secret suffering to myself. Called pleasant acquaintance formed with Dr. Cook of the Presbyterian Church. & a meeting held last Wk in the Methodist House which was a very good one. Today breakf. with Dr. Cook & visited the Jail. The men & women prisoners (far too numerous & not at all classified) were separately addressed. & appeared attentive. call on the Prov. General Lord Durham. with whom & his circle I have since dined & spent the evening. I truly sympathised with him in the vast burden of care which rests upon him. Her wife is very pleasing. I hope the character of the friend & pastoral minister was fully maintained amongst them. but this heap of the great world has afforded renewed evidence of its spiritually unsatisfactory character. How do I long that these amiable, & even interesting people knew more of the sustaining power of religion. And may it be my blessed portion this night! — 10 oct. No steam boats. so that the prospect ahead seems trying: but the Lord can clear away all clouds.

Montreal Third day morng 10 mo 2.
After the last entry it was my lot, (I cannot tell why) to pass one of the most conflicting nights which I have known for some time past. & this issued in a clear feeling of duty in the morning to address Lord D. on the subject of that his declared intention of giving up this Prov. — persuading him to the contrary course & stating the reasons. This was the troublesome business of the morning. & in the evening we held a large & relieving public meeting at the Wesleyan House. Nothing could exceed the cordiality of the Methodists. but I went on board the steamboat at night & about 12 o'cl. had begun our voyage to this place which after a very interesting day spent in going up this wonderful river, we reached late last evening.

Near St. Alexandre Lower Can. 10 mo 8
At Montreal last third day morng, Moses Beedle met us & carried us off to Farnsburg at Lake Champlain & Burlington, to the Mo. meeting held there 4th day the 3d. or rather at Monkton. A dear landlord there indignant the ascendency of Truth. Most agreeable visit afterwards to Smith & Hulleh, Nathan Abl. Hoag. Fifth day, a marriage & public meeting in the Mo. morng. & an evening in the Eve at Farnsburg village

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