me to use as much as will make me
 comfortable in the World, he is requiring of
 me with the remainder to satisfy the just de-
 mands of all my fellow men, to feed the Hungry,
 to clothe the naked, to instruct the ignorant
 to aid Bibles, Missions & Tract Societies and
 to forward every measure which had a tendency
 to promote the Best Interests of man and the glory
 of God - These objects I have with me always
 dear to my heart, and I pray that God may
 bestow grace upon me to enable me to perform
 them aright.

On Tuesday 20th Nov, 1855 a most
 melancholy accident occurred in my Brother's Fa-
 mily, himself being at the time in the
 St Johns St - one daughter (Miss Evans) in
 England, and 2 daughters (Miss Scott & Catherine) in
 Halifax Miss Dawson having with her only the
 2 Boys (J. Adam & Robt S.) and Miss Harris (Barbours
 Widow of the late Isaac Harris & her infant daughter)
 The latter namely Miss H. having occasion to
 go to the Kitchen about some thing about 7
 o'clock in the morning while the Servant
 maid was out, was heard to utter a loud
 scream, which made all the Family Run

to her assistance - they found her lying beside the
 Cuckling Stone, Speckles, with a Surge Bather lying on
 her breast, Battered up, having emptied its whole
 contents of Boiling water, on her Person, from her
 mouth shown to her Ruin, Medical aid was im-
 mediately procured, but notwithstanding every
 Effort which affection could suggest, she gradually
 sunk and died at 6 o'clock P.M. the same Day,
 and left a Weeping Mother, and poor little Mary an
 Orphan. Mr H was a most affectionate Wife and
 Mother, during the brief Period that God, in his
 Providence required her to discharge these Duties.
 She now rests from her Labors, and has left a most
 impressive ^{admonition} ~~lesson~~ to her surviving relatives to
 mind the Scriptural injunction. "Be ye also
 ready for in such an hour as ye think not
 the Son of man cometh".

Pictou 14 Decr 1856

My son has frequently pressed me very Hard to close
 up my Business and go and spend the remainder of
 my days with him - Poor fellow - I know the strength
 of his affection for me, and if I were to obey my own
 inclination in the matter I would gladly gratify
 his wishes in this, but two things prevent me namely
 my habits of life have always been to keep my mind
 and my hands busy about something and
 this has long been a necessary thing for my ex-
 istance, and I know that if I were to give my
 self up to idleness, Disease and Death would
 soon be the result - again my ideas of Duty
 to God and my fellow men impels me to re-
 main at my post of usefulness as long as I
 can - many opportunities of doing good occur in
 connection with my Business, which would not
 be known to me, were I to retire. The Scripture

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Injunction is to be Diligent in Business, fervent in Spirit, leaving the Land."

William further exemplifies the strength of his affection for me, in his frequent accommodations to Personal Comfort and Convenience, for which I feel very thankful, It is quite true that this is absolutely necessary, for were any thing coming across me that would lay me up, my Business would stand at a stand still, leaving no one on the spot but my self, Equal to its Management. It is also quite true that God has seen meet to render my Position in my old age quite a lonely one, which I hope and pray he may notwithstanding render a highly Profitable one, in reference to my Eternal Interests. A Stroke after Stroke with which he has seen meet to beset me, has left me alone in the World, and yet I am not alone, for my dear Legitimate Heiress is left with me, and none more fully the Duty of a Daughter, her Kindness exceeds all praise and she has rendered herself more Dear to me by uniting herself to the People of God, by the Bands of Church Membership.

Besides I am not alone in reference to God himself, for since he removed my near and dear Relations far from me, he has been in a higher Sense than ever before ~~present~~ present God, Blessing me and Encouraging me to Pray to him, and to rest my all upon his Strong Arm, and his Quacious Promises such as "I will remember you now for sake your", "Cast thy Burthen upon the Lord and he shall sustain The" &c. &c. have never been before so sweet and Precious to my Soul.

L Dawson,

Early in the Month of March, while employed along with my young men Stearns in turning out some empty Boxes from the shed on the Wharf with the intention of offering them for sale, that day by auction, A heavy one pitched way suddenly from the Top of the Pile, and the edge of it struck the Shin Bone of one of my Legs, a little above the Ankle and laid the Bone bare about an inch square. The morning was very cold, and to prevent farther injury from that cause, I made all the haste I could to the House and covered the Wound with a piece of Gold beating Skin, and a piece of Flannel over that, & went about all that day as usual, but suffering much Pain. It gradually got worse, I suppose owing to my not treating it right, now giving it that ease which it required, I employed Dr Kirkwood who poulticed and dressed it, and told me that notwithstanding the closest application of his Skill, it would likely be some Months before I could use it freely, like the other Leg, and, that if I did not confine myself to the House, and avoid fatiguing it, it might lame me for life. — I at once made up my Mind to adhere closely to his instructions and the Event has shown that he told me the truth. — He continued to visit me once or twice a Day for nearly 4 Months, and I believe he treated it in the most judicious manner possible and he showed me much Kindness, by talking me out frequently in fine days in his Carriage to give me an airing, and when I was coming away he drove me over to Tunna to see how I was likely to stand the journey, and yet his Bill was only £15 for both attendance & Medicine. I feel grateful for his Kindness and I hope I shall not forget it. During all the Time I have been confined with my Leg I have never been able to stand or walk.

more than 15 to 20 minutes at a time without great
 from Weakness and a Burning heat in the Nerves
 of the adjoining Parts, and towards Night it was
 always worst - I feel very thankful however that
 my general health was good nearly all the time,
 and also that the Nervous affliction always sooth-
 ed down when I went to Bed, so that I always
 enjoyed sound Sleep. Doubtless, God intend-
 ed by this affliction, among other things, to turn
 my attention to the earnest solicitation of my son
 and Mrs D - to Retire from Business, and take
 up my abode with them - at least this was its
 Result. - Were any thing necessary to shew that God
 in his Providence ^{de}intended this much by it, it may
 be found in the fact that at the very time when
 I was turning over in my mind, how I should
 dispose of my Business & Property to most ad-
 vantage, and before I had mentioned my
 intention, to any Human being, M^r M^r Pherson
 Esq^r of Norway House called one day and told
 me how he was situated with his son James
 and the one at Hudsons Bay, and that his
 Thoughts had conducted him to the conclusion that
 he would likely be parting with my Business soon,
 and of his desiring to make me a Private offer, so
 that no one would know any thing about ^{it} till
 the Bargain was concluded. I at once saw in this
 the hand of Providence, in bringing this chance my
 way, and I determined to follow it, if possible to
 a successful issue; offers were accordingly exchanged
 and finally a Price agreed on, subject to the Con-
 firmation of my Son; This was easily obtained
 when the Bargain was finally concluded.

Much about the same time, Jas Crivier Esq^r
 of Merigomyshe made me an offer for my

Farm, which was also accepted. My Farm was of all other things the thing which was most likely to give me trouble after the Business was disposed of, so that here again the Leading of Providence pointed to my way of duty. How thankful, therefore ought I to feel that God has not only opened up a way for me to retire quietly and comfortably into Private life, but has also opened the eyes of my mind to see the leadings of his Providence in all these matters.

In return for his goodness in these things, I pray that he may guide ^{me} to more devotion to his Cause on Earth, both of my Person and the Substance he has given me, or rather, made me Steward of.

Some of my journey from Pictou & S. to Montreal, left Pictou in company with Dr Kirkwood & M. Pherson Esq. on Thursday 4th Aug^r 1857 - the latter conveyed me 3 miles & returned - the former went to Truro where we put up that night at M. Hays Hotel. On Friday left Truro by Stage in Co^o with Miss Agnes Rankine, and reached Halifax by Coach & Rail at 7¹/₂ past 7 O'clock P.M. - Remained in Halifax till Wednesday 12th settling Business, seeing friends and receiving visits from them - on Sabbath went to Mr. McQuigon's Church, and on Wednesday at 12 noon sailed for Yarmouth & Boston in the Eastern State Steamer - Reached Yarmouth on Thursday at 2 O'clock P.M. - vessel put out one cargo & shipped another - had a call from Rev & Mrs Christie and Mrs Lawson, and left for Boston about Sun dawn arrived at Boston at 10 O'clock P.M. on Friday 14th Remained on Board all night & at 8 O'clock on Saturday morning drove to the Adams Hotel to Breakfast, settled some Business that day & on Sunday went to hear a Baptist Preacher, and scarcely say I heard the Gospel, The Sermon was read

in a dry & formal manner, Praise was performed ^{by an} ~~of an~~ Exeerable Organ, with, which one solitary Female endeavoured to join, but she discovered a better Leader or rather, she discovered to lead herself as she had a Splendid Voice. — on Saturday afternoon we took a Turn through Boston Common & the Horticultural Gardens and were highly gratified with what we saw there. The Taste displayed in them is most magnificent. On Monday forenoon settled some more Business, and in the Evening went on Board the Steamer, Thomastown for Portland. Had a very stormy night, — vessel, tho' heavy, would badly and strained very much, arrived at Portland at 6 A.M. on Tuesday, and went thence to Rail Road Station, taking a Cup of Tea on the way. — Cars started at 1/2 past 7 A.M. — Stopped at Island Pond Hotel at 2 o'clock P.M. for dinner, which was served up in a most Handsome manner & for a very reasonable fare. — Arrived at Langueil at 7 P.M., where met Messrs Dewson & Son George. — took Steamer to the City and reached my Sars House at 8 P.M.

Here I may pause to offer thanks to God for the Great Comfort & Safety enjoyed on the journey. The Weather all the way was most delightful, except the night I was on Board the Steamer from Boston and my Sars by rather pronounced than otherwise; every day since then, it has improved, so that now, at the date I write (9th Octy) it is nearly as well as the other one, with the exception of being something weaker & easier fatigued.

about 26th Aug had a 3 days visit from Miss Dickson en Route for Toronto — she was accompanied by Mr D^r McKey — her Cousin a few days after.

had a call from ~~Rev~~ a Mr. Frasier, & Miss, Rictou on his way to the Free Church College Toronto, Early in Sept^r had a call from Rev^d M. Sutherland, Rictou en Route for Toronto on Church Business, he promised to call on his return and spend a day with us but did not do so. — Near the End of Sept^r Mr. M. Pherson Esq. called & spent a very pleasant evening with us, he left again for Rictou Early in Oct^r. — On the 1st week of Oct^r Mr. Dr. Anderson in C. Switz, Mr. M. Bell arrived to spend a week or 10 days, being in Bad health, and on Monday 12th Oct^r the Dr. himself came down to fetch her Home, both left on Wednesday 14th Oct^r. — Matthew Bell took his Passage to Scotland in Ship and sailed on 13th Nov. — Since the 1st of Oct^r the Weather has been generally very fine, permitting me to enjoy much out door Exercise. Montreal, 14 Nov, 1857

25 March 1859

This is my Seventieth Birthday day. having now by God's Goodness, arrived at the age of Manasseh so graphically described by the Psalmist in the 90th Psalm,

Three score & ten years do I sum up
 our days & years, we see;
 or if, by reason of more strength,
 for some four score they be?

It becomes me to humble myself before the most high God and Examine the way he has led me hitherto in his Gracious Providence, and here, at the very outset his more common & Daily & hourly Mercies call for my Gratefull acknowledgements, and when I think of the almost Numberless instances in which he has interposed his almighty arm

to save me from, Badly having, & Moral De-
 linquency to both of which I have exposed myself
 by my disregard of his Laws of Nature & Pro-
 vidence, with what feelings of self abasement
 and deep Thankfulness ought I to appear in
 his Presence that I have not been cut down,
 as a lumberer of the Yarn.

My time here now, must be short, Oh! that I
 might be enabled to exemplify Watchfulness
 & Resignation to his Divine will, and to look
 constantly to God through his Dear Son for
~~that~~ Preparation for that inevitable Change
 which he alone can give, ^{himself} and which must soon
 undergo.

Nov 20 1859 This year has been remarkable for
 producing some important events which are likely
 to result in much Good or evil to the Destines
 of Mankind — in the first place, the short but
 Bloody War between Austria & France has
 given a most unlooked for impulse to Consti-
 tutional Government in Italy, and, to all
 appearance the Temporal Power of the Pope
 is about to be shattered to pieces, and his Spi-
 ritual Power, is already held in utter Con-
 tempt in nearly all the Papal Countries
 of Europe. The cry of the ^{on} Powerful Angel is about to be
 "Babylon the Great is fallen — is fallen," ^{Guard}
 2nd This year claims the inauguration of the
 Great Steamship — Great Eastern,
 3rd also of the finishing of the most stupen-
 dous Bridge in the World Victoria Bridge
 4th also of Christ Church Cathedral the
 latter are mortal achievements, and,

altho they are nearly finished, and will probably be wholly so by the close of the year, yet their Public inauguration will not take place till early in 1860 when it is expected that some conspicuous Member of the Royal Family will be present. On Thursday 24th Nov^r the first Locomotive passed through the Victoria Tubular Bridge with 2 Cars containing 36 Gentlemen, and on Sunday 27th Nov^r the first Service was held in Christ Church Cathedral.

1860

Great Preparations were made in the Early Part of this year for the Reception of his R^{ty} H^{ty} the Prince of Wales, in the Shape of Street Cleaning, Erecting Triumphal Arches, Erecting an exhibition Building for the Society of Arts & Manufactures - a Ball Room for the Prince &c.

In Aug^r H^{ty} R^{ty} H^{ty} made his appearance accompanied by a Staff of English Noble men and stayed nearly a week - visiting all the places of Note, in and about the City - inaugurating the Victoria Bridge, the Exhibition Building and Christ Church Cathedral. He then proceeded in a Tour of Western Canada and thence to the U^{td} States and finally embarked at Scotland in Oct^r for Britain - His reception every where was most cordial and enthusiastic.

On the 29th of Nov^r received a letter from my Nephew W^m Morrison junior of Loanhead in Scotland announcing the Death of my Sister Mary in Nov^r last. - She was 2 years older than me, Her demise says to me "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as you think not, the Son of Man cometh".

Rec^d a letter on 10th March ¹⁸⁶¹ from Miss Jane Morrison my Niece informing me of the sudden & unexpected Death of her Brother William of Insurrection of the Brain. She does not tell his age, but says he was in the Prime of Life. I believe he was the only Son his Parents had and coming so soon after the Death of his

Wife it will be a severe trial indeed for the old man
this is a truly Mysterious Providence and I hope & Pray it
may be abundantly Sanctified to the Survivors.
25th March 1861 I am reminded that this is my 72nd
Birth day. — how great has been the Loving Kindness
of the Lord to me, to permit me to see such old age in
vigorous health, — the close of my life must now be
near at hand, however, and it becomes my im-
perative duty to be ready to obey the Call of my Re-
deemer "for in such an hour as I think not, the Son
of man cometh". I am also reminded that on the
8th day of this month 50 years ago, I left Reith on
my way to America. What an almost countless mul-
titude of Mercies my heavenly Father has bestowed
on me during that eventful period, Surely goodness
and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever,
Friday 17th April 1861

This month has produced at least two most distressing
Events; on Saturday 13th the River-see, having "Shoved" as
it is termed, that is, having broke all up into cakes and
moved down stream, the force of Water causing it to
push cake above cake & in below, as it could find
no way till the Lowermost Tier grounded in some
shallow part in the River below the City, when all at
once the front portion stops, the body behind still
moving on causes it to Pack so close & high that the Water
is Damed back when it immediately commences to
Rise and cover all the Low Grounds in the upper part
of the City. Unfortunately there is a Dense but Poor pop-
ulation, located there about the Lachine Canal &
in Griffintown, who are subjected to the great Danger
of being driven out of their Houses, probably in the
Dead hour of night, and having all their cloths, Provis-
ions and other Effects submerged in Water nearly

at the freezing point. Now, at this, they are liable to have a
flood less or more, from this cause almost every year
yet it is 35 years since a flood of such magnitude oc-
curred, at that time it was so much higher than the
present one that the ice & water, together demolished a
large part of the Buildings along Com^{2^d} & Common St^s
as well as a large portion of the French Buildings in
Griffin Town, where Craig Street & the Hay Market now
are, the water was many feet deep, and the River did
change for some days its superfluous waters be-
low the Pack Ice. So return to the present flood, on
Saturday, as already mentioned, the sudden rise of
the water gave indications that a flood was at hand,
on Sabbath it overflowed Common & Com^{2^d} Streets -
Wellington St and a large part of Griffin Town and
on Monday Morning it attained to its maximum
height, at which time canoes & small boats could come
about half way up McGill, St Peter & St F Xavier Sts
and it was a few inches high about the East End of
St Antoine St, the foot of the Hay Market and in the Hollow
along Craig Street & it was level with the lower floor
of Bonsecours Market. On Tuesday Morning the water
had fallen about a foot, but it was not till Wednesday
17th that it retired from the lower streets of the City and even
yet many of the cellars are full or half full of water.
The loss of life has not yet been fully ascertained, the loss
of property will be immense, as the Basement & cellar
stories of the Business part of the City Front were all
full of goods ready for shipping on the arrival of the
Spring fleet, and the greater portion of the Spring Supplies
of British & W^{est} India Goods were also there having been
imported by way of Port Louis. These two descriptions
of loss will no doubt be stated in the Newspapers
in a few days when I shall file some of them giving
the Particulars for future Reference.

The other Distressing event I have referred to occurred on the same days as the Flood in Montreal (13th) on that day Civil War broke out between the Amⁿ Union and your seceding States in the South. The Slave Trade is at the Bottom of this dispute but I hope & Trust that God will overrule it so that the end may be the entire abolition of that odious monopoly in Human Flesh. It is well that the event is in his hands.

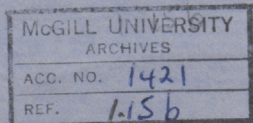
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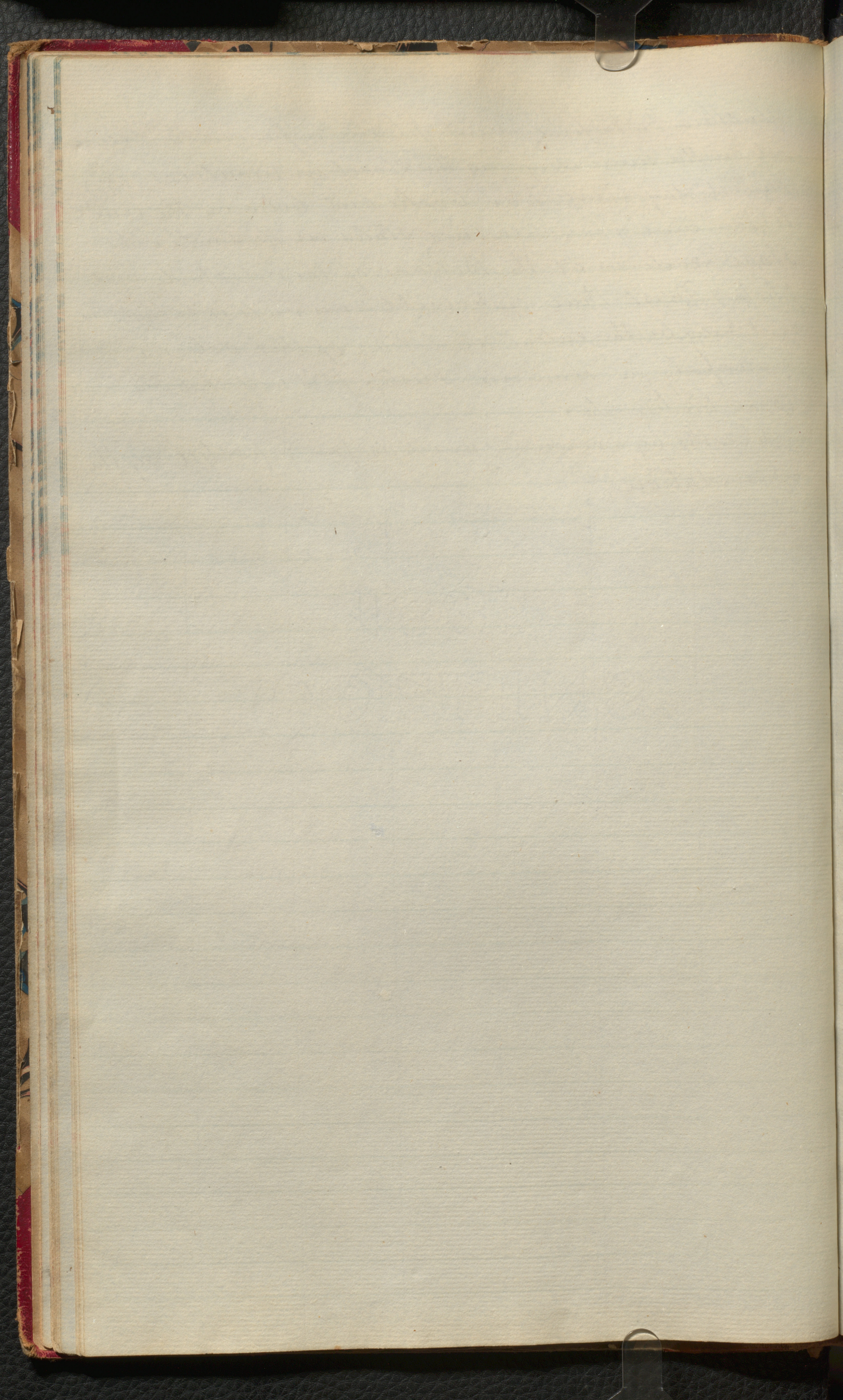
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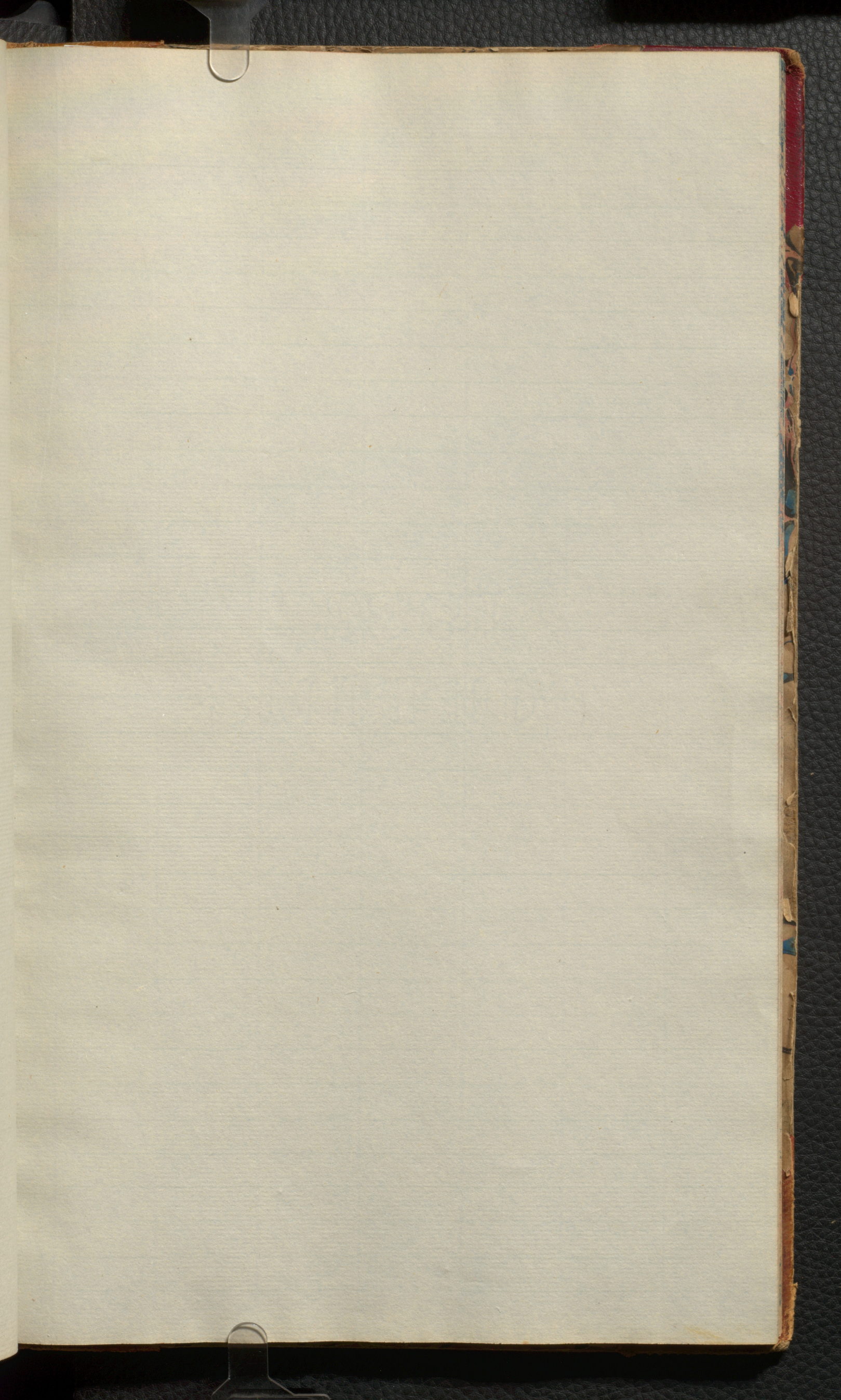
When the Newspapers announce my Death would you be so good as send a copy to my Niece in Scotland who has corresponded with me her address is Miss Jane Morrison Loanhead Parish Drumblade by Huntly Scotland, or if you prefer it to her Father Mr Wm Morrison with whom Jane stays.

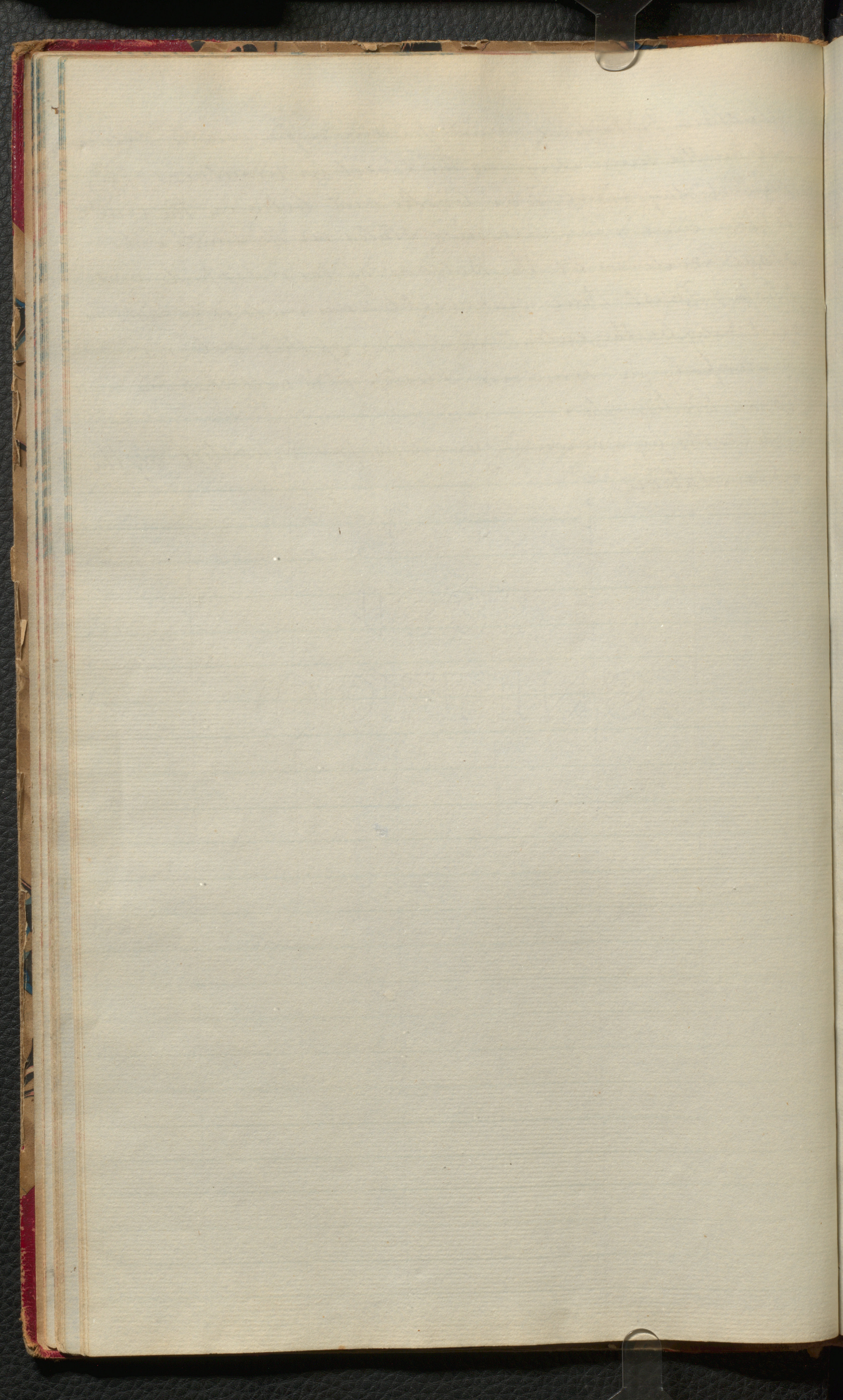
Kind one also to our old friend Agnes her address is 19 Edmouth St St John St

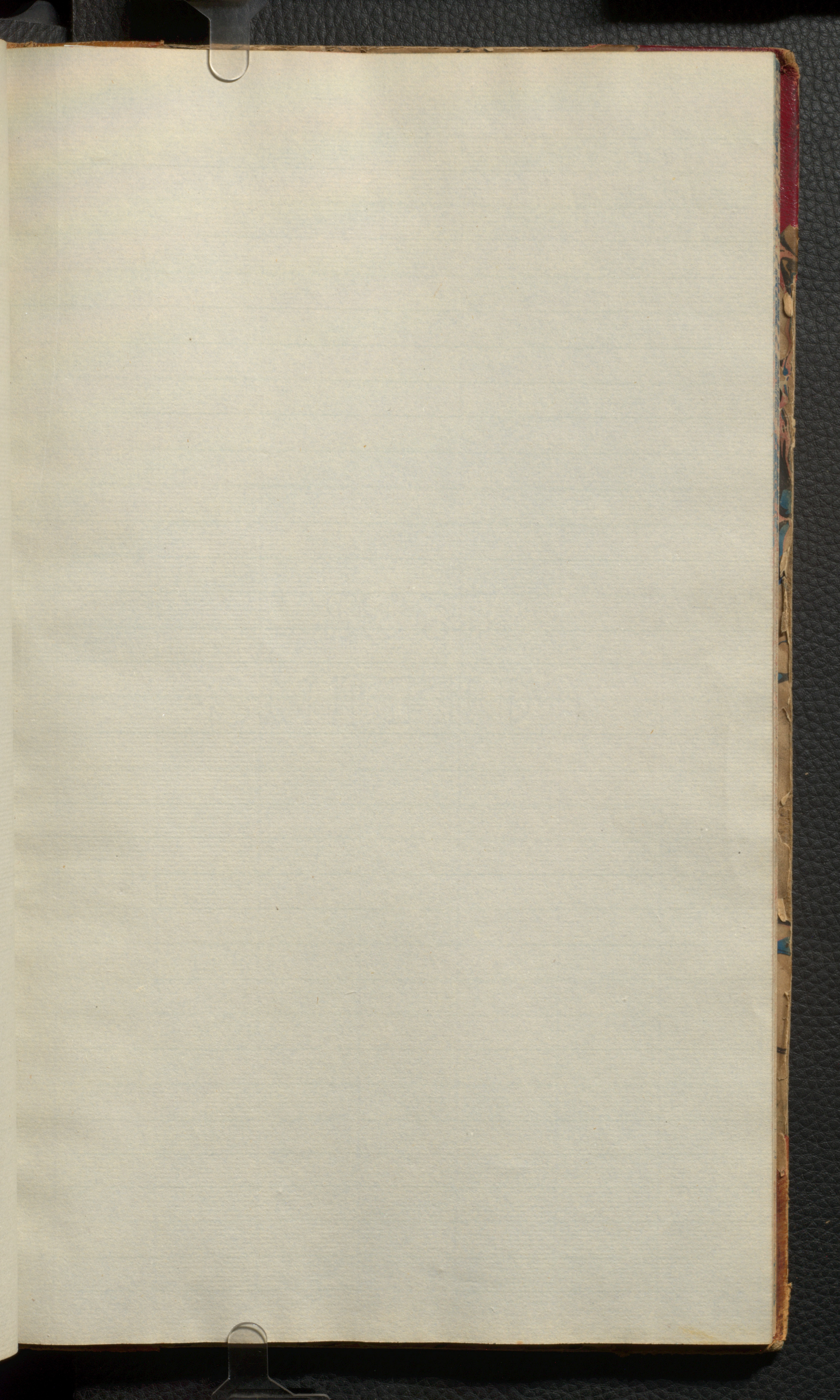
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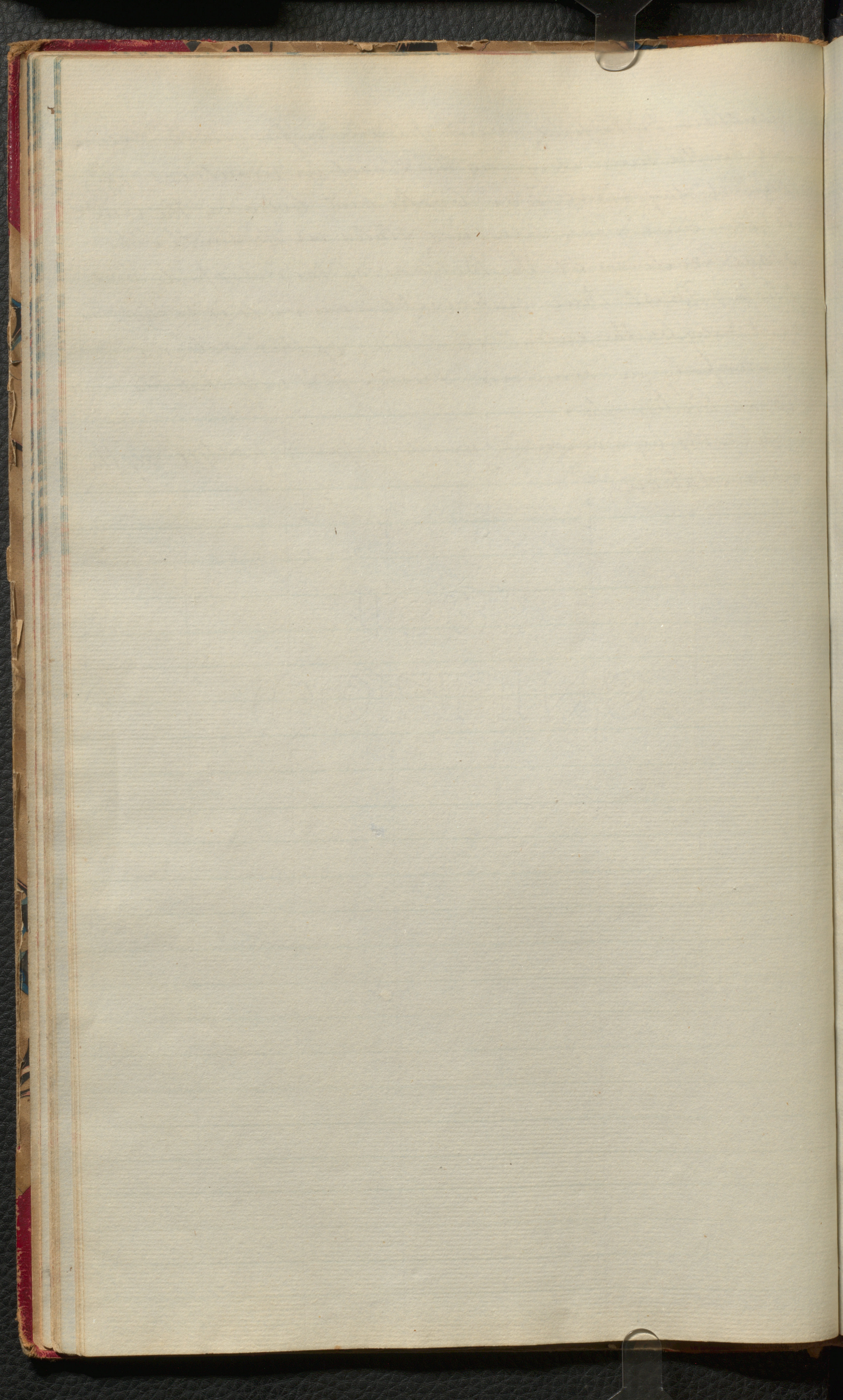


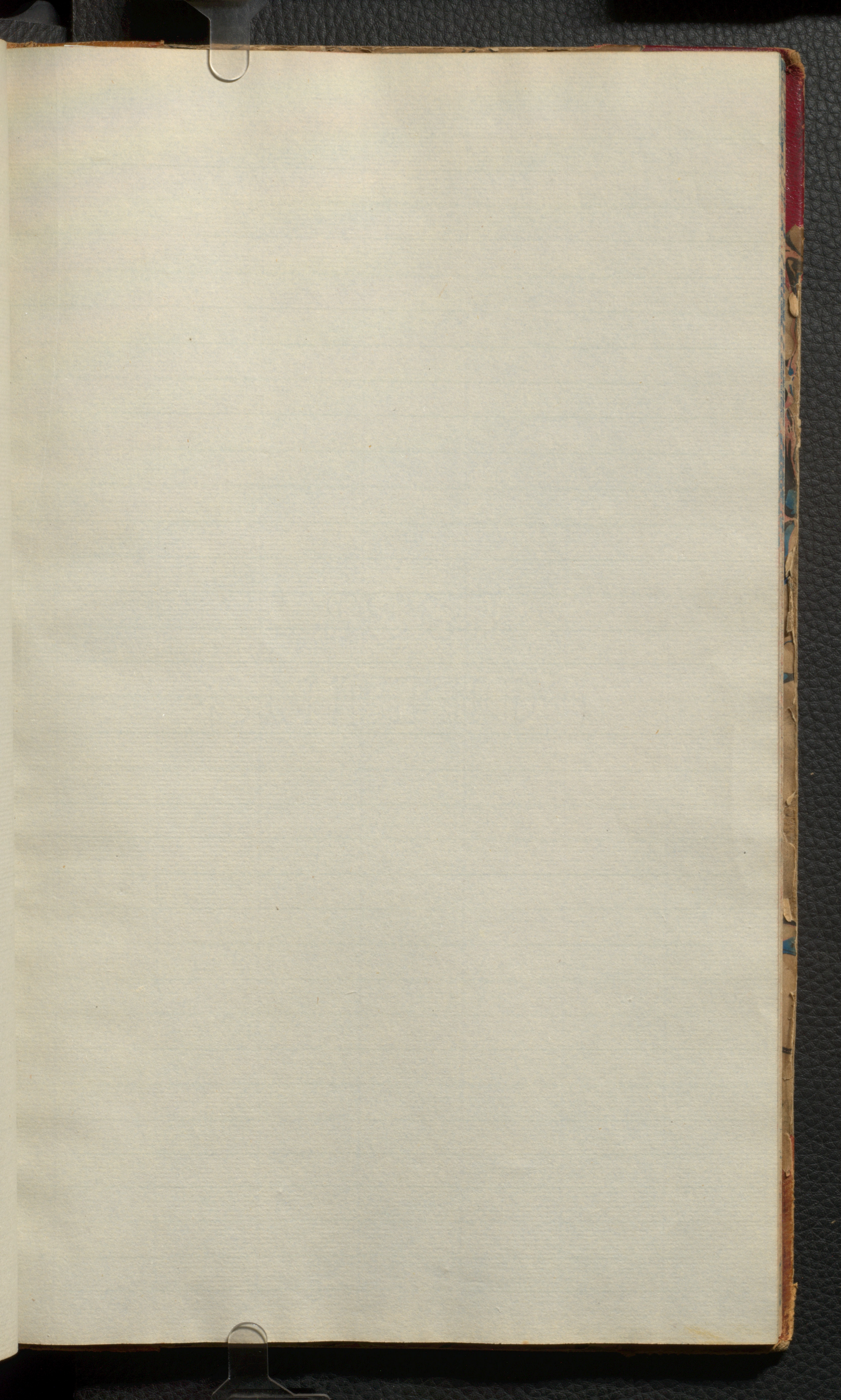


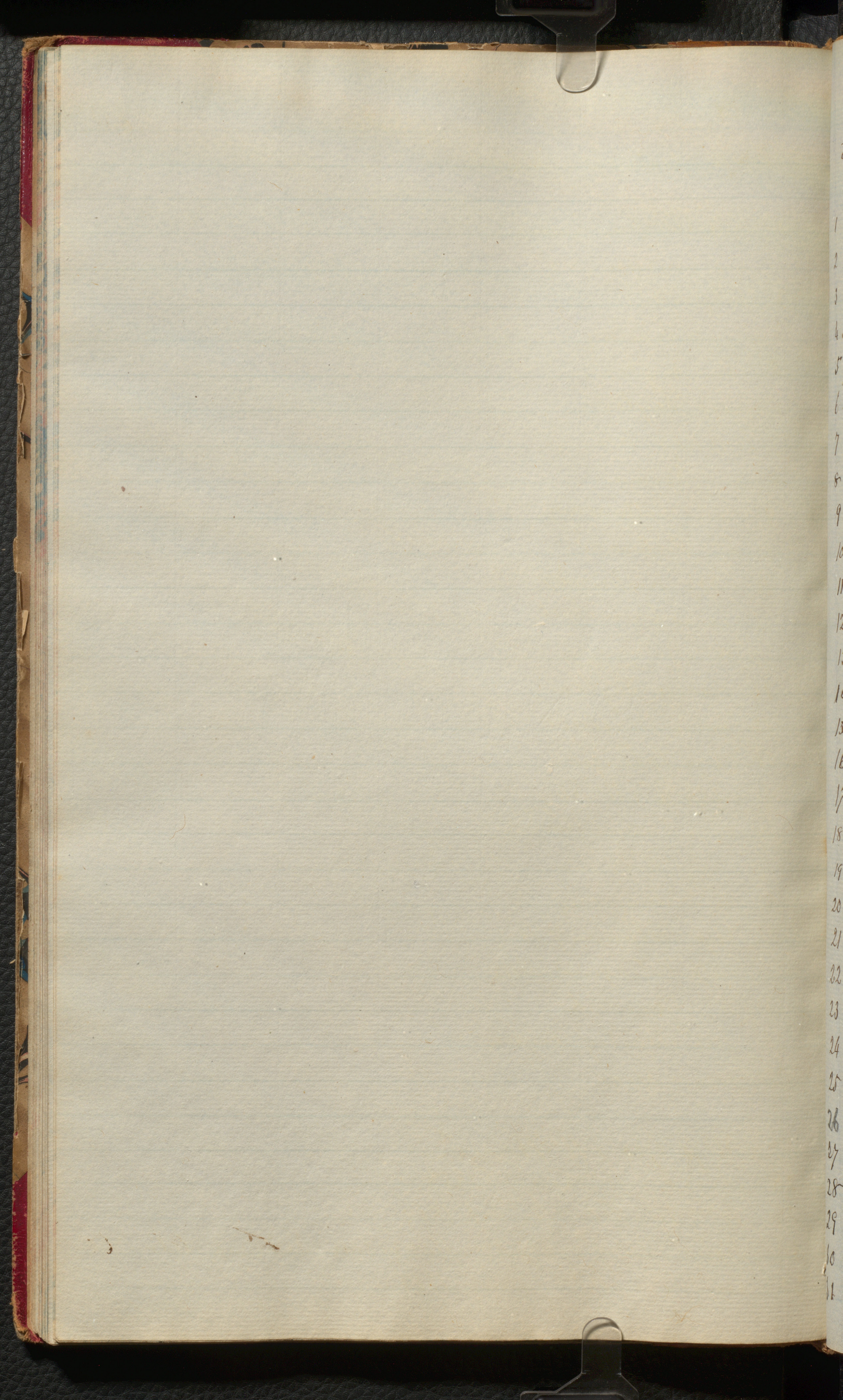












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Deaths doings at Pitou, & Scotia among my old acquaintances & Contemporaries. 1856 to 1861

- 1 David Cruikshank, Seniors
- 2 David Cruikshank Jun^r
- 3 Jas Yonston
- 4 Miss Mc Kinlay
- 5 John Taylor
- 6 Samuel Taylor
- 7 H H Ross Wk
- 8 — Lovain
- 9 Math^w Patterson
- 10 Dr Kirkwood
- 11 Mrs Kirkwood
- 12 James Carmichael
- 13 Wm Matheson
30 Octr 1860
- 14 David Taylor
- 15 John Maxwell
- 16 Mrs Potenger
- 17 Mrs R^t Mc Kay
- 18 Mrs Barbara Hardie
- 19 James Greaves
- 20 Wm Adamson
- 21 Miss Arthur, 9 H
- 22 Mrs Potenger Widow
- 23 Wm Mureloch
- 24 John Bailey Mason
- 25 James Hogg?
- 26 Mrs Mc Kinlay 25 Nov 1860
- 27 Mrs Geo Mc Kinzie
- 28 Neil Mc Kay 1858
- 29 Wm Matheson Sep 1860
- 30 Sister Margaret Mrs Wm Morrison Scotland Octr 1860
- 31 Mrs John Wm Gray 1861

Deaths at Pictou

1861

April 10 Mrs Math^w Archibald aged 64

May 6 Jas Skinner Esq 66

Memorandum

Montreal 17 Nov, 1857

From the 17 Aug to this date the heat of the Atmosphere has declined much more gradually than it usually does in Nova Scotia - without any of those sudden gusts from the N^W West which brings the Thermometer down some 40 or 50 degrees in the course of 12 or 15 hours in the latter Province. On the 28 of Sep, the first Hoar frost appeared, on the 14 Oct the first ice was formed and on the 14 Nov^r the ground was first frozen so hard as to bear a mans weight on the snow, on the 17 Nov, the first snow fell to the depth of 1 to 2 inches.

Accounts of the fall of Delhi, reached this by Telegraph, on the 14th inst. I have been repeated by at the New cemetery since my arrival and bear my testimony to the wisdom and good taste of the citizens in selecting the ground, and in the ^{dear} embellishment of that last resting place of the it is in every respect the reverse of the Pitou one.

The Winter of 1858 was remarkable for its steady frost & snow from beginning of Nov^r to middle of March, yet the Thermometer never fell below 25 below 0.

The Winter of 1859 set in early in Nov^r going excellent staying most part of that month and all Dec^r - in Jan^y there was about a week of excessive cold which brought the Thermometer down to 37 to 45 below 0 many people were frost bitten about this time and some perished.

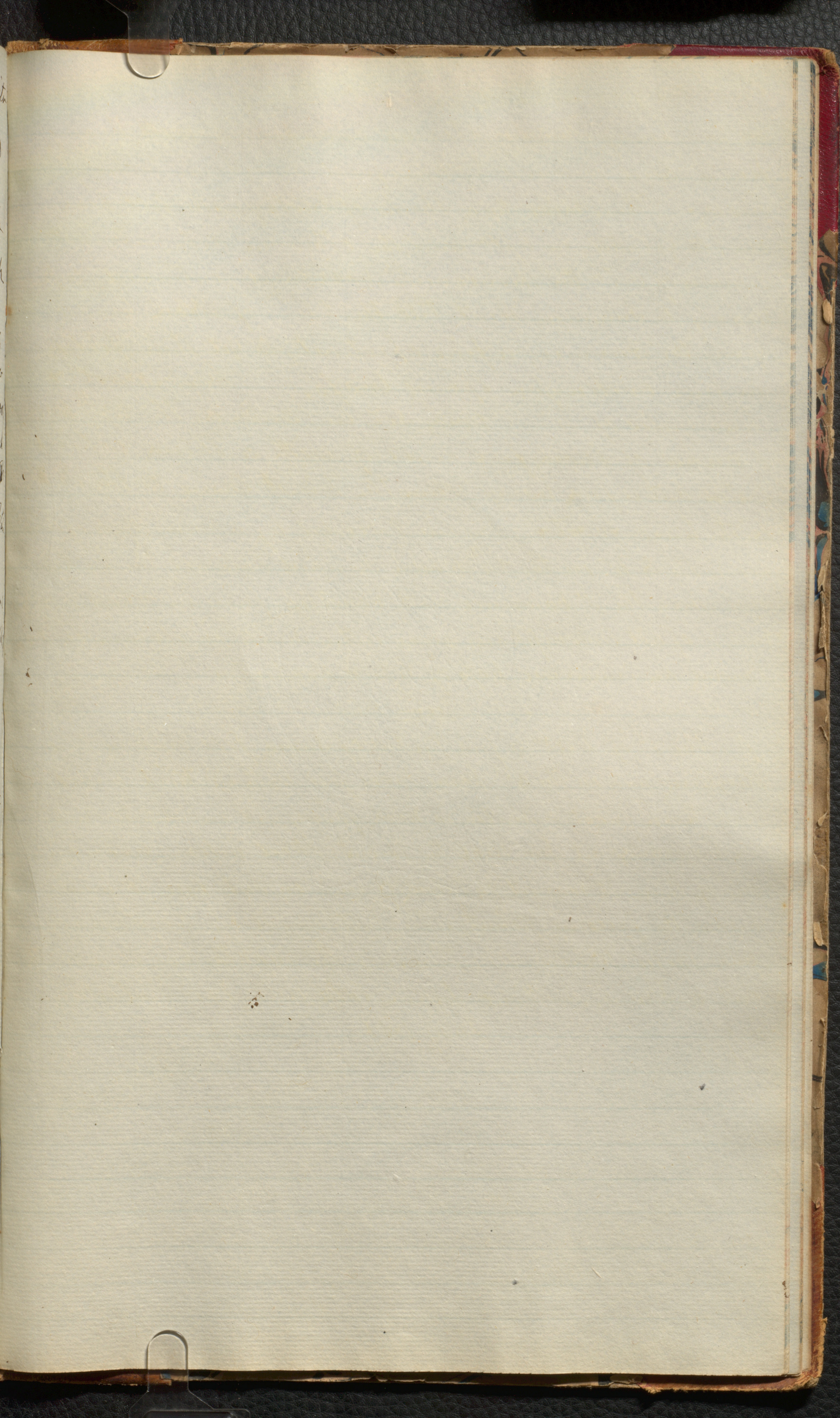
1860 was remarkable for many things - Liberty first dawning on Italy, and became open to the introduction of the Gospel and the Bible. Despotism and Popery stand aghast at the terrible Phantom of Freedom, and it may be safely predicted that ^{the mystical} Babylon is near her fall. Victoria Bridge was inaugurated this year in due form by H R the Prince of Wales, we had some nights of severe

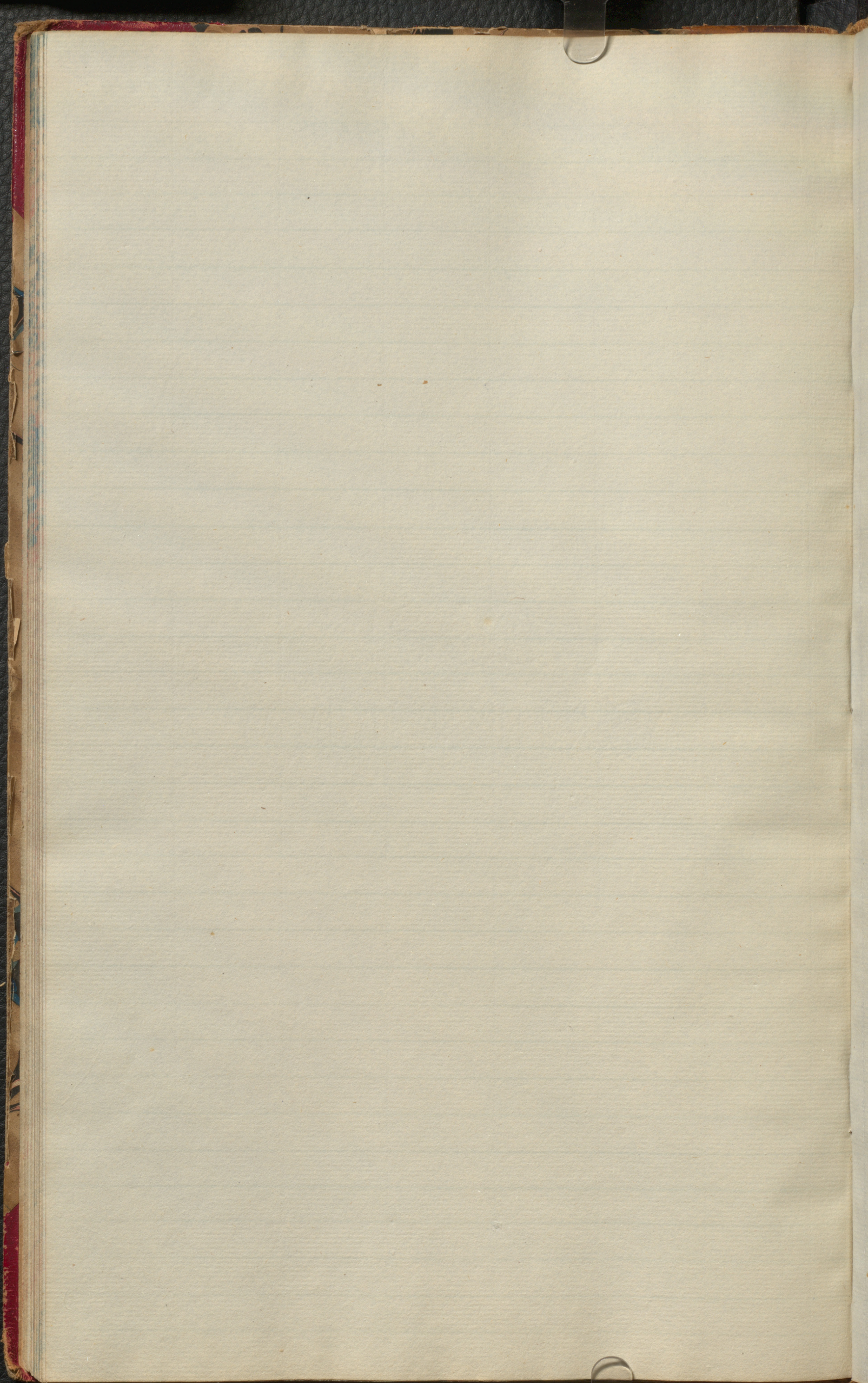
Frost this year as early as Sept^r in the first week of Oct^r
we had heavy Thunder Storms accompanied with heavy
Rains and followed by severe frost and some inches of
Snow. There were two Shocks of Earthquake felt here
one (the Greatest) in Sept^r and the other in Oct^r - the last
2 weeks of Oct^r the Thermometer rose and continued up
nearly to Summer Heat till the 22nd of Nov^r having
given the Farmers a fine opportunity to get their fields
in fine order for Spring Crops. Hard Frost &
high Gales of Wind now set in, and on the 27th Nov^r
6 inches of Snow fell ending with a Thaw which
lasted but a few hours when the Wind came to the N^W
with hard frost. This was preceded by a heavy Gale of Wind
from the S^W on the 24th which swept over all the Lakes
and down the St Lawrence with resistless fury in which 30 or 40
Vessels of all descriptions were either sunk or driven on Shore
causing an immense loss of life & Property.

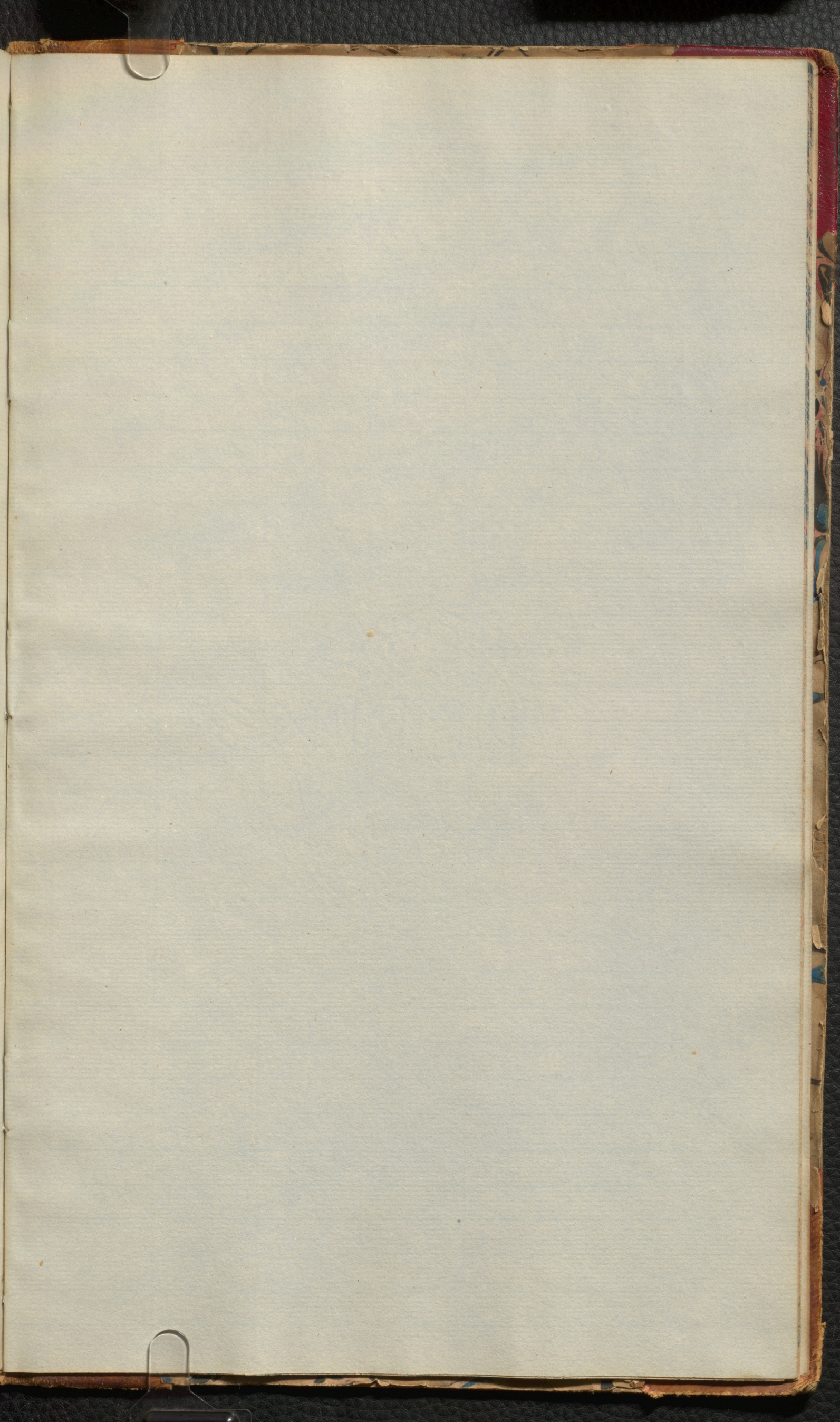
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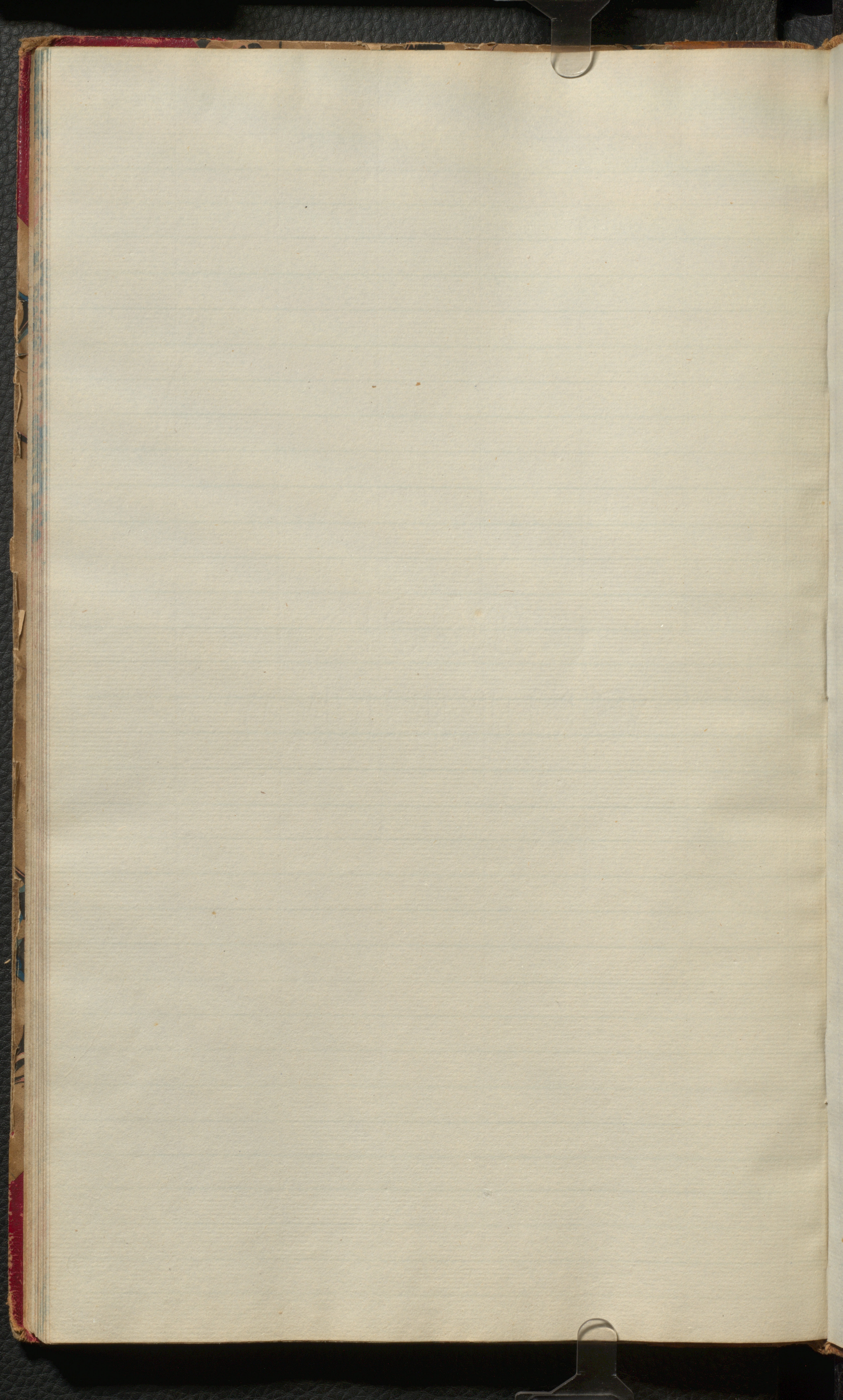
On the 1st of Dec^r a few inches of Snow fell making fine
Sleighbing, and on the 3rd some more fell with N^W wind
and keen frost - Winter is now fairly set in. Up to the 25th
on 6 mornings at Sun Rise the Therm^{er} stood below zero - on
one of them it was at 14 below 0 and on only one it was
below the freezing point. The last week of Dec^r was
fine Mild Winter Weather, all the month has been with
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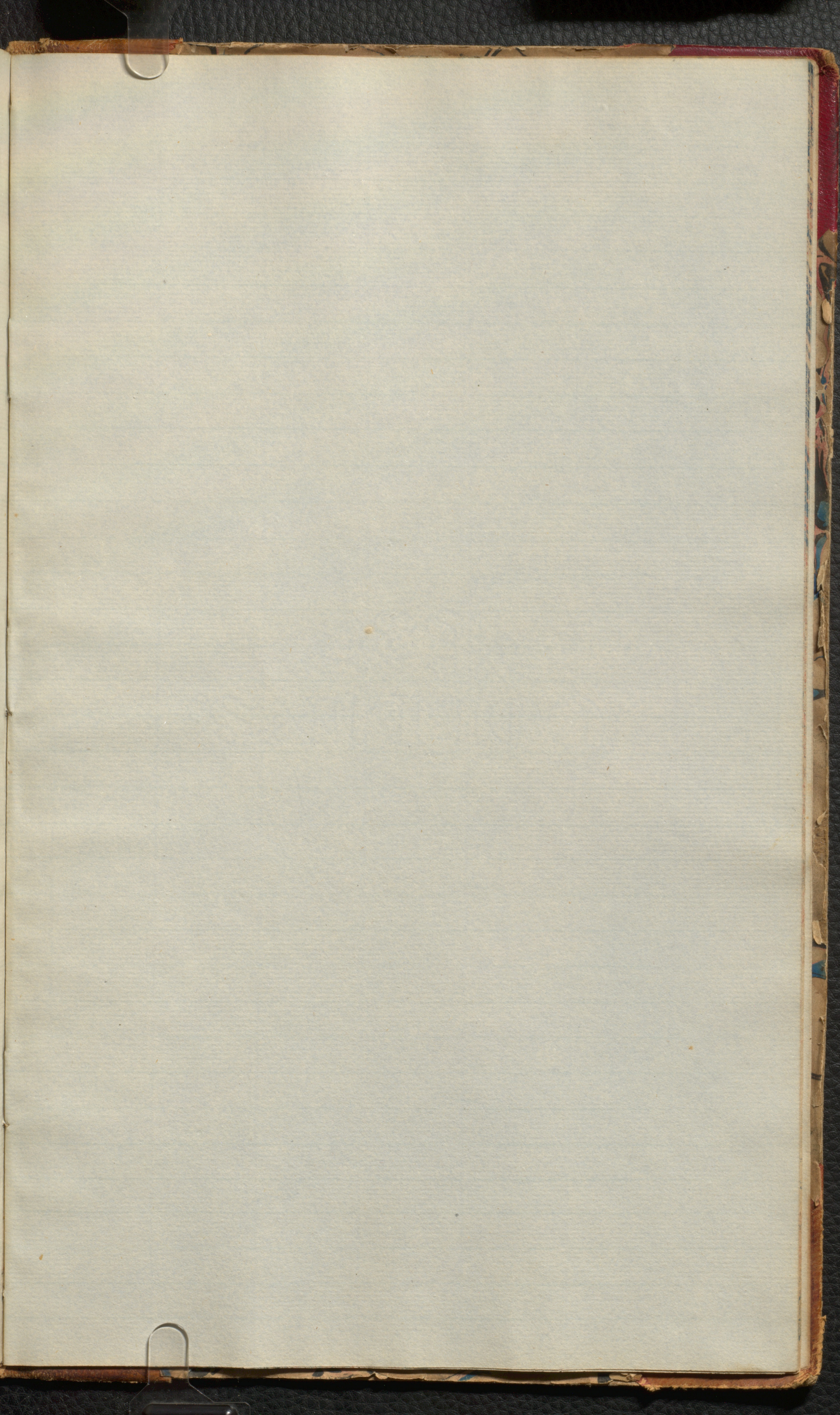
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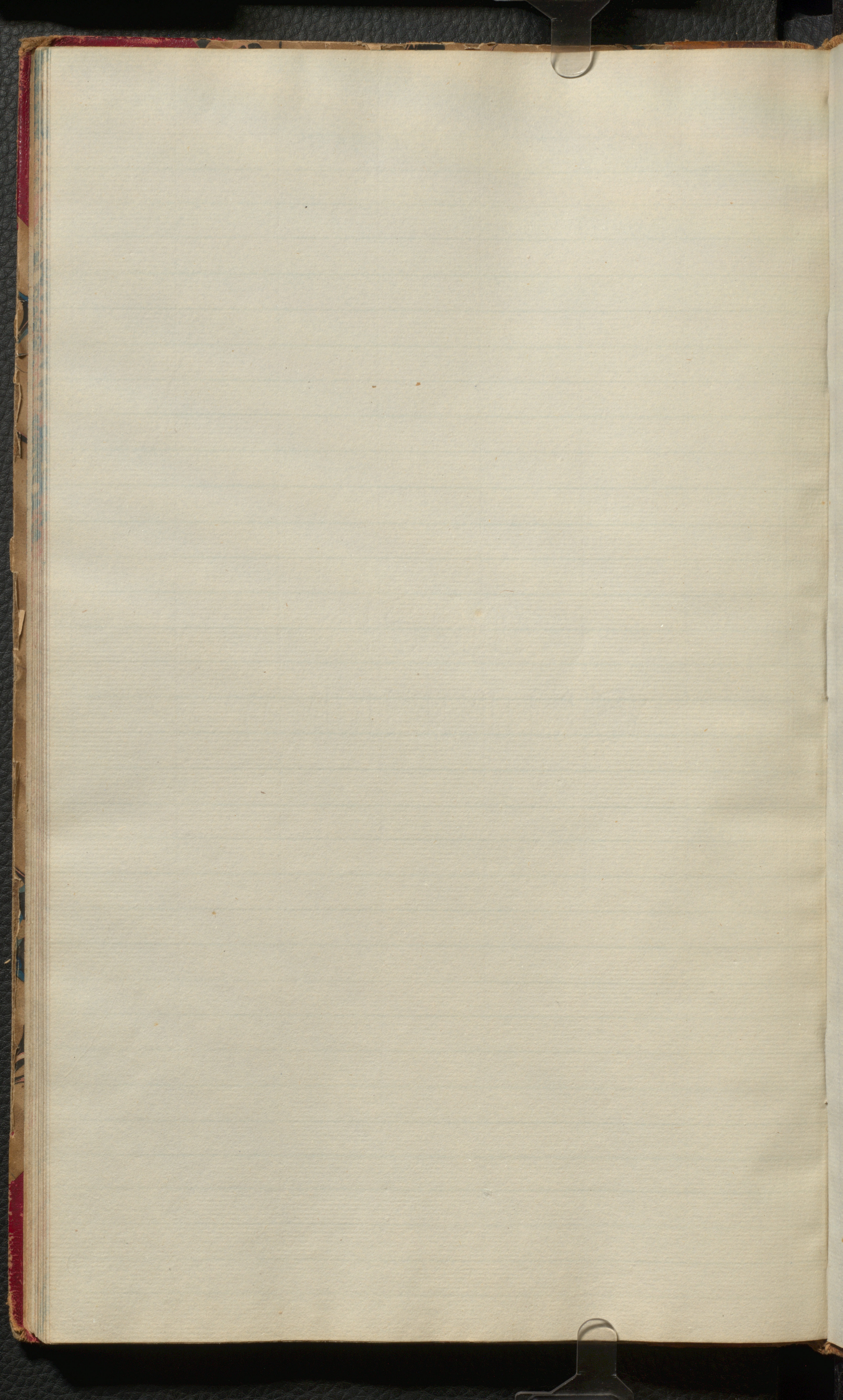


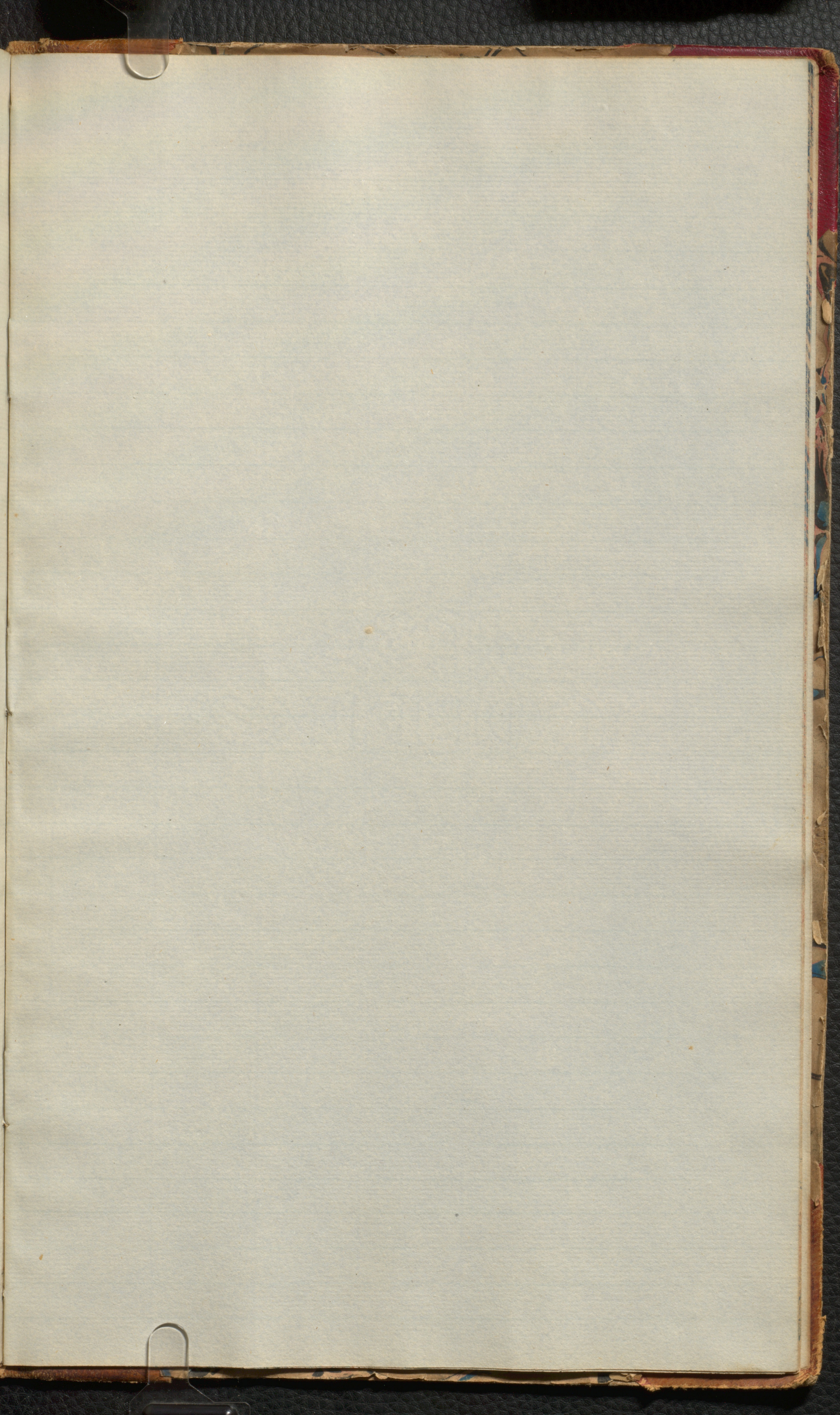












1852

June 15 \$18 Collection for deposit
 29 Donations to St Andrews School " 10 "
 July 11 To a dinner for the Hibernian Men " 5 "
 July 22 To Mrs. Miller for Rent " 5 "
 To assist Mr. Miller to finish Church by
 Don to Society Meetings " 73 "
 15 Collection for Rent of St Andrews " 30 "
 Dec 13 For Mr. Hewman in boats " 1 "
 14 Collection for Church - 10 St " 5 "
 16 Began for St School " 5 "
 24 To Mrs. Miller for their kind " 1 "
 To make him to visit his long

1851

July 4 Collection for Rent " 10 "
 6 For the things that went " 12-6 "
 21 Bilk duty " 5 "
 July 18 For Currier in Church by Miller " 5 "
 A Post - Western taken by " 5 "
 Donations to the School for contributions " 5 "
 20 Collection in St Church for contributions " 5 "
 6 Sub to pay there for St. Mary " 1 "
 8 For building Church at Cambridge " 1 "
 A year there when had the House built " 5 "
 11 another of same when Church " 2-6 "
 23 To the School for 1 year - lower part " 3-5 "
 5 To the School for 1 year - lower part " 10 "
 1807 Collection for 1 year " 3 "
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