Memorabilia

Diary of Charles Clough. East Bridgford 1886 — 1906

1886

Mar 16 Mary & Hilda are having measles very slightly Rupert having recovered from it

19. Baby born at 10.30 a.m. Weather mild Wind S.

Apr 23 D- (Muriel Alice) begins to smirk, actually making a face with me and laughing

May 20 Rupert gets down stairs from top to bottom having escaped unnoticed from his mother

~~October~~ November Rupert gives Alice the pet name of Tussie, varying it occasionally with Mantias

1888

Mar 4 Baby born at 2 a.m. pronounced the finest specimen yet produced — Frederick William.

Sep 17 Aly's version of Baby's name "Ickle Feddy Illman"

1889

Feb 27 Emma gets the first application for Barnham House prospectus.

May 9 Harold goes to Woodhouse from School

Aug 17 Harold 5ft 4¾ Mary 4ft 10. Ernest 4ft 2½ Hilda 3ft 11½ Rupert 3ft 5¾ Alice 3ft 2¾ Fred. 2ft 7½ Le White 4ft 8.

Nov 17 Chrysanthemums ordered from Pearsons

1 William Holmes large cardinal and gold reflex

2 Alex Dufour Magenta full colored rather small

3 George Flemmie straw colored

4 Mrs Geo. Stephens - rich orange

5 Mrs Geo Randall cream

6 Ornement Scarlet

7 Precocité Pompone

8 Elaine pure white

Others are 9 Red, 10 Japanese yellow

1889

Aug 17 Harold 7st 3½ lb. Mary 4st 12½. Ernie 3st 9 Hilda 3st 2

Rupert 2st 11½. Alice 2st 2½. Fred. 1st 10½ f. White 4st 11½

Nov 1 Harold Phillips sent home with measles

4 Stoddart sent home with measles, Merriman kept to nurse through it

12 Ernie, Rupert and Alice fall ill - anxious time

13 All three in measles. They have it badly.

18 All recovering nicely

Jan 25. My life is evidently too busy for a diary. Many notable circumstances have taken place since my last entry. Many of our acquaintances have passed away, and many pains + pleasures we have come and gone. There are a few incidents I ought to endeavour to recall to fill up the long omission even though I may not be able to take them in the order in which they occur.

Our Speech day would probably be the first. This was certainly a great success though it would probably have been greater if we had not chosen Bank Holiday for it. We thought, indeed, that would prove the very best day; but we found it otherwise. We had however a very numerous gathering a very happy meeting although my own part in the affair was not played so well as I could have wished, owing to my nervous system having been somewhat overtaxed. We were very fortunate in having Rev Geo Sargent with

us to distribute the prizes. He and Collyer of Preceptors' certificates of which there were nine - seven for boys, Cooke in 1st div. Wilkinson & Topham in 2nd Division - ~~Harry also~~ and Parkes, Toynbee Pennington, Reading & Ernest in 3rd Division :- Girls, Mary in 2nd & Ada Thewlis in 3rd

Then Miss Capps's engagement with Mr Stokes Gregg is a notable circumstance which was

Then Harold obtained a clerkship in the Nott'm. and District Bank, chiefly through the influence of Mr. Shepperson with Mr Blenn.

Our Xmas holidays were very enjoyable in a quiet way. We neither went out nor had visitors except for an occasional day, but it was for me a thorough rest, and for Emma an agreeable change. Measles, however, after being very prevalent at Bingham paid Bridgford a visit, and entered many families. The schools have had to be closed in consequence.

We are very glad to learn that the whole of our second batch of pupils sent in to the Coll. Prec. Exam. have passed. There were six boys and one girl. The boys in order of merit were Freeman, Seorp & Douglas Sargeant, Marshall, & Hall for 2nd class Certificates, and Allen 3rd also Jennie Henderson 3rd

Sunday Jan. 24. Took boys a walk before church by Mr. Beaumont's wall, and turning in at the carriage drive gate, noticed the robin. Wishing to try an experiment, I told the boys to stand a little way off, and approached the little creature with a bit of biscuit, calling Bob, Bob! - as Mr. Beaumont does. The bird quite fearlessly came and took the biscuit from my mouth.

Feb 15. Yesterday (Sunday) morning Freddy, forgetful of the day, had taken out the dust brush, and, commencing to operate on the dining-room door, said to his mamma, "I'm a painter, Mamma!" Mamma

said, "But you should not be painting on Sunday". Freddy, ready for the emergency, replied, "O, but I'm pittending it's Saturday".

Mar 21. We have for several weeks been having cases of mumps - none severe, but just enough to make boys poorly: six or eight boys and all our own younger children have had it. Ernest has it now. May he be last in the series.

Mr Gregg and Miss Capps have felt compelled to relinquish their hopes of a union in consequence of Ann Stokes's odd behaviour. She seems to have some serious mental weakness especially when Mr Gregg's marriage is on her mind and it is feared she would quite go off it, should that ever take place.

Mar 24 - Last night at eleven o'clock all the inmates of Burnham House, except Miss Capps, being gone to bed, loud screaming was heard, which awoke all the girls, and brought Agnes out of her room in her nightdress, causing general consternation. Miss Capps found it to arise from a quarrel in the street - Holmes was thrashing his wife on their way, probably, from the

public house; and she, poor wretch, was threatening to call out "Blue murder, if he didn't stop it". Agnes, upon desirous of restoring peace, opened the passage windows, and exclaimed, "Stop it, Mester Holmes, stop it, - you're a wahm of our young ladies"! This extraordinary plea seemed to have the desired effect, for Mester Holmes walked away, leaving his beloved to search in the darkness for her hat, which had been knocked off in the scuffle.

Apr 4. Recommended Vincent Topham to Mr Higginbottom King Johns Chambers, Nottm. as an articled pupil in his office (Architect Surveyor).

Purchase of garden from Magdalen College completed

The documents came by post yesterday

Bought 3 sacks seed (Bruce) potatoes of Mr Hassall and

2 pecks Early Puritan (Daniels) these are described as Second Early's, fair cropper, and good eater.

2 pecks First Early (Sharpe's Victor) we have had on greenhouse floor a week or two to give them a start. They were 1/9 a peck. We have set them today.

1892

Sowed on bed next frame Cornflower (2 sorts) Asparagus Kale, Ragged Jack Brussel Sprouts (Dwarf & Mammoth) and a row of Sweet William.

Sep. 6. Freddy in bed this morning announced to his mother his intention to sing, commencing with "there is a happy land" &c. finishing of course with "Praise, praise for aye". Then by way of explanation he added "Mummer, I dont mean the A what we see in picture books – big A and little a, but I mean the hay what the thrashing-machine makes" Perhaps he referred to straw.

Sep 11. Dear little Freddy has met with an accident. He was running along the road, when he tripped and fell upon his left arm, which instantly puffed up at the elbow. Mr Earle not being at home, I took him to Mr Eaton, who found he had fractured the outer condyle of the humerus. He put it in splints, and said it would get all right again in two or three weeks.

Poor Mrs Challand has gone to her Saviour this morning after much suffering. Old Mr Straw died last week, and Mrs Stephen Brown the week before.

Henry Doncaster has also died. He had gone down in every sense of the word before his death most noticeably – very sad to think of.

26. Rupert meets with an accident in jumping from a spring board over a Cat-gallows, putting his elbow out of joint. I got it in again without much trouble and trust it will soon be all right again. The arm became swollen and discoloured yesterday (Tuesday the 28th) but it seems much better to day, though he cannot move it much without pain.

May 14. Surveyed "Howitt's Close" (so called) by Closeside Lane recently bought at £75 per acre by W. Millington. Area 5a. 0r. 16p.

Dr. Eaton called to see the disabled arms, and assured me that although they were as yet comparatively useless, it was unreasonable to expect them to be restored to use for some time. I was certainly getting anxious about them.

19. Annie Richardson has got the mumps. This she must have taken whilst at home in the holidays, consequently by the time of its incubation must have been more than 16 days, as she returned to school on the 4th.

May 25. Summer come at last.

June 8. Mary has got the Mumps
10 Nellie Richardson D°
Alice has a rash like measles though in all other respects she seems perfectly well. Mr Earle cannot decide what it is
11 Mr Earle says Alys must be measles, though there are scarcely any concomitant symptoms No more cases.

June 30 Commenced operations for the new wing to house front

July 12 First brick laid of the new wing – I may say, First thousand, for the man has done a grand day's work, having laid about 1250 bricks

25. Our Speech Day at the Temperance Hall a great success, though, owing to so many being busy amongst the hay, we had not a large audience. Mr Jno Bailey made a very efficient chairman and gave a good speech. Aug. 19. Alys's first lesson in rowing.

Sep. 15 Mr Stokes Gregg marries Miss Sophie Brandonys at Lowestoft.

Sept 19 Resumed work after a laborious but most pleasant seven weeks' holiday during nearly all of which we have lived at Burnham House. I never slept so many nights together away from our own home before.
My heart is full of gratitude to that gracious Providence that has wonderfully favoured our building. Everything seems to have been directed wisely, and nothing has occurred to mar or retard our progress. The boys' part is quite ready, and is a great success.
We thoroughly enjoyed our holiday. We had the company of Edward Florence & Kate for 3 wks nearly (Edward – F. & K. a fortnight. Then we had Jamie for 10 days and Emmie Yates nearly a week also F. Pennington for a few days. The weather has been most favourable for our alterations.
Mary I am sorry to say does not seem well. She has not grown her strength and is troubled with swellings in her neck and throat. May she soon recover!
This day is also to be remembered as the day Ann Stokes comes to take up her abode at

Burnham House as our matron, and I am thankful to say seems quite disposed to be happy & useful. God grant it may be so!

Oct 4 Dear little Freddy an invalid. He has had a terrible cough & cold with some bronchial weakness but is now mending nicely. His arm and Ruperts seem quite strong again now. Soaking rain from yesterday midday

10. I have had an unusual sensation today. Having had occasion to blow my nose this morning a sudden splitting sound came in my left ear which I can compare to nothing but a piece of calico blown by the wind and split. It seemed as if the force had split some membrane in the ear, perhaps the drum, and each time I blew my nose the wind came through that ear. I trust there is no real injury. It might be wax, as I do not perceive any deafness.

20 We are turning out a grand crop of potatoes (Bruce) in the home garden about 6 pecks in each row of 18 yards

Dec. 1 I think I may now pronounce our building operations at an end. I. Everby having last Saturday Nov. 26. done putting locks on doors &c and I have the same day laid down linolenm in the hall and put in the stair-rods and laid down the stair carpets. A pretty job it was. My legs ached for days after.

2. Finished linolenm on the landing. By Jove!

Mr & Mrs Jones came in to inspect, and expressed approbation.

1893.

Feb. 1. I am much inconvenienced by deafness and noises in my right ear. Feb. 2. 3 and 4 do

4 (Night.) After using ~~olive~~ Oil of almonds dropped into my ear at bedtime three nights. I have syringed with warm soap and water well, and afterwards with clean water. This has softened the wax which has cracked open, and now my hearing is quite restored. Thank God.

14 Shrove Tuesday. For the first time in my life we do not let the boys go out at 11 a.m. This is also St.

Valentines Day and the old system of valentines seems to have ceased entirely.

Feb 26. Ernest has a rash something like measles coming out all over him. He seems well in oth. respects. We have shut him up in the new front bedroom for safety.

28 Ernie's rash seems to have disappeared. He is still well, but kept apart for a few days.

Colds & coughs have been very prevalent among the boys owing to the change from mild to bitterly cold weather. My own cold has been the worst I ever had.

Mem. Terms on which Morris purchases Brown, Cottage are

	£
Deposit 10 o/o -	20
Payable at 2/ a week	20
Freehold of small cottage for the life of W. & S. Brown	20
(ap. 6th 1893) Cash down on entering	40
Mortgage transferred	100
	£200

Mar. 25. Grafted apples and pears with various sorts of each. Top stock new greenhouse with 4 Ribston Pippin, others with Bramley, Domino, Russian and a few Royal Scorje also the Bridgewater Pippin. Made hotbed.

28 Sowed Coleus, Cyclamen, Petunia, asters, Stocks, Scabious, Calceolaria &c

Ap. 3 Set Begonias in pots. Weather still dry, and all tanks of our cisterns empty. Five of them cleaned, viz: Burnham House, Laundry, Lavatory, New one, & Chapel Harold, narrow escape. Horse kicked bicycle near Newark. Thank God, Harold did not get the kick. Morris completes the payment to Brown for cottage and mortgage to W. Richardson transferred to him. Mr Bell's charge to Morris £4 & to Brown £6.

4 Sowed row of staked dwarf peas American Wonder. Weather still dry

8 Sowed asparagus kale, Curled Borecole, Russian Jack & Savoys. Bought yellow Pansies 1 dark large eye Lord Beaconsfield. also Narcissus Bicolor Horsfieldii white & planted in front of the

which I planted before Dining room window near
moss rose bed. Had chapel cistern recemented
in floor and partway up walls.

April 17 Coming out of chapel last night (Sunday) we were
delighted to perceive rain falling gently. This continued
most of the night; and this morning the school cistern had
2½ inches and the laundry cistern 6 inches of water in.

21 Dry weather since last date. Rain much needed.
Aunt Jessie staying with us Looking well.
Took boat down to Ford yesterday and had a nice
row with the children.

May 16 After a long dry season we are again visited
with a gentle rain

May 18. We have had a delightful rain which has
not only been an infinite blessing to vegetation
but also given us a nice supply of water in
our cisterns. Chapel 13 inches lavatory 20 in
Laundry 25 in., New cistern 20 in. Burnham House 20.

~~Dahlias~~

Dahlias Guiding Star White Pompone
Nemesis Dark ♂
German Favorite Magenta ♂
Hedwig Small orange ♂
Sensation primrose ♂
Empress of India Dark Cactus
Duchess of Albany Single light with dark stripe
Mrs Rothera Single dark maroon

May 20 Henry comes to spend a month at Bridgford
We have obtained cosy apartments for him with
Miss Green.

25 Henry's visit seems to be doing him good. He
is enjoying it greatly.

June 6 Roses in their best. I have today sealed up a
lot of buds in a tin canister, first sealing the ends
of the stems and wrapping each bud in tissue paper.
This, I read, will keep them fresh for a month or two.

June 21. Dry weather still. Commenced with new potatoes. Never before have we had new ones for general use so early. The old ones were just finished and we had not to buy a single potato. Last year's crop was such a great one. Miss Briggs comes to stay a week.

26. Emma takes the girls & teachers to Skegness. Day fine.

22. I must not omit our visit to Epperstone to hear Mr. Cooke give his marvellous experiences as a missionary. Nor the beautiful shower of rain which came on as he was speaking in the marquee. We were greatly cheered & delighted to hear of the great things God had done in Africa by the hand of his servant. Surely never before was the Gospel so greatly blessed to the heathen. During his short visit to S. Africa not less than 6000 souls were brought to Christ.

Whilst Mr. Cooke was speaking there came a beautiful shower of rain, which although sadly needed made some of the visitors wonder how they were to get home: but it nearly cleared off, and the full was but slight.

27 Flower show a very good one, but the the show of flowers would have been scant but for ours. We took 8 or 9 prizes for flowers. A nice rain fell in the evening and during the night.

29 Our sports a great success. Weather delightful. No serious accidents. Mrs Pratt modestly presented the prizes afterwards at Temperance Hall. 6.45 Several friends to tea. Mr Pratt acting as proxy in the matter of given a short address, which he did very nicely. Mr Henley on behalf of the boys thanks subscribers & friends, and Mr. Fullmer responded. Everybody seemed delighted.

July 2 Sunday. Splendid thunder shower. All vegetation refreshed, but the ground not saturated.

13 Sowed Cabbage seed (Webbs Emperor) We have at last had a beautiful rain, which lasted all the night and put 4 inch of water into the school cistern, 7 inch into the laundry so now we have 24 in. in laundry 17 in school and — in new cistern. Trent water has been a great expense.

Aug 5 Sowed second bed of Cabbage Webbs Emperor.

7 Our Prize-day. Fine weather and a great success. Thank God. Comdine Brown made a very good chairman. Gave a humourous and interesting speech and made judicious remarks in distributing prizes. Many flattering things were said of us & the school. A goodly gathering at the Hall, and 87 to tea in the school room close by. Our grand union Jack floated gallantly in the breeze – quite a conspicuous object. Everybody seemed pleased with the entertainment. Many old boys present

15 Yesterday and today have been made memorable by two visits from most unlikely people. Yesterday I made arrangements for fetching Mr Brown away from his sick room to take tea with us. Borrowing a bath chair from Mr Beaumonts I brought him carefully round by the road whilst Mrs Brown went over the fields. Most delighted were they both with everything they saw and experienced. After tea I took him a drive in Jones waggonette round by Lapwordale and Bingham and then brought him to their own land end Mr Brown managing to walk up the lane home none the worse for his little out except rather faint just on alighting from the carriage.

To day Mrs Pepper has been the visitor. This the first time she has been out to tea for 16 years. To Mr P. the thing seemed impossible when proposed, but a determined will on my part soon removed all difficulties, and, lifting her in her wheeled chair into the light cart, we brought her comfortably here, Mr Jones lending us his horse for the occasion. She was lifted out, and, like Mr Brown, wheeled round to see the flowers, and very much she seemed to enjoyed the change. Everybody was astonished & struck to see Mrs Pepper being driven along the streets to go on a visit like this. Mrs Milward begged I would take her through their garden to see their flowers so she had quite a tour. We got her home again in perfect safety though Mr Pepper had expressed a doubt whether she would get home again alive.

Aug. 26. What a change in the temperature from this time last week. Friday the 18th was the hottest day of the series - registering at Greenwich 146° in the sun, and 96° in the shade. That day we went to Belvoir Emma & myself with Mr. Jas. & the Misses Robinson, Emmie Yates & Mary, and had a very delightful day, saw the Duke & Duchess of Rutland & sent for Lord Shaw. How we could do with a bit of fire at nights. Weather still fine. I have been gathering pears today - such a crop as I never saw in my life. I think there will be 13 or 14 packs from the Brown Dessert tree - beautiful stuff too. We have never had such teeming crops of apples and pears before. Plums also are very abundant. Yesterday Mary set out with Miss Yates for Manchester, and they are to proceed to the Isle of Man (Ramsey) on Monday. May it do Mary good!

31. Libbie & Sarah J. Robinson leave us today after a fortnights visit. We have enjoyed their company. There has not been a drop of rain yet, and everyone is wishing for a shower. The clouds indeed are gathering thickly around threatening a thunderstorm. Later. Rain has come gently though without thunder, and there is very appearance of a wet night.

Sep. 21 Commence school to day.

Yesterday gathered about 16 packs of apples from Lockwoods favourite, and about 36 packs of beautiful ones from the Burnham House Royal George.

25. Finished gathering the smaller tree of Royal George in home garden - about 23 packs of the finest fruit I ever saw. Many of the apples are ¾ lb in weight, and the sunny summer has put such a colour into these and all the other apples. It is delightful to see them.

The large Royal George has produced about 47 packs of grand fruit, and the Bramley's seedling over 8 packs of the most magnificent fruit I ever saw - gathered Oct 5.

Oct 17. William Brown passed away to join the heavenly choirs.

21. Very mild afternoon. Had a row on the Hunt with Emma, Kitty Seale, Ada & Freddy. Autumnal beauties passing away.

29 Freddy passes out of petticoats - that is so far as Sundays are concerned

Nov. 12 Freddy fills his pockets of his mickers inside out and says he has got wings.

Harold tells us an amusing class meeting episode As W. Curtis is speaking with great solemnity of the eternal world and quoting that awful line from Wesley "Shall I be with the damned cast out?" Whittle replies, "Yes, my brother, by trusting in the Lord" People hard of hearing should be cautious how they respond

Jan. 17. Went to see Uncle Frank, who has had a severe attack of bronchitis. He would get up to see me and seemed very pleased. I spoke earnestly to him about his soul, and although I am far from satisfied with his spiritual condition was glad to recognize some earnestness when I prayed with him before leaving.

Jan 23 Uncle much better.

We commenced school on the 18th after a most pleasant and restful holiday during which Emy Yates for a few days and afterwards Mr Dobson, an old tutor for a week.

† Jan 24 Poor, dear old William Curtis passes away whilst sitting in his arm chair taking a basin of gruel with Mrs Curtis & Alice between 8 and 9 o'clock p.m. It is the Lord Jesus that has kissed his spirit away.

Feb 12. Last night a terrible storm of wind alarmed us greatly. The fiercest gale I ever heard. We scarcely durst go to bed. But it moderated later. This morning damage is discovered in many places. Turners waggon house is blown down, Mrs Mays garden wall by the street also

1874 "Five White Rabbits" Sunday at Home 1875 p 382. 20 minutes

Our best pear tree also is blown over (Duchesse d'Angoulême)

Mr I Dickens spent Sunday with us

Feb 19. Yesterday at chapel the preacher (A Hopewell) made unfavourable reference to the desire expressed in some Methodist circles for a number of bishops in the Methodist Church. Freddy sitting by Miss Henning was listening attentively, but not comprehending Mr Hopewells meaning turned to Miss Henning quietly saying "Chess-men, Miss Henning?"

Mar 7. This is a memorable day. Dear old Willie Owen has turned up. I was called down from school, as a very old friend had come to see me. Emma was evidently somewhat excited when she told me there was a great surprise for me, and I caught a little of her excitement before I could get ready. But when entering the drawing room I beheld my old friend whom I had not heard from for many years I was almost overpowered. - Willie Owen!! O the rapture of meeting a loved one after so long a separation - thirty six years. What joys are in store for us beyond the grave!

Sunday Magazine 1881, p. 197. "Sam's Good Angel," a story of slavery ¾ hr. 35

Willie had come from London where he had just completed an engagement at one of the theatres - Daly's, I think he said, and had arranged to go on to L'pool by the 2.25 from Lowdham, which was just the train by which we were to go to see Mary off for Bradford; so every thing fitted.

His 2½ hours' stay was too short. Our converse was painfully abridged, but it was a happy time to us both.

9. Last night Emma was looking through the Ladys Pictorial for Mar. 3. and in the Court News came across the following: "The Prince & Princess of Wales and party then visited Daly's Theatre to see "Twelfth Night." So Willie has certainly played before our Royal family.

Received a note from Miss Capam of Newton, saying that her father was very ill and sinking fast, and would be glad of a few words from me. I went after school was over and was warmly welcomed by Mrs Gillott with whom I had some conversation, and when

1874

"Percys Adventure" 1 hour ½ half Sunday at Home 1875. p. 14, &c

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18 Our last patient went out for a walk.

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St. Mary's-gate, Derby.

23 Went to Notts. County Court against Mr. Oliver of the Eagle Restaurant, who refused my claim for £9. half term's fees, in default of notice for his two sons Charley & Sidney. Having added insult to injury, he richly deserves what he has got, namely, to pay the whole with all costs.

26 + Poor Willy Barker of Newton passed peacefully away from all sorrow & suffering at 12.20 today. I paid my last visit to him on Sunday week, and saw unmistakable symptoms of his approaching end. The dropsy had so increased and was going upwards so rapidly. He longed to depart and be with Christ. I rejoice to think that I have in any measure been used by the Lord in Willy's salvation. He is to be buried at Darfield on Monday 29th

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Whatever weather may characterise the present summer, the effects of immense masses of ice in dissolution at the sources of the Gulf Stream cannot, in my humble opinion, be held in suspense beyond the autumn of this year. These effects, in obedience to what appears to be a natural law, and which also appear to be more or less recurrent at nearly regular intervals of time, should be seen in a wet and stormy close to the autumn of this year, and in the severity and protraction of the winter that it will usher in. I adhere to my predictions on all main points, on the assurance that I am working upon a rational, natural, and sound scientific basis.—I am, sir, &c.,

CHARLES EDWARDS.

Holly House, Donington, Spalding, June 4, 1894.

+ And came to pass. We have had a very wet and stormy time from end of August to now (Nov. 8).

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1894

"Lost Treasure". Sunday at Home 1879 p. 751
(Sweet little Tale for 30 minutes reading)

Nov. 2. New 60-guinea Hopkinson piano come in exchange for the Landon Steedman from Woolleys which has turned out defective and greatly disappointed us. May the new one prove a success! Tuning hammer for D^o by post 6/3.

5 Planted 3 apple trees for Henry and two for myself named *

10 Paid Ann Stokes her first weekly money at Henrys or rather the half week, for she entered upon her duties as housekeeper on Wedn. the 7th Both she and Henry seem very delighted with the new arrangements. Reopened Burnham House (8th)

* Henrys apples Mr. Gladstone nonpareil, Cox's Orange Pippin and New Hawthornden. Own pyramids Blenheim Orange by path side and Domino

Mr. Williamson was born in 1816, Mr. Adams in 1818. A few weeks ago I chopped the root half round No. 3 apple ("Queen") Rev. A.A. Barker will be 75 in October '95

22 Presided at the Primitive Meth. Missionary meeting Two capital speeches by Messrs. Baron and Henshaw, for whom I took the chair six years ago. Very good attendance and very enjoyable meeting.

Katie's Journey Sweet little Tale for 10 minutes
Sunday at Home 1879. p. 78.

30. Entertainment for the juveniles. I have a cold, and no voice.

Dec. 1 Entertainment quite a success.

Mr Beaumont has been trying to arrange for a number of candidates for the Parish Council and his list is as follows, Messrs. Bell, T. Euerby, S. Gregg, J. Huskinson, A. Mason, Milward W. Walker, W. Wilkinson, S. Wilkinson, Weatherell and C. Clough. The working men's list is I understand, Two always, H. Manchester Cleff, T. Smith, J. Higgs, G. Huskinson, T. Euerby, S. Wilkinson

4 The parish meeting Show of hands for candidates Poll demanded by Cleff.

6 Freddy has earned 1/- for singing Gentle Jesus, and Ally for playing the accompaniment.

8 Doubleday's mortgage paid in

17 No little talk and excitement during the last week or two about the Parish Council that is to be. Several meetings have been held — notably one last Wedn. the 12th called by the soi-disant "progressive" party which was addressed by Mr Manning and Mr Rundell who both seemed to take it for granted that any good that might need doing could only be done

1894 "Old Baynalls Bicks" Sunday at Home p. 431. Year 1876. ¾ hour.

by a mobocracy. The election of today has, however, been very quiet and orderly. My first electioneering experiences consisted in persuading Mrs North to go to the poll, helping her into and out of Mr. Weatherell's carriage, showing her and Mrs Foster how to record their votes, riding with them to the School and back going on to fetch Mrs Goodwin, and persuading Dwrid Upton also to go.

The voting was very much in favour of our party The names of candidates with numbers are as follows

		Unsuccessful	
J. Enerby	144	J. Clegg	76
S Wilkinson	116	J. Fregg	75
J Hutchinson	106	J Smith	69
J Turner	96	W Walker	69
G Hutchinson	93	J. Alvey jnn	66
L Milward	89	J. Biggs	63
A Mason	82	H Manchester	62
E.R Weatherell	81		
E.N Bell	79		
E Clough	79		
Jas Alvey	78.		

There was no disturbance afterwards except a little vulgar shouting in the streets after "closing time".

"Malachi's Cove" Good Words 1864. page 929. 55

The candidates for the district Council were J Turner 70, J Clegg 55, W Wilkinson 29.

20. Went to Nettm with boys and girls.

26 Yesterday was a very happy Xmas day. The children all at home, all well, and all full of hilarity. The addition of three boys – Menisault and the two Constantines make quite a large family. Miss Yates also here.

29. First appearance of snow this winter, but it has melted as quickly as it has fallen. This day last week there was a terrible storm of wind which did much damage, especially in Yorkshire.

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Jan. 1. Held our Watch Night service as usual. The attendance not so good as formerly – about 35 being present. We were not favoured with much help – only A. Mason, R. Jones & myself, but we had a good meeting. I had our harmonium in default of the organ there being no one to play the latter.

11 Frost set in with the new year and we have been having plenty of skating &c. Watson's Piece is frozen, and

Sunday Magazine 1881 p. 56 (The True Princess) also p. 841 (James Garfield)

we have been down five or six times. Now there is ice at the front - the little stream being frozen over, and also a nice large pool above the island. There are also numerous little pools frozen, affording Freddy a nice chance of learning to slide. Today for the first time he can really manage to slide by himself.

12 Went to the front again in the morning and had a nice time on the ice. Again after dinner the children wished to go again, as I took them, but did not skate myself as the ice was very much cracked, and I saw that there was a danger of getting in; and though the water was very shallow I did not care to get wet feet. Harold, however, joined them later on and enjoyed an hour's skating. Mr Goldsbro got in over the boot tops and further wet by sitting down in it, so he quickly took off his skates and ran home.

14 A snow storm which came on Saturday, (12) and a thaw this morning, has stopped our skating.

Sunday Magazine 1889. p. 422 (A righteous man) ¾ hour.

Edward came on Friday (11) and seems to be enjoying his visit. It is nice to have him with us. He did not bring his skates, as he says he is now afraid of getting a fall. I think his skating days are over.

17 Mrs Constantine comes for her boys, and seems very grateful for our care of them. They have certainly had a very jolly time, and the frost came just right for skating.

21 We reopen school with a somewhat improved prospect - 4 new boys and 2 girls.

Mr Fillingham died (18th) aged 34, somewhat suddenly.

~~Feb~~ 28. The Pratts leave Bridgford, much to the regret of many people, ourselves included. They had deservedly gained the respect and esteem of all. The weather is not very propitious for flitting - the ground covered deep in snow. Frost still continues and seems likely to.

Feb. 7 Winter continues. Real arctic weather. Went yesterday with the boys to Sunthorpe to skate at the old gravel field, past Graves's - Ice very firm.

8 Frost still more severe. Ice in our washhand basin and jug this morning - a new experience. This side of the

'95 "The Rejected Soldier" Sunday at Home 1879 p. 15.

Trent is again frozen and 3 & the boys have been down for a skate. Ice splendid and firm.
A special appeal from Dr Barnardo, read aloud to the boys today and an offer to add five times what they gave resulted in a subscr. of £7. from them. Sent £7
8 Had a famous afternoon on the Trent the wharf being frozen well & strong & smooth. The boys have had magnificent slide of 25 or 30 yards long and little Freddy can end it! Very enjoyable Saturday afternoon for us all. No sign of frost relaxing.
14 The Trent has blocked up today right to the bridge
19 For the last two days the frost has relaxed its terrible grip and although the wind still remains in the north it is decidedly thawing. We went to skate last evening on the Trent but found the ice softening so that we did not skate with facility. Several persons crossed on the ice on Sunday below the wharf - a very risky feat
20 Frost again this morning. Letter & photo from Willy Owen a long, interesting and loving letter.

At his wits' end. (Invention of Safety pin) Sunday Magazine 1882 p. 201.

23 The frost seems to be slowly leaving us, though some of the snow lingers, and the wind is now west.
26 The wind soon got back to north and this morning some of the bedroom windows are iced over, but it is now west again.
Mar 1 Harold goes to Blackpool, having to take his annual holiday from today. Cold continues: frost not yet out of the ground.
7 Poor Herbert Green after a short illness which was variously attributed to influenza, typhoid fever and brain fever, died today aged 20. - a very sad circumstance. His father, just returned from a short visit to the asylum, had not even the satisfaction of being recognized by his son. It is one of the most distressing circumstances that has occurred at Bridford. It was only 12 days ago that Herbert was working for us.
14 Went with Emma & Harold to Dr Truman's musical reunion and spent a very pleasant evening 7 to 10. R Jones drove us. Dr Truman was presented with a handsome baton by the society.
† 16 Death of Mr Jno Lindley announced in the papers. He had been ill for many weeks - bronchitis & pleurisy. Mr W. Lindley was here on Sat. last. The weather now is lovely. Garden we will keep us busy.

Good short stories Chambers 1869 P. 57. 79. 90. 95 for about 10 minutes each also faithful Jerry Wapshaff P. 397 for 1 hour "Lost" p. 600 "Tom Chatoris advice" p. 623.

20. Bertie Richardson leaves to go to business at Keswick We all regret to part with him. He is such a good lad. May God bless and prosper him!

Made a start to cut the trees, currants to be two days after To day Shipman has come to take to it. Everything is late this year. Tuesday only began to dig on the 18th. The soil is greatly benefitted by the severe winter. Any potatoes we find left in the ground are killed.

Bought seed potatoes from Mr Hassall: 1 sack of Bruce 7/ 5 pecks of Sharp's Victor 7/6 1 peck of Jemmie Deans 1/3 (second early) 1 peck Antrims 1/3. Shipman taking down hedge between Curtis's garden and ours. We are going to cultivate the whole.

24 Terrific storm of wind, which blew down N Upton's barn and the National school bell, and did immense damage up and down the country, disfiguring sadly many parks by uprooting trees

31. Last apple-pie of the season for supper.

April 17. The season is so late through the cold that vegetation is almost a month later than last year. My asters have been sown but a few days, and almost all other seeds

a long, long night. Leisure Hour 1877 p. 11. Ghost of the mere p. 745. 61

are still in the packets. Yesterday I grafted with Domino the old tree whose top I cut off - the one nearest Wilkinsons field. Henry Manchester is busy lapping hedges for us. He has made a good job of B. H. Hedge. Enerby has not finished digging and we have not set a potato yet. Everybody is equally backward with gardening operations.

Bought two Arbor vitæ trees 4/ at Nuttm.

19. Had a good days gardening, setting potatoes Sharpe's Victor top plat next Hare croft and Myatt next our garden, also Victors at B.H. garden amongst currants &c. also sowing Br. Sprouts, Kale & curled Broc.

22. Cut tops off large old apple trees (Normanton Wonder, the very tall one) and grafted the higher stock with cuttings from No. 10, Home garden, - the lower, larger stock with 8 cuttings of Ruyal George on the N. & W. side and 6 of Blenheim Orange from old tree close by. Also cut off top of old tree opposite side of tennis lawn near Spencer's favorite and grafted it with No. 11 Home Garden.

23. Put up a shelf in Mary's bedroom for the accommodation of her now extensive library. Sowed Petunia, Phlox Drum-

Sunday Magazine 1884. p. 764 Pantomime waifs

Auricula, Balsam, Coleus &c. Took Emma for a row after tea and heard the cuckoo for the first time this year. Sent off a letter to Willy Owen.

Mary commenced yesterday to go to Witham for lessons in German, French, Drawing & Music.

Ap 30 Went with Emma to Wetheringham and spent a pleasant afternoon at Highfield with Mr & Mrs Allen.

May 2 Reopen school. All boys in but two the first day. Weather fine.

4 Sowed K Beans, and Pr. of Walcheren.

11 The apple trees are just now in their beauty and there is a great show of bloom. Rain is wanted.

Last evening I took the boys a walk to the Burrows moors where I had not been for many years. There were thousands of cowslips. The boys were quite excited and brought home a large quantity. Later on I went down the West Lane and heard the nightingale sing beautifully. Henry also and Mary & Miss Hemmingway went, and one of the boys (Palmer) whom I called up from his bed to go with me.

"Timothy's Temptation," Sunday at Home 1875 p. 734 - ½ hom.

14 Heard the nightingale last night to perfection just by Mr. Weatherell's wall also the night before. There must be several of these wondrous songsters about. Weather warm and dry.

15. Peas & K Beans up. Had yew trees cut in, which were sadly disfigured by the winter's frost.

19 Weather for the last few days terribly cold. Rain & warmth wanted. Our cactus is a splendid object - full of fine flowers.

21 Went again to hear the nightingale, which now is in Mr Bathers garden. Its song was beautifully reechoed from Wilkinson's barn.

30 Weather still very dry, and warm but at night a ring close round the moon.

31 Further signs of rain - light streaky clouds, wind backing to S. Moon again as last night. Nice shower.

June 1 Fine and warm in morning but smoke damps down and wind backs further E. - Grey mares' tails. Showers later.

Candwell poorly yesterday (bilious). Wired home. Mrs. C. fetched him.

March 3 Note from Mrs Candwell. Sydney very ill. Unconscious since Friday.

4 Mrs Candwell drives over. Sydney worse. Doctors at fault. Dr. Brookhouse sent for, who after some days says inflammation of the brain.

"Ivan the Russian Soldier" Quiver 1880. p. 342. 10 minutes
"The Two Sisters" " " " 303 5 "

June 5. Hilda brought me a pretty wildflower I had not before seen. She found it in a hedgerow in the little lane leading to Robt Jones old home in the Shelford fields. I found it to be the wild Guelder Rose (Viburnum opulus) a somewhat remarkable flower specially noticed in Olivers Handbook of Botany.

11 Nice thunder shower which was very welcome as the weather is very dry.

Sydney Caudwell no better.

15 Dear Sydney passed away yesterday. We have never before had such a sad event in the history of the school. The cause of his death is a mystery. Our grief is great - that of his parents & friends overwhelming.

A severe frost last night which in some localities has injured potatoes and kidneybeans. No rain. Wind N.

Went to Notts. and ordered a wreath for S.C. from ~~for~~ us and a cross from the boys. cost 15/ each at Stewarts.

20. An old boy - Parker, of Derby - who left 39 years ago today called to see me.

"Varus the Patrician" Quiver 1880. p. 229. 20 minutes.

25 Flower Show day. Dry weather still continues. Four cisterns empty - Lavatory, Laundry, Scullery and - for the ~~second~~ first time - the new cistern. First two loads of Trent water brought by J. Hutchinson. Mr Wilkinson's sheep and lambs, having found plenty of sapo, and being attracted by our potato tops have persisted in invading our garden & done some damage - eating potato tops and nibbling off dahlias chrysanthemums carnations girls lettuces & flowers &c. Hottest day so far this summer.

28 Our Athletic Sports were a complete success yesterday. I never got through with so little worry, and we never had a more pleasant day. The people were most appreciative and kind. The boys acquitted themselves most commendably, and the tiny ones, even, caused much pleasure. It was a sight to see the three little ones (there ought to have been four, but Westwood is away poorly) stand ready for the signal to run their race. I could have laughed especially to see Freddy as he poised himself for the flight evidently determined to win. The weather at 12 o'clock looked uncertain as there were thunderstorms about; but after a nice shower which greatly

"The Runaways" Sunday at Home 1878, p. 285 - ¾ hour

improved the grass for the racing it cleared up and the whole afternoon was beautifully fine. We commenced about ½ past 2. There were too many events and perhaps a little loss of time which might be avoided in future. We could well dispense with Blondin, and throwing cricket ball. We omitted the 300 yards flat Race for Seniors as the day was hot and the boys rather small The Old Boys Race also was not well contested. Perhaps an obstacle race for juniors might be left out. We had not finished until half past 6. and it was 7 before all got in to tea. We managed to assemble in the J. Hall, however, by about 7.20 and Mrs Whitlaw did the honors in a very pleasant way.

I always feel, after such occasions, that my sincere thanks are due to God, whose gracious providence, in answer to our prayers, has preserved us from accident and injury, and through the cordial appreciation our friends have shown, afforded us encouragement in our work. Perhaps it may be well to register the names of the boys though I have not down so before

Seniors	Juniors	
Freeman	Allen J.	
Williamson Hall	Allen H.	
Richardson a.	Rupert Clough	
Lindley i	Simon	
Williams	Reeve i	
Land	Baldock	
Cowen J.	Reeve ii	
Cullen	Weatherell	
Lindley ii	Kemp Hall	
Menegault		
Wilkinson (Colston)	Tinies	Rossington
Kirk i		Freddy
Kirk ii		Bains ii
Bains		

I think it might have paid a photographer to take snap shots occasionally. There were some scenes which I could have wished to have had taken, especially the start of the Tinies.

95 "Old Franz Hausen. A story of God's providence Sund. Mag. 1880, p. 840 ¾ hour

29 A splendid thundershower in the evening put several inches of water into each of the cisterns and was a most welcome godsend to the gardens.
Mr Bryant sprained his foot badly in the afternoon
Emma took the B.A. girls to Thetford. I nursed myself a little at home, not being very well, having a cold and loss of voice.

30 Commenced to use new potatoes (Victor) for dinner both houses. The crop is light, but better than I expected after so much dry weather.

July 18 Eva Monsallier arrived with her mother as escort. Eva is to stay with us 5 or 6 weeks to learn a little English. Neither of them can speak English at all so our experience is just a little out of the ordinary at present. Madame Monsallier stayed the night with us and left the following day.

29 (Emma's Birthday) Owing to the abundant rains we have had during the last fortnight all nature looks fruitful. We have now a grand supply of soft water. The scullery cistern is full.

Aug 1. Our Prize Day has been a grand success, thank God. The boys and girls did their part well and were warmly applauded by an unusually large audience. Mr Haynes was chairman, and though his speech was sadly too long and some things had better have been left out, yet on the whole he made a very good chairman. Emma & I unfortunately have been very unwell with an attack of a sort of diarrhoea and are very much below the mark, but we have been brought through. Tea tables were set on the tennis lawn and a very numerous assembly partook of our good cheer. Everybody seemed delighted, and Mr Storr of Sibthorpe to whom I had sent an invitation decided to send his son to us for two years. The boys who made speeches were O. Lindley, A.H. Reeve, Ménégault, and Freeman all of whom did very well.

3 Yesterday I went with the sporty folks to Nottingham and took Freddy to have two teeth attended to. Today I have set Ménégault off from Bingham 5.53 a.m. for London arr. 9.50. Leave Victoria 11. arr. Paris 7 pm via Calais.

Aug 5. Bank Holiday. A fine day although the morning looked uncertain. Harold took Mary Ernest Hilda, Mdlle Monsallier & Emmie Yeates (who has come for 10 days) boating and I took Emma Rupert, Alice, Freddy & Miss Hemming for a picnic to Kneeton Hills. We had Jones to take us to Kneeton. We met with Mr. Baker who showed us the water tanks and the arrangement for the supply of water to Kneeton. He also shewed us a splendid prize ox which he is feeding for Xmas. It now weighs a ton. He lent us the church keys so we went into the church & were interested. We then went down the steep lane, turned into a path to the right that I had not known, dived into the thicket and sitting in a row on the fallen trunk of a tree brought out our refreshments and had a right good lunch, and then made our way through to the front side and strolled along, mounting the hill and admiring the scenery. We then made our way to Wilkinsons farmstead and were met by the trap which brought us home after a pleasant excursion.

8. Socialistic Meeting at Temperance Hall

10 Went off for a few days excursion to the Isle of Man taking Hilda. Stayed a night at Waterloo, took 10.30 boat the following morning (20) had a calm pleasant and quick passage on the Victoria 3½ hours to Douglas went to the railway station & took train for Port Erin where we spent a few days at the Eagle Hotel 7/6 a day for me, half price for Hilda. We both enjoyed it greatly and derived benefit. We visited Bradda Head, the Chasms, Port St Mary, Castletown had many pleasant rambles, two hours in a small boat greatly to Hilda's delight. I also had a bathe in the bay. Returned to Douglas on Friday morning (23) visited Granby Glen and rete got onboard the 4 o'clock boat for Liverpool which we reached in 4 hours. Hilda was sick on the way but soon better. Safe home on Saturday (24th).

31. Eva Monsallier left us for London and Newhaven for night boat to Dieppe. She was sadly troubled to leave us. She was met at Kingsx by a station visitor of the Travellers Aid Society, and safely conducted to Victoria Station and seen in the train for Newhaven

Sept 6. Emma goes with Mrs Allason to spend a few days under the care of the Bpmf Women's Christian association – a novel idea!
Mr. Kirkland's stackyard burnt out two days ago. and the drum of Cobb's thrashing machine reduced to a shapeless heap. Mary Ernest & I went for a walk to Screveton after 10 o'clock pm. to see the fire.

10 Went to Paris. Left Bingham 5.53 a.m. arrived Paris viâ Calais 7. p.m. was met at the Gare du Nord by M. and Madme & Eva Monsallier & Edmond Menegault, who all shewed me the greatest attention. M. Monsallier, + Eva even taking a carriage and going with me to my hotel at the Place du Havre. Spent Wednesday aft. + evening at the Monsalliers 4 rue Perdonnet, and Thursday aft + even. at Noisy le sec with the Menegaults from all of whom I experienced the greatest courtesy

14 Returned home leaving Paris at 9 and arriving Bingham 9.16 The entire cost of my trip £6. 6s.

I do not think it was money thrown away, although I see no immediate result except a few promises of future pupils. The journey was altogether very enjoyable, and I was especially pleased to make the acquaintance of Madame Menegault and her daughters. I was very favourable impressed with Lucie, notwithstanding the sad account I had had from Madame. She is a nice bright affectionate girl, and very tender-hearted. I was pleased to have the opportunity of speaking a kind word of exhortation and encouragement to her which seemed well appreciated.
My journey home should have occupied less than 11 hours, but owing to the great number passengers and the vast amount of luggage the Dover train started late and I missed the 5.30 from Kings + only just catching the 5.45 - a slower train.
My welcome at Bingham by Emma Mary Harold was warm indeed and my heart was filled with gratitude at having such a home to return to.

Sept. 11. Commenced school with renewed energies having had a most pleasant holiday. The weather has been delightful. The fruit of all kinds is most abundant, and the garden a delight. Teeming crops of apples pears and plums, apples so plentiful that they will scarcely sell at all at the market. Our school has sadly diminished numbers but I am hoping for better things in the near future. We are however in the Lords hands and all things shall work together for our good. What a blessing to have good health!
Our pears (Vessel) are all gathered. There would not be less than about 30 pecks on the two trees. We are getting them off to market as fast as we can. Dennens are only making a shilling a peck! The Potts Seedling apple has borne about 25 pecks.
23. Pulled the Spencer's favorite about 14 pecks Jessie's grand sample.
25. Fine weather continues and the heat is quite exceptional yesterday 112° in the sun. Emma pays her visit to the dentist today to get a cast.
28 Enerdyn's baby 19 months old dies from eating the poisonous berries of the
Weather still very hot. Gathered the Lockwood & Favorite apples
Oct. 1. Gathered 15 p. of Royal Scarlet & Burnham Beauty apples and about 15 p. more, in all. 30 p.
2 Went to Nottingham with Emma. The weather which was phenomenally warm and dry through Sept. has changed. The air is cold and there seems a general upset
3 Good fair comes in rather unconformably for pleasure seekers. Rain this morning.
Put the new damson wine into the cask. There was more than enough to fill it by nearly two gallons = 4 gal.
4 The weather has been very stormy the last few days and lots of apples are blown off the trees.
5 Goose Fair Saturday. Fine in morning. Rain at 5 o'clock p.m. Steeping rain at 8. Mary Harold and Henry, all at Nottingham, have to get home somehow.

8. Four persons in Bridford now lie ready for interment – a most unusual thing. Thomas Legg is one. I fear there is but little hope of some of them

9 This morning's post brings us the sad news that dear Aunt Matilda has passed away. Bronchitis & pleurisy have released her happy spirit and she has gone to join the blood-washed throng. What a comfort to know that she lived and died a sincere christian! Emma has gone to Waterloo to help a little by her presence and sympathy.

14 Corked and sealed the damson wine.

Went last night (Sunday) with Emma to see Mr. Barker about Mr Fullmer's popish doctrines. Decided to give up our attendance at church. For fuller ace see Dec. 8.

26 Finished gathering Royal Georg apples. The large tree yielded about 42 pecks and the small one 26.

26 Winter has come with a vengeance. Snow storm this morning. Went to Notm with E. & Alice

30 Frost continues very sharp. It has sadly stopped the growth of the cauliflowers which we have been enjoying so much. The remaining apples seem at present uninjured (28) I gathered the Stent's Incomparable which have grown to a good size and look beautiful. – 2 pecks. Perhaps I may get Harold's bday but they cling very fast at present and the leaf keeps quite green.

Yesterday was our Missionary Meeting. The sermons were preached on Sunday to good congregations by Mr Barnet – very good useful sermons, and the meeting (Tuesday) was addressed by Sylvester Whitehead who made a most interesting speech, though not quite so taking as that of last year. The congregation was large. The chapel was full, and the money at the collection was over £16. so that I should think Bridford will do at least as well as last year when over £58 was sent.

The chairman was Mr Wardle of West Bridgford who stayed the night with us and was very agreeable

Nov. 1. The erythema again troubles me somewhat, causing the itching sensation in my legs.

5. No fireworks possible in consequence of a soaking wet night — a great disappointment, especially as Mr. Jno Hutchinson & Mr Ellwood have each brought us a box of stuff for a bonfire, and as there is a much larger quantity of fireworks than usual. The Reeves went home last Saturday and brought back with them 20/- worth. I tried to make the boys enjoy their evening by shewing them the magic lantern.

Poor Thomas Foster, so long a tenant, is very ill, and is removed by his friends to a small house in Mill gate for more convenient nursing. Died the 9th.

8 Had fireworks and a grand fire. Capital display no accident, thank God. The policeman was on the ground very good order was kept, and everybody was pleased. My erythema much better. Mr. Goldston stayed supper.

20. I ought here to record an instance of a text of Scripture made a special blessing. Having felt much cast down of late, and, lying awake in the early morning full of doubt & fear, I felt as I knelt down to say my prayers as though I knew not how to pray or what to pray for, I said to myself, "I know what I should like above all things — to have the favour of God and the assurance of it." This text immediately came to me as if from above:— "Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them". I thereupon prayed in faith for the desired blessing and was blessedly relieved. Then the thought came (not from above) "But Jesus said this to the disciples — perhaps you are not truly such." But this was instantly answered with "Well, I wish to be", and the text, "Whosoever will, let him come, and take of the water of life freely". So the tempter was foiled, and peace reigned in my soul.

23 Had a very pleasant visit to Southwell with Emma Mrs Bramwell played the piano how beautifully

called at Mr Wadsworth's and found nobody at home; but at the station, whom should we find but Mr & Mrs Wadsworth waiting for the same train as we were going by. They were going to Langton Mill so we rode with them as far as Lowdham.

7 Some few weeks ago Mr Burrows got married to a widower of Eakring (?) and sent us bridecake with her (widow) card addressed from "The Helms". We thought that as she had been married before as well as he, it might have been "the Hash". But today we hear she has left him: so now we think it should be the "Hoax".

Dec. 8. An omission made in October. On Sunday the 13th Mr. Fullmer officiated at Church. I noticed at the commencement of the service a nervous tremulousness in his voice which I suspected might mean something hot for dissenters. I did not stay for the sermon as I was desirous of seeing poor Mrs Frear, but Emma was there and on her return from church, she was greatly perturbed. Mr. Fullmer had fully justified my suspicions. He had preached on "the kingdom of Heaven", which he said was the church: the church consisted of Christians: Christians were christened or baptised people, if properly baptised. To be properly baptised, the office must be performed by proper ministers: proper ministers were those who were episcopally ordained, and therefore successors of the apostles. These only had power to administer the sacraments of which baptism was one. He added that he should fail in his duty if he did not call attention to the fact that absolution was another; and if he did not exhort those of his congregation to make their confession to the priest accordingly and receive absolution.

We accordingly resolved to make a new departure with our schools, and discontinue taking any boys or girls to church unless wished to do so by their parents. We thought it due to Mr Barker to at once acquaint

him with our intentions and our reasons, as we visited him after the evening service and fully explained matters. He acknowledged that Mr Fullmer went further than he in those matters but was not aware that he ever went so far. He would, however, see Mr. F's. sermon. He seemed somewhat put about, and expressed his regret that our feelings had been wounded.

I heard nothing from Mr Barker during the week as he was away from home; but on the following Monday (21) he wrote me a kind note, saying he had now seen Mr Fullmer's sermon and saw nothing in it to justify my withdrawing myself and school from the services. Of course I replied. a day or two after Mr Fullmer wrote and some considerable correspondence took place between us, but I fear it has not brought us nearer together. I do not see any other right course to take than the one we have adopted and I can only pray that in some

way his mind may be enlightened and that he may become savingly converted. I cannot but deeply grieve that we thus seem driven away from a service which if evangelically conducted would be so good.

Eno's Fruit Salt

Ingredients for Eno's Fruit salt ¼ lb carb Soda, ¼ lb Tartaric acid, ¼ lb Cream of Tartar ¼ lb. Epsom Salts and ½ lb powdered sugar. Dry each, mix well, cork lightly.

D. 22. Mrs Gilbert tells me she will be 90 years old this next January (24th) She is suffering sadly from depressed spirits, and seems to have lost her joy and comfort, except just occasionally when it seems as though light broke through the cloud. Then she can rejoice; but the cloud comes back. It is doubtless the brain that fails

Mem. Edward started school in St Peter's Street, Derby, in 1851, afterwards moved to Sacheverel Street, married there in 1853. Nellie & Ada were born there. He then moved to Burton Road, where Florence & Kate were born. He left Derby July 1860 for Ilkeston, near Preston where Charles was born.

1896.

Jan 10. Went to Bingham and gave a magic lantern entertainment with "Jottings from Switzerland" to the "mutual" and friends at the Board school. Success.

On Wednesday (8th) poor little Polly Bembly, at breakfast had an epileptic fit, which after a short recovery came on again and lasted 4 hours. Mr. & Mrs Parker came and took her away in the afternoon.

Mrs Chilcott is 88 Miss Wright 78

Jan 18. Our pleasant holiday is drawing to a close. On Monday we start again. We have all enjoyed the month. We have been favoured with the company of several dear ones. Emily Yates first, then Edward with Nellie & Kate for New Year. Sally also for a few days and afterwards William & Annie. We have also had many friends in for evenings. Much work has however been done, and it has not been a very restful time. We have sent out scores of prospectuses having obtained lists of addresses from various trade people and friends. May our efforts be successful.

apples. Mem. Grafts put in last Spring at B. House. Large old tall tree South side of tennis lawn upper stock with the favorite eating apple from tree near W.C. (home garden) Lower stock 8 grafts N. & W. Royal George 5 grafts E. & S. Blenheim Orange from large tree adjoining. Tree opposite, Domino.

Jan 23. We hear that 6 out of 7 boys have passed the Col. Prec. Exam namely. Arthur Richardson 350. A. Lindley 325. R. Lindley Rupert 275. J Kirk 270 and A. Reeve 200. W. H. Hall failed.

Feb. 7. Mr Moyle, 33, Old Uttoxeter Rd, Derby, the District Evangelist, leaves us. The mission of 12 days has been successful. The services have been well attended and full of holy power. Mr. Moyle has worked very hard. He has done his very utmost. I never heard the word preached more earnestly and powerfully. He is a marvel for a man who never had a days schooling. He was Arthur Mason's guest for the first week, and ours the rest of the time. A new class is formed. Jno Wilkinson is to be the leader. 14 have notified their intention to meet with him, 4 more with me, and there were a few not present last night who will probably join one of the classes. Several boys professed to get peace, besides those above.

12. At our class meeting some of the results of the mission were gladly noticed – several of those who had for months or years stayed away ~~from~~ returned, and several others met for the first time. We had a good meeting.

14. We have had the inexpressible pleasure of a visit from Pastor Leopold Monod who came from Manchester, arriving at Sowdhom yesterday 6.33 Pm, and leaving us this morning by the 10.20 train from Bingham to London. He is sent as a deputation by the committee of the Société des Missions Evangeliques de Paris, and has held meetings in London, Bristol, Birmingham, Glasgow, Edinburgh. It was a real joy to entertain that distinguished servant of the Lord. He was also very delighted to see us again. Harold rode his bicycle home from Newark so as to have the evening in his company, so M. Monod saw all our children except Ernest, who is at school at Woodhouse Grove.

17. Death is busy amongst the old people. Mrs Gilbert (90) passed away the other day, and probably will be buried tomorrow, and Mrs Richard Smith has just gone to her rest after much suffering, both were true christians, and had a good hope through grace. Mr. Jno. Upton is gradually sinking and is not likely to last many days – perhaps not many hours.

+ 21 Poor Mrs. Frear is at last gone to be with the Saviour whom she loved so well. I called to see her a few days ago and found her scarcely able to speak. I thought she would not last very long, but her end has come more quickly than I expected. It is to her indeed a happy change after all the years she has been a sufferer. I found Mr. Goodwin very poorly. Here is all labour & sorrow. Life is not desirable under such conditions.

We took the boys & girls in two vans to Bingham last night to hear Mr. House lecture on "The Signs of the Times" in connection with the "circuit effort". We had a very enjoyable time. The lecture occupied nearly 1½ hour and

the deep interest of the whole congregation was well sustained throughout. It was a powerful lecture and worthy of the overflowing congregation. The noble sum of over £ 81 was raised in all.

Harold to Mr Smith 15 Priory Road, Newark.

Feb 24 Sent Hetty Seals the £ 300 I had of hers + int. 1.14.0

Went with Emma & Mary to Newark to Dr. Dallinger's lecture on "The Pond and its People". The subject and the manner in which it was treated was deeply interesting. The illustrations shewn with the aid of the oxy-hydrogen light were magnificent, and the language in which the explanations were given was very eloquent. Dr. Dallinger's scientific disclosures held the audience spell-bound for an hour and a half. R Jones took us & brought us back.

+ 29 Mrs. Goodwin died. She has not long survived her sister poor Mrs Frear.

Ernest has passed the Junior Cambridge with 2nd class honors.

Mar 6 We have terrible news from Lyons. M. Monod writes to tell

+ (Date of M. Monod's letter 3 March, so the boy died Mar 2)

"yesterday night" second

us that his dear son aged 23, a bright, clever and very warm-hearted medical student, left us after our evening meal, not leaving the house but returning into a private room to do some photographic work. Soon after he came back being very thirsty, and some drink, - water lemon & sugar was prepared for him. He took it with him, and some minutes later his young brother entering the room to bid him goodnight found him lying unconscious on the floor. All efforts were in vain, and the three doctors who came in successively could only ascertain that he had passed away. On the table where he had been arranging his work, the glass of limonade stood untouched, while another glass, close by, was nearly emptied: the natural inference is that, in the dark, he has drunk out of the second glass, which contained "cyanide de potassium" a dangerous poison. So the doctors have judged. Our beloved son has been as if thunder-stricken. In an instant he has ceased to live. He was engaged with a charming young girl of Geneva, Miss Jeanne Malan. One of our friends

went this morning to Geneva, to tell her of this awful news." May the all-wise God, the Father of mercies take our suffering, panic stricken friends, and put them in the cleft of the rock.

That our dear friend M. Monod, in the midst of his grief and consternation, should immediately think of us and write us full particulars, is a very striking proof of the sincerity of his affection for us. What an honour to be beloved by such as them!

+ On the same day we hear of the sudden death of Thomas Eaton Mason at Nottingham, aged 58.

Mar. 11. + Poor Mrs Weir died last night, and her boy, James is now an orphan. May we be able in some measure to make up his loss to him!

12 Went with Weir to Radcliffe, and learned with relief that poor Mrs Weir made her will just before she died, and left Mr Armstrong, grocer & provision dealer, her sole trustee. He seems a very good sort of man, and both he & his wife very homely, straightforward honest people. Mrs Weir has

been robbed shamefully on all sides and if she had lived a year or two longer she would have left James penniless.

19. Planted apricot in kitchen yard and woodbine in front garden both from Frettingham's. Also had several varieties of decorative Chrysanthemums from Mr. Heath at Thraves's 3 Exchange Row. (Sorts: Lyon, Flemmy, Incurved, Dorby Garden, Earlswood, Jerome Cook, Source d'Or, Purity, Lilac Marguerite)

20 21 Went to Nottm. to Hind & Wells, Fletcher Gate to see after poor Mrs Frear's will of which Stokes Wells & I are left executors. We brought home the will but intimated that we might possibly decline to act. On examination we find it to be such an iniquitous that we have decided to have nothing to do with it.

24 Surveyed the late Mrs Frear's homestead and found it to be 3 acres 0r. 5½p. for the Trustees of the late Joseph Challand.

26 Surveyed the Plots grass field 6 acres 1r. 26 p.

Grafted two stems of Harolds apple. Lower branch S.W. with Cox's Orange pippin. Lower branch N.E. with Blenheim Orange taken from tree by Millington's.

30 Put into thickest stock of Harolds apple 3 grafts from No. 11

(The Lings)

31. Surveyed the arable land of the late J Challand up the field close to Knecton parish and found it 13a. 3r. 38p

Ap. 2. Commenced our Easter holiday a fortnight early, so as to bring Easter in – as recommended by the Incorporated Society of Head Masters. So the boys + girls go home on the Thursday before Easter for a three weeks holiday

Good Friday. Harold went out with Mr Forrest for a long ride – to Nottm. Mansfield, Newark + home The rest of us enjoyed ourselves in a quiet way – I chiefly in gardening and bookkeeping.

4. Saturday. Emma + I with Hilda, Alice, Freddy and Weir went to Skegness. Stopping at Boston for an hour on the way, we had a capital opportunity of seeing Boston Church, and gladly availed ourselves of it. We found the ladies and curates busy decorating for Easter using abundance of daffodils which just now are in their glory. We were struck with the beauty of one of the stained

glass windows in the vestry, the colouring of which was remarkably fine. After spending a few very quiet restful days at Skegness I returned home on Thursday the 9th – leaving the rest to follow on Saturday, to be except Hilda for whose sake the excursion was arranged. Tom Mary, Ernest and Rupert are to follow pay their visit on Saturday and return the following Monday with Hilda. I was glad to get home "there is no place like home". Poor Henry, who has been suffering for several months is rapidly breaking up He took to his bed last Saturday, April 4th, and has not been up since. I never saw such a complete collapse. I do not think he can live many weeks.

I have been suffering for four or five weeks from rheumatism in my left knee, and although it is not so bad as it was, yet it has made sad work with my agility. I have to go quietly, sometimes with a limp and as for running and jumping, these are for the present out of the question.

10. Commenced to set potatoes - Sharpe's Victor - which after lying some weeks on the greenhouse floor are well sprouted.

† 20 My poor brother Henry passed away this morning at 6 o'clock. He has not lived to complete his 68th year. It gives me deep comfort and satisfaction to have been in some measure instrumental in enabling him to finish his days in peace and comfort, and to believe that he has died in the Lord. I have been much pleased with his spirit and manner lately. He has so evidently appreciated the attention given him.

21 Cut off the head of the Improved Keswick in Burnham House Garden and grafted with 2 scions from no. 6 Home Garden (Bridgwater Pippin?) I had previously taken off two smaller branches and grafted with Mr. Wilkinson's favourite but the scions were so forward that I fear there is not much hope of their growing. These two heads I have marked by labels.

23 We were to have reopened school today, but owing to poor Henry's death have postponed it to Monday. The funeral was a very quiet one. ~~William~~ William & Sally and Edward accompanied us to the grave. Mr Barker officiated. Henry lies over his mother whose sod had remained undisturbed for 66 years. (1830) She died at the early age of 29. Henry's sojourn at Bridgford, lasting exactly two years seems to have passed like a dream. Doubtless it has to him been a happy one after his previous experiences.

27 Today we open school. Ernest, having a slight attack of influenza, is unable to return to Woodhouse Grove just at present. God grant that he may soon be restored, and that both he and we may have a happy & successful Term.

30. Sale of Challands's land (p. 91-2). Homestead bought by Mr. Bell Milward for £720. (very dear). Plots (grass) at £80 per acre by Mr. Milward, arable land (Lings) by W. Millington at £47 per acre.

Ann Stokes is taking a very sensible view of her

situation, and decides for the present to remain where she is. She consequently becomes tenant of the cottage from april 23.

The weather continues fine. Rain is wanted by most people. Nights are cold – days warm.

oak and ash 11 The oak trees are in leaf and the ash trees show scarcely a sign of life. Weather dry. Wind N. & N.E. for the last fortnight.

12 Wind veered round to S. & W. and a slight thunderstorm rose from E. but wind went back again N. We had not much rain.

22 Beautiful rain has fallen during the night, and is followed by a dull and rather rainy day.

23 In Nottingham. All the country rejoices for the rain, so much needed. Did a lot of planting out before and after my bothy journey.

25 Whit Monday. Harold & Mary went to Matlock. I took Ernest, Rupert, Aly, Freddy & the two remaining boys a long row up the Trent to Burton returning to dinner at 2.15, after which I took Emma & Nellie & Barbara a row down to the mill rooms.

June 4 Had a splendid thunder storm. The rain came down in torrents and put a nice lot of water into the cisterns. The ground also was saturated and the next day was right for transplanting.

18. Yesterday Emma & Mary & myself went to the ~~Oratorio at~~ Musical Festival at Lincoln Cathedral. I can truly say that I have never before been experienced such delight with the charms of music words fail me to express in writing all I felt. In the afternoon it was the Elijah, in the evening the Stabat Mater, and a selection from the Creation. The performance of Elijah was magnificent and very impressive, and that of Stabat Mater was the most impressive of all. The soloists – Miss Anna Williams, soprano, & Miss Lucie Johnstone (contr.) Mr. Ben Davies (Tenor) & Mr. Watkin Mills, Bass, were of the first order and their voices rang out

grandly through the vast cathedral, whose beauteous architecture lent a wondrous charm to the whole performance. Harold & Mary were delighted, so were Emma & I. Such a musical treat will be a pleasant memory for life. There was a powerful chorus ~~Evensong~~ We arrived home about ¼ past 12 o'clock.

July 3. Yesterday we had our Athletic Sports. The weather was most suitable - not too hot, nor too cold. The morning looked rather threatening, but rain kept off and the afternoon was beautiful. All the (17) events went off well, and although the boys had not persevered in their practice as we could have desired, yet they went through all in a very creditable manner. There were scarcely any spectators at first, (2 o'clock seems too early to start) yet the number gradually increased until quite a goodly ~~number~~ assembly gathered, and all seemed very much interested and pleased. I think, however, for another year we may improve upon the order of the events and vary them more, not having all the jumping together. The two high jumps, long jumps and pole jumps in succession seemed too much - The long jumps was perhaps least appreciated, and we might think leave out the long jumps for juniors, as the programme takes too much time. Then the boys must be forewarned to be more prompt in responding to the calls, as much time was hindered by inattention and talking. As we had only 4 blank cartridges for Harold's pistol, Mr. Williams Kindly went home and made some for his gun which he brought to fire for some of the starts. We had our Union Jack up on the house. Lots of people (over 60) came in for tea. Several old boys being among the number. Our boys had some tea and bread & butter taken into the field at about 4 o'clock, so they were able to wait for their proper tea until after the distribution of

the prizes which took place at the Temperance Hall at ½ past 6 Mr. Pratt, who came over with Mr. W. Lindley did the honors, and all went off pleasantly.

I have today tried the experiment of budding a white rose into a black-currant tree,- having been assured by Mr Lewis, our second minister, that the result will be a black rose (which is hard to believe)

We have today repaired the Burnham House garden paths (gas) with gravel

Our cherry tree has borne a grand crop - the best we have ever had. I should say there would be nearly 8 stones of fruit on it, besides a nice lot on the Burnham House tree. The small tree at B. H. does not bear. I am advised by Crose to dig underneath it and cut the taproot.

15. St. Swithin's - a fine day, but looking rather threatening inwards evening. Harold attains his majority. May God bless him through life! He has got many presents, and seems in the best of spirits. At night we had salmon & peas for supper, Miss Partridge & Miss Payne joining us.

The carrier brought us a fine salmon weighing 10 lbs. ready dressed from some anonymous friend. (It turned out to be Mr. Reebe)

Last week I put a few buds from apple tree 6 (home garden) into the young shoots of the beheaded Keswick at B. H. garden to make up for the loss of grafts by the drydspring.

18 Put in a few buds of Blenheim orange into the shoots of the old tree near Wilkinsons field as the 2 year old grafts are blown out.

Mary & Hilda are on a visit to Miss Yates. They went

24 Friday. I was surprised by Edmond Ménégault walking into school, and so were all the boys, though all were delighted to see the boy again. His appearance however did not quite command him, as he looked untidy. He said he had a fortnights holiday, that his mother had sent us a telegram &c. that he had lost his ticket on the boat between Calais

and Dover, and had arrived at Brigham late the previous night the train having been stopped on purpose for him. That he had spent the night at the Chesterfield Arms, and after a good breakfast had walked on here, that his bagage was to follow in charge of a gentleman who was going to Nottingham &c.

Not feeling comfortable I wrote to his mother on Sunday morning saying I did not think his appearance was satisfactory, and that he looked almost as though he had run away from business and come straight off. My suspicions proved correct for on Tuesday I had a sadly troubled letter from his mother. He had told me a pack of lies. He had left without saying a word to her and in her distress she had searched all round Paris for him for five days. He had cleverly managed to travel all the way without a ticket, deceiving the railway officials all the way. I had to pay his fare from London and his bill at the Chesterfield Arms, and to find money for his immediate return to Paris. I took him to Notts. and got a through ticket for Paris viâ Newhaven & Dieppe. We were all much grieved that he should have been so wicked. I trust however, that the correction he received here may be of benefit to him and that he will repent.

July 3. Bank Holiday. Our Prize Day was a great success. Surely a gracious providence has favoured us. A goodly number of friends assembled and the weather was delightful. The bigot phone band was a pleasant surprise. Everybody seemed interested and amused. Mr. W. Lindley made a capital chairman and gave a short but judicious speech. He distributed the prizes and then the Certificates for the year. Barbara Richardson passed the Junior Oxford obtaining a prize as the

first in French, Eleanor Richardson + Ann Wilde also passed the same Exam. Adelaide Brown passed the 2nd Class Coll. Preceptors, and Sybil Baldock + Hannah Paling passed the 3rd Class. Ad. Brown + Wilda Clough passed the Elementary Exam. of the Incorp. Soc. of Musicians the former with honors; and Ed. Sindley + Hannah Paling the Preliminary the former with honors. Of our boys the names of successful candidates have already been given with the exception of Williamson Hall who went in in June and passed in the 2nd Division. Williams who went in failing in Arithmetic.

A large number of friends took tea on the tennis lawn. Frank Pennington came and stayed the night. We had a very jolly evening afterwards, Laurence Berry, Stoddart and Topham staying till a late hour. Emmie Yates Annie Richardson Louie Teale and Eva White all being with us we made a fearful noise with the biggest phones

4 Annie Gregg's wedding. Chapel full of people

Oct 1. A gap again past filling up. One or two notes must suffice. We have had a very pleasant holiday. It ended Sept. 17. Gerard Monod has spent 6 weeks with us. Emma has visited Waterloo for a few days and gone forward to Carlisle to see Kate. I have had a few days at Southport, visited Llandudno, and Colwyn, where Nellie has taken up her abode in the midst of lovely scenery and in a delightful climate. I hope to visit her again. We commenced school Sept. 17 very auspiciously with an increase of 5 boarders, and have now got well to work. May a gracious providence watch over us

Emma has gone today to Retford to help to celebrate Mr + Mrs Adams's golden wedding. I was warmly invited but of course could not leave. I sent, however,

by Emma a few lines of congratulation in
poetry as under

To Mr & Mrs Adams on the occasion
of their Golden Wedding.

When your friends, assembled with you,
Greet you on the Festal Day,
I will send congratulations,
Though in writing, if I may.
We are thankful God has spared you,
Side by side, through many years.—
Bearers of each others burdens —
Sharers in life's hopes and fears.—
Thankful for the children given,—
Children dutiful and true.—
Children who will follow after
In the path where tread but few.
Time has changed all things around you—
Changed the colour of your hair:
But in that which is most cherished
Time must leave you as you were.—

Love, that erst your hands united —
Love is constant in its flow.
Love is changeless; and it fills you
Now as fifty years ago.—
May the Arm that has supported,
And the Hand that has supplied,
Still be with you,—still about you,
And all grace and help provide!
As you near the wished-for haven,
May the Bright and Morning Star
Shine upon you—shine within you —
Cheer you as you cross the bar!

Today Burnley, an old boy who entered our school
22 years since this very day, has called to see me,
bringing his wife with him. He is a chemist, living
at Great Yarmouth.

† Oct 3. Mrs North our next-door neighbour buried at Nottingham

She died three or four days ago aged I think 76 after a long affliction. She had suffered much from rheumatism of late years. Dropsy, however, set in, and soon did the fatal work.

† 7 Poor dear Katie White released from her long affliction

29 North's sale next door – furniture realised during the afternoon House & garden at night made £450 bought by Mrs Jas. Wood.

Nov. 5. Yesterday afternoon being half holiday I took the boys for a walk round by Knutton & the Red Lodge. Noticing in Mr Wilkinsons Brick Hill Field a large old dead ash tree which had evidently stood for many years in decay, I took several of the boys to inspect it more closely as it was an object of curiosity. We found the tree consisted of little else than the shell of the old veteran filled with decayed wood such as we usually call "touchwood". We proceeded to poke out of it a number of pieces of this material and carry it away in our hands to light up on our way home. Rupert, it appears had applied a bit of lighted touchwood to the old tree, and told me so when we had got part of the way home, but from what he said I did not think there would be any danger of the tree taking fire. Next morning however, when Wilkinson came to school he informed me that the tree was burnt. It had been on fire all night and they had spent hours in trying to put it out. I was very sorry and immediately sent a letter to Mr Wilkinson explaining the matter, expressing regret, and offering to pay damages. (No reply ever came)

Nov. 16. Rec[d] from Lamb. Burton Joyce 1 Rose
1 Carnation Miss Audrey Campbell and some bulbs of Montbretia
Labelled carnation layers No. 1 dark clove
No. 2 bright clove
No 3 Miss Campbell ½.
No 4 Picotee from Lamb's ½.

7 Mr Elsey sent us a brace of pheasants

† 13 Poor Harry Teale died after a long affliction
We are thankful he was quite prepared.

Nov 21 The old hawthorn tree at North's has soon followed its owners "to" the "land" where all things are forgot". It has been felled today.

24 Mr Williamson is 80 today. Mrs Williamson is 79

The other day (6th) I had to go to Smithorpe in the evening. In the Trent Valley it was very foggy; so that I could hardly keep the road. The surrounding darkness and fog were sadly too much like my own feelings at that time; for I was so much perplexed by doubt and fear, Wandering along in sadness I chanced to lift my eyes - perhaps with a prayer for help; when I was almost startled to find that the stars were shining upon me after all. The fog lay so close to the earth that it was only my own height, and I had only to lift up my head to be above it. "Ah!" thought I, "the darkness and fog are all down here - it is all clear above. Why, no star is missing, or out of place". And I thought of the counsels of The most High - how fixed and firm; - and all the precious promises, which seemed like so many stars shining down upon me. And I said, "Peace is made in Heaven - my peace is made, and is not to be disturbed by the fogs of earth." It was a precious experience, and a useful lesson. May I be enabled in future to look up more, and down less! Is. 40.26.27

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"Nottingham Daily Guardian"
(copy)

"The Mayor's Prize for the best Senior candidate at the recent Oxford Local Examination, at Nottingham, was awarded to Miss Barbara Richardson, age 14, a pupil at Mrs. Clough's Girls' School, East Bridgford. The same pupil carried off the prize for French last year."

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Jan 11. Our Xmas was one of unmixed joy. We have been favoured indeed, and desire to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Giver of all. Miss Yates, Annt Jessie & Hetty, and afterwards Edward who came in on New Year Eve, have been our guests and all seem to have thoroughly enjoyed the time, although the weather has been most unfavourable for outdoor recreations. Our Silver Wedding was a red letter day. A numerous

company dined with us (there were 26 all told)
Mr Bottomley, Mr & Mrs Barker (Newton) Mrs
Lewis, Mr & Mrs A Mason Mrs W Mason, Mrs Moore,
Mr Parr, Mr & Mrs W Richardson, my brother Edward,
Aunt Jessie & Hetty Teale, Mr & Mrs Stokes Gregg, Mrs Stokes,
A number of beautiful and valuable presents were given
us amounting in all to 25 or 26, the first of which
was a silver sugar-sifter by Mrs Upton. Until this
was brought we had no idea of having any
presents at all. By and by however, we found
out that many of our friends were entertaining
kind thoughts & intentions with regard to our
silver wedding I must try & record them as
well as I can in order of their presentation
2 Silver fruit spoons from Mrs Hemming
3 Cake knife from Mr Bryant
4 Case of fish knives & fork from Aunt Jessie Annie
5 Marmalade pot & bread fork from Sally (Richardson) (Aunt Hetty)
6 Two books (Moody's) from Edward Clough
7 Butter knife from Mrs Stokes
8 Beautiful sugar sifter from Harold
9 Mounted jam dish from our children
10 Photograph frame from the Backhouses
11 Painted tabb centre from Miss Backhouse
12 Gold filigree pot-pourri from Mr Bottomley
13 Butter cooler from Mrs Moore
14 Plated hot-water jug from Mrs Mason.
15 Bread fork from Mr & Mrs Jno Wilkinson
16 Silver fox glove flower stand from Mr & Mrs A Mason
17 Silver bon-bon tray from Mr & Mrs Stokes Gregg
18 2 Table spoons from Mrs Barker
19 Richly crocheted tray cloth Miss Freeday (Preston)
20 Silver fern pots from Miss Partridge
21 Silver afternoon tea caddy from Miss Payne
22 China figures from Mrs Moore & Mrs Jay
23 Sugar bowls from Eva White.
The last and most surprising of all needs a fuller
description, which requires me to turn over a new leaf

January 25.

Jan. 19/97

On Tuesday night at prayers I noticed that the boys scarcely gave me a chance of saying "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," &c. but I thought it was only an ordinary inadvertence. When however, we had risen from our knees Mr. Bryant told me he wished the boys to remain in the room a short time. I thought he had some complaint to make against them, but to my surprise he went outside and presently brought in a large box, and laying it on the table informed Emma & me that it contained a present from our pupils past and present, as an expression of their esteem and affection, with the hope that we should live long to enjoy the use of it and wishing us every blessing. On opening the box which was carefully packed we found the most costly and elegant thing I had ever seen given as a present. It was a magnificent solid silver tea-urn weighing 75 ounces, and engraved in the most artistic and beautiful manner. To describe it here is needless. It must be seen to be appreciated. The cost of it was over £30. I know not how to express our feelings.

26 Yet another handsome present has come. It is from Miss Yates, and is a beautiful portrait album finely illustrated with chromos of Cornish scenery many of which remind us of one of our most enjoyable tours.

We are glad to learn that our candidates for the Coll: Prec: Exam were very successful Arthur Richardson & Richard Lindley passed in the 2nd Class. - the former in the 2nd the latter in the 3rd division. Arthur Reeve, however, who also went in for the 2nd Class dropped into the 3rd Class 2nd division. Of the girls who went in for the 3rd Class all passed - Gertie Braithwaite in the 1st Division, Gertie Hardstaff 2nd Edith Lindley 2nd Lucy Baldock 2nd

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Poor Mr Milward's career is indeed cut very short. Everybody is shocked. He was suffering some-what from a cold when he had to visit Stoke on Tuesday Jan. 26. He very unwisely drove in an open conveyance, and on his way home was caught in a blizzard. He said he felt as tho' it gave him a death blow, and it seems to have turned out so. Mrs. Milward told me on Sunday evening that he was cold through to the very bones. He took a draught of hot water and went to bed, from which he never rose. One short week's illness ended fatally. A few hours only before his death he made his will, and let us hope his peace with God was not neglected.

Guardian 27th Feb. 97.

DEATH OF MR. L. M. MILWARD, J.P.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Leonard Milward Milward, which took place yesterday morning at his residence, The Hall, East Bridgford. The deceased, whose age was about 40, had been ill for a brief period only. He took a chill on the 22nd ult., and was attended by Mr. C. H. Duff, of East Bridgford. Serious symptoms developing, Dr. W. B. Ransom, of Nottingham, was called into consultation. Mr. Milward gradually sank, death occurring yesterday from pneumonia. The deceased was much esteemed in the district. He was the son of Mr. John Parkinson, of Lowfields, near Newark, who was formerly in practice as a land agent and surveyor in that town. In the same profession the deceased was articled to Mr. Huskinson, of Newark, and practised for a time at Southwell, where he then resided. Upon the death of his uncle, Mr. Richard Milward, of Thurgarton Priory, and his succession to certain property, the deceased, then Mr. Leonard Milward Parkinson, assumed the surname of Milward. He purchased the estate at East Bridgford from the late Colonel Dakeyne, and rebuilt the hall, where he has lived for about 15 years. The deceased was a justice of the peace for Nottinghamshire, sitting for the Bingham Petty Sessional Division of the county. He was assiduous in the discharge of his magisterial duties. In regard to parish affairs he also manifested a warm interest. Upon the creation of the East Bridgford Parish Council he was elected its first chairman. As churchwarden he also accomplished much useful work. Politically he was a staunch Conservative, and represented East Bridgford on the Newark Divisional Council. The late Mr. Milward took an active interest in the volunteer movement. He was for many years an officer in the 4th Volunteer Battalion of the Derbyshire Regiment, late 2nd Notts., and upon the retirement recently of Viscount Newark he was promoted to the colonelcy of the battalion, an appointment which proved very popular to all ranks. The late Mr. Milward, who married Miss Harrison, a member of a Welsh family, leaves a widow with five sons and two daughters. The funeral will take place at two o'clock on Saturday at East Bridgford.

Bridgford could badly aff[ord] me, and his poor bereaved family my to them. He died Feb 1st 1[897] 4½. & his funeral was more num[erous] I than I can remember at Bridgford

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. L. M. MILWARD, J.P. Feb. 6. '97

The high esteem in which the late Mr. Leonard Milward Milward, J.P., was held by Nottinghamshire people was abundantly manifested on Saturday, when the mortal remains of the deceased were interred in the churchyard at East Bridgford. For a period of about 15 years Mr. Milward had resided at The Hall, East Bridgford, and both in parochial and county affairs he had taken an active part, accomplishing much useful work. His somewhat sudden death created a painful sensation in the district. On the 22nd ult. he contracted a chill, and pneumonia supervening, he gradually sank, death occurring on the 2nd inst. He was a justice of the peace for the county, sitting for the Bingham Petty Sessional Division; he was the first chairman of the East Bridgford Parish Council, and as churchwarden he manifested a warm interest in local church matters. For many years the late Mr. Milward was an officer in the 4th Volunteer Battalion of the Derbyshire Regiment (late 2nd. Notts.), and upon the retirement recently of Viscount Newark he was promoted to the colonelcy of the battalion. In everything with which he was connected the deceased gentleman was exceedingly popular, and his sad death is generally lamented.

The funeral, which was semi-military in character, was largely attended, notwithstanding the cold, dismal, and thoroughly winterly climatic conditions which prevailed. Shortly before two o'clock the cortege left The Hall. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack, on which were laid several beautiful wreaths, was borne by members of the 4th Battalion Derbyshire Regiment. The bearer company, in charge of Sergeant-Instructor Prattington, consisted of six men and a sergeant-instructor from A Company (Retford) and a like number from B and C Company (Newark), and from E Company (Thorneywood Chase). The principal mourners, who rode in carriages, were the widow, three sons (Herbert, Leonard, and Jervis), Major Harrison, R.A. (brother-in-law of the deceased), Mr. Frank Parkinson, Mr. Edward Parkinson (brothers of the deceased), and Mrs. Richard Parkinson. Then followed a detachment of volunteers representative of nearly every company in the battalion, and numbering between 70 and 80. Others who took part in the mournful procession were Viscount Newark, Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., Col. Eyre, C.B., Col. Vere Wright, J.P., the Rev. T. W. Swann (vicar of Orston), the Rev. S. B. Browne (rector of Plumtree), the Rev. J. Heath (vicar of Flintham), the Rev. J. Standish (vicar of Scarrington), the Rev. P. H. Droosten (rector of Bingham), Mr. R. Millington Knowles, J.P., Mr. J. R. Starkey, J.P., Mr. A. Heymann, J.P., Mr. J. L. Francklin, J.P., Mr. C. H. Hill, Mr. J. S. Scroope-Hutchinson, Mr. G. Beaumont, Mr. R. H. Beaumont (clerk of the Bingham magistrates), Dr. C. H. Duff, Mr. J. Sharkey, Mr. A. T. Metcalfe (Southwell), Mr. H. Smith, J.P. (Cropwell), Mr. Whitlam, Capt. Harvey (adjutant South Notts. Hussars), the members of the East Bridgford Parish Council, Supt. Hall (Bingham), and a large number of the inhabitants of East Bridgford. The officers of the 4th Vol. Batt. Derbyshire Regiment who were present included Lieut.-Col. Newton, Col. Nicholson, Col. Woolley, Major Warwick, Major Mellish, Major Woolley, Major Foljambe, Major Edge, Surgeon-Major Appleby, Capt. and Adjutant Temple, Capt. Otter, Capt Denman, Capt. Marsland, Capt. Huskinson, Quartermaster and Hon. Captain T. Clarke, Lieut. Braunston, Lieut. Warwick, Lieut. Elliot Smith, Lieut. T. W. Huskinson, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Leslie-Melville, Lieut. Wright, and Surgeon Job. The non-commissioned officers included Quartermaster-Sergt. Sarll, Sergt. Rushton, Sergt. Wand, Sergt. Lacey, Sergt. Brown, Sergt. Watkinson, Sergt. Pollard, Sergt. Wilson, Sergt. W. Clayton, Sergt. Widnall, and Sergt. White. Others present were ex-Major Braunston and ex-Lieut. Starkey, and Sergt. Millward, S.N.H.

The parish church, pleasantly situated on the summit of a hill overlooking the Trent, is an ancient structure, dedicated to St. Peter, and possessing many interesting architectural features. At the church gates the funeral cortege was met by the Rev. A. A. Barker (rector), and the Rev. H. H. Fullmer (curate). The service in the church was conducted by the Rev. A. A. Barker, the Rev. H. H. Fullmer reading the lesson. The surpliced choir sang the Nunc Dimittis, and subsequently headed the procession to the graveside. The grave, situated in the north-west portion of the churchyard, was brick lined. Here the remainder of the service for the burial of the dead was read by the Rev. H. H. Fullmer. The scene was exceedingly impressive, the scarlet uniform of the volunteers and the white robes of the clergy and choir contrasting strikingly with the sombre garb of the remainder of the sorrowing crowd gathered around the grave. The coffin was of dark oak with massive brass furniture. Upon a brass cross was inscribed the following:—"Leonard Milward Milward, born October 11th, 1852; died February 2nd, 1897; aged 45." The wreaths and other floral emblems of respect were exceedingly numerous and beautiful. These included a massive wreath from the widow and family. Other contributors were Lady Salt, Lord and Lady Newark, Major and Mrs. Becher, Major and Mrs. Heymann, the Rev. S. B. and Mrs. Browne, the Rev. and Mrs. Weatherall, Mrs. and Miss Chaworth Musters, Capt. and Mrs. Temple, Col. and Mrs. Cantrell-Hubbersty, the officers 4th V.B. Derbyshire Regiment, Mr. and Mrs. Huskinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ley, the Misses Mansfield Parkyns, Mr. and Mrs. Sherbrooke, Mr. and Mrs. L. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. G. Byron, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cade, Mr. A. B. Leslie-Melville, Mr. and Mrs. Staunton, Mrs. W. Bouverie, Mr. and Mrs. Whitlam, Mr. S. K. Marsland, the Retford Volunteers, the East Bridgford Parish Council, the East Bridgford Church Choir, the servants at The Hall, "Flo," "F. G. B.," and "Dick and Gracie." The police arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by Sergeant Herrod, who was in charge of a contingent of the county constabulary.

† Feb. 23. Tuesday. We hear that poor dear old Mrs Oliver died on Saturday through injuries received from a fall. She has not long survived Mr North.

† 24. My poor, dear old nurse, Harriet Taylor, has gone to rest. She died yesterday, aged 77. She is doubtless with christ "which is far better". Died on her birthday.

Mar. 2. Bought Mary a Rover bicycle for £16 at Ford's of Newark. They have given her a lesson or two, and lent her a second hand bicycle to learn on.

5 Mary can manage to ride several hundred yards without coming off. She is elated.

Having had Tilley's mortgage money £450 paid in some months ago, I am, by Edward's advice and that of Mr B. Walker of Southport, induced to buy some shipping shares. I have purchased a share in the frontor of Hohnom's London for £96.17.6 which I sent to Mr Walker a few days ago. He strongly recommended it and took a share himself. I have also bespoken a £400 share in the Trundino of Cardiff now being built for Radcliffe & Co a very promising boat. These boats are I think likely to pay splendidly. I hope they may.

11. Sale of Ann Bonser's house, which has made the extraordinary price of £278 to a Mr. Jesson, the purchaser of Everby's yard. I should think this will pay poor Ann Bonser's mortgage both principal and arrears of interest, and leave her something for herself.

17. W. Millington, coal merchant died last night of paralysis of the throat, the result of an apoplectic fit. aged 68.

18 Mrs. J.J. Baker, (Tissy Parr) Ann Gibson, and Mr. H. Parr came to dinner & spent the afternoon

19 at the election for the Parish Council last night the votes were as follows:- Alvey 42, Bell 56, Clough 37, Duff 48 Everby 51, Gregg 38, Huskinson J. 51, Huskinson G. 39, Mason A. 45, Turner 41, Wilkinson J.S. 47. Walker 30 was thrown out and Colville 24 rejected

WRECK OF A BRITISH STEAMER.
THREE LIVES REPORTED LOST.

Lloyd's St. Vincent, Cape Verde, agent telegraphs that the British steamer, Grantor, from Cardiff for Santos, with coals, was wrecked on March 31st on the east side of Bonavista. It is reported that three of the crew were drowned.

THE AUSTRIAN CABINET.

April 8.

The above cutting has come from B Walker of Southport. So here's an end of the Grantor and some precious lives. He tells me the insurance money will more than cover the money loss. I have bespoken a share in the Brator instead at 419.17.6 May she have a better fate!

To day I have had my first real ride on bicycle having bought one through Mr Bowden Apr. 22. I must record an anxious experience for the past fortnight, for we have had Mary ill with a combination of influenza and measles, and now Harold and Hilda have begun with measles. Harold went to the Bank yesterday feeling very unwell, and walked to Sowdham in the rain. He fagged on, knowing that the work was in arrear: but at length his fellow clerks noticed his pale looking blotchy and advised him to see a doctor; which he did with the result that he was ordered home. I met him with Jones and on his arrival home we distinctly noticed the measles rash in his face and forehead. He was put to bed, and now after a very restless night he seems somewhat better the rash having come out more fully. Hilda has been feeling ill since Monday (Bank Holiday) She & I rode to Bingham on our cycles to the Bazaar at the Board Schools and she managed very well until we were nearing home, when she came very unsteadily and afterwards became hot and feverish with headache. She had a bad night and a bad day yesterday with profuse bleeding at the nose, and this morning the rash is out so she feels better. What a blessing it is that the boys are all away, and we have our holidays! Harold Hall was fetched away yesterday for a week or two at Blakeley. He was just having a rather bad bilious attack I hope it will not prove the precursor of measles! (It did not)

We took the boat down to Trent yesterday.

30. Our young folks all seem well again. Even Hilda whose case was the worst has been out on her bicycle. Thank God, the others are all well so far. Ernie, Rupert, Freddy and Weir are at Burnham House. Our new housekeeper Miss Annie Mason came on Saturday (24) to keep house for them, as Miss Oldfield is busy cleaning, preparatory to leaving to get married. I must record my opinion of Johnny Butler, aged 21, for being caught by a woman of her age — old enough, I should say, to be his mother.

Yesterday (29) Mr. & Mrs. Parker, (Sisson Parker) came and spent a very pleasant afternoon with us. He told us a good tale of Dr. Brewer, who, it seems, lived several years at Ruddington. He was fond of a joke, but got outwitted on one occasion. Speaking to a neighbour about an apricot tree, and complaining that it bore no fruit in spite of all his coaxing, the man said, "Well it's rather late in the season, but I could make it bear this year, I think". The Dr. seemed astonished, and asked how it could be done, when the man replied, Well strip off all its leaves, and that will make it bare enough."

June 23. Yesterday was the national jubilee to celebrate the 60th anniversary of her Majesty's coronation. All the folks of the village were invited to tea at the Temperance Hall or dinner with beer at the National School, and a large number of people assembled at one or other place. In the afternoon there were athletic sports in the cricket field and in the evening a cycle parade and a bonfire. All passed off well.

24. Last night Jones took us all to Nottingham to see the fireworks on the Forest and we thoroughly enjoyed the trip. The rockets &c were splendid, and the set pieces the elephant and the Queen were very good. We got home at about ¼ past 1. I do not know whether the whole of our seven children have ever been with us before on an excursion. Harold & Ernest (who is home for a holiday) rode on bicycles.

† 25. John's wife Annie died on the 25th after long illness.

Our school cistern 7ft 2 X 7ft 2 X 6ft 9 up to arch

Roses Marie Van Houtte, Madam Charles

† Rev. Arthur Alcock Barker, Rector of East Bridgford

Aug. 3 For a month and more my memos. have been accumulating without note and now I must have recourse to retrospection. No note has been given of our Athletic Sports which took place in the field by Mr Fryg's mill on Feast Thursday. Most people thought it a success, but somehow I did not enjoy it much as there were several drawbacks. First the field was not so convenient as the one we have been accustomed to, and I fear the feelings I had towards Mr. Wilkinson, who had refused us the Butt Close, were not helpful to my pleasure on the occasion. Then the boys had not by any means exerted themselves as they ought to have done to make the sports a success. They required no end of urging to do any systematic practice, and consequently there was little hope of their acquitting themselves creditably. Then at some of the events several of those who were entered drew back just at the last, making me both annoyed and ashamed, for there was not—

sufficient competition to deserve the prizes that were provided although the money subscribed was more than before. Then the ground was so hard and slippery that it was dangerous taking the high jump. The boys fell badly and Cullen got so serious a sprain of the forefinger of his left hand, that the pole-jump seniors could not be properly contested as he was unable to jump. However, the weather was beautifully fine and everybody but myself seemed in the best of spirits, and the boys were glad enough to get the prizes which Mr Bell distributed (after a carefully prepared speech which he read). Marshall came prepared to win the old boys race, but it was not fairly contested and as I was unfavourably impressed with his conduct I thought it best to withhold it.

Next I ought to register the happy fact that our dear Ernest has passed his matriculation exam. in the first class. He has been at home for three weeks helping me in place of Mr. Bryant who was obliged to leave for entering the Prim. Meth. Ministry. Mr Bryant is stationed at Stonebroom, in the Clay Cross circuit, and has gone right into the work and responsibility of the sacred office without having any holiday. I hear from him that he got a hearty reception, and has good hopes of success.

The trustees of our chapel decided about a month ago to have our chapel enlarged, repewed below and otherwise improved. We have put the matter into the hands of Mr Thurman as architect, who, although only a farmer has had a deal of experience in chapel building. He has taken measurements and has the plans & specifications in hand. I hope his farming operations will not cause much delay, or we shall have inconvenience.

The dry weather has now been of long continuance and the heat is overpowering. Things are burning up in the gardens, and people are fairly into the

harvest work. I fear for all root crops if rain does not come soon. all our home cisterns are empty and I have cleaned out the school cistern and today the new cistern

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On Saturday Aug 7 We (Emma, Mary, Hilda + I) went to Colwyn Bay to stay a week with Nellie in her new home, and greatly enjoyed it. We found other friends at Nellys – Edward + Eliza, Ada, Miss Thornley, Mr K Rogg + Miss Cavan, and another or two. Edward looked well and happy, Eliza, fretful and wretched. On Sunday we spent a very happy day – going to a prayermeeting in the at 10 15. Service at 11 and 6.30 by Dr. McMullen – two delightful sermons, large and handsome chapel crowded. On Monday we went to Menai Bridge and had a grand day, crossed the Suspension Br. walked to the Tubular and returned to Menai for tea and home afterwards

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Certificates obtained during the year.

Barbara Richardson ..... Senior Oxford
Eleanor Richardson ..... Senior Oxford
Adelaide Brown ..... Senior Oxford
Hilda Clough ..... Incorporated Society of Musicians

Intermediate Certificate

Mary E. Hardy ..... Elementary Certificate (Honors)
Gertrude Ellen Braithwaite .. College of Preceptors, 3rd Class, 1st Division
Lucy Baldock ..... College of Preceptors, 3rd Class, 2nd Division
Gertrude Hardstaff ..... College of Preceptors, 3rd Class, 2nd Division
Edith Lindley ..... College of Preceptors, 3rd Class, 2nd Division

(Results of four other Examinations not yet known).

Arthur Richardson ..... College of Preceptors, 2nd Class, 2nd Division
Richard Lindley ..... College of Preceptors, 2nd Class, 3rd Division
Arthur H. Reeve ..... College of Preceptors, 3rd Class, 2nd Division

The Mayor's Prize was awarded to Miss Barbara Richardson as being the best Senior Candidate at the Nottingham centre. This was a handsomely bound volume of Tennyson's Works.

had a grand day, crossed the Suspension Br. walked to the Tubular and returned to Menai for tea and home afterwards

On Tuesday we went to Bettwys-coed and had a delightful day
On Wednesday to Llandudno and had a grand climb over
the top of Gt. Ormes Head. On Thursday we explored Conway
Friday, wet day, went to hear Jacksons for supper E & J
Mary took cold on Wdn. and was otherwise poorly so had to
relinquish her intended visit to Waterloo and came home
with us on Saturday.

Aug 24 Went last Saturday (21st) to Liverpool to spend the Sunday
with John. In the afternoon called on Mr Jacobsen 62 Aubrey
Street, Everton and took tea with his family, who informed
me that Willie Owen is now in London and is going to
play with Daly's Theatrical Company in the provinces, so
perhaps we may be able to see him.

Sept. 18 Dear old Willy Owen came and spent the day with
us on Thursday the week before last (Sep. 9) He
was with Daly's compy at Nottingham Theatre
in various characters. His greatest performance however
was the next evening (10th) when he acted Sir Toby Belch
in Twelfth Night. It would have been an impossible delight
to have seen him - well certainly the delight would have been

W. T. Gardiner

a somewhat chastened one - lest I should have dearly
loved to see the lad at his work. He says however that
he is not taking the same delight in it as formerly and
will be glad to get out of it if the way were clear. May
God direct him!

Last Monday (13) the work of taking down chapel
boundary wall was commenced, and next monday
a lot of men are coming. We learned on taking off
the coping of the wall adjoining Mrs Forster that the
wall was not ours, and a great piece of trouble it
has been to me. We have however purchased that portion
of it that is necessary for our work - 6 yards in
length - and Mrs Forster has charged £3.10. for it.

† Robert Payling (48) Very sad case.

25 Mr Hogg and Miss Cowan called & stayed tea.
I found them here on my return from R. Paylings funeral.

† Rev. Arthur Alcock Barker, Rector of East Bridgford. He
became rector in 1860 and died on his birthday Oct. 18 (1897) aged 77.

22. We took the boys to pay our last tribute of respect to
Mr Barker. There were many at the funeral. Two lighted
candles stood on the communion table at the service

Oct 27 Our missionary anniversary is once more over & was has been a great success. Rev Henry Haigh was the speaker. The Temperance Hall was well filled. The Sunday collections amounted to about 11 guineas and the Monday meeting raised above £21 more. Mr Haighs speech lasted an hour and a half. It was not quite so impressive as last year's. He told an amusing anecdote or two at supper one of which was, That Newman Hall the author of "Come to Jesus" and other works, being annoyed by an adverse criticism of one of his books, wrote a very vindictive reply he sent to the paper. Before sending it, however, he took it to his friend, Rev. Thos Binney, to whom he manifested his angry feelings towards his critic, and then submitting his caustic reply asked Mr Binneys opinion upon it. Mr Binney said "And what title shall you give to your reply?" and being requested to suggest one, added: "Well, call it, 'Go to the devil' by the author of "Come to Jesus"." Newman Hall saw his error, and committed his manuscript to the flames.

† Rev Joseph Challand!

Over-taxed energies after a good deal of suffering bodily & mental have proved too much for him, and, doubtless under ~~the power of~~ mental aberration he has taken his own life, Oct. 28th '97 aged 43.

John Whittaker after a long affliction, aged 65.

Mrs. Frost, formerly Lizzie Place, died.

Nov. 23. A very unpleasant record. Mr Cooke of Bristol, whom, after five years' absence we ventured to engage again as assistant, has turned out unworthy of confidence and absconded under the influence of morphia - simply crazed. We have had to inquire for a successor. One came to us from London (Stedman) but absconded the next day, as, it seems, he found himself unfit for the post. Now Mr. Blomfield has commenced to do duty, with I think great promise of success. He came on Saturday 20th

Ernest has come home today from Woodhouse Grove owing to a premature breaking up of the school through diphtheria. Mr Cooke has been today for his money.

27 Sir John Turney & his lady of Barnsbury (a friend of Emma's cousin, the Hon. Charles Seale) called to see us and took early tea.

Dec. 14 Our chapel reopening, or rather the initial services in connection with it, took place on Friday last Dec 10th The day was about as unpropitious as could well be imagined — rain, rain, rain all day long — I must confess a feeling anything but hopeful in regard to it. It was quite impossible to believe, in the first place that the place could be got ready at all, as the plasterers were up to the neck till a late hour the previous night and the heating apparatus was not ready for the water until nearly dinner time of the day. Through the determined energy however of Arthur Mason and Stalker Legg all difficulties were overcome and the services were held in the chapel

Of course it was rather cold in the afternoon service, but the weather, though wet, was not ~~about~~ severe, and the temperature was endurable. As for the attendance, I was simply astonished. Notwithstanding the pouring rain, the people came from all parts of the circuit & the provision for their refreshment at the tea meeting fell short. The collections were most cheering — over £12 being given in the afternoon and £15 at night. I had for some time been in communication with Mr. Elsey who had promised something substantial towards our fund, and during the evening service a telegram came to me from him offering to give £100 on condition we raised £50 at the collections. Of course this noble offer was enthusiastically received by the congregation and promptly responded to the money being raised (that is the remaining £23) in a few minutes. Mr Knight of Newark was chairman and Mr. Champness

the chief speaker whom it was most delightful and inspiring to hear. Mr. Sanford and Mr Lewis also spoke briefly and well. Mr Thurmer's address was good and forceful but sadly too long. Mr Champness was our guest and very good company.

10 1898.

Jan 10. Went to Nottm to consult Dr Ransom about my health I have had a cold clinging to me for five or six weeks and as I was getting nervous about it, thought it best to get his advice. for although feeling in all other respects quite well I was afraid there might be something amiss with my lungs I was relieved, however, to learn his assurance, after a careful examination, that he could not find any cause for the slightest anxiety. There was only some phlegm in the large bronchial tubes which would soon pass away.

Our Xmas holidays are passing most pleasantly. Xmas was as usual a happy time. A thinny frost put upon all nature an appearance suitable to the season, and we were favoured with repeated and numerous assurances that our friends were constant in their sympathy and good will. Edward & Ada came for the Watch night service which was held in the Prim. Meth. Chapel and moderately well attended A very good meeting it was. I read Ps. 103. and Arthur Mason J Wilkinson, S. Richardson, & Edward spoke.

Edward & Ada left us ~~on Monday (10)~~ bday I accomp^d them to Nottm. Mr & Mrs Stewart were with us for ~~Xmas~~ New Years day and three full days, Emmie staying a few days longer than her husband who left us on Tuesday (4th) He has made a good impression, and Emmie seems perfectly happy. Tegardine of Car Colston has made her a beautiful violin for which she has paid him Five guineas.

27. The College of Preceptors' Examination has been a greater success for us than I ventured to hope. The boys we sent in were not our best boys except in Rupert's case, some of our more likely boys having refused to enter. Williams (300) passed in the 2^nd and G. Reeve (245) in the 3^rd Div. of the 3^rd Class and Rupert who went in for the 2^nd Class dropped into the 3^rd Class 2^nd Division Cullen failed to obtain even a 3^rd

28. Unpleasant discovery.

Feb. 6 Reopening services at chapel. Mr. Needham our guest

+ 14 Poor old John Newham of Linthorpe - a blind fiddler in my youthful days, died aged 87. He has for several years been a christian, and has died in peace.

Feb. 22 Shrove Tuesday. To day we adopt the expedient of giving the boys an extra hour for football this in the afternoon instead of giving an afternoon's holiday as heretofore.

Last ~~Saturday~~ Sunday (20) Sydney Phillips seemed poorly and, as a rather suspicious rash appeared we separated him, and gave him medicine and sending for Dr Duff the next morning found that Sydney had got scarlet fever in a mild form. After much anxious thought we have secured Annis Cottage as a sanatorium, to which we have removed him and engaged Miss Humphrey to nurse him.

25 We find another case of fever - Birkett - removed home and also took home Richards who seemed unwell with sore throat.

27. Heard from Richards that as yet there was no fever developed

Poor Henry Thomson loses his right arm. It required amputation to save life. Mr. Eaton & Dr Tresidder of Nottm operated.

+ We are deeply grieved to hear of the death of Libbie Robinson

Mar. 24 Bespoke 2 shares in the "Paddington" S.S. Radcliffe's Cardiff at £100 each - Boat to be ready in april.

26. John Green's dear little girl dies of Pneumonia, pleurisy &c

Mar. 2. Willie Taylor looking - very suspicious of fever, we sent home by Mr Blomfield

3 Mr Taylor writes to say he fears Willie is going to have fever. Weir complains of headache & has related throat. Yesterday afternoon Hilda Green was carried to Gods acre by four pious virgins. The dear little girl will be much missed in the Sunday school. How nicely she used to sing the hymns in chapel! It was a pleasure to see her exemplary attention in the services. Now she has gone to the more perfect service of the skies. Her parents are in sad distress. It may however be the means of her father's decision for Christ.

Mem.

+ 6. Sunday. - My dear old friend and neighbour Mrs Bell, after much suffering has this morning entered into rest. We have been the best of friends and have lived within a stone's throw of each other all our lives. He She will always be a charming memory to me.

14 Hoped to have them escaped from fever, but alas! Freddy has it today, and his mother undertakes to be his nurse.

16 Wilford sleeping in Upper Second unable to get up in this morning. Found him commencing with fever Decided to send all boys we can home tomorrow. Put Wilford with Freddy, and stored the room he had slept in.

17 Went to Nottm. with the boys. Met several parents who all approved of the step taken. Heard from Mr Taylor that Willie's sister had taken fever.

18 Feel greatly relieved now that the boys are gone. Of course Weir and Harold Hall have to stay and we are keeping the dayschool together so they will not be quite at a loose end. Mr Blomfield wishes to stay so he will teach school, and I shall be at liberty to superintend household matters.

The Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy. Both Emma & I are wonderfully supported. Blessed be God, who daily loadeth us with benefits! I trust we shall have no further spread of infection.

19 A little rain has fallen today. We are greatly in need of a fresh supply of good soft water. We have emptied and cleaned out Burnham House cistern yesterday.

I have written today to Nelson & Sons about publishing my catechism of Scripture History which I have now completed.

23. Mr John Hugh Morgan gave us a grand lecture last night on "John Howard, the Prison Philanthropist". There was not a large audience, but quite as many as we could have expected, with illness so very prevalent & our boys away. The collection amounted to £ 7.2.9½. Very good.

Mar 28 Went with Mary, Kilda & Mr Blomfield to Newent to hear Dr. Ballmyer's lecture on "Beauty as a constructive element of minute nature"

We are much disappointed to learn that John Mason's eldest boy has got the fever he was at school on Friday last (25) and on Sat.y was found to have taken the complaint. He certainly cannot have taken it since the boys went away. He must have got it about the same time as Freddy & Wilford. It is very annoying as, of course, all the village is talking.

Apl 1. We are grieved to hear that Mrs Weatherell, after having nursed Kingsley nearly through the fever, has taken it herself, and now has to be nursed in turn. We hope she will not have it severely.

2 I had a remarkable experience last night. Retiring to bed after my bath very late I was disturbed by a noisy mouse, which I sought in vain to catch sight of. I settled down at last to sleep, but was awakened by a strange noise like someone pouring water into my wash-hand basin; which continued so long that I thought there would soon be a basin full. Getting out of bed and striking a light I found the noisy mouse in the basin and struggling with might and main to run up the smooth sides and escape, but not being able to find foothold was incessantly slipping down into the water, and making no end of a disturbance. A sharp rap with the handle of my toothbrush put an end to its efforts and restored peace. How the little intruder got into the basin I cannot think.

6 I was sorry to hear by this morning's post from Edward that they had to dismiss their school a week ago, owing to a case of measles. And grieved to hear in a note from Annie Richardson that both Sally and William are in bed with influenza. May God be gracious to us all and give us a happy issue out of all our afflictions. Our first fever case – Sydney Phillips has done his six weeks and goes home tomorrow. Then we must disinfect Mrs Cottage.

ap. 7 — My birthday. Emily Wilkinson gives birth to a little daughter — Harold Hall has symptoms of fever though at ordinary times we should take little notice of it, yet now it makes us feel anxious. I pray that any further outbreak may be averted. Mary & I rode nearly halfway to Newark in the hope of meeting Harold, but returned without him as we fear darkness coming on. A few yards further on ~~to~~ and we should have met him for he arrived at home soon after us.

Harold Hall's has turned out to be only related throat. Thankful!

+ 11. Telegram from Ossington. Oh, the anguish! My darling sister Sally! Passed away!

Poor dear Sally has died, as she lived, in devotion to the service of others. Worthy end, but to me — .

She had been having an anxious time. Willie had a touch of influenza, but through her good nursing was better. William the father then fell ill of the same complaint and was put to bed. He & Sally had attended the funeral of Mrs. Trees both feeling far from well. Sally forgot herself in her anxiety for William, and took no steps for own safety, even making the butter up last Tuesday (5th) at Annie's request she then went upstairs for the last time. She kept giving all her attention to William until late on at night, when Dr. Whitington resolutely demanded her to give up, telling her she had congestion of the lungs badly, was much worse than her husband, and "would have double pneumonia tomorrow". (This he ought to have done days before)

The Lord took her on the 10th Easter Sunday evening — Annie's birthday.

I got the telegram on Monday morning after we had been discussing with Harold how we should spend the Bank Holiday. I and Harold took our cycles to Lowdham, train to Newark, cycles forward. Did what I could to cheer the distressed. Returned home in the evening. I went again on Tuesday (12) and stayed Thursday's mournful ceremony over, leaving William much better. Lots of magnificent wreaths. Edward & John joined us at Ossington to attend the funeral, and all three of us, with ~~Harold~~ John came on to Bridgford. Harold accompanying us for the sake of spending the evening with John & Edward, the latter promising to go and spend the Sunday at Ossington.

+ w/c 25 Another is added to the list of departed Saints. Thomas Pepper 81, after 3 weeks illness died in great peace. Poor

Mrs. Pepper is very ill. Her case is one of the most protracted suffering, and now her husband who has been untiring in his devotion to her for many, many years, dies first, and leaves her still in her helplessness.

29 Emma & I went over to Barnyton yesterday and returned this morning. Found William much improving — all others well.

May 10. I have now a mournful tale to tell of the time (O how long it seems) that has elapsed from the previous date. We thought we had got through our trouble. Letters were sent round announcing our reopening on the 9th (D.V) the a/cs were sent round with fees in advance stated (allowing ⅓ off for time lost from last term. Dear Emma's presence amongst us was again a joy. Wilford had gone home Monday ap. 18. Freddy had rejoined his brothers & sisters. Harold was home for his holiday. ~~Sorry~~ Fever room was stoved with brimstone, cleaned & papered. But on Wedn. May 4. our darling Hilda looked very poorly, had sore throat and was bilious. I saw her in the evening with evident symptoms of fever, and went to the classmeeting in a very alarmed & nervous state. I could not lead class, but had a prayermeeting. I had not a wink of sleep all the following night and when in the morning I visited Hilda & her mother there was no doubt left as to our having another case of fever. It more.

I have written round to all to defer the school reopening for half a term. My soul has been exceedingly troubled, and truly I have entered into the experience of the poet. When darkness intercepts the skies

And sorrows waves around me roll

I awoke the other morning with a "horror of great darkness" I began to burn all over, and to suspect that I myself was commencing with fever. But after a great struggle with the powers of darkness, the promises of God's word came to my relief and I cast myself upon Him and felt relief. The next morning as I lay awake I was enabled to cast all my care upon Him and to feel and realize the filial relationship, and its privileges and promises. Since this I have had less suffering mentally and spiritually, and had a firm trust in the ~~not~~ changeless love of God to me. I am thankful for the many assured feelings I have, and

pray that the painful experiences of the dispensation may only bring me into closer fellowship with Christ. I gladly acknowledge that all I have is the Lords, and I desire to place myself and all my concerns in His Hands How shall I be thankful enough to Him for such a wife as dear Emma who is like a sunbeam in the darkness - a fringe of glory round the cloud. - and for such loving and dutiful children - all so devoted and good, - and for a sufficiency of money to pay all my debts, and, as I hope, to meet the exigencies that are likely to result from losses!

I have written to the parents of the boys who had fever and have recovered, offering to take them back at once and two - Wilford & Taylor - have gladly accepted the offer. Two other boys - Cullen & Cyril Cox - who came over on cycles the other day to ask permission to return have rejoined us at their own risk (if there is any risk) so with Hall & Weir & our Freddy we have 7 boys and Mr. Blomfield is coming back tomorrow to teach. The girls' school reopens today with a new housekeeper - Mrs. Heslop, and a new teacher - Miss Hazle, of Aysgarth. God grant to it a happy healthy term!

I should not omit, in the sad chapter, that Ernest and Rupert who were sent off to Woodhouse Grove the day before Hilda fell ill have been sent back again for a fortnight's quarantine - Ralph Wardley also. Of course our boys are at Burnham House for the time.

16. Having had a request from Dr. Vinter that Ernest & Rupert be sent quite away for a fortnight. We have arranged for them to Cleethorpes for the second week of the time not being able to find a post for the first week. They have gone today to Mr. W. Mann's sister Mrs Watson The Poplars Bacon Thorpe Cleethorpes. May they have a pleasant week

+ 19. Mr. Gladstone quietly passes away to God (Ascension Day)

21. The weather has been most unfavourable for Ernest and Rupert at Cleethorpes. There has only been one fine day Wednesday 18th so far. I fear their visit will not leave happy memories. On the one fine day Mary and I cycled to Newark and Balderton.

+ Mrs. Freeman, of Grunthorpe, ~~having had influenza~~ went to Nottingham

last Saturday (week 7th) took cold, had influenza, congestion of the lungs & pneumania and died on Wednesday (18th) aged 44, leaving six children, the youngest only 18 months old

22. Visit of condolence to poor Mr Freeman.

+ " Mrs Moore, another of our friends, passes away. She had given up her farm, sold her implements & farming stock and household furniture, and taken up her abode with the Williamsons, but had been very ill with influenza for some time before leaving her home, and was not really fit to remove. She never regained her health but gradually sank. So our friends and acquaintances disappear one by one.

23 Emma leave the sick room and rejoins our circle for a day or two before taking up her abode at K. House.

26 "Brator" S.S. pays dir: of £30. More was expected, but she has had several little mishaps and delays. This however, with the £40 sent last October makes £70 in 1/8 year or about £14.16. per cent per annum which certainly ought not to be grumbled at. Thank God.

Mem. Ernest & Rupert were away from W.G.S. from Tuesday May 3rd to Wednesday 23rd.

". We have arranged dates for our school work, vacations, &c which we hope by God's blessing may be found satisfactory. Reopening on Thursday June 23rd and breaking up Tuesday Aug 9 will give 6 wks. 5 days. In order to make this 2/3 of a term we add a fortnights work to this, but put it at the end of the vacation instead of the beginning so as to get the longer days for the holiday, so we reopen Thursday Sep. 8 instead of 22nd making the following term 15 instead of 13 wks. Of course the few boys who are at present at work will always be charged for the added fortnight if they assemble with the others.

June 11. Saturday. On Wednesday 8th I rode over to Basingham on my bicycle, accompanied from Newark by William & Annie who drove, spent the night at Basingham, went with Annie through the Hall by Mrs. Housekeeper's kind permission, and was much interested. Rode home from Basingham after dinner in little more than two hours without any fatigue (20 miles) The country is looking its very best, and I enjoyed the charming ride.

Last Monday James Weir went to the North Hospital & have

an operation performed on his wrist (left) having injured the nerve many weeks ago. The operation has only been performed today (11th) Saturday. The Doctors found that the nerve was not severed as we feared but that there were some substances upon it which required removing. This was successfully accomplished under chloroform, and I trust he will soon be all right again.
Today I took the girls a row in the afternoon and the boys a bathe in the evening. Emma went yesterday (Friday) to Waterlot for a week. (returned
21 (Tuesday) We were glad and thankful to have dear Hilda amongst us again last Wednesday evening, and to fumigate the sickward with sulphur in hope of a final settlement.
On Friday Mary Hilda went to Skelpaw for a few days we expect them back to-night. They are having nice weather. Yesterday Mrs Hemming, Alice, and Freddy went to them for the day and greatly enjoyed it.
23 We are thankful to the kind Providence that permits us and enables us to assemble again for the ordinary school work, after our 14 weeks' sad holiday. We lose Sydney Phillips, Wallam and Reeve, and to our great disappointment, Percy Phillips for a time, as he is ill. We have, however one new boy; so our net loss is 3 boys through the unfortunate breakup.
† July 25. Mrs. John Levers (82) brought from Southwell to be buried at Bridgford.
29 Emma's birthday. She may now be congratulated on having learned to ride the bicycle, as she has in company with Mary been to Bingham and back without accident. She rode the mile between on the Tuxford road without getting off.
Sep. 9 We reopened school yesterday after our unusually short but very pleasant holiday of 30 days. We have been favoured with exceptionally favourable weather, so that the boat and the wheel have been well patronised by us all, and our pleasures have been greatly enhanced by our having had George Ewin with us for a week, then George and Louie for a fortnight, and last, not least Emmie (Mrs Stewart) for a week.
† John Bullers died. Also Albert Wood, of Bainyfield.

Nov. 16. Telegram from E. Chadfield with the happy announcement that Mary has passed her professional exam in Music.
Went over to Newton to congratulate Mr & Mrs Barker on their Golden Wedding.

18. We had a grand Missionary meeting. The body of the Chapel full of people and the gallery almost full. Dr. Wenyon from China gave us a most interesting and impressive speech of an hour and a quarter. A more striking illustration of the axiom that "knowledge is power" it would be difficult to imagine. His skill in surgery certainly won remarkable victories over the prejudices of the Chinese, and paved the way for preaching the gospel. The narrative of the lady with the dislocated jaw, and that of the poor man with the huge tumour, were most astonishing. The collection was £31. Dr. Wenyon admired our chrysanthemums, of which we have a grand show, and told us that the Chinese would nip off the flowers and eat them. Mr Hill of York presided at the meeting and gave a 5£ note at the collection. He reminded us of Mr S. W. Chettle whom

From the Nottingham Daily Express

East Bridgford College.

PRIZE DAY,

December, 19th, 1898.

CHAIRMAN:
~~ALDERMAN~~ Conseiller W. E. KNIGHT, J.P., NEWARK.

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Concert at Temperance Hall, at 6.30.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

Pianoforte Solo ..	'Home, Sweet Home'		*Boyton Smith*
	MISS E. BROWN.		
Song	'Cherry Ripe'		——
	GIRLS.		
Violin Solo	'Caller Herrin'		——
	MASTER F. W. CLOUGH.		
Solo	'The Chorister'		*Sullivan*
	MASTER E. BURROWS.		
Recitation	'Waterloo'		*Byron*
	MISS M. A. CLOUGH.		
Song	'Auld Robin Gray'		——
	MISS HAZLE.		
Recitation ..	'The Philosopher's Scales'		——
	[illegible]		
Part Song .. .	'The Exile's Dream'		[illegible]
	BOYS.		

INTERVAL.

PART II.

Pianoforte Solo ..	'Triumph Lied'		*Sarakauski*
	MASTER WRIGHT.		
Violin Solo	'The Ash Grove'		——
	MASTER H. HALL.		
Recitation ..	'The Little Quaker Sinner'		——
	MISS HARDSTAFF.		
Song	.. Selection		——
	MASTER BURROWS.		
Reading	MR. CLOUGH.		
Song	'To the Fore'		*Arthur Richards*
	BOYS AND GIRLS.		
Song in Character ..	'Three Maids of Lee'		——
	MISSES HARDSTAFF, BROWN, & SOWTER.		
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Dec 23 Frances Price, Edith Price & Jane Dabell leave us.

Dec. 23 ~~Perhaps the~~ The past month has been a very trying one for dear Emma through losing two good servants and not succeeding in getting their places satisfactorily filled, and this at a specially important time - The Lord has however been very good to us and we have been successfully brought through the important duties and cares of the period. I most thankfully record our Prize Day (19th) as a great success. The distribution of certificates and prizes was done by Mr W. Knight of Newark, who made a very good speech to the boys and girls. We had a capital muster of friends to witness the function most of whom afterwards took tea in the school room adjoining. The evening concert was warmly appreciated by a large audience. We thank God for his favouring providence.

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Wdn. Dec. 21/98.

PRIZE DAY AT EAST BRIDGFORD COLLEGE.—On Monday the certificates and prizes were given to the pupils of East Bridgford College and of Burnham House Ladies' School in presence of parents and friends by Councillor W. E. Knight, J.P., of Newark. A considerable number of certificates of the College of Preceptors had been gained during the year, as also several from the Incorporated Society of Musicians. After some introductory remarks by Mr. Clough, an appropriate and instructive address was given to the pupils by Mr. Knight, and after the prizes were given the Rev. du Boulay Hill, rector, made some judicious remarks. A tea was provided for the friends from a distance, to which about eighty sat down. Afterwards a concert was given by the pupils, which was highly creditable to the boys and girls, and warmly appreciated. The songs by Master Burrows gained enthusiastic applause, and encores were demanded.

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Dec 24 Miss Hemming leaves us after 20 years. We feel parting with her very much, although for some years a change has become more and more desirable. We hope she will get into some position where there will be less to do and to think about.

28. Went with Emma to Waterloo and had a very pleasant time glad to find aunt Jessie looking so well, but feeling that the time cannot be long before our final adieux. Blessed to see Nettie and also Lonie & Eva. I paid a visit on Thursday to Southport found Eliza looking very wretched but glad to see dear Edward again and also Ada Flo & Charlie. Paid a pop visit to John at Liverpool next day, but very cheering. Edward returned with us to Bridgford for watch night. We had a very good service which everybody seemed to enjoy, though the attendance was not quite so good as formerly.

1899 Edward left us on the 9th January sorry to part.

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† Jan 16. Mr Allpress after a long affliction quietly passes away aged nearly 79, full of peace, and praising God.

21. We are glad to hear that all our candidates passed the College of Preceptors' Exam. Cullen obtaining 370 marks, Severn 330, Weir 295 and Cox 295. Alice also who entered for the 2nd dropped into the 3rd second division.

† 31 Another old friend, Wm Curtis, for many years a member of my class, departs, aged 83, to be with Christ. He retained his faculties to the last and bore delightful testimony to the power of religion to sustain and comfort the soul to the end.

Last Saturday, (21) Gordon Gregg fell from the first floor of the mill to the flags below, without a fracture or a dislocation!

F. 1. 15 Mr. Sam[l] Mellows East End Stores. Ruckmall Sorkard sends his last payment of interest on £200 mortgage which I now transfer to W. Richardson, requiring the money for the S.S. "Beltoi"

† 28 Mr. Williamson passes away, aged 82.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. GEORGE BEAUMONT.

The funeral of the late Mr. George Beaumont, whose death, at the age of 73, as recorded in the *Guardian*, occurred on Friday night last at his residence at East Bridgford, took place at the parish church in that village yesterday. Deceased was closely identified with important matters affecting the interests of the county, and was one of the early members of the Nottinghamshire County Council. He was widely known, and the announcement of his death was received with very deep regret. The weather was exceedingly cold, and prevented many from attending to show their tribute of respect to the memory of the departed. Notwithstanding the wintry conditions, however, there was a large and representative gathering. The service at the church and graveside was conducted by the Rev. A. Du Bouley Hill (rector). By the request of the deceased there were no flowers. The bearers were the employees of the late Mr. Beaumont. The principal mourners were Mrs. Beaumont, Mr. Charles Beaumont, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. W. M. Beaumont, Miss Catherine E. Beaumont, Mr. Claude Beaumont, Miss C. L. Beaumont, Mr. G. W. Beaumont (Grantham), Dr. A. G. Campbell, Mr. S. A. Ward (Sheffield), Miss Laughlin, Captain Charles Heycock, the Rev. H. Domenichetti, Miss Peake, and Mr. H. Jalland. Noticeable amongst those present, in addition to a large proportion of the inhabitants of the village, were Mr. Wm. Wright and Mr. C. W. Wright (Wollaton), Mr. J. L. Francklin, Dr. W. B. Tate, the Rev. Canon Lewis, the Rev. F. Paley (Gonalston), the Rev. E. St. John Morse (Shelford), Mr. Arthur Warwick (Newark), Mr. E. Branston (Newark), the Rev. E. P. Weatherall, Mr. Bell, Mr. C. Clough, Dr. Duff, Mr. Henry Smith (Cropwell Butler), Mr. W. A. Hodges (Nottingham), Mr. George Parr, Mr. Robert Evans, jun., Mr. G. Whittam, Mr. P. Bailey, and Mr. R. Ingleman.

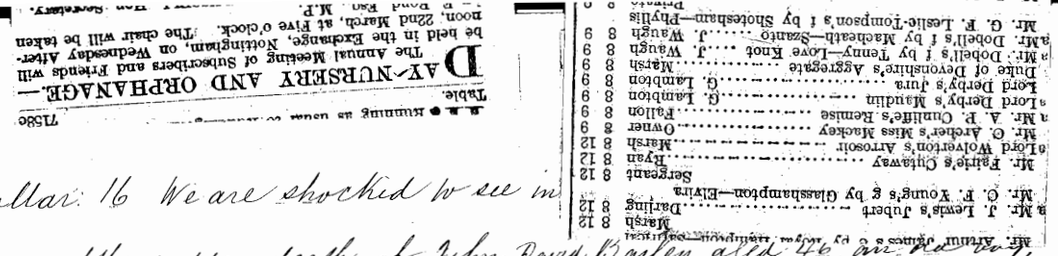
A painful circumstance in connection with the decease of Mr. Beaumont is the sudden and unexpected death of his only surviving brother, Mr. Thomas Elliott Beaumont, of Kenwood Park, Sharrow, Sheffield, which occurred on Sunday evening. The deceased's health for some considerable time had been very poor, and he seemed to very keenly feel the death of his brother. He was in his 61st year, and was an M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge. It may not be in the recollection of many that he constituted one of the famous Cambridge eight that won the Henley Grand Challenge Cup, and all other important contests at that period. He was at one time in practice as a solicitor in Nottingham. His introduction to Sheffield took place about 16 years ago, when he married Mrs. Eliza Maria Wostenholm, the widow of the late Mr. George Wostenholm, who inherited Kenwood Park from her husband. In December, 1886, Mrs. Beaumont died, leaving Mr. Beaumont a life interest in the estate. The deceased took no part in public work, but he interested himself in a number of charitable institutions. The kindliness of his disposition won him many friends, and although he made no parade of his charity, it is well known by a few how kind he was to the poor. He gave £1,000 to the extension of Sheffield Royal Hospital, and showed a practical interest in the work of such institutions as the Girls' Charity School and the Cherrytree Orphanage. He was patron of the living of St. Andrew's, Sharrow, and attended that church. In his younger days, he interested himself in politics as a Conservative, but during his residence in Sheffield he held aloof from political life. His remains will be interred at East Bridgford this after-

FUNERAL OF MR. T. E. BEAUMONT.

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Elliott Beaumont, of Kenwood Park, Sharrow, Sheffield, which took place at the Church Cemetery, East Bridgford, yesterday afternoon, was invested with an additional element of sadness by reason of the fact that only the day previously his elder brother, Mr. George Beaumont, was laid to rest in the same quiet burying ground. Mr. Elliott Beaumont, who only survived his brother two or three days, was the youngest son of Mr. George Beaumont, of East Bridgford, and was in his 61st year. He was an M.A. of Trinity College, Cambridge, and passed the major portion of his life in Nottinghamshire, and at one time practised as a solicitor in the city which gives to the county its name. It is now 16 years since he first became associated with the life of Sheffield, and during his first year in the cutlery capital he married Mrs. Eliza Maria Wostenholm, the widow of the late Mr. George Wostenholm, who inherited Kenwood Park from her husband. In December, 1886, Mrs. Beaumont died, leaving her husband a life interest in the estate. The deceased gentleman never showed any disposition to take an active part in public and political work, but he closely interested himself in the efforts of many charitable institutions, and his genial and kindly bearing made for him many friends, equally among rich and poor. He gave £1,000 towards the extension of Sheffield Royal Hospital, and ever evinced a practical interest in such admirable institutions as the Girls' Charity School and the Cherry Tree Orphanage. The obsequies yesterday were beautiful in their simplicity, and fully compatible with Mr Beaumont's mode of living. A short service was conducted at the house in Kenwood Park by the Rev. F. G. Sandford (rector of Sharrow) previous to the departure of the *cortège* to the railway station. The remains were conveyed by the 9.18 express to Nottingham, and the funeral party immediately drove to East Bridgford, where another abridged form of service was read, and the body subsequently taken to the residence of the late Mr. George Beaumont, there to await the last solemn rites of the Church. The actual funeral ceremony was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Sandford, assisted by the rector of East Bridgford (the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill). The remains, encased in a massive pollard oak coffin, with heavy brass mountings, were conveyed from the church to the graveside by six of the employees of the late Mr. George Beaumont. The chief mourners were Mrs. George Beaumont, Mr. Charles Beaumont, Mr. R. H. Beaumont, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. W. Noel Beaumont, Miss C. E. Beaumont, Miss C. L. Beaumont, Mr. Rupert K. Beaumont, Mr. Hubert Beaumont (Manchester), Mr. G. W. G. Beaumont (Grantham), Dr. Campbell, Mr. S. A. Ward (Sheffield), and Mr. W. Bedford (Sheffield). The remaining mourners included Mr. Geo. Parr, Mr. R. Evans, jun., Mr. Henry G. Jalland, Mr. W. B. Esam, Mr. W. Nixon, Mr. F. Ellin, Mr. A. Ellis, and Mr. A. J. Forsdike (the majority of whom were friends from Sheffield), and the four senior servants of the deceased's—the butler, footman, head gardener, and coachman. Much sympathy was expressed in the village for the family and relatives, and at the time of the interment the blinds at most of the houses were drawn, while, despite the bitterly cold weather, many people assembled in the church and graveyard to pay a last tribute of respect to Mr. Beaumont's memory. The arrangements were made and carried out under the direction of Messrs. W. and A. Forsdike, of Sheffield.

June 6/99. The last month I have had the new experience of being without an assistant master. Mr Newnham, who should have been here wired to me late in the Easter Vacation that he had had an offered of a post he much wished for and had accepted it. We were therefore hard pressed to get a new master but succeeded well, as we thought, by engaging Mr Widdows of Norwich. A day or two before we reopened school, however, Mr Widdows was attacked by influenza and could not come for three weeks. On his arrival he seemed just what we required, but in a day or two neuralgia made him unfit for his work and he had to leave again. Now we have Mr Ellwood in his place. He has just arrived and I hope will prove a success. May God grant it, who has so mercifully helped me through the trying experience.

Sept. 6. This is a great leap from June 6 and I must call to remembrance some events that have affected our life during the space travelled through in the meantime. It is interesting and instructive to refer, after such a lapse of time, to hopes entertained and registered, and to compare them with realizations. Mr Ellwood, so thoroughly up to the mark so far as manners



DAY-NURSERY AND ORPHANAGE.—
The Annual Meeting of Subscribers and Friends will be held in the Exchange, Nottingham, on Wednesday afternoon, 22nd March, at Five o'clock. The chair will be taken

Table
Mr. Arthur Jones's p by Jack Hawthorn—Squire
Mr. G. F. Leslie-Tompson's f by Shotesham—Phyllis
Mr. Dobell's f by Tenny—Love Knot ... J. Waugh 8 9
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Duke of Devonshire's Aggregate ... Marsh 8 9
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Mr. A. P. Cunliffe's Remise ... Fallon 8 9
Mr. C. Archer's Miss Mackey ... Owner 8 9
Lord Wolverton's Arrosoir ... Marsh 8 12
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† Mar. 16 We are shocked to see in
of the sudden death of John David Bailey, aged 46, an old boy,
who distributed prizes for us in 1892

† 18. Mr. Beaumont after a few weeks' illness passed away
last night at ½ past 8 aged 73.

† 20. Mr J. Elliot Beaumont quickly followed his brother
into the unseen world. He died yesterday at Kenwood Park,
Sharrow, Sheffield (60)

WILL OF MR. THOS. E. BEAUMONT.—Probate of the will, dated February 12th, 1898, of Mr. Thos. Elliott Beaumont, of Kenwood Park, Sheffield, barrister, a member of a well-known family in the county of Notts., who died on the 19th of March last, aged 60 years, leaving personal estate valued at £52,864 8s. 7d. has been granted to his nephew, Richard Henry Beaumont, of Nottingham, solicitor, and William Burnett Esam, of Sheffield, solicitor, to each of whom the testator bequeathed £500, and to his said nephew a further £2,000; to his nephew, Rupert Kendall Beaumont, £2,000; to his brother George £2,000, and his household effects; to his nephew, Sydney Ward and his niece Annie Bedford, £2,000 each; to his niece, Beatrice Ward, £1,500; to his nephews, Henry Beaumont Ward and George Walter Beaumont and Walter Noel Beaumont, £1,000 each; to his nephew, Hubert Beaumont, £2500; to his friends, Dr. George Huntsman Shaw and Francis Haycock and William Dixon, £500 each; to Richard Barford, of Edgbaston, £200; to the testator's butler and to his gardener, if in his service at the time of his death, £500 each; and he left his residuary estate in trust for his said brother George and his wife and children.

June 6/99. The last month I have had the new experience of being without an assistant master. Mr Newnham, who should have been here wired to me late in the Easter Vacation that he had had an offered of a post he much wished for and had accepted it. † We were therefore hard pressed to get a new master but succeeded well, as we thought, by engaging Mr Widdows of Norwich. A day or two before we reopened school, however, Mr Widdows was attacked by influenza and could not come for three weeks. On his arrival he seemed just what we required, but in a day or two neuralgia made him unfit for his work and he had to leave again. Now we have Mr. Ellwood in his place. He has just arrived and I hope will prove a success. May God grant it, who has so mercifully helped me through the trying experience.

Sept. 6. This is a great leap from June 6 and I must call to remembrance some events that have affected our life during the space travelled through in the mean time. It is interesting and instructive to refer, after such a lapse of time, to hopes entertained and registered, and to compare them with realizations. Mr Ellwood, so thoroughly up to the mark so far as manner

and appearance go, was certainly much below it as a teacher. He was evidently not in his element teaching in our school, and probably thought much more of the pleasures of the clergy and gentry, such as hunting fishing & shooting than of teaching little boys at school-day by day. He was certainly very gentlemanly of kind, but quite unable to teach Algebra or Arithmetic. This of course made it rather harder work for me, but on the whole we got along very comfortably, and under a very favourable and kind providence ~~had~~ had a happy term.

The Speech Day was once more a great success. Mr John Hay made a capital Chairman and gave a very wise and thoughtful speech. He was ably followed by his brother George Alb^t W. Hay (Rev.) home from Jamaica on a holiday, whose speech was well appreciated. The songs we were fairly good considering the number of pupils, so diminished from previous years. Burrow's singing was enthusiastically applauded as was Rupert's recitation. Everybody seemed delighted and although, owing to the approaching Bank Holiday lots of our invitations were unaccepted, yet the assembly was much more numerous than might have been expected, and probably 150 took tea on the tennis lawn.

The holidays are passing very pleasantly and everything conduces to our happiness. The weather has been glorious - an ideal summer. This has greatly stimulated and facilitated excursions to seaside places, and we have not hesitated to take advantage of it. Emma, Ernest, Rupert, Alice & myself visited Southport and the I. O. M., staying a week at each. Edward, Eliza and the family did all in their power to make our stay with them enjoyable, and were perfectly successful. One day we went to L'pool and New Brighton, visiting the Eiffel Tower at the latter and inspecting the dock at the former by the help of the electric railway. We also went on board the White Star liner "Britannic," so the children for the first time in their lives saw a big ship.

Our second week away which we devoted to the I. O. M. will doubtless be a lifelong memory of joy to them. We had a delightful passage ~~against~~ in the Empress Queen against a strong head wind, and the sea was just rough

enough to make it exciting to the young folks, though the splendid boat road very steadily, scarcely giving anybody a chance of being indulging in mal de mer. We took a meal at Douglas and at once proceeded to Laxey, where, without difficulty we secured lodgings at the Glen Hotel at a reasonable rate and were splendidly entertained. The rooms were delightful overlooking the Glen gardens, admission to which is free to hotel visitors, but charged 4d to the public. We greatly enjoyed our 4 days' stay here attending on Sunday the Wesleyan and Primitive Chapels at each of which there were nice services and Capital congregations. On ~~Monday~~ Saturday (Aug. 12) we set out for a walk to Snaefell, and succeeded in making the ascent the weather being favourable, though the prospect was not very clear. It improved, however, and we could indistinctly discern the Scotch and Cumbrian hills and even Howth Hill in Ireland. We stayed a nice long time on the summit of the mountain, - and then decided to continue our walk to Ramsay. This however proved a longer one than we anticipated, and was almost too much for Rupert who was a little below the mark, and had been suffering from a troublesome tooth, and the agony of an extraction at Laxey. Alice, however, and Ernest were enthusiastic in mountaineering, ascending with me, even on the way to Ramsey, a high hill close to South Barrule. On Monday we left Laxey and went by the electric cars to Douglas, ~~and~~ (alighting on our way at Groudle Glen where we spent two hours) and then forward by rail to Port Erin. Here we had great difficulty in finding lodgings suitable to our means & to our taste at the same time. We did, however eventually do fairly well, though a great want of cleanliness on the part of the waiters, and in the general management, detracted somewhat from our enjoyment after the delightful experience of the Laxey visit. Port Erin itself however and its surroundings were as lovely as ever, and the magnificent combination of gorse and heather both in full bloom adorned the prospect wherever we went - especially in the direction of the Chasms ~~which~~ and the Calf of Man

which we visited, to the great delight of the children. We had a walk one evening to Bradda Head. Ernest & I ascended the spiral staircase of the Tower but found the top literally swarming with ants, many of which were on the wing and not very desirable company so we beat a retreat. Another evening we went fishing but were not very successful, though more so than our neighbours to whom boats we were tied. Rupert and I at the same moment got each a gurnard on our hooks, but in pulling them in Rupert's line fouled mine and his fish escaped. We bathed twice and once had a lovely boat's sail in a yacht which we all greatly enjoyed. Our journey from Douglas in the Prince of Wales home was very pleasant, in a not very calm sea. and at L'pool Lonie & Eva met us and Kitty afterwards joined us, and stayed with us whilst our train time. We found all right on our arrival home and met a hearty welcome from all. What a blessing to have a home like ours to return to!! Thanks be to Him who gives us all things richly to enjoy of his good pleasure!

Sept. 6. (Wednesday) Ernest, Alice & I went to Mr. Smith's farm at Inkersall on our cycles. It was a long ride through Sowdham, Eppestone, Upton &c about 15 miles We took some sandwiches with us, and got our lunch at the White post, near Farnsfield, arrived at Smiths about 2 o'clock spent a few very quiet hours with the family and Mr Smith & eight children, and after tea had a very pleasant ride home. Mr Smith came in from Newark market whilst we were having tea. We rode home without little effort and much pleasure the roads being in good condition and chiefly downhill, and arrived just before lighting up time.

18. We reopen school without regret having thoroughly appreciated the glorious summer, and thoroughly enjoyed our holiday. We have seven new boys, boarders & 3 day pupils but no new girls. One of the boys is from Suresnes near Paris, who has come to us through the recommendation of Mr. Johnson of Nottingham under very encouraging circumstances. Mr. Johnson's first call at our house was to see two of our servants who were leaving. He gladly engaged both — Francis

Price and Jane Babill. He afterwards had a short conversation with me, when only a slight reference was made to our school. It happened that both the girls were miserable in their new place – chiefly I think through the disregard of the Sabbath – and begged to come back to us. We were glad to have them, and thought we should hear no more of Mr Johnson. He called again however some months after on purpose to inspect our school &c on behalf of a French family of his acquaintance who wished to send their son to England to be educated, and he was so favourably impressed that he unhesitatingly recommended us to his friends, and as the result Maurice Feuchere has come to us and a very nice boy he is. We never had such a nice gentlemanly lot of new boys.

19. Our dear Rupert goes to Bainbridge's of Newark. May God's richest blessing go with him. He leaves home bravely and I have every hope he will do well. He has a month on trial, and if he suits and is suited he will serve for four years without salary to learn the ~~linen~~ drapery.

Sept. 27. First parcel (50) of my new Bible History sent to me by Sisson & Parker. The first edition of 2,000 has been very satisfactorily printed and bound in limp cloth by J. Forman & Sons, Guardian Office Nottingham.

Dec. Mr Seager's mission has proved a great blessing and many have become decided for christ. Several of our boys and all the girls came forward in the services and, as I hope, gave their hearts to God. Many members of society were much blessed, especially on Sunday morning, when the communion rail was more than full of believers seeking a deeper work of grace.

Dec 8. A long space in my diary remains to be filled up, but at present I have no time. I must however record our Patriotic Concert of last night which was such a grand success. Every item was good, and well appreciated by a large audience. The recital of the Absent-minded Beggar was ~~a great~~ very effective, and the collection was £2.6.4 for the Reservists. The for concert made £8.14. clear for the Guardian shilling Fund. I must stick a programme in.

1900

Jan. 6. Our Xmas holiday has been greatly enlivened by the visits of loved ones. A gracious providence brought all our children home, and in addition Mr. and Mrs Stewart, who came on the 23rd Mr Stewart staying from Sat. till Wedn. and Mrs Stewart until the first Wedn. of New Year. Edward, with Nellie & Kate came on Thurs. 28th and all stayed 8 days leaving yesterday, the two ~~former~~ latter for Southport and Edw^d for Ossington where he will stay Sun^day over. Our Xmas day was of the real old fashioned sort, which all seemed to

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Patriotic Concert.

Mr. Clough's Recitation is by permission of the "Daily Mail" on behalf of the Reservists' Fund.

Doors open at 7.30; Concert to commence at 8.0.
Carriages at 10 p.m.

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PROGRAMME.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM.

DUET .. 'I wish to tune my quiv'ring lyre' .. *Watson*
MR. G. H. ATTENBOROUGH and MR. C. H. CLOUGH.

PIANO SOLO 'Valse Chromatique' .. *Godard*
MISS CLOUGH.

SONG .. .. 'Ailsa Mine' .. *Newton*
MR. G. H. ATTENBOROUGH.

SONG .. 'The Sands o' Dee' .. *Clay*
MISS HAZLE.

SONG .. 'The Old Gray Fox' *M. V. White*
MR. C. HAROLD CLOUGH.

SONG .. 'Soldiers of the Queen' .. ——
MASTER G. BURROWS.

RECITATION 'The Absent Minded Beggar' .. ——
MR. CLOUGH.

INTERVAL.

PART II.

VIOLIN SOLO .. 'Les Noces de Figaro' .. *Conte*
M. MAURICE FEVEKENNE.

SONG .. 'Valentine's Day' .. *A. L.*
MISS HAZLE.

RECITATION .. 'Sheridan's Ride' .. *Read*
MISS M. A. CLOUGH.

SONG .. 'Who carries the Gun' .. *Needham*
MR. C. HAROLD CLOUGH.

SONG .. .. (Selected) .. .. ——
MASTER G. BURROWS.

SONG .. .. 'Fiona' .. *Stephen Adams*
MR. G. H. ATTENBOROUGH.

READING (Humorous) 'One More' .. .. *Overton*
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appreciate. At the dinner table were all our own family Mr & Mrs Stewart, Ann Stokes and Miss Hazle who is staying the holidays with us, and a couple of fine turkeys with sausage & bacon contributed in no small degree to the enjoyment of the company.

Our Watch Night service was a very good one, and well attended. Mr Bagsley was there, and spoke very nicely. as also Jno. Williamson, Sam[t] Richardson & Edward, the last occupying more than a quarter of an hour. I dont know how long he would have gone on if I had not called time: but he was in the spirit and quite unconscious of the clock.

Yesterday I saw Nellie & Kate off from Nottingham, and after doing some errands went to the dentist Mr. Emsley, and had all my remaining teeth extracted, with a view to a complete reequipment. I underwent the operation without very much trouble, chiefly under gas — six teeth being drawn at a dose. I was however quite conscious most of the time — counting the pulls, and saying to myself "that's one, that's

Two, that's three, that's four." I then opened my eyes and found that I had lost count — six having been taken out. There remained two more stumps and a fang of a double molar that had not come out; so I submitted to the remaining three operations without a second dose of gas.

Feb. 4. Dear Freddy goes to class for the first time. Quite a convoy of new disciples accompany him. — A. Wallis, Bertie Rouse, Willie & Fred Strawson, Hunt, and Ralph Smith. May God bless them! This is a new experience for seven of our boys to go to the class meeting together.

18 A week ago last night Alice discovered, as she was about to take her bath a red rash on her chest, to which she called her mother's attention. Emma at once feared Scarlatina and called me to see it. I did not fear anything serious. Alice was at once put into a warm bed, and on Sunday morning I fetched Dr Dipp, who feared fever but could not speak positively as there were no concurrent symptoms. At night he became more sure, and advised isolation. Emma determined to nurse the case and accordingly on Monday, having secured the use of Annie's cottage, she and her patient took up their abode there, all preparations having been made for their comfort. Now a week has passed, and all has gone on well — Alice having never been at all poorly, but enjoyed all her meals &c. May God protect us from all infection, and shorten the time of our separation!

26 The Choral Society's concert or cantata Joan of Arc was a splendid success. Professionals were invited to take the solos — the brothers Stubbs for tenor and bass and Madame Moules Soprano. Capital audience thoroughly appreciative.

Mar 10 Emma relinquished her position as nurse to Alice — Agnes Manchester having undertaken to do duty for her; and a week later dear Alice the patient was liberated, the doctor having kept one week of the six, in consideration of the fact that Alice's case has been so mild as to leave room to doubt the accuracy of his diagnosis. Thank God there have been no other suspicious cases of fever

18 New Chant Books introduced into Chapel

26 Rev John Hugh Morgan gave his lecture on "After work, or the Use of Leisure" one of the best lectures I ever heard. Mr. Dixon, the chemist took the chair, and there was a capital audience and a good collection - about £11.

April 20. Took a week and ticket 9/ for Southport in order to spend a day at Waterloo with dear Aunt Jessie, who had expressed a desire to see me, feeling, as she doubtless does that her days on earth are numbered. Had a very pleasant journey - found only Charlie & Florence at home at Southport, but received a very cordial welcome Next morning Saturday went to Waterloo, spent three very pleasant half hours with Aunt Jessie who in spite of her sufferings seemed very much herself, very cheerful and perfectly resigned. The last half hour was devoted to reading & prayer with meditation which she seemed to enjoy very much. It is a great comfort to witness her faith in Christ and perfect resignation to His will. She is both ready and willing to obey the summons which is not likely to be long delayed. After my departure she gave expression to a sort of "Nunc dimittis". Hetty and Sonie were looking very well.

28 Had the pleasure of receiving the first payment from Messrs Parker for Bible History, £8 towards £16 now due. I am pleased that the little book seems likely to sell fairly well and to realise a nice profit

Miss Partridge came on the day of my return from Southport and stayed six days with us. In regard to my Southport visit I ought to have recorded that Edward who was away at Parbold being informed of my arrival came home to spend Sunday with me, and on Monday afternoon we both cycled to Parbold where he remained with Ada, I returning to Southport alone. I used Charlie's cycle, which is a good one

1900

May 1. Hilda's birthday we celebrate by a trip to Belvoir
Emma & myself with Miss Hazle, Mary, Ernest, Hilda
Alice, Freddy, Jerrikens & Hall. with Jones's waggonette
and six cycles. Emma & I cycled to Bottesford church
on our way there, and all the way back (through Redmile)
the others took their turns at cycling except Hall who
rode his machine all the way there & back. The old man
at Bottesford still lives and is as pleased to give details
of the Rutland family & the monuments as ever.
We had a delightful day and the gardens were simply
charming - beds of daffodils, narcissus & polyanthus & prim
rose and rhododendrons &c - We thoroughly enjoyed the day.

3 Reopened school with 21 boys and a most auspicious
outlook, but to our grief Rupert, who came home yes-
terday with a bad influenza cold, according to Dr. Job, has
a rash which looks suspicious

4 Dr. Duff pronounces it scarlet fever. Ann Stokes's cottage
is requisitioned and Miss Humphrey volunteers as nurse for a week.
Rupert's case is a very slight one - so much so that
I doubt Dr Duff's diagnosis. Ann Stokes relieves Miss Humphrey.

Aunt Jessie
Maurice

Amant Jeanie

Memoirs

~~Wilson~~ Thomas Jones