

HOOK NORTON DOCUMENTS

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Transcriber's note: This collection of pages from a diary covering part of 1895 and 1896 was found in the Golby papers donated by Stephen Hinton to Hook Norton Village Museum. The edges of the paper were ragged, often words were lost. The punctuation and spacing are idiosyncratic. Where words were evident but not complete, the missing letters have been added. The writer does not identify herself and often uses only initials for friends and acquaintances.

June

Continued [drawing of leaves]

5. Reached Sibford School at 9 a.m. saw Mr & Mrs Oddie off for Ackworth – played with children till dinner time when Bessie & Helen were gone to bed sat on lawn with Edith & Gulie looked at books etc. Copied out Report of General Meeting of S S – which R.B.O. left for me to do & send to “British Friend” & “Friend”.

Wrote Post Card to Mrs Oddie - this duty I performed every day. Gathered strawberris for tea – Gulie & baby called – Miss Strout came & playyed Tennis with us & stayed ?

Post Card from R.B.O. Asking me to see to the locking up of various doors etc Miss S called in morning – Came to tea Began playing tennis but were stopped by the rain so employed ourselves in [very faint]

Post Card from R.B.O. hoping all well & telling of the safe arrival of Jn J & Ada West – Went to Dr for pills for Helen Miss I walked up with me – Edells; Gulie Bess & I. Gulie – Miss S – Jackie & Ma? to tea to Haynes's Barn & had it in Johns field – the Master thereof being present Miss S came back with us & played te[damage]

28. Edith had a Post Card from her father Played hide & seek in afternoon. Rain all the evening. R B O sent as Teleg[amage] from London – sent one back to say all were well. Took Mr Langley wife Company round school garden ,she is at El Nurse

29. Gulie Post Card from her Mother – Ed[amage] & Gulie went to Meet them got as far as Swalcliffe & rode back – Arthur & boy came with Mrs Oddie – stayed about an hour after their arrival then made my way home again – departed with many thanks from Mrs Old 10/ Aunt Jane [amage] Wednesday.

20. Maria & I to Meeting & [amage]oked for ? afternoon. Mother & I to Meeting in the evening. Bess played & we had a few ?hymns

July

[drawing of pineapple, cherries, leaves, jug]

1. Maria & I took tea at Uncle Richards with the Johnstons & Aunt Allis. After tea enjoyed a swing in the Orchard & the cherries – Came away early. gave Uncle R the receipt for £62. 18. 6 being part of the Legacy from Uncle Wms estate – leaving £50 in his hands at 5 %.
2. Called at Elizabeth Enocks to buy some lozenges for Aunt Jane – Saw Nurse Darby [damage] I went to [damage] walked round garden: looked at books etc. – came away after an early supper – enjoyed it very much.
3. Aunt Jane & Maria went back today.
4. Willie & I to Banbury – Called at Gilletts Bank to ask about Investments. Got a few groceries & bought a Pineapple [drawing]
5. Aunt Sarah came & took tea with all of us down in the hay fields – Called on Miss Lowes after tea & enjoyed a feast of delicious strawberries -
6. Did down 8lbs of Raspberry Jam. Lucy called in evening.
7. Went to Meeting in evening. afterwards Rachel & I went a walk about the farm got as far as Rigmells – Came across Willy & Bess - & Mr & Mrs Wells. Rachel stayed supper - Jn & I went part way back with her.
8. Willie & Bess went for a drive & took the three children. Mother went to Lucy Shemelds' to tea with the Johnstons Mrs Wrench & Jn [damage] rasps for preserving [damage] took Miss basket of white hart cherries Called at ? & brought back the Graphic. Into Lucy's hel? to sing. "Sleep on Beloved". Letter from my χ girl
9. Did down 10 lbs of raspberries & 6 of blackberres χ currants In afternoon went in to Banbury with Mrs Oddie & Bessie by invitation – Took Bessie to Cemetery to see the flowers Called on Aunt Jane – had half a glass of lemonade & 1d Banbury Cake each – joined Mrs Oddie again about 6. p.m she having been engaged with some friends during that time. Saw Mr Stanley who showed us photos he had taken in Switzreland. Got home about 8. pm
10. In the evening went down a field with Willie – the 2nd or 3rd time since he has been married.
11. Mother. Willie & Arthur gone to Banbury.

12. Attended Sewing Meeting – Miss Dixon, Edith's Friend, & Kathleen Dell from London were present amongst us.

14. Went to Meeting – R.B.O. back again. [damage] none the worse ? & Miss Dixon called in the evening

16. Willie drove Bessie – Mother & I to Broad Broadway – Margaret & Mildred keeping house. Enjoyed it very much – reached home 10.45. p.m after a pleasant day – Mother's 1st time of going there. On return ing chased a cyclist from Moreton to Cherrington – where he at last got down – raised his hat to us as we passed through that village

17. Aunt Sarah called in the evening went to Cluffs & Lowes with her.

18. Signed the deed for the investment of £50 in "Bankers' Trust".

19. Went to Miss Lowes' for a bouquet of flowers which she had promised me. Aunt Eliza called in the evening.

20. Finished reading a "Tale of the Thames" by J Ashby Sterry – a Soft and gentle rain continues to descend —————

21. Aunt Hannah came to [damage] day with us. Edith & Miss Dixon came to fetch her after Meeting. Louise Preston called.

22. Copied Rate for Willie. Election Day Willie & B drove down to Vote. Aunt Sarah & Kathleen Dell called.

23. Washing. Mr Brassey the Conservative Candidate for North Oxfordshire got in. W & B took Sarah for a drive in the evening.

24. Louise & her two children came to tea. Went up with her afterwards – called at Johns & stayed supper. Rachel & ? came back with me.

25. W & B to Banbury. took Joseph. ———

26. 20th Anniversary of brother Josephs death. Attended Sewing Meeting. In evening dusted out the shelves of Bookcase in Meeting House.

27. Letter from Aunt Pollie asking Mother & I to go in a fortnights time & pay our visit. Weather continues very showery & uncertain.

28. Woke up with a very bad cold – all children down with colds also. [damage] employees & their wives etc also Mary Hannah Lucretia & Mildred Lamb to Broadway. Arthur went with his Mother, but the others had bad colds.

August

[drawings of buildings with tall chimney, bird, bowl of fruit including pineapple]

1. W went to Banbury.
3. Robert Oddie & Mr Clark from Sidcote, called.
4. Cold better went to tea at Uncle R's – S & F Richardson staying there & Richard from Ireland for a few days. Armscote Meeting. Uncle R & a whole tribe of Sibford Friends present.
5. Cold worse. Wrote to Mr Brown asking how his accident happened.
6. Collins family came over & spent the day. viz. Aunt Jane – Maria. Jennie who is home for her holidays – Charles & Fred both at home for a few days.
7. Adderbury M.M. not well enough to go. Dr came to see baby. she has bronchitis.
8. W to Banbury [damage]
9. P.C. from Jennie asking me to go part of the time while Aunt Jane goes to Uxbridge. Called to engage Mrs Sabin for to-morrow. Saw Aunt Sarah & Wished her Many Happy Returns of the Day.
10. Came to Banbury. In evening went walk with Aunt Allis up Golden Villa way.
11. To Meeting. Charles Gillett called after Meeting to ask if either Maraia or I would like to go with them to South Newington Meeting in the evening. We did not go so Aunt Allis went instead.
12. Down town with Maria. bought some Suede gloves.
13. Out a short time with Maria. Maria helped me make a little black cape. which will do nicely to wear with my heliotrope dress.
(was a little better)
14. Went a walk. Saw Mr Lowes who said baby
15. Mother, Willie & little Billy came in – baby is not any better so Mother will not come on Saturday She has pneumonia. Went down town with Mother & Billy. B wanted her father all the time, so, went into every shop we passed to try & find him [damage] & then they departed [very faint] me behind for another week. Aunt Eliza came in on her trycicle I went down town with her. & through the Cemetery.

16. Got E Lively to stay while we went for a stroll up the Oxford Road & down Broad St.

17. Jn & I went walk by Canal & Field's Mill. coming back through Grimsbury. Stopped to hear the Salvationists in the Market Place.

18. Meeting. Walk in evening up Oxford Rd & beyond Banbury.

19. Aunt A & I walked to Hanwell Woods. In evening Jn & I went up Oxford Rd & sat down on a seat. An old lady joined us; walked back by Bear gardens.

20. 6th anniversary of Father's death. Maria & I had tea with E Lively, went down town & afterwards to Station.

21. Went down to Station to see trains. Went with Emma Lively to Wroxton flower show - the grounds were thrown open so we had a stroll round. The water looked very pretty [damage] for swimming about. ? black We could not go over the house Abbey but spied peeped into some of the back rooms which were very handsomely furnished. Had a cup of tea on the premises afterwards the prizes for Vegetables etc were given away by Lord & Lady North. Met with Mr & Mrs Mann & Amy Hunt. Very few there on account of the heat. The Hon Mrs North was & Mrs Benson staying at the Abbey & were present. Looked into the church. Saw the tomb of Captain Beyneyon husband of one of Lord North's daughters. A beautiful white Angel carved in Marble is represented as praying over the tomb. E Lively insisted in paying for me & we walked back in the cool of the evening. A post card from Mother. Aunt A sleeping at Mrs Phillips for a time. During the Night experienced a heavy thunderstorm & the rain came down in torrents. While here read "Amanda Smith", "Alton [damage] by J B Myers days of Mrs Boothe" by the General. & "Cornish Stories" by Mark Grey Pearce. All very interesting. Wrote to my girl & answered Mrs Browns nice letter.

22. Mother Willie & Joe came in - M to stay till 2nd day & I go home. Said goodbye to Emma Lively & went down to station with Mother. M & I to see the trains. W joined us there. went on to bridge in Recreation Grounds which crosses the line & saw an Express come through: back by a Mill saw a boat come through a lock. All had tea & came away. leaving Mother behind. Found all well at home except baby who is a little better, but has not been dressed yet.

23. Went to Sewing Meeting. Anna Mary Abbott with us once more after an absence of months. Finished off our work & got it ready for sending to Madagascar.

24. A busy day made up many small things.

25. Aunt Sarah came [damage]? Meeting & went a short walk.

26. Took "Voters" lists round to Overseers of both Parishes to get them signed & called at Uncle Rs' saw Sarah Dell & Irene Hilda Aunt S came up in evening – went part way back with her & joined W, who was rate collecting, on way back.

27. Bess & 3 children went to tea at Flower Show. I went for about half an hour after tea. Wrote to Mother.

29. Mother came back, was very glad indeed. Sarah Dell & Aunt Sarah called.

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S e p t e m b e r

1. R.B.O & Frank Stevens walked back with Mother & I after evening Meeting.

2. In evening collected a few rates for Willie.

3. Bess went to Banbury to take some partridges for sale. Very Heavy Thunder Storm in afternoon.

5. Mother & I into Stafford to stay with Aunt P. [damage and faint script] were met by Aunt Pollie. & at Wolverhampton by Uncle Alfred. & at Stafford by Aunt Mary: walked to 1. Shrewsbury Road together. Spent a fairly good night considering the trains ran without in a few yard of us without much cessation during the night. Marion & Leslie at Garstang.- Stanley learning farming with Mr Adderly at Penkrig about 4 miles distant & only Hilda at home. In driving to Banbury passed Hettie & her baby.

6. Friday. Aunts Pollie, Mary, Mother & I went out to view the town. They went for a walk without me in the evening – as I did not feel well enough to go!

7. Saturday. Mother & Aunt Pollie, Aunt M & I out for a short time.

8. Sunday. All of us went to Meeting. Stanley came over in the afternoon, accompanied him part of the way back in the evening.

9. Monday. Mother & Aunt Pollie went by train to the Common. Aunt Mary Hilda & I went to meet Marion & Leslie at Station.

10. Tuesday. Down town with Aunt [damage] trying hats on. Walk round the Common in afternoon.

11. Aunt Pollie Mother & I went by train to Cannock Chase Hills walked across them & past the Earl of Lichfields place through Little & Great Haywood – had some Ginger beer & dough-nuts in a little shop. & on to Colwick back by train were absent about 5 hrs enjoyed it much.

12. Thursday. Mother & Aunt Pollie went to Leek Monthly Meeting – were absent all day. They met W.A. Allbright there. Marion – Hilda & I went to Museum in afternoon.

13. Friday. In afternoon Aunt Pollie – Marion – Mother & I for walk to Hyde Lee saw cottage where Aunt Pollie stayed 3 weeks for her health; called on our way back at Mrs Richards a Market Gardeners wife. she gave us some damsons. Very pretty country about there.

14. Saturday. Down town with Aunt Pollie & Mother – went to Museum & Art School. [damage] eum contains a lot of beautiful stuffed birds of all kinds in glass cases & geological specimens. Also various articles from different countries & bottled snakes. Two large Albatrosses hang from the ceiling. Had letter from Bessie this morning. she says Aunt Jane Collins is at Sibford while Maria is at Cheltenham with her sister. Have written letters to home. Aunt Sarah. My girl & Aunt Eliza.

15. In morning walked with Aunt Pollie Uncle Alfred Mother etc etc to the Castle. In the evening went with Aunts P. M & Mother to the Catholic Chapel.

16. Drive to Ingestre Hall in afternoon with Aunt P. Mother, Leslie, Marion & Hilda – One of the seats of the Earl of Shrewsbury. On our way back – went to George Sandys to tea by previous Invitation. enjoyed it very much.

17. Went by Uncle Al [damage] to Penkridge – saw Stanley helping thatch ricks. Short walk with Aunt Pollie Mother & Hilda in afternoon Went down to Station to see Aunt Pollie & Uncle off to Kendall for the wedding of Sidney Wilson.

18. The Wedding day. Had some young friends of the children to tea in honour of the occasion – games in the evening. Aunt & Uncle arrived about 9.30 p.m.

19. Down town in morning. In evening walk with Aunt Mary & Mother to see the building of G. Sandys New House. Called at T Jacksons to see the photo graph proofs – which he had taken of Marion & myself. Down to Station with Aunt P & Leslie to meet Mr Shipley who had brought some bride cake. Some lovely grapes arived from Calder Mount.

20. In Morning went on Crinoline Bridge to watch the trains – with another – oh the Engine drivers. In afternoon Mother Aunt Mary Aunt Pollie L & I [damage] Common – & saw [damage] house Uncle built for himself “Holme Manor” which is now used as a Fever Hospital – went over the offices – & saw the water tower [drawing] which he had constructed Walked on to the Cemetery & past Walter Littles’ House Met him coming out. Aunt P bought some Ice Cream from a Cart just passing – it was delicious. Came home through the town past the gaol – which looked very dreadful. G.Sandy called.

21. Walk with Aunt Pollie through the park & into W Little’s gardens. A Cousin of the Harlocks showed us round. On coming back through the town met W Little again. Bade goodbye to the children. Aunts P & M accompanying us to the Station. Met Uncle G there & the 4 saw us off – reached Wolverhampton but missed our train missed us & our luggage went before to Oxford but returned to Banbury ere we turned up – W drove us home which we reached about 10.30. Found all well.

22. W & B to Johns [damage] Meeting. Mildred gone home [damage]

23. W & B took baby & Joe for a drive to round by Kineton, Fenny Compton – Hanwell etc nearly 30 mls. I took Sarah Arthur & Edith Green blackberrying. got so hot & tired. Mother & Arthur went to a Temperance Lecture by F Dymmond.

24. Aunt Sarah & M Collins called in evening. Wrote to Aunt Pollie

25. Maria Came blackberrring. Went to Burdrop to see Aunt Jane who has been very poorly.

26. Aunt Jane & Maria returned home. Busy Making Elderberry Syrup & Apple Crab Jelly.

27. Padburys Sale. Mr & Mrs Fowler here. Mother I & Children had tea in the Summer House. Very Hot & dry - Unusually so for September. A M. Abbalt & cousins called.

28. Washing & Ironing on my own account.

29. Went to Uncle Richards from Meeting. [damage] day there. ? Bakers. 21st birthday. Washing. W gone with G Padbury to a sale at Chipping Warden

October

[sketches of Pump, Pumpkin, Child on swing, blackberry and manual washing machine]

1. W B went over to see the Hancocks.

3. Went to Banbury with Willie. Called at Aunt Janes, found her rather better bought a set of Mats for the Wash – etc Am going to work them for Wedding Present to Hannah.

4. Ethelbert Harris – Ernest Lamb – wife & children & Aunt Allis came to tea Went with Bertie to see him take the Meeting House & Uncle Sidney's grave.

5. Bertie came & took a group of the children at back of the house & the front, he stayed [damage] ?dinner

6. Bertie & Alfred called in the afternoon & stayed tea. Aunt E A had tea here.

7. Sarah's 3rd Birthday. Gave her a cap. Took her to Wish Uncle Richard Many Happy Returns of the Day. Stayed tea there & saw Alfred off for Ireland. Edwin Harris. John Wells, Mrs Oddie. Gulie & baby came in while we were there.

9. Began teaching the two boys this am

10. Took boys for walk in afternoon. W & B gone to Banbury they gave a bread board to Hannah.

11. B. Mother children & I went blackberrring. Lucy S – & Aunt Allis called in the evening

12. Did some blackberries & damsons down for B– & some b – & rheubarb for ourselves.

13. John Gulie & children to tea. Aunt Sarah & Rachel called in "evening".

14. Wake. Took Arthur & Sarah with me Called at Uncle R's & left the Mats for Hannah & a book from Mother. [damage] School. Saw R.B. Mrs O & Bessie R B – gave us some sweets & biscuits & a big apple to Sarah. Paid R Austins bill. Called on Aunt Eliza who had just returned from a Meetin at Shipston.

15. Willie took Arthur to Banbury in Morning so held school in afternoon.

17. Took children down Temple Mill – Mounted Mill Hill & gazed all round us back through Sibford Ferris; found some very pretty leaves & Air bells.

18. Arthur Joe & little Billy went with us blackberrying – found enough for a small pie.

19. Arthur a bad cold not able to learn lessons.

20. Mother & I went a walk – round by New Barn Farm where Mother had never been before.

21. W & B went drive to Irondown Farm & took Sarah.

22. Very wet. W. in parlour writing.

23. Charles Lamb had dinner w [damage] came in & sat with us for an [damage] & talked a good deal about religion.

24. Mother went to Banbury.

25. Took Joseph & Billy for walk round by Cross Elm - & turnpike road.

26. Baking. A few flakes of Snow fell.

27. W & B took Sarah & Gertie to tea with Aunt Eliza.

28. Stanley Wilson came to stay a few days with us – being an invited guest to the Wedding.

29. Stanley called on Uncles Wm Richard etc.

30. Hannah & Sam's Wedding Day Breakfast – Tea - & Entertainment in Gymnasium at School – Meeting House 11 – a.m. the W took place. The Bride was attired in White Velvet – wore a veil [damage] ange blossoms & carried a beautiful bouquet of trailing flowers. The bridesmaids were dressed in green velveteen – large picture hats & carried bouquets similar to bride The b were –

1st Edith Lamb

2nd Rachel J Lamb

3rd Florence Baker

Groomsman

Mr Allen

2nd Bernard Stocton

3rd Sidney Oddie

The bride was led in by her father (R.H. Lamb) & after the guests & the onlookers had assembled – the knot was tied in the usual Quakerly fashin. All Aunts & Uncles were invited to the breakfast – of those there the following –

Jane Lamb	} Mr & Mrs
William & Jane Harris	}
Sarah Eliza Harris	} Newsome.

All brothers & sisters of the [damage] & 2 sisters of bridegroom & Cousins as following Stanley [damage] To tea - Wm & B & Myself with all, who arrived, of persons of friends attending Meeting

Viewed Wedding Presents Valuable & Useful – from breakfast

service to Mouse-trap Partook of tea – about 60 present & afterwards bade goodbye to Bride & Bridegroom who took their departure about 7 p.m. for Irondown Farm. A most enjoyable evening – Music Singing – games etc.

31. Entertainment at School – Music – Songs – Recitations & last but not least “Darby & Joan” rendered admirably by S Lee & A West – attired in suitable clothing for the occasion. [sketch of bride kneeling & bearded man with cane & high hat: text: objected to by Mollie]

November

[sketch of tree]

1. Mother & I took Arthur & Joseph to tea at Aunt Eliza's. Lucy Shemeld called while there – & came back with us.

2. Stanley went back home after a weeks stay.

3. Charles & Lothe to tea with Willie's

4. Very wet – but milder weather.

5. Went with children & Mildred – to Rye Hill Barn to take some kittens.

6. Rachel came to tea – W & B went to Banbury. Very wet – & dark – but not very cold.

10. Very rough – exceedingly blustering.

11. Mild & smoother.

13. Took Arthur Joe & Billy to Johns to tea – Rachel came to meet us. Aunt Sarah to tea with us – [damage] went part way back with her & got in a shower.

14. To Banbury with Willie Called at Aunt Jane's, who has a bad cold! Rachel took me into Chrysanthemum Show some of the flowers were Stupendous.

15. Stormy.

16. Exceeding fierce & strong the wind was. Horse got into brook – & had to be dug out.

17. Mother & I had tea at Uncle Richards. After tea I went with Rachel to see Joseph Harris. Rachel read a very pathetic book – Called “Little Dot”. & we finished up with a few Hymms.

18. Took children up – a field to see the horse which was fastened up to an apple-tree – it seemed better & eat up what Willie gave it.
19. Very wet - & dull.
20. The horse – succumbed after all care (bestowed.) ?[damage] went to a Lecture on “A Tour through Switzerland” at the School – given by Mr Oddie it was very interest ing but the gas unfortunately failed – & the views were thus made very indistinct.
21. Still very wet & gloomy.
22. Took Arthur, Joe - & my little Billy up a field to give the Kitty Milk – & got caught in a shower. Aunt Eliza came in – she has just returned from the Manchester Conference.
23. Dark – dull – Windy - & wet.
25. Called to see Aunt Eliza who has a very bad cold.
26. Very wet miserable weather.
27. Bessie’s 33rd birthday gave her a towel Sophie came to tea with her – Joshua spent part of the evening here & took his wife home.
28. 30. Called again on Aunt Eliza, found she had had the Dr & he pronounced it Bronchitis.

December

The last month of the Year 1895

1. Spent the afternoon with Aunt Eliza got tea & had it with her – trust I have done my duty in cheering her up a little – as she seemed very low & desperited.
2. Took children up a field. Weather brighter but rather colder. Not very well – heart seems weak & in rather a run down condition. Much interested in an account of the finding of ‘Abel’s Grave” in Yucatan – Central America by Mr Leponjon Have read “Woodstock” & Life of E O Lugellis
3. Had tea with Aunt Eliza.
4. M. M. aunt Sarah called before going to Stafford on the morrow.
5. W went to Banbury. Aunt Allis who is at Sibford came in – she has left Bath Road & has taken lodgings with a woman named Tarver.
6. Slight fall of snow.

7. Which came during the night.
10. Felt worse so sent for the Doctor.
12. Went to bed & felt better there.
13. Dr called & said I was best in bed.
15. W's birthday. Rachel came to see me & lent me a book to read – called "The Boys" Watchword.
16. Annonymous born – Mother & Child progressing favourable. Nurse Busby here from Hook Norton. Dr called in evening to see both of us.
17. Dr called again. Letter from Maria & card.
18. Charles Gilletts funeral.
19. Aunt Eliza came to see us. Dr called again. Got up for the first time & went into Bessie's room. R.B.O. sent her a beautiful bunch of grapes.
22. Mrs Marshall called – Aunt Sarah & Dr he told me he was exceedingly glad I was better.
23. Lucy Shemeld & Aunt Allis called. Annie Wells lent me "Zoroaster" to read.
24. Letter from Caroline Lamb. Cards from Jennie Collins, Mary Hannah Lamb & Marion Wilson. Funeral of Jonathan Ashby Gillett.
25. Christmas Day. Margaret called.
26. Card from Edgar.
28. Mother poorley in bed. Aunt Allis called.
29. Mother better & up.
31. Watched the time till 12 pm. So we saw the old Year out & the New Year in.

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January

The New Year.

“Is Life Worth Living”?

The Year has gone,
It Melted Away in the night;
Its days work done
In the Eternal's sight:
Though to our eyes so short a span it seemed
Yet longer than a day to us it gleamed

Another Year has dawned,
A Year of Strife,
A Year of Weakness
And a fight for life,
“Is life worth living? Is the question now
If so I long to know the Answer, how!

God knows us all
And looks within the heart;
Hear then his call,
And choose thou . Mary's part.
Then thou shalt know – by kneeling at His feet
“Life is worth Living in His service sweet.

Up then my Soul!
Do thou thy work begin
Take thou Life's scroll
See what is writ therein
Pages of uselessness so cold & dead
~~Nothing which thou hast seen or felt or thought~~
Life lived for self – not God the fountain head
~~Be it what thy Maker hath His own Self taught~~

Thy life appears as waste.
Hitherto no good done:
Words said in haste!
The fight not now!
Father forgive the seven & seventieth sin
And let thy servant ~~with~~ by Thy Help begin
“A Life Worth Living “

New Year's Day.

3. Dr called.

5. Aunt E A. called. lent her “Woodstock”.

6. Mrs Mills called. Took Annie Wells her book back & lent her one of Craik's.

7. Mrs Rimell turned up, quite unexpected.
8. R.B.O & Edgar came to see Willie.
9. Dr called again.
10. Dance. Mrs Rimell went. Edith; Rachel & Aunt E.A. called.
12. Edith & Rachel came to tea & brought the photos of Wedding group for us to see.
- Bessie out for first time. Aunt S & Lucy called
14. My 22nd birthday – Aunt Pollie sent me a Cheque for £1. Mrs Rimell gave me 2 eggs – & a letter came from Maria. Aunt Sarah came to tea & gave me two mats.
15. Another letter from Aunt Pollie & painting from Leslie.
16. Mrs Rimell went back. Aunt Mary came to tea.
20. Aunt Eliza, Arthur, Joe & Billy & I for walk round Turnpike.
24. Maria's birthday. Wrote to her.
26. Aunt Eliza came. Called at David Wrenche's for Gentian root – of which a tea is made – good for digestion.
27. Walk with Children. Lucy called.
28. Nice day. Walk in the fields.
29. To tea at Lucy's with Aunt Mary.
30. Went by invitation to School to tea & attended lecture (on North Italy) given in the evening by William Jeffery of Birmingham accompanied by Magic Lantern slides: Met an old schoolfellow – Alice Knight.
31. Mother & I took tea at Uncle Richards in honour of Rachel's 23rd birthday. gave her "Cast up by the Sea". by Sir Samuel Baker.

February

[sketch of feathers]

1. Cold! Dull! Day! but Mild for time of Year !!!
2. Lucy came to tea
3. Walk with children
4. With children down Wells's fields. Fine open weather .
6. Walk with Mother up Pound Lane.
7. Dr gave a Lecture on Hygenie . at School. Mother and I were asked to go. went & enjoyed it much:
9. Aunt E.A to tea. Called on Mr and Miss Lowes. Lucy & Albert Shemel called.
10. Taught at Lucy's in Morning – while she went to Hook-Norton with her brother Arthur & Joe went with me.
11. Mother & to tea at Anna Mary [damage] spent a very pleasant evening. Taught at Lucys' all day – her lady ship having gone to Banbury with Albert.
12. Aunt Mary Sidney came to tea Sallie Fox called. Mother & I went to School to hear a Lecture on Switzerland by H.M. Stanley . illustrated by Splendid Lantern Slides.
13. Eddison's Phonograph came to Mission
13. Room Phonographic Entertainment in Mission Room – accompanied by Magic Lantern Views. It gave out Gladstone's Speech . & a number of amusing songs.
14. In the evening took Mrs Wrench her "Herbal" back - & Lucy some Friends etc.
17. Took children for walk up Pound Lane – a very cold day! Gulie brought Freda up – & had a cup of tea with Mother. Mother went a drive to Swalcliffe with Willie.
19. Took back Graphics to Johns. Came back with Rachel – who was going to Mission Room to hear Shutford Band. [damage] Mother went off with Willie this morning. She is going to stay at Banbury with Aunt Jane for a week. John Wells called to ask me if I would get signatures for Arbitration in connection with the Venezue lan Question. So after tea I started – went to 16 places & got two papers nearly filled – John Wells took the other one. Had supper at Uncle Richards.

21. Took Arthur & Joe to Meeting. In afternoon “up a field”. saw the “Whitie” along at the barn. In evening Arthur & I attended Meet a lecture at the School given by In A Marriage Allen on her travels in America. India, China & Japan. Very interesting & amusing.
22. Busy as usual. Letter from Mother. Very mild summer like the last few days.
23. Bitterly cold. Sharp Frosty weather. After dinner went to see Lucy. Sarah Shemeld is worse. Dr Bossier thinks she must go to Matlock! But Lucy is going to bring her here from Banbury for a few days first. Called at Mr Lowes, Cluffs, H. Bishops [damage] & Inns’s to get my last paper filled up. To Meeting. Aunt Eliza had supper with us.
24. Taught Lucys’ school all day while she was absent in Banbury. Joseph went down with me but Arthur was not well enough.
25. Mother’s 64th Birthday, wrote to her, sent a letter of Arthurs & a few snow drops which the other children put in. Posted letters to Aunt Pollie. Jefferies. & Arbitration papers to London. Called on Lucy spoke to Sarah. Had my dear little Billy to tea with me. Sent bed down by Thomas – as the Carrier had forgotten to bring Sarahs!
26. Aunt Mary called for butter.
27. Mother came back from Banbury to my inexpressible joy.
28. Gertrude Adelin’s birthday. 2nd. Mother had the whole tribe to tea & feasted them on P i n e a p p l e.
29. Mother & I went to Uncle Richards – I received my £50 – lent it W. for five weeks.

March

[sketch of pineapple & fruit]

1. Came in like a lamb. Lucy & Sarah Shemeld came to tea.
3. Aunt Sarah came. had tea with Willie Went with her to Lowes. Cluffs & Hopkins collecting for Bible Society.
4. Funereal of Wm Henry Harris.
5. Sent 15 vols of Ainsworths off to Jefferies London. Aunt Sarah stayed the night

6. Called with Aunt Sarah on Dixes & L Padbury's. Miss Dix lent me "The last four Princesses of the House of Stuart." Rachel came to tea & brought the photograph of the Wedding group.

9. Took book back to Miss Dixes. Rained all day.

10. Very bright mild & spring-like. Called with the three children at Robert Austins. School. Uncle R's & Johns. Sent letters to Annie West. Jefferies & Mrs Busby. Luke Hoddard – an American friend gave an address to friends much enjoyed his thorough soul-searching sermon.

11. Took papers back to Lucys.

12. Took Parish Council Papers to School for R B O to sign. Called at Uncle Richards.

13. Took Friends back to Aunt Eliza's. Busy altering dress to go to Ireland with.

15. Went to see Mrs Green – Rye Hill through mud & slush. The baby is a little featured thing.

16. Went with Children down Dairy Ground – they had their kites, Blustering Boreas assisting them in a most admirable manner. Wrote to Cousin Caroline. & Fanny Harris who has lately lost her brother

17. Mrs Turner's funeral. Bess & I & two boys attended. Aunt Sarah came to tea with us. Walked back with her. Called on Eliza.

18. Mary A. Abbatt called with her baby. ? Went to Banbury with Willie. Had tea at Aunt Janes' & spent an hour or two there. lent Maria "Sunny Memories" to read; called on Aunt Allis in her new abode & found her busy, after four visitors had departed. Aunt Pollie & Hilda came in today & are coming on to Sibford to stay at Uncle Richards, & they with Aunt Sarah had dined & had tea with Aunt Allis. A Beautiful day.

20. Very wet all day. Aunts Pollie & Sarah with Hilda came in the evening – stayed Supper.

22. Aunts Pollie . Sarah . & Hilda spent the day with us

23. Aunts Hannah . Sarah. & Pollie . Mother Hilda & Uncle Richard went jaunting off to Irondown in the sociable to spend the day. Rachel & I amused ourselves meanwhile with trying on Aunt Pollies' dress

24. Took Arthur & Joe to Anna Mary Abbatts Sunday School Treat – in Mission Room. about 30 of us sat down to tea [damage]
Afterwards the children enjoyed a few outdoor games . & when the la

Candles were lit “Swirl the Trencher” “Hisses & Claps” “Chimpss” etc were much enjoyed & appreciated. Cakes & oranges were handed round – & a parting hymn was sung . at the Close of a pleasant evening . to all present

25. Aunt Pollie & Hilda called in morning Took “Sorrows of satan*” back to Aunt Pollie in evening - & saw Aunt Annie & Uncle Joseph who had been over spending the day. *Much enjoyed reading this book, tis very strange & fascinating. A mighty conception of the Authoress. Marie Corelli.

26. W & B to Banbury. Aunt Sarah . Pollie & Hilda called before going to A M Abbatts to tea. I called on A.M.A. for her sub scription to S School & stayed a little wile with them.

27. Mother joined the 3 sisters at tea with John & family. Aunts S & P came back [damage] her & had supper with us. Bade goodby to “Dear Sister Pollie” who is going home to-morrow

28. Miss Thame called for subscriptions to be given to Postman on his leaving these parts. A new regulation having been made with regard to delivery of letters. A mail cart will run from S. Banbury to Brailes . leaving bags at the different villages as it passes. therefore needing only a local postman to deliver the letters.

30. Called at Aunt Elizas’ . Drs, School, Uncle Richards’ . Johns & David Wrenches.

31. B & I went to a Sacred Concert held in the School-room. Sibford Gower. Miss Louisa Thame the best singer.

April

M. M at Sibford very few Banbury Friends present. Joint Meeting of Men & Women Friends – a very long meeting Meeting for M & O began to 10.a.m. & buisness Meeting concluded at 2 .p m. Went to Aunt Eliza’s & dined & took tea with her – She has a bad cough.

2. Lucy called in the evening & brought the papers back. She is going to spend Easter with her sister at Banbury.

3. Good Friday. Went violiting with Sarah & the boys. All 4 of us went to a Lecture on Chicago Exhibition – accompanied by Magic Lantern. R B O gave the Lecture & Sidney showed views.

4. Letter from Aunt Pollie.

5. Sophy – father & several of the children called in the evening to see the baby

6. Went for walk with Bess – Arthur. Joe. Sa[damage] & Molly to Farm.

6. Letter from Alice Knight. [damage] & Rachel came to tea. Went to bottom of Dairy ground with children. Went back with her to shut her ducks in at Field Barn. Called at Uncle Richards where I saw Cousins Joe & Georgie who had just arrived.

8. Spring Cleaning. Did Parlour. Cousin Joe called.

9. Joseph's 5th birthday. Had my dear little Billy in to tea.

10. Called at the Doctors he advises me to keep on with the same Medicine. Went to see Aunt Sarah who thinks it doubtful if we can go to Ireland at present. Cousin Georgie – Miss Hunter & Aunt Eliza called.

11. Dr sent me some pills & wished to know my Irish address – but I did not give it as it is uncertain about my going. Nursed baby a bit – she is a Darling Child.

12. Sunday. Aunt Eliza came to tea.

13. Monday. Busy Spring cleaning.

14. Tuesday. Rachel & I to tea at the [damage] to meet Emma Coles one of my old school fellows at L Shemelds. She is grown a very nice looking genteel girl & is very nice indeed Called on Mr Lowes who is very poorly. & at Uncle Richards, Aunt Sarah intends crossing to Ireland on Friday night – said goodbye to Aunt Eliza.

16. Wednesday. Busy packing. Aunt Sarah Gulie . J Short called. Said goodbye to Lucy

16. Bade goodbye to all my dear ones at home & went with Willie to Banbury where I stayed the night.

17. Called on the Shemelds – saw Aunt Allis Bade goodbye to Aunt Jane & Maria & started with Aunt Sarah for IRELAND at 6 p.m. Booked through to Clones changed at Leamington on to Lact W. R

18. At Rugby & at Holyhead for the steamer Isabella at 1.30 a.m. slightly sick, slept a good part of the time, good passage. the sea when we reached Grenore harbour nearly as smooth as glass. Could see the Mourne Mts [damage] neared the land standing out boldly against the sky. Left the steamer at 7.30 a.m. having been exactly 6 hrs crossing;

had a cup of tea & then on by rail to Dundalk & Clones & Ballytraise. Reached Belturbet at last after a long tiring journey of 18 hrs. Continual travelling. Alfred met us at Station & Louise gave us a hearty welcome; her sister & brother are living with them. Drank some refreshing Lemonade which Alfred manufactures. Went to bed for an hour or two – back very painful. have to lie down most of the time. Noticed all along the line such quantities of beautiful yellow gorse bushes all in full bloom, & a profusion of primroses. Alfred has his name printed over the door of his house. J ALFRED. LAMB. Arated Water Manufacturer & Egg & Poultry business & game licence. The house is a very old one. A nice drawing room – a small back room where Alfred makes his Waters. 300 bottles in an hour, he gets about 1d a bottle profit & 4d on the Soda Water. Walked down their garden. which over looks the river – had a very nice tea. Little Dorothy is a pretty baby but wont take to me yet. Mr Black the Presbyterian Minister called . we had a very interesting chat with him. Aunt S & I slept in a room over the kitchen. A & L's bedroom is over the Drawing room & one more small room his brother sleeps in. (Curios) Jerusalem rose – looks like ball of string rolled up but opens wide when put in hot water. Extraordinary pipe made of Mereshum.

19. Primrose Day. Went to the Presbyterian Church to hear Mr Black. he preached from the text “We serve the Lord Christ.” In afternoon the others went for a walk – I stayed at home & rested my back. In evening Louisa's sister & brother played the violin.

20. Aunt Sarah & I walked down by the river- side. sat on a seat & contemplated the beautiful scenery around us. In afternoon did some mending. In evening Mr Wallis & Roland called. Alfred & A Wanhope & two others out all night fishing I anxious lest any thing had happened to them. the four of us sat up all night.

21. At 10 a.m. the prodigals returned Mr Black came in to ask about them. He came again after dinner & stayed tea. I had a good deal of talk with him concerning “Quaker Principles” & Modes of Worship. After tea Miss Wanhope & I went for walk with him up “Cavan Rd in the moonlight, sat down on a stile to rest & then returned. Mr B took my album home to write in .

22. Aunt S & I went to Post. sent letters to Aunts Eliza & Jane. Alfred Wanhope gone to learn the printing. In evening Aunt S & I went primroseing – they grew on each side of the road in such profusion – that we went into extacies over them – gathered two bunches . & brought them home. got some large leaved shamrock & pressed them in my writing case. Mr Black called to bring my Album back - & to ask me to come to the Practice to-morrow night.

23. Aunt S & I went to view the market – it was fun watching the Irish buying & selling – the Town Hall & Market -place were filled with curious looking people with cartloads & potatoes & green stuff, hay.

Kids etc & what not . old women with shawls & caps on their heads & men with ragged coats & red faces & shabby tall hats – presented a comical & ludicrous spectacle. One man turned round & laughed aloud right in Aunts face. Called on the Landlady of the Temperance Hotel – whom Aunt Sarah stayed with when here last.- A pleasant stout motherly woman. Took some lemonade & biscuits to eat down by the river & sketched two cottages down Water Lane. In afternoon Emily & I went down by the river & sketched Killconny bridge. Then on to the Episcopalian Church went in-side it around the Church- yard – 2 large vaults & many large massive tombstones . have been erected . but the place is not well kept . Mr Black called on his way back from Cavan. In coming down town . Mr Mac Gowan seized my sleeve & said “well my dear” I fled across the road. Aunt S. Emily & I went to the Practice. very few there – Mr Black came home with us. Alfred & Louise gone to a Theatrical performance at the Town Hall. Alfred busy all day making Lemonade – Soda Water – Ginger ale – Sarsaparilla – watched him ‘mix’ the syrup.

24. Showery. Alfred making more Mineral Waters.

25. Letter from Mother. Had a kid for dinner which A bought in marked for 8d. Went short walk after tea with Aunt S. All the others gone out – Aunt S & I left to keep house.

26. Sunday. Louise & I went to Presbyterian Church Text of Mr Black’s sermon. “If Christ shall make you free, then ye shall be free indeed”. Enjoyed it much. In afternoon Aunt S strolled down by the river side – we were sitting down to rest on a seat when Mr Black & Mr Maxwell appeared. We joined them & went on a good long walk – both enjoyed it very much. Aunt S & I to Church again in the evening. Text of Mr B’s sermon “Faith” A very sweet sermon.

27. Wrote to Willie & Bess. Swept our room out etc Sketched the Episcopalian Church.

28. Wrote to A Knight. For walk got some primroses & harts-tongue ferns. Sketched Presbyterian church & river from Alfred’s garden. Two Miss Elliots called.

29. Aunt S & I out for walk up Cavan Road. Mr Black called at door to inquire after Emile & the visitors. Making little frock for Dorothy.

30. Went down town to see Market. Saw Mr Maxwell. Aunt S & I for walk up Clones road – found some May out wide.

May

1. Posted letter for Aunt Sarah. Aunt S & I went with Louise & Emilie to see them choose hats – afterwards Aunt S & I went for walk up Cavan Road. Emillie & Mr Hardy out for walk.

2. Aunt S & I for walk up Cavan Rd. Sketched several old cottages. Mr Black called – showed him my sketches.

3. Aunt S went to Episcopalian Church. A W & I to Presbyterian – Mr Black spoke on from the text “The Chief Baker.” In afternoon Louise & I walked down by the river to see Alfred fishing In evening went down to hear Emilie practice & Aunt S & I & Louise afterwards to Church. Mr Black’s sermon was on “The Samaritan” Woman whose daughter was healed.

4. Aunt S & I for walk up Cavan Rd – Met Miss Thompsons – saw Louise & Alfred go for row in boat

5. Wrote to Aunt Pollie – Recd letters from Mother & Bess. Mr Lowes very ill. Went a nice walk down a very pretty lane & back into the Cavan Rd.

6. Ironing. Mr Black called on his way to Cavan & brought a book back; gave him a sketch of his church which I had done for that purpose. In evening went for walk down by the river:

7. In morning Aunt S & I went round to see the May Fair. Cart loads of small pigs washed perfectly clean – lined the streets – donkeys to the number of some hundreds were every- where to be seen – Went into the Cattle Market which was composed chiefly of calves Several fine horses & a very fine Jennet were being trotted round the town. In afternoon Alfred took us down town again – it was fun to hear the men bargaining etc. Saw the hay-pess which he bought of Richard Pierce of Banbury. In evening Alfred took a Louise – Emilie & I for a lovely drive of about 20 Irish Miles. We went up Cavan Rd & away to Ballytraise & back by Butlers’ Bridge a delightful drive. road in some parts lined with trees – in other parts stony barren hill side, met our view. Passed several beautiful lakes, gathered furze in full bloom – blue hyacinths etc. Horse went like Wild Irishman.

8. Aunt S in bed with bad cold. Long chat with Miss Morton, gave me some lilac & apples to stew for Aunt S. cold. Took Aunt S all her dinner & tea etc in bed. Mr Black called & stayed tea, wanted to go out in the boat – but Alfreds was out & no other boat could be got.

9. Aunt S got up after dinner – located her in the front room & did not let her stir outside the door. She came down in the afternoon & we both had tea in the parlour. In evening Emily & I went for walk out Stag-hall road – sketched a home - & composed poetry – by the way – met the Miss Thomsons!

10. E went to Church . bad night so hot I stayed at home under a lilac & laburnum tree & tried to write some poetry! Miss Moreton gave me some more lilac & laburnum, called at the Manse – learnt that no service would be held . so went to the Episcopalian Church. Text of Sermon “Without Holiness no man can see the Lord”. Alfred – Louse Emily & A Wanhope & Mr Hardy went down the river to Croome.

11. Went down town to get some Cayenne Lozenges for Aunt Sarah’s throat. In afternoon Aunt S & I down by the river: In evening fetched some more lozenges for Aunt Sarah – Mis Magharam to tea.

12. In evening called to say goodbye to Mrs Magarahan.

13. Alfred came with us to Station & started off for Wheatfreed – Mary Nainby met us at Portadown Station – Went to Courtenays for a cup of tea – Saw Mr C – Eliza: Pollie Albert S & W.S. Met R & the two boys on the way. Pollie looks very thin & bad. A very pretty house – two gateways & a drive leading up to house – originally a gentlemans house – large roomy – nice lawn in front with fine larger trees growing – large number of out buildings – nice garden – fruit etc – very forward. Large number of fowls & a beautiful peacock dwell here.

14. In morning strolled round the premises In afternoon R took us for a lovely drive round by Laurelvale – Moyallon – Guilford Ahory - & Tanderagee – a distance of about 15 mls. Passed through lovely Scenery – Parks - & woods – by J G Richardsons’ Place. Uprichards - & Duke of Manchesters Country better cultivated round here – than in C Cavan. Got back to tea about 6 p.m. In evening Pollie, Aunt S & I called on David Taggart & his wife – saw Robert Henry First time I had been inside an Irish Farm House – very clean. Sat in front of a bright peat fire – enjoyed the Irish brogue. In evening Richard read my rhymes out. 15: Wrote to Dr Routh for more pills. In evening Aunt S Ernest & I walked to Richill Meeting – to hear Jonathan Roads & Ephram Smith – met Charles Lottie & the two oldest children there. Rode back. The friends stayed all night.

16. R drove the friends back. Wrote letter to Mother in afternoon. Saw peacock spread its tail. Sketched Peacock.

17. Sunday. Aunt S drove Ernest to Meeting & R drove Pollie – Mary & I. Saw Charles & Lottie – C preached from the text “Ye have not yet resisted unto blood striving against sin”. Two young ladies came back with us – A Miss Adair & Allen. After dinner walked round some of Richard’s fields etc. Could see the Mourne Mts & Mount Camlough. etc in the distance. Sat on the lawn till S School time & then went in for the hymns – All 7 went to the Mission Meetings – held in a room built by that purpose by Richard. The young ladies went back about 8 in the evening.

18. Read "King Solomon's Mines. Pollie & Ernest gone to the sea side – Richard gone to look out lodgings for them. Aunt Sarah & I went into Portadown & spent the day with the Courtenays & Shemelds. Recd letter from home telling me of Mr Lowes death. Box of pills from the Dr. Walked up as far as the "Anna" where A Shemeld used to live. Then to E Courtneys to dinner & A Shemelds to tea – Had a game at Freyles & two or three songs before leaving . Sarah & Mary were both at home. Went over A Si Curing places Where 100 carcasses of pigs hung. Spent a very pleasant day. W S drove us to the station to meet R.

20. Ephraim Allen Wife & son, came to tea. went walk round fiels with them. In evening E.A. repeated some of his poetry to us. "Love or Riches", "Parting Gifts" – On the Centenary of Lisburn School" R read him the rhymes I made. Bade goodbye to our friends after a weeks stay & came in to Charles – Fruitfield The house is prettily situated a "Demerne" is near. & the village of Richell, we can ee about a mile ahead of us. Charles seems better. The children are much altered. Birdie & Wilfred & a dear little girl named Josie & a fat baby of 14 mts. Edith – A Miss Pullen is living with them & an apprentice: Isaac MaCormic.

21. Went round the garden, saw calves etc etc – with the children – The Gloire de Dijon roses are out in full bloom & look lovely. Went with Charles & Children for walk.

22. In morning sketched Richill from one of the windows. In afternoon . Lottie drove Aunt Sarah, Birdee & I into Portadown. Saw Eliza Courtenay & Pollie – Albert & Mary Shemeld – Willie & Mary – M Shemeld asked me to go & stay a few days. In evening went for walk down a pretty lane & over the wooden bridge.

23. Wrote to Mother . Willie. Miss Lowes & Aunt Eliza. Went out with children round the back Hill & down the orchard. In afternoon walked to Richill to get letters from post. Played at games with the children.

24. Charles. Aunt S. Wilfred. Birdie & I walked to Meeting. lovely morning . In afternoon had a few hymns. In evening Charlotte drove us to Ephraim Allens. spent an hour or so there & bought my album back with me.

25. A letter from Rachel saying Mr Lowes was buried in our Meeting Yard.

In evening called on Mrs Pearson.

26. Spent all the morning & afternoon under the apple tree in the Long Orchard . In evening Aunt S. Miss Pullen & I walked to Richill called on Miss Hadrik saw the Castle. Much enjoyed a long talk on religious matters with my cousin Charles.

27. Read parts of "The end of the age" under the Apple trees of the orchard. In afternoon Sarah & Mary Shemeld – Eliza & Pollie Courtenaty came over. Bade goodbye to the family of Charles Lamb & Aunt S & came away with S & M Shemeld to stay with [damage] a few days in Portadown.

28. In Morning Mrs S & I drove to Moyallon. M only 4 present & all of us women. Mrs S spoke & prayed . that where two or three are gathered together etc. After dinner we three girls & WS – on bicycle to Lurgan. had tea at the Greens after which – E G WS S S . Miss Green went off in boat on Lough Neagh. M & I walked along the shore it was perfectly lovely & the sunset glorious such as I have never seen before, got back 20 past ten.

29. Went to Pork Market with S & M S to watch them practice riding bicycles got on & went right round the several times with

their help – Saw Charles. Went to the shop & bought some brown shoes . P Courtenay came to tea. Bought new hat & gloves. Had some lovely games of tennis.

30. Went into Pork Market. Egg & butter, ditto with Mary – Saw Richard. Charles, Wife, & 2 children came to tea. Practised riding cicycle . Albert S gone to England. John S over for a few hrs from Lisburn School. After they were gone went down town for walk with M & S.

31. Sunday. W Green over to see Mary . Write a piece of original in my alumb . W drove Mrs S. S & I to Moyallen Meeting – lot of swell friends, amongst them Miss Robinson. H Uprichards house-keeper. Silent Meeting. Afternoon. Music. Evening a walk round by three oaks. gathered honeysuckle .

June.

1. Afternoon. Went with Mary & Sarah ato Mr A Tennis party at Mr Shillingtons – a would be M.P. Had afternoon tea on lawn. M S showed me Lurgan churches through telescope A distance of 3 miles – In evening for drive with W Shemeld.

2. Wrote to Mother & went down town with Mary. Learning violin. In evening played tennis

3. Drive in morning with Mrs S & Sarah. Pollie C. came to tea. E Green came in all at exciting game of Frigles. Walk afterwards. Bade goodbye to the Shemelds & went to Courtenays to stay a few days.

4. Went for walk through the park with Pollie Courtney. In the evening called at the Shemelds . Went to tennis court & had two sets.

5. Aunt S came over from Wheatfield & we went together to Bessbrook. Had dinner with E Woufes. Husband. E Tylor. Afternoon tea at the "Cottage". F Harris – saw Mrs H. Heltie & Elmar. Called on Mrs Burt & Mrs W Harris. saw their three children. Tea & then off by the Electric Tram from Newry, arrived at Portadown. About 18.15 called to say goodbye to the Shemelds & thank them for their Kindness to me. W S came in to Courtenays afterwards. Aunt S stayed the night. Had strawberreis for supper . Aunt S went to Lisburn to see Kathleen Lamb & John Shemeld. Went down town with Pollie to get a brooch for mother. Said goodbye to Eliza – Mr C. & Pollie & came away with Aunt Sarah & Richard in his trap for Wheatfield after spending a most enjoyable time. Pollie not looking much better for her stay at the sea side. The apples etc grown a great deal since I saw them last. A few showers but not enough to do much good. Sketched in afternoon. In evening called on Wilsons, gave us some lovely roses.

7. Sunday. All went to Meeting in two conveyances Had turkey & gooseberry pie for dinner. Charles, Lottie, Wilfred & Birdee came over to tea. etc. Sang two hymns in Sunday School. In evening attended Mission Meeting. Charles, R, took part Sang hymns – "Onward Christian Soldiers" "Sweet hour of Prayer". "In the Shadow of his Wings". & "Sun of my Soul." Heard Nightingale.

8. Called on Miss —

9. Went for walk down the lanes. eating eating wild strawberreis & hearing the nightingale sing. Letter from Mother telling me of Ann Gilletts death.

10. Wrote to Mother. Mary gone out for the day to School treat. Called on Mrs Taggart sketched the house & Mr & Mrs T outside. W Wilson came in & talked a good while.

11. In M at Richill had tea between Meetings Said goodbye to Ephraim Allen & Thomas Chapman. "Thee should ha took at that time" Aunt S Ernest & I spent the day at Fruitfield. had new potatoes & peas for dinner. Bade goodbye to all & left – C came on with us to & stayed supper. Strawberries for tea.

12. Finished reading . "A Young Girl's Wooing" Strolled round the premeses – bade goodbye to all except Richard who went with us to Portadown Station. He is going on a Minists to the 2 M of Munster. Left him on the platform & entered the train for Belturbet. Were met by Alfred at the Station. Nice to see all friends again looking well & dear little Dorothy. Busy mending a carpet. Went out in the evening for a stroll down by the river – through the dryness of the season, it is very low indeed. Mr D called.

14. Sunday. Aunt S. E & I went to Presbyterian Church. Shook hands with Mr Black. He preached from the text "Choose ye this day, whom ye will serve." In afternoon read Robert Falconer. In evening went to Chapel again – Had a nice long chat with Mr Black after the service was over – he said he was very pleased to see us again. Went for walk with Emily up Cavan Rd. Text of Sermon "Christ led into the Wilderness". Mrs D called.

15. Busy washing all day. In evening Mr Black called & Aunt Sarah & I went for a long walk with him up primrose hill – he stayed supper & left about 11 p.m. Mr Dunnery.

16. Rain during the night . Aunt S & I for

walk down by river etc. Saw an old woman rowing a boat with 3 dogs in it. Mr Dunnery.

17. Rain again . Aunt Sarah , & I for walk down by river etc. Saw an old woman rowing a boat with 3 dogs in it . Mr Dunnery called.

17. With Mr Dunnery to see Erne Hill house. gardens & grounds – gave us roses & strawberries. evening, gave us roses & strawberries & went round by his farm – looked over Sugar loaf house.

18. Went down to see the Market – Mr Dunnery called. Alfred & Emily gone to Belfast. Mr D looked in. while I was playing the violin .

19. Saw Red handkerchief man. Mr Black called, was going on his bicycle to Ballyhouse . T Dunnery looked in at window. T D & Mr Warner called in afternoon for subscription. General Meeting at Sibford.

20. Mr Dunnery called 3 times .

21. Went to Presbyterian Church. – Mr B preached from the text "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" In afternoon. read. & wrote letter to Mother. In evening Aunt S & I went for walk up Redhills road. On coming back met

Mr Black down a street, turned our backs on him at first! He went with us down street . Saw Mr Dunnery – policeman – red handkerchief man. Mr & Mrs Maxwell. Mr Mac Gowan etc. Watched a woman

rowing in a boat & trying to get a duck in – Threw stones to try & help her but failed. Had strawberries for tea which Mr Warner sent. Longest Day.

22. Went down town & bought a tea pot . In afternoon watched a funeral procession go by. 37 cars followed the corpse – of the young girl we saw less than a week ago. Saw Mr Black & Alfred amongst the followers Rained nearly all day. D called not spoken since:

23. Poured with rain all day, did not go out.

24. Rained a good deal: Aunt S & I went for walk in the evening across the bog . 25: Letter from Alice Knight at Henley-on Thames. Dinner time letter from Mother. In evening Aunt S & I went down by the river, saw Mr Black rowing two people in a boat. asked us to go but we would not. Walked along the line by church & down to the station. saw a lovely sunset Found Mr Black in: when we got back . Mr Wallis called.

26. Bright & sunny. Went a long walk to Drumleigh & back. “Read a day of fate” to Aunt Sarah. Mr Moffat called.

27. Went out in the evening by river. Mr Black ran after us & walked with us home – took shelter till the rain was over.

28. Went to Church. Mr B. preached from the text . “Why seek ye the living among the dead” (Peculiar people, old-fashioned.). Emily & I for walk along wood by river along the line, & into Stag Hall Rd . Evening. Text of Sermon. “They all with one consent began to make excuse”. The best yet! Aunt S Emily & I went for walk up Cavan Rd.

29. Busy washing all day.

30. Went out in the evening for walk across the line – along a lane & back down Cavan Rd. Wrote to Mother in morning . Letter from Marion Wilson.

July.

1. Hannah & Lottie both got sons. Went out in the evening & sat on the stones by the river – reading. Met with Mr Black & a party as we were coming back.

2. Went down the market in afternoon. Mr Black called before going out in the country. Spoke to Mr Dunnery .

3. Aunt S & I went to the Practice. Mr Black, Miss Mooney. Aunt S & I all that were present. Went for walk up Stag Hall Rd & Mr Black passed us in a trap. Met Miss Elliots. Mr Dunnery .

4. Mr Wanhope & Mr Cameron – Louise’s father & brother - in law came to spend a few days. In evening Mr W went a walk with Aunt S

& I along Cavan Rd & back by the E Church – Met Mr Elliot & spoke to him.

5. Mr W. C. Alfred, Aunt S & I went to the Presbyterian Church. Mr Black preached from the text. “This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind & reaching forth unto those things which [damage] before” etc . Finished reading “A day of Fate”. At 6 p.m. Aunt S. Mr W . Emily & I went to hear Mr Elliot preach his last sermon in the Methodist Chapel. Text. “And there shall in nowise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever – worketh abomination or maketh a lie, but they which are written in the Lambs book of Life”. E & I went for walk in evening – through the wood over the railway bridge. & out on the Stag hall road. Had an interesting talk with Mr W on religion – science etc.

6. Mr W. Mr C & Louise went down the river to Crome. Very Wet. Wrote to Mother. Mr Black called to see Mr Wanhope.

7. M W & Mr C went away. Nice day. A Letter from home & from Fred Collins at Nottingham letting me know of a situation. Aunt S & I went out into the wood – to talk it all over – Took some lemonade & bread & butter & cake & had it, in the wood. Afterwards wandered along by the river & got back about 8 p.m. Wrote letter home & told Mother I would not go to Nottingham, but would stay at home with her. Wrote to Fred & declined the situation. Aunt S wrote a note to Mr Black asking him to call this evening & say goodbye to us. Bought a doll for Dorothy & some sweets to take home for the children. Packed our boxes. Went to call on Mrs Magaharan. Pouring with rain.

9. Aunt S & I went down to the river which was much swoolen with last nights rain. In Market. To wet to go to England to day. Mr Black called to say goodbye to us . had a long & interesting discussion on Predestination & Eternal Punishment. Went our last walk in “Ould Ireland so Green” – down by the river – along the line up Cavan Rd. Saw Mr Black in the distance.

10. Sent our boxes off to Station . Bade goodbye to all & thanked them for their kindness. had a lovely passage – met with a gentleman on board who gave us flowers – had some nice songs & hymns.

11. Got to Stafford were met by Uncle Alf[amage] are staying here for a time. Went up to the Field to tea – Where Uncle A is going to build a house.

12. All to Meeting . E Walmsley preached from the text . “What wilt thou that I should do unto thee” Very hot – Wrote to mother . Great day in Ireland.

13. Aunt P S. H & I down town – very hot. found Stanley here when we got back. Railway Accident at Crewe Preston one man

14. Killed Aunt P. S & I called on Mr Rudd Marion's Governors. Aunt S & I walked down with Stanley

14. Aunt P. S & I – Uncle to tea in field. I stayed at home. Marion had Nettie to tea with her. M played & sang songs after tea .

15. St Swithins – a few drops of rain in the evening. Aunt P. S. H & I walked to Hyde Leigh called on Mrs Richards – Went to tea at the Cottage.

16. Aunt P. S. & I looked over Mr Sandys new house – After tea Aunt S & I called on Mrs Walmsley. Weather still dry – but colder than a week back (Letter from Mother in morning .

17. Down town with Aunt P. H & S. Walked to Crinoline bridge. saw 14 tains . Tea at cottage. Saw 88 trains.

18. After dinner all of us walked to the Castle & went over it. from there to the field & had tea at the cottage .

19. Stanley came in to breakfast & stayed all day. Aunt P. S. & I walked part way back with him in the evening . Read “A Study in Scarlet by A Conan Doyle”

20. Down town with Aunt P & Aunt S. called at Walmsleys . In afternoon Aunt S & I went to tea at Sandys & called on Mrs Venables.

21. Aunt P. S & I to Mrs Walmsleys to tea – Shower of rain in evening.

22. Letter from home. Aunt S & I went to Penkridge to see Stanley - played games with Hilda

23. Bade goodbye to all friends after a fortnight stay. Aunt P. accompanying us to the station. Reached Banbury & met F Dell at Station saw several Sibford friends – there – Met with W & Uncle R after a while Met R.B.O. in Sheppards' shop . he treated me to some G Beer & B Cakes. At last reached home & greeting. My dear Mother & sister, nephews nieces etc Home Sweet Home.

24. Called at Burdrop to see Aunts Eliza & Jane & Maria. had feast of gooseberries. Called on Miss Lowes & Aunt Charlotte. In evening went afield with Mother to see the self-binder cutting corn. Aunt S Emma Harris, her boy & May Harris called. – Gulie came & had a cup of tea . Maria & Aunt E A called.

25. At home.

26. Anniversary of my brothers death. 21 yrs. Mother, Bess, & I went to Meeting met with some more of my friends. Its nice to see old faces again. after 14 weeks absence Saw Jennie & Fred. They came along in afternoon. B & I wal to Aunt Elizas in evening, had hymns. F. J. M brought us home. Showed my Irish sketches.

27. Aunt J. E.A Maria J & F spent day with us. J. M. F. & I went walk down to Temple Mill. never new saw the water so low. Most of us had tea in the field.

29. Aunt S & May Harris to tea. Mary Ellen Harris & the Misses Shemeld called.

30. Jennie Maria. Fred & I to tea at A M Abbalts. Fred called to say goodbye. In evening Mother. & I called at Uncle R's. Went with Rachel to shut the ducks up. Wrote letters to Belturbet.

August.

1. Maria & Aunt Eliza called & brought some gooseberries.

2. Marion Wilson came & spent the day, went walk up Brailes Lane along Ditch Hedge & by Haynes barn. Gathered mushrooms in Johns field took them up – were given half of them.

3. Thomas Lamb from Adderbury Called – Jennie – M Aunts E & J called. All the family had tea in the harvest field. Went up to Uncle Rs' to see Cousin Caroline saw them off. Spoke to Jack Harris etc. May came back with me to say goodbye.

4. Aunt G. Maria & Aunt Eliza called .

5. Aunt Jane & Maria spent the day with us. B. M. A. J. S. & I went to the top of Tyne Hill & played Hide & seek amongst the bushes. Gathered a bunch of flowers each Maria took the prize: Went back with [damage] to Burdrop in the evening & had a goosebery feast. Aunt Allis & Jack Harris called.

6. Ernest Jany, Mary Hannah & Joey had tea on the field. Mrs Remell. Mother & I had tea together. Packed up 33 vols of books to send to J Jeffery London .

7. Mother & I went to Banbury – shopping . In evening Aunt E.A. called. Une lettre, from his Reverence.

8. Made a sketch & some verses for Aunt Sarah for tomorrow – her 50th birthday.

9. Mother & I to Meeting in Morning. In evening went for walk up Pound Lane – round Turnpike Rd – along Ditch Hedge & down Brailes Lane. Went to Lucys & showed her my sketches.
10. Jack Harris called to say goodbye.
11. Mother & Mrs Rimell went for a drive through Kineton etc.
12. Aunt P. Uncle Alfred & Marion dropped in unexpectedly & stayed dinner – Aunt & Uncle only came for a few days & are returning tomorrow. Maurice & Emma & their two children called in evening. They are staying at Aunt Elizas.
13. Aunt S came to tea, we had a long talk over “Irish Times” – showed her J B’s letter. my diary.
14. Maurice & Emma Aunt Eliza & Mary & Ruth came to tea – went for walk up “afield” & along “Ditch Hedge” Aunt Allis called .
15. Packing more than 100 books for Beesleys sale at Banbury.
16. Mother & I to Meeting – Wore my new green dress in honour of my visit to the Emerald Isle. Spoke to Lizzie Brown who is come as 2nd class teacher to S School – S Lee etc. Mother & I sat down by the brook at the bottom of the Dairy ground & read etc. To Meeting again in the evening – Aunt S came back with us . Had supper at Wells .
17. Sent books to Banbury . Mother & I went to Joshuas to tea – saw the stout Mrs Binns. Called at Johns.
18. Louie Preston called with his two boys Miss Short looked at my books. Mother, Becs & I went to a lecture at the school given by Maurice & Emma Gregory on their travels in India etc.
19. Maurice called – looked at the books & wrote in my album etc. Emma & children came in afterwards.
20. Maurice – Emma & children called in the morning.
21. Maurice called with the children – Mary’s birthday – gave her a little book given by her mother to my brother Joseph when they were children. Went for drive to Edge Hill — Maurice went with Mother W & I in our trap and Aunt E.A. Emma – Bess & children in T Webbs waggonette. Went round by Tysoe. & Radway & back through Shutford & Burdrop. Enjoyed the drive & Maurices’ conversation very much indeed.
22. Maurice , Emma & children left today for Banbury.

23. Mother & I to Meeting in morning. In Afternoon looked at some of my books. In evening went walk with Lizzie Brown .

24. Mother, Bess children & I went to Aunt E A: to tea. Very wet, played game of Boat Race etc. B took the girls home about 7 & the rest of us stayed supper. 25: Beesley's Sale of Books at Banbury. W went to help my books on. bought a few in. the rest went about as I expected; averaged 2/- per volume on 110 vols. Beesleys History of Banbury fetched 45/- being more than nearly double the original price as that work is out of print. Flower Show. Went with B Mrs Rimell & the children – after tea – Show about the same as usual . nice assortment of orchard fruits by Messrs Lamb of Sibford Ferris. Much interested in witnessing some conjuring performance tricks. Saw a great many people I knew & many more whom I did not know. Met with Pollie Lamb & Emily Wonfer from Ireland. Rode in a carr with Aunt Sarah, On coming home about 830 p.m. during a shower of rain, witnessed a — LUNAR. RAINBOW. in the WEST it was a complete arch & of a pale colourless light. the moon was behind a cloud at the time & nearly at the full, it lasted only a short time – a few seconds, as far as I can remember. while I was looking – but it might have been there before I saw it.

26. Discovered a Paragraph in Dicks' Practical astronomer – Page 154. on Lunar Rainbows. It is considered to be a very rare phenomenon. Aristotle is said to have considered himself the first who had seen a lunar rainbow. Three have been seen in one year. 1783. Dick saw . 2 within 20 years one at Perth, autumn 1826: The other, September 1840, And the one I saw on Tuesday August 25 1896 about 8.30 p.m. "I do set my bow in the Cloud & it shall be a token". "the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh". Gen IX.13.-17 verses . Some one else saw this – when the moon was shining full on the bow. which was exceedingly bright & the colours visible. lasted as far as we know

from 20 mts to half hour. Mary Hannah Lamb called to say goodbye as she is going back to London tomorrow. Jane . Sarah Shemelds . Mary Helen Tylor . Emilie Wonfer & Aunt Eliza called. Jane Shemeld left some sketches of Pollie Courtenays for me to see.

27. Did some comical sketches from Memory. of our Irish experiences in Ireland, going to

show them to Aunt Sarah. Mother & I went to Uncle Richards & stayed tea – Frederick & Sarah Richardson staying there for a time. Gave Aunt Sarah the sketches which amused her some what. Went down with Rachel to shut the Ducks up – she came back home from Irondown yesterday. Called at Johns – J Short crossing to Ireland tonight. Called on Lucy Shemelds.

28. Went to Meeting. In afternoon Mother & I went for walk to Swalcliffe Common gathered some blackberries – got home & had mushrooms for tea. In evening played a game of chess with Mother & gained the victory. A very fine sunset almost like the one I saw on Lough Neagh

30. Mother & I went to Meeting. Heard of Agnes Gilletts death , she is to be buried in Friends Meeting Yard. Sibford. tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rachel came to tea – showed her my Keepsakes of Ireland. diary etc. Poured with rain all afternoon & evening. Sang a few Hymns etc etc.

31. Very dark. & showery. Funeral of Agnes Gillett, who died after a short illness aged 27 yrs. One small bunch of white flowers alone. adorned the coffin .

September

1. Rained most of the day. W went over to J. Fowlers to shoot succeeded in killing 3 birds.

2. M M at Sibford. Lizzie Brown made application for membership & 5 certificates were asked for by Alice Whitfour. A G Linney . John Proud . & E & Mr Gillett.

3. Sarah Richardson Aunt Eliza & Aunt Sarah called. the latter stayed supper – Mrs Rimell & I went part way back with her, Books realized £9 . 5 . 0.

4. Very wet. Copied some papers for Willie. Mr & Mrs Rimell left today after a 3 months stay with us.

5. Mother went to Meeting I stayed at home to cook the dinner. Both of us went to Johns to tea. Aunts H & S there also. John took us round the garden & gave us some fine plums & apples – which are abundant everywhere this season. Pollie Lamb called in. Went to Uncle Richards to supper.

7. Aunt Sarah & Pollie Lamb came to supper.

8. Called at the Drs for some more pills. At School & Mary Helen Harris!

9. Word came from Bristol for me to go to Mrs Waterfalls to-morrow Thursday. 12.12. train from Banbury . Going to help Mrs W to wait on her father-in law etc. Called at Aunt Eliza's to say goodbye - & at A.M. Abbatts. Met E Wonfer – Mrs H Harris – J & S Shemeld.

10. Bade goodbye to Mother & all friends at home & came with Willie to Bristol by way of Oxford – Didcote & Swindon. Took train from Bristol Station for Montpelier & in about 10 mts reached Marienberg Where we were welcomed by Mrs Waterfall W stayed dinner & then we parted. Went down town with Mrs W in the afternoon to get a few things & rode back on the top of the bus – In evening stayed in with Mr Waterfall Senior while Mr & Mrs W went out for walk.

11. Dusted Mrs W's little room – drawing room etc & went down town for grocery order. Played Whist in evening with The 3 Mr W. & Mrs W.

12. Mr & Mrs W gone out on an excursion Went for a walk in the park etc.

Undressed Mr Waterfall & put him to bed. Mr & Mrs W arrived home drenched.

13. A bad cold so did not go out all day. Wrote a letter home & began reading "Four Girls at Chalkhqua" One of the Pansy Series.

11. In evening Mr Waterfall his son & daughter called.

14. In evening Mr H Waterfall & Mr W Waterfall & son came in. Mr H stayed & played Whist.

15. In morning went down town. In afternoon Took Tram at bottom of Gloucester Rd for College Green. Went past Bristol Cathedral saw Queen Victoria's Statue. Went up College Green to top of Park St & back by Tram from thence home. there & back for 1d ?cheated Rubber of Whist in the evening with Mr W sen. Mr & Mrs Waterfall.

16. Tooth Ache. or Neuralgia. In evening played rubber of Whist with 3 Mr Waterfalls Mrs Waterfall, etc & won. Letter from home in morning.

17. Went down town shopping in morning. Game of Whist.

18. Down town in morning. In evening played Whist. I won both times. Mr H Waterfall came in.

19. Mr & Mrs Waterfall gone down the river. They have taken their dinners with them. I make some apple & jam pastes for that purpose & they had beef sandwiches bread & butter & egg sandwiches. Got Mr Waterfall up. Mr H Waterfall came in and we played Whist.

20. Went to Redland's Meeting with Mr Waterfall Was introduced to Miss Fry. Mrs Naish. Mr Tanner. John Gainer. etc. spoke to Ells Capper – Robert & Mrs Milner.

21. Poured with rain all day. Watered the flowers in Greenhouse. Got Mr Waterfull up. Played Tregles with Mr Waterfall in the evening.

22. Played Whist in the evening : Mr Waterfull snr & I got the game. A fearful hurricane in night.

25. Wrote to Maria.

27. In morning went to Meeting with Mr Waterfall Theofolis Waldermier . there, gave a sermon in foreign accent. Had quite a long chat with Mr Milner coming back. In afternoon read "Jackanapes". In evening went to the Friends Horfield Mission Meeting. Ell Capper addressed the Meeting & we had several hymns etc. Letter from Mother in morning.

21. Went into town with Mrs Waterfall – to get some things. Bakers shop was full on market days the people stand 3 deep along the counter. Mr & Mrs Waterfall from Thirlmire called in evening.

29. Wrote letters to Mother & Aunt Eliza – sent her a card for her birthday. Mother a Sketch of the view from this house. Sent one the other day to Nottingham for Fred's birthday.

30. Bright sunshine. quite a change from the weather we have been grumbling at lately. 3 gold fish rejoice in 'rain' water without said in the dining room window.

October.

2. Richard Ball Rutter called to see Mr Waterfall. made a remark concerning me.

3. Went with Mr & Mrs Waterfall to Clifton Took tram from T Centre to Bristol Quay – from there went on a 1d steamer down the river to Clifton. saw several large vessels 1 from New York. Another from Dublin. & from Waterford - & a Swedish Vessel – one called the Mary Jane ran into a small smack broke her top mast – ran into the wall – knocked against another steamer & made such a hideous noise each time. Stayed to watch the steamer come home & then walked on till we came in sight of the lift Bridge I have heard my dear mother talk of so often Then went up the lift (electric tramway) to top of the Cliff walked on & parted at the bridge they left me to walk across the Downs & I walked over the bridge & back for 2d the days was beautiful. & the trees in the woods just across the river began to show be the tints of Autumn in their leaves. The trams ran underneath & other people walking so little as my brother Willie said when a small boy. Took bus back to tram Centre & back home.

4. Rained all day so did not go out. Mr H Waterfall came to dinner & stayed the remainder of the day. Mr Waterfall & youngest daughter from Thirlmere called in evening. Mr & Mrs Waterfall brought Mr Edmund Gregory back to supper will from the Mission Meeting.

6. Sent a pair of socks for little Sarah's birthday. tomorrow she will be 4 years old.

7. Read "John March" etc.

8. Went for walk round Park.

9. Went out for short walk. Letters from Bessie telling of many things & of Sep Harris' Wedding Mrs W out shopping. Got GP up. Mr & Mrs Cappr called.

10. Very showery uncertain weather still with a few fine days in between.

11. Mr & Mrs Waterfall & I went to the first Meeting at Friends Mission Room Horfield. In afternoon wrote a letter . In evening went to the Mission Meeting. Exceedingly cold weather.

12. Busy preparing for the Horfield Adult School Women. Mrs Waterfall having invited the class to tea. Mrs W made over 100 tarts, cheese cubes & pasties.

13. Letter from Aunt Sarah.

14. 20 Women & girls came to tea – which they partook of in the dining-room. Afterwards they adjourned to the Drawing room where music & singing. Also Readings by Mr & Mrs Waterfall were much enjoyed by all. Supper was handed round in the dining room. & after singing together the hymn – "God be with you till we meet again" the party broke up – Quite a success.

15. Took some parcels of buns. cakes etc. that were left over from yesterday. for some children . whose parents belong to Mrs Waterfalls' Sunday class . Mr & Mrs Waterfall out to tea. So I put the old gentleman to bed.

16. Mild . but damp. & dull. Posted a letter home & one to Mary Hannah Lamb for her birthday. Mr Henry came in to have a hand at Whist & stayed supper.

17. Down town paying bills for Mrs Waterfall. the party cost about £3.

18. Went to Meeting with Mr & Mrs Waterfall. Mr W gave us a very nice sermon indeed. Mr Henry to dinner In evening Mr & Mrs W Waterfall called.

19. Busy making curtains.
20. Went down town to do a few errands . Letter from Sarah Lee .
23. Went to the Dentists – had 4 stumps of teeth extracted & something put in to kill the nerve of one. Mr Gaines called. Saw several large steamers in the harbour.
24. Very wet all day. Letter from my brother.
25. Sunday. Stayed in all day. Octavius Hunt Called in the Morning. The Landlord in the evening & afternoon . Mr W Waterfall & Mr & Mrs Young in the evening. Mr Henry came to supper.
26. Went down town.
29. Went to Lecture on Robert Browning by Miss E P Sholl late of Polam Hall Darlington. Came back with Mr Waterfall.
30. Went to Dentists. Shopping – bought New Jacket & gaiters . My young Dentist called. on going back met with accident. through a dog running into his bicycle.
31. Went out for short walk.

November .

1. Mrs W in bed with bad cold. Mr H to dinner. Mr & Miss W. called in evening. Went to Meeting in morning in my new jacket.
2. Letter from Home. have had snow at Sibrid
3. Gun powder plot day. Went down town to get grapes figs etc. Mrs W better
6. Went to Dentists had one tooth stopped.
8. Wrote letter home. Went to Meeting in Morn Mr Henry came to supper .
9. Sent letter home. Mrs Waterfall late coming home.
10. Went down town .
12. Went down town. Read “The Refugees” by A Conan Doyle
13. Went to Dentists had 3 teeth stopped .

14. Mr Waterfall snr. taken ill . Mr W went for Dr.
15. Went to Horfield Meeting. Morning & evening. Mr Henry came to dinner. Mr Capper called to enquire after W. Waterfall.
16. Mr W. about same. Mr & Mrs Milner called.
17. Letter from home. & an enclosed letter from Mr Black for me to read
18. Two Drs came. Baron & Moreton (called).
19. Dr Moreton came again. Mr Waterfall from Thirlmere
20. Went to Dentists & had two stumps out.
21. Mrs Waterfall from Thirlmere came.
22. Mr W. down after tea. Stayed in all day.
24. Called at Mrs Hunts & brought home a shirt to make for the Armenians.
25. Took back the shirt .
27. Bs birthday – sent her a letter.
28. Mr C J Waterfalls' birthday.
29. Went to Meeting in morning
30. Went into City bought some things – came back in the same tram as Mrs C J W

December .

2. Mrs W. gone to Sewing Mt at Octavius Hunts. Ells Capper come back from Sibford in a very unsettled state.
4. Stoning raisins in evening for plum pudding Mr W Mrs W & I.

5. Mr Mrs W & Sarah gone to help at a tea in Iron Room. Mrs W. gone with vases of flowers in a Cab . 60 present . I stayed by the stuff . answered the door 13 times – Mrs Mrs Robinson called & stayed tea .
6. Mr Mrs W. & I to Meeting. A very sweet Friendly occassion. Mr C J W offered up a nice prayer & gave us a good sermon – Mr A Cotteril

gave a nice address - & several others took part. Mr Waterfall from Thirlere called. & Mr Henry came to supper.

7. Busy making Plum Puddings & Mince Meat.

8. Went into the City – up Union Street with Old Market & from thence by Electric Tram to Kingswood [damage] & 5 minutes ride.

9. Went to Mrs Octavius Hunts with [damage] to sew for Armenians. about 12 present

11. Called at Mrs Hunts to leave a shirt.

12. Letter from home. Miss Bowden sent for dear little black kitty – puss – Many tears were shed over this event .

13. Went to Meeting. Mr Henry came to dinner. Mr Waterfall from Thirlmere called –

14. Had a bilious attack.

16. Went over No 2. Mullers' Orphan Homes – All in perfect order & cleanliness. Mr M aged about 90 years. Heard the children sing – about 300 in each of the 5 Homes. Room for 2000. The one we went into was for big & small (girls)

16. Went to Mrs Octavius Hunts Sewing Meeting for Armenians.

20. Went to Meeting in morning. Mr W at home with sore throat - & Mrs W with Bilious attack

22. Busy getting ready for Xmas. & hanging up. Missletoe & Holly, Letter & card from Maria – Sent out 10 cards on Sunday.

23. Card from Alfred - & Aunt Eliza. [damage] f[]m Aunt Pollie .

[damage]mas Day. Mr Henry came to dine [damage]ined off Turkey . sausages & ham – Plum pudding & mince pies. Spent afternoon in Drawing room. In evening Mr H went to the Pantomime & We played Whist . For tea gingerbread cake . Iced cake etc etc . Letter from home & cards from Mr Oddie & Mr H Lamb.

6. Mr C J Wat home. Card from Charles. Letter from Cousin Caroline. & A very pretty pale green muslin – de laine apron & scented – hand painted pocket handkerchief case & card from Mrs Waterfall on Xmas Day. [Omitted] The shock of an Earthquake was felt on Friday Morning the 18th inst – I was shaken in my bed . & other things about the room were jingled .]

27. Walked to Presbyterian Church – Revived Old Memories !!!

28. Walked up Horfield Way . met Mrs Brock & Oxland .

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