

We would be much pleased to see you here from home, some time. I hope you will write me as soon as you can. We are all in good health now.

With my best respects to you, I remain,

Your affectionate schoolfellow,  
T. R.

### HOW I SPENT THE VACATION.

On the 11th of July last my brother Edward and I bade the pupils good-bye, and we went in the train from Halifax to Windsor. We were pleased to meet our father there, and he took us with Gertrude Dakin in his waggon to Bridgetown on the 12th of July last, when we felt thankful to be at home there again.

We liked to visit about in our uncle W. V. Morse's house, and others. I saw our brother Avarad mowing; then the sun was hot, and the hay dried. Our father bade Edward and me rake it and we got it into the barn. Our mother assembled our friends in our house, and had a tea-party the 23rd day of August last, because it was Emma's birthday. They amused themselves in conversing and playing various games, and then they went away.

Our father wanted us to have gone back to Halifax to the school, on the 3rd of September last. He expected to take us there, but he was afraid, because there were two farms with many apples, and all other things to do at home before it was winter. He kept us all to pick the apples into baskets for the barrels, and we shook the trees, and put the apples into the barrels, and he took them in Capt. Craft's vessel, to St. John, N. B., and sold them. He said he would go to St. John, again, and he was busy, and we helped him to pick the apples, and set them in the barrels. He sold the apples in St. John and then took the Steamer Emperor to Annapolis, and returned home in the evening.

On the 1st of this month our parents started with Edward and Emma in the waggon, for Windsor, and reached there on the 3rd, when we went in the cars to Halifax, and returned to the Institution.

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G. H. M.

### THE HISTORY OF THE JEWS.

Abraham was called the friend of God, and was the first Jew. God called him from his own country into the land of Canaan,