

Mc Gill College, Wed. Aug 26th

1868

8.35 A.M.

Dear George,

I suppose this will be the last letter you will receive before you come home.

Papa & mama have went out away on Tuesday at 8 AM, papa to a meeting at Richmond, & mama to ~~Shelburne~~ ^{L. Menophramagog.} to visit Judge ^{& Mrs.} Day. They will both return on Saturday by the 9.45 train.

The above is not correct, but ~~some~~ Anna will give you the proper account.

I got that high power eyepiece of the telescope, focused on the moon, but it only magnifies a ~~little~~ little more than the other, but with far less ~~light~~ light,

& therefore more indistinct. There
are two ~~more~~ large sun-spots
on the sun just now, but they
are very near the edge now,
but were splendid a day or 2
ago. The penumbra of one of them
took $4\frac{1}{4}$ seconds to pass out ^{at} ~~of~~ the
~~field of~~ edge of the telescope, &
therefore, as I calculated, was 1 minute
in space wide.

I am mounting my shells
on cards, these days, & that
occupies almost all my time.

I hope you will excuse
the shortness of this letter as
there is no particular news, &
also the bad writing.

Believe me to be your ever
affectionate brother,

William.

P.S. Rom.
says that
you never
answered
the letter
he sent
you.