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August 18th 1802.

A Minute Book

+ Attended Mr Woodbridge's school
for the first time. 17th August. 1802.
2nd Employed in casting family accounts.
3rd The different branches of knowledge
most essential for our improvement
considered.
4th A Confidential society proposed.
5th Quarter of an hours instruction on the
Globe. Thursday afternoon.

Second Day.

1st A short recitation and lesson on the
Globe.
2nd Mr Woodbridge finding the young
ladies had no composition or Questions
dismiss'd the school for that day.

Third Day.

1st Half an hours instruction on the Globe.
2nd Mr Woodbridge heard us our Geography
lesson, explained to us the motion of
the heavenly bodies.
3rd "Are men naturally fond of vice"? This
brought forth a lecture, in which we had the
complaints of the 'Peach Tree'.

Fifth Day Fourth

1st Recited our Geography Lesson.

2nd Miss Julia Bonolino's poem upon Sin.
curly to which we had Mr Woodbridge's
observations.

A short lesson on the terrestrial,
and celestial globe.

Sixth day. 5th

A Letter by Miss Bonolino addressed
to the young ladies. An essay upon
Beauty by Miss Shaddock. With this
ques. Can we get a knowledge of the
world too soon? These brought
a Lecture worthy our most seri-
ous reflection.

Seventh Day. 6th

An explanation of the Solar System.

+ An account, and necessary observa-
tions respecting Parley.

An essay upon Friendship by Miss
Mercer with reflections and lec-
ture upon that subject.

Eighth Day. 7th

A lesson respecting the Solar System.
Mr Woodbridge explained the cause of
an eclipse of the Sun and Moon.

Recited the Geography of Europe in general.
A short essay upon Gratitude, and
several questions among which was
"Is knowledge conducive to happiness?"
that closed the Lecture for the day.

Ninth Day.

The appearance of a shower prevented
our attendance this day.

Tenth Day. +

An explanation of the Chronologi-
cal Table. Recitation of Europe and
Asia in general.

An essay upon Solitude by Miss C. Smith.
Among a number of questions the one
most important was this "Is there a
just foundation for our assent to
the Christian Doctrine" which Mr
Woodbridge fully and clearly explained.

Eleventh Day.

Recitation of the Kingdoms and Chief
Cities of Europe Asia and America.

An essay upon Dancing by Miss McComb.
And one upon Time by Miss C. Mercer.
Mr W. advised us to take time by the fore
lock, for if ^{one} goes behind there was no such thing
as overtaking it.

Fifteenth Day. 11th

Recited the kingdoms of Europe, Asia
and America.

A narration by Miss A. Smith taken
from Ancient History (Gibbons') giving
an account of the patience of Belshazzar.

A Lecture upon Moral and Natural
Philosophy, or the creation, teaching
us that nothing was made in vain
but all to answer some wise purpose
some were created for our punishment
some for our pleasure and others for our
support but we were created for a
higher purpose.

Thirteenth Day. Wednesday 12th

A Recitation of the United States;
traced the different places on the map.

Fourteenth Day. Thursday 13th

Recited Vermont, traced the States, Lakes, & Rivers of the States.

An Essay upon Humanity by Miss Bon.

And one upon Modesty by Miss Ogden.

Friday 14th Day.

Recited New Hampshire.

An essay on Ignorance by Miss Ogden.
Among several the following were most
important "What is Scriptural Faith?"
A. A perfect confidence in the Supreme
Being. The other: "What is the first
duty of man?" To relieve the wants
of our fellow creatures, and to prevent
scenes of distress whenever it is in
our power.

Monday 15th Day.

An essay upon the Death of our friends
by Miss E. Smith wherein was mentioned
that the only consolation we could
derive at the hour of parting was the
thought of meeting again in a better
world!"

Tuesday 16th Day.

A review of the Map of the United States,
Recited the Province of Maine & Rhode Isl
and.

Wednesday 17th Day

Massachusetts was our lesson for thiday.
An essay on Contentment, by Miss Julia
Boudinot. another upon Justice by Miss
C. Ogden. No particular observations.

Thursday 18th Day

Connecticut was our recital, Mr Wood-
bridge pointed out to us the different
countries & rivers on the seperate Maps
of the United States.

An essay upon Health by Miss Mercer.
One on Benevolence by Miss M. Ogden.

Friday 19th Day.

Recited the Geography of New York.

An essay upon cheerfulness brought by
Miss C. but time would not permit to
read it.

Monday 20th Day.

On delivering comfort to the afflicted,
by Miss Ogden. Recited New Jersey.
The following Questions were most won-
thy notice. What is Honour?

Honour's a sacred tie, the law of kings,
The nobler mind's distinguishing perfe^{on}
That aids & strengthens virtue when it
meets her.

And imitates her actions where she is indeed.
It ought not to be spited with. Cato.

The next was, If a young lady might
not rather read novels than nothing?

Mr Woodbridge was of opinion we might
rather read nothing, than novels but
advised us to read the Bible, in that we
should find the greatest source of amuse-
ment & entertainment which would in-
struct us at the same time, he likewise
advised when we purchased a Bible to
get one with Orstravels notes.

Tuesday 21st Day.

Recited Pennsylvania, An essay on Indo-
lence by Miss C. Mercer, showing that
it was both prejudicial to our health
as well as the improvement of our mind.

Wednesday 22nd Day

Recited the Geography of Delaware, and went over the different State we had studied, an essay upon the advantages of reading History by Miss E. Smith.

Thursday 23rd Day.

Territory N.W. of the Ohio, was our recital this day. An essay upon music by Miss M. Forbes, and one by Miss C. Ogden on Mercy. The following was the only question answered. Is affection natural or acquired? It brought along lecture.

Friday 24th Day.

Recited the Geography of Maryland.

The essay upon cheerfulness was read this day. A Debate, if a young ladies question should be discussed when she was not there but better entertained! It brought forth the following

Thus, by a sprightly, and transient ^{sign} digression. The truth made a clear, & deeper impression.

Monday 25th Day. Virginia was the recital this day. A comparison between the Bee and Butterfly by Miss Bonduin.

Tuesday 26th Day. Finished Miss Bonduin's composition which was not all read the day before. The question was asked if Physiognomy was an art or science, and if a science if it should not be more studied? Answer given was that it ought to be studied much more than it was. And had been considered both as a science & art. We recited Kentucky.

Wednesday 27th Day. An essay upon a peaceable disposition, by Miss Julia B. One on Fortitude by Miss Mercer, the language and sentiments of which did honour to the writer. Mr. W. wished us all to cultivate it, as a certain degree was necessary in every situation in life. Recited North Carolina.

Thursday 28th Day. Rain prevented our attendance this day.

Friday 29th Day. An essay on vanity by Miss C. Ogden. & one upon patience by M. E. Recited the Geography of Tennessee.

A Lecture on Friendship. W^r Woodbridge read to us his sentiments upon Gallan. Very which he had penn'd in younger year.

Monday 30th Day. Several questions were brought in. Recited the Geography of South Carolina. Had a good Lecture on the government of the Capions.

Tuesday 31st Day. A Lecture upon light, the least particle of nature. enumerated the colours which were seven, viz. Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet. Red the largest and coarsest Violet the finest. We then had view through the prism which shew'd us that things were not really as we viewed them but that it was only the light in which they were viewed by us. White is a composition of all colours, Black a destitution of all colours. A Composition by Miss M. Ogden upon Industry Georgia was the Recitation.

Wednesday 32nd Day. The subject up on light repeated, the prism was compared to our minds. An essay upon Contentment by Miss Beach Among a number of Questions the one most striking was this, Is not Morality the essence of Christianity? W^r Woodbridge did not think it was, he made it quite clear to us by a long Lecture. Recited the Kingdoms of South America. A Recitation of East & West Florida.

Thursday 33rd Day. We were prevented by Company.

Friday 34th Day. An essay on Navigation by Miss C. Smith, and one upon Prudence by Miss C. Mercer. Among several questions the following were the most striking. The Millennium. When Christ shall reign for a thousand years, & Satan be chain'd. It is expected 6,000 years after Christ 5,800 have pass'd

The Distinction between true and
false Pride. True Pride was of great
and noble things. ~~W~~hat it is was
stooping to trifling things. & False
Pride is being proud of any thing we
are not entitled to. Terra Firma & Peru.

Monday 35th Day. No school this day.

Tuesday 36th Day. An essay on happiness by Miss C. Lyden. Among several
questions the following was brought in,
What is the difference between reason
and Instinct? Reason belonged to hu-
man beings, & Instinct was animal
understanding. Recited a part of S. America

Wednesday 37th Day. An essay on sleep
by Miss H. Forbes. The observation made
was that we were not thankful enough
for that blessing. The questions brought in
were these, What part of literature was
most necessary for a lady to learn? Mr.
Woodbridge thought, Geography, History,
Composition & above all family accounts.
The other was, What is the difference between
soul, spirit, & body? Soul ~~is~~ the immortal part
that never dies, the spirit the breath.

and life of us, and the body, our mortal
part. Recited a part of S. America

Saturday 38th All the young ladies

brought their sentiments upon
paper of the improvement ^{had made} they
in the different branches in which
they had been engaged since under
the tuition of Mr Woodbridge which
each one performed the delicate
task of reading their own sentiments
alone for the benefit of the school
after which Mr Woodbridge gave

us a lecture on nature & therein
mentioned that dust we were &
unto dust we must return that
we should likewise consider our
situation and prepare to meet
our God for we knew not the day
or hour in which we would be
called upon, he concluded with
saying that was perhaps the last
time we would all meet together in
that room, we were then dismissed

On account of our absence from this place we were not able to attend the first week after vacation -

Monday 9th Novemt: 1802 com-
menced our school again.

No Compositions this day.

Several questions were brought in for discussion among which were the following,

Is not Ignorance a great curse to the world?
Is dwelling any advantage to Society?

What does Mr W. think of the doc-
trine of Election?

Why is the Apocrypha so often neg-
lected in the Bible?

Mr W. said that ignorance of fash-
ion & vice was no curse but ignor-
ance of our duty and what was
right and wrong was a great curse.

He did not think dwelling any ad-
vantage to society only in the as my Saviour who came to redeem lost sinners
were a few would sacrifice their

lives to preserve that of thousands.
The Elect were Gods chosen people &
the followers of Christ.

The reason that the Apocrypha
was so often omitted was that it
was not considered as a part of ^{the} Bible
and contained many fabulous things.

Tuesday 10th Novth Attended at
half after four, Recited the Geogra-
phy of Denmark and Lapland.

No Compositions. A Number of
Questions brought in for discussion
among which were the following

In what does true courage consist?

Not to shrink from any thing
which we are to do, but to be al-
ways prepared to meet our fate.

Another, "What are the leading truths
of Christianity?"

God the fall of Man, meet a crucified
Saviour who came to redeem lost sinners
and last the hope of an happy hereafter.

Wednesday 11th Nov² Met as usual
Recited the Geography of Sweden,
No Compositions. Questions for
discussion were the following,
What are the benefits arising
from affliction?

Many and very great, it taught
us what we were, and on whom
our dependence was placed, it
likewise taught us to be humble
in every situation, and thankful
for past favours. The other was
Is it supposed that we are always
attended by disembodied spirits?
It is from a secret impulse within
which causes us to avoid dangers
that we had no apprehension of.

Thursday 12th Nov² Met as usual
A Composition by Miss Mercer on
envy. The following questions give

on for discussion.
Whether Mr Woodbridge thought
we were to blame for our original sin?
He did not think we were, and at
the same time to verify the scrip-
tures said that in this world we
would be punished for our parents
crimes but not in the world to come.
Another was.

Do our souls ascend immediately
after death or rest till the day
of Judgment?

It was Mr Woodbridge's opinion
that our souls went into another
state of being immediately after
death. he gave us the parable
of the rich man & Lazarus as
a convincing proof. another Ques.

What present advantage have
Christians by their diligence?
A satisfaction in their own minds
of having performed what was their

and the hope of a future
reward.

Recited the Geography of Russia
We were then dismissed

Friday 13th Attended as usual.
An essay upon evil communica-
tions, composed by Miss M.
Elmendorff. It was observed by Mr.
W. that it was a horrid practice
which many persons had got in-
to of backbiting and abusing the
characters of their neighbours
whenever an opportunity offered.
Questions for discussion;
If there was such a thing as
disinterested Love?

It was asserted there was, but it
was also seldom to be found.

2. Why Christ when he had performed
an act of mercy, wish'd it to
be kept secret?
Because the appointed time was not
yet come, neither were they able to bear it.

Monday 18th Our Society met, had
a recitation of the questions in Geo-
graphy. No compositions. The
question for discussion was.

Whether Suicide could be styled
true courage?

It was asserted to be the height
of cowardice and if the expression
may be used it might be said it
was bullying with God.

Tuesday 17th A recitation of a
number of questions in the Geogra-
phy. No compositions. Questions discuss.
Whether reputation was not pre-
ferable to life?

To a female and Minister of the
Gospel it is, but to Gentlemen
for by that name they are called
of any other profession it was not

as they might flee to a distant part
of the world where they were not known
2. Does the pursuit of literature
confer happiness?

Wednesday 18th Novth The confidantia

society met at the usual hour.

Mr W. enquired if we had written answers to the questions in Geography. The answer was that we had not made answers to all of them. He then proceeded to discuss the question which was brought in viz:

Whether the dictates of conscience should be followed in all cases?

Mr W. finding there was no very urgent business concluded to give us a lecture on the Passions.

Love and Hatred are supposed to be the strongest Passions; Love is excited by the appearance of good, Hatred by the appearance of evil.

Admiration is caused by rare and uncommon things, at the same time things could not be known and admired which we were desirous to remember.

Thursday 19th Novth Met as usual.

A Composition by Miss C. Mercer on the Advantages of a good Education. In which was mentioned that persons having the opportunity would often disregard and neglect it. Recited the Geography of Scotland & Isles of Skye proceeded with the lecture on the Passions. Review'd what we had gone over the day before, which was first Love and Hatred, Hope and Fear, Hope was excited by expected objects, or things, Fear by the dread of not receiving what was expected. Admiration is caused by rare & uncommon things, a thing could not be known and admired at the same time. Surprise is excited by common ^{but unexpected} things in unexpected times and places.

From Surprise arose astonishment & amazement. Generosity is a just estimate of our own worth. Flattery is a mean opinion of ourselves. W. W. observed that it was not good to have too humble an opinion of ourselves because we could not ^{then} expect others to have a good opinion of us. We were then requested to give an account how we had spent our time for the last hour it being one hour from the time we assembled. We were then dismissed.

Friday 20th Nov { W. Woodbridge was prevented attending our Society by the death of his sister.

Monday 23rd Nov { We assembled A composition by Miss E. Smith on Contemplation. Recited part of Scotland. Then proceeded with the passions. admiration was excited by things rare, amiable qualities

excited Esteem, and worthiness excited hatred. Contentment is limited desire, & being contented with what we possess, which produces satisfaction. Complacency is excited with whatever tends to our pleasure and being played with ourselves.

On essay on Contemplation by Miss E. Smith. No Questions

We were then dismissed.

Tuesday 24th Nov { No Compositions, Lecture, for discussion. Whether adversity or prosperity is most advantageous to mankind?

Determined in favor of adversity. Recited the remaining part of Scotland. Then proceeded with the Passions Joy and Grief. Joy was excited by good possessed, and Grief by the loss of it. Pride discovered itself in a haughty

air, strutting gait, and lofty carriage
and by thinking themselves superior
to every other person, and that it
was a proof of great Ignorance.

Shame is a consciousness of our
having done wrong and being sus-
pected of it. Modesty is excited
by a sense of our own failings
and imperfections, & a fear of be-
ing suspected of having done
wrong & in the sure case guard
of Innocence & Honour. Then ~~dismiss~~

Wednesday 25 Nov^{rs} Read two Com-
positions, one on the Tongue by Miss
C Ogdon. The other on a suspicious
temper by Miss Mercer. Recited
part of Englanda, discussed on Luef.
Why the word Selah was so often
used in the book of Psalms.
By the Psalmist it was used as a pause
or resting place in Music by some

it is supposed to be the conclusion
of a subject. Then proceeded with
the passions. Benevolence is ever
eased to a deserving object. Charity
induced us to think well of others.
Gratitude is love to our Benefactors
and neglect and indifference to their
kindness is ingratitude then dismissed

Thursday 26th Nov^{rs} Some instruc-
on the terrestrial Globe. Read an essay
written by Miss M. Elmenstorff on the
dangers of Pleasure. Questions for dis-
cussion. If Mr W. would explain that text in
Scripture where it is said he that
calls his brother fool shall be in
danger of Hell fire?

Faca, orig thon fool signified a contempti-
ble being unfit for society, by the Jews
it was attended with spitting in the
face, & was thought a very heinous crime
therefore he that violated Gods laws
must be in danger of the judgment.

Recited part of England then concluded with the passions. Anger is caused by frequent provocations, and revenge is a malicious desire to do all the injury in our power. To be dissatisfied with every little thing is called peevishness! Mr Woodbridge told us we should never let our passions get the ascendency, & compared them to a vessel at sea, without compass or Pilot exposed to the blast and fury of every wind and wave. That all our passions were of use and promoted our happiness provided we made a proper use of them. And that the Almighty knows best what his creatures are able to bear. Mr W. then advised us never to let our passions get above our reason, that we should never love without reason nor beyond it, never fear without it, nor beyond it, never hate without it or beyond it, and never allow our prejudices to overlook the amiable qualities even in our enemies but give every one the praise they are deserving of. Then dismissed.

Friday 27th Nov² We were prevented attending by the unfavorableness of weather

Monday 29th Nov² We again assembled No Compositions. Questions discussed were What author Mr W. thought proper for young ladies to read. He mentioned several among which were Bennet's Letters, which should not only be read but studied, Watts' Lyric poem should always be laying on our table, Goldsmith's Spec. Forstoyce's Sermons, Dodd on Death, Cowper's works, Young's works, Rollins Roman history, Mrs Chaperon's letters to a niece, Female Spectator, &c. Another, What method must we pursue to form a good style?

By attentively reading the best authors & taking elegant extracts from them, by frequently narrating from them, & never to let a good observation pass but set it down in a little book kept for the purpose.

Recited part of England. We here then dismissed.

Wednesday 30th Novth) Met as usual

A narration from the life of Job,
by Miss M. Ogden. Miss M. C. narrated
the story of Bairr Ban in a German
knight which Mr. W. had read the day
before. Question, "Whether the active
or studious part of mankind was

most serviceable to the community?"

W. Woodbridge thought the active life
most serviceable but said the studious
was necessary to assist the active.

"What method must we take to
arrange our ideas properly?

Our attention must be confined to our
thoughts and our thoughts to a par-

ticular subject, and when we have them
together then arrange them in due
order. W. W. brought forth the following
allusion to make it more clear "The

body of a tree is first formed after that
the branches are formed & arranged in order.

After which he gave us a lecture on
happiness, on what it did not consist.

It does not consist in dissipation & world
pleasures, neither in wealth, grandeur, or power.