

The Gill College. July 2. Thurs. 10.50 Am. 1868.

Excursions
on Success yesterday
work in garden &
drag up fossils

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Dear George,

On Monday, as we came up from the "Union", papa called in at the "Witness" office & told them to send the "Witness" to Tadousac. Then papa left me at the Normal School, & I called at the High School for the Shakespeare, but did not get it. I got home about 10.30 Am., & at once began writing my observations, for the last month & a half; I wrote straight ahead till lunch, & immediately after lunch I went to Mrs. Carpenter, with the Gourards, & to ask her if she would take down the books to the steamer when she went, which she did. I then came home, where I arrived at about quarter to 3, when I at once began writing again, & continued doing so till teatime, after which I again set to, & finished at about 8 P.M.; Oh! how relieved I was! I then went down to the garden & weeded my onions, attended to your gourards, convolvulus, &c. By the by,

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what convolvulus is it that I am
to get string or sticks for? All the
convolvulus I see have are all
provided for.

On Tuesday I got up early
& picked some strawberries, (of which
~~there~~ there are just enough for papa
& I) & some peas. ~~Then~~ After
breakfast I printed ~~some~~ 3 dozen
bread tickets; one dozen "one half loaf"
& two dozen "one half brown loaf,"
for Margaret said that she
never wanted a whole loaf.

I then fitted up a box for a tool
chest, [for papa says he does not
want the ~~wood~~ drawer in his
desk lumbered up with tools any
more], which took me till tea-time I
then went into the garden in the
evening, as usual.

On Wednesday; at ~~about~~ 4.30 AM
they fired off a great many
large cannons, the same as last
dominion day, which shook all
the house & made the windows
rattle. I was wrapping up fossils in
the Museum all the morning, &

after lunch I was very tired & so
papa told me to lie down on
the sofa & take a rest; so I lay
down & slept straight ahead from
 $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 till 5. I then stood in
till tea & afterwards went out, as
usual, into the garden.

This (Thursday) morning I got
up at 6 & went into the Museum
& wrapt up a few fossils, & then
went out & picked strawberries.
after breakfast I again set to work
wrapping up fossils, & got the first
lot (namely some that belong to some
body in St. Johns, New Brunswick)
all wrapt up, I then went, & wrapt
up some fossil corals, in the room
at the left hand side as you come
in. This afternoon papa is going down
town & I am going to do anything about
the house.

On Wednesday we had some rain from
12.10 till one & from 6.30 till 7.15.
~~I took in the canopy~~ I am training up the
things in the garden, & house as directed.
The Drawing-room floor ~~was~~ was found
to be uneven so have been tacking
it up for the last day or two, & have

only just finished putting it down, and as of course all the things had to be taken out, which they put into your room! They also said that the shutters should not be opened for it would injure the furniture in some way or other, so you ~~see~~ creepers get no sunlight & the part that has grown since is almost white.

"They" are also putting flags all over the room that used to be the skullery, with the intention of making a furnace room of it, for "they" are going to have registers for heating the house next winter.

~~was~~ A Russian gentleman called on Tuesday night, who had been examining the Petroleum wells in this country for the purpose of utilizing those in ~~the~~ Russia.

They had a good many rockets on Wednesday & a sufficient number of fire crackers.

Yours truly

Wm B. Dawson

please tell me all about the voyage from here to ~~rebec~~, and also ~~if~~ whenever it rains. I have of your violet seed is up yet, I planted the beans.