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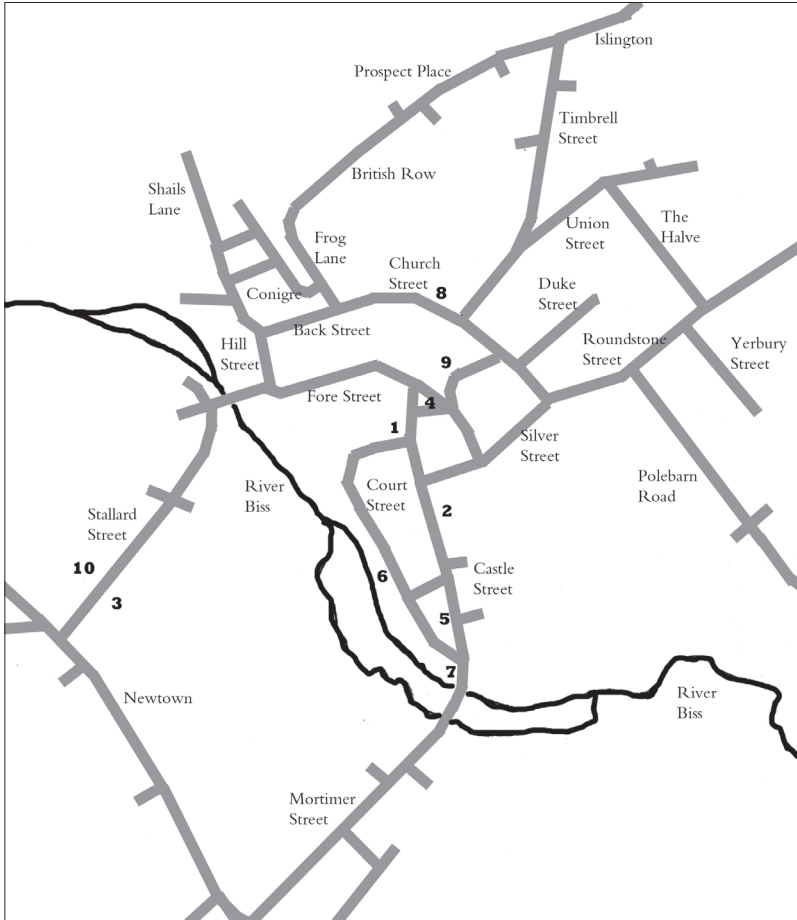
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INTRODUCTION

William Henry Tucker was born on 18 June 1814, a year to the day before the battle of Waterloo, and was baptized in the Independent Church (The Tabernacle) in Trowbridge.

His father, John Tucker, was born in Tellisford, Somerset, about four miles from Trowbridge, where his grandfather, Jonathan, was drowned in the river Frome in 1791. John Tucker was married to Mary Harris in St. Michael's church, Bath, in 1813. Little is known about Mary, but it is noteworthy that no relative of hers attended her funeral in 1834. John Tucker worked in the counting house of William Stancomb, a prosperous clothier, who was his first cousin. After Mary's death Caroline Wheeler remained as a housekeeper for John and was clearly treated as one of the family.

For his first four years Tucker was brought up in a building in Trowbridge still standing near the corner of Castle Street and Court Street, but in 1818 John Tucker built a pleasant brick four square house at the top of Castle Street, now part of the premises of solicitors, Sylvester Mackett, where he lived for the rest of his life.

In 1817 another son, John, was born (generally referred to by Tucker as J.T.) The family lived in happy companionship, the boys being on good terms with their parents and good friends with each other.

The diary begins in 1825 on the day on which Tucker left the school of Richard Wearing, stationer in the town. From there he was sent to board at Samuel Vincent's school in King Street Melksham, and nearly two years later to the school of Mr. Roberts in Warminster which moved from Church Street to Sambourne. He was there just a year. The schoolmasters must have taught him well, for he wrote in a clear and literate hand.

At the age of 13, at the end of 1827, he started work in the counting house of John Stancomb, a leading clothier in the town, and half brother of William, and after four years he moved to the factory of William Stancomb at Cradle Bridge.

After a short illness Mary Tucker died in 1834 and was buried at the Tabernacle. Tucker's father did not marry again, although at one time his son was afraid that he was interested in another woman.

In October 1835, when both were 21, Tucker married Emily Hendy, the daughter of William Hendy, a grocer who lived close by in Fore Street. She was the child of William's first marriage, and later, by his third marriage, he had two more daughters, Anna Maria and Laura, and a son, James. Emily's step mother, her stepbrother and sisters appear frequently in the diary. Tucker must have met Emily before as they lived so close, but his first encounter with her was on 17 May 1830 when he met her with a party returning from Farleigh Hungerford and offered her his arm.



No. 61 Castle Street, where Tucker was brought up

After a little opposition from her father the couple was married in Trowbridge parish church, and, with a large party spent the day at Shearwater Lake in Crockerton near Warminster. That night they slept in their house in Timbrell Street, and three years later moved close by to Union Street. In March 1844 they were installed in no.8 The Terrace (St. George's Terrace), a good address in Stallard Street.

Emily, (E.H. as Tucker described her until their marriage when she then became E.T.), does not appear to have had a strong constitution, and several times spent a few weeks in the country to improve her health. Tucker walked to spend time with her, staying the night and walking back in the morning in time for work.

In December 1840 their first child was born. The birth of Emily junior (or Emmy as Tucker usually called her) caused trouble at the time, but Tucker was very proud of her, as he was of all his children, although when Lucy was born in 1843 he felt 'more disappointment than I was warranted in feeling'. Perhaps he hoped for a boy. The next child, Alfred Harris, born in 1845, caused great anxiety as he was very feeble. At one point his father was called in to see him die, but gradually he recovered. Three more girls followed; Emma a year later in 1846, Mary in 1848 and Laura in 1850. 'What shall I do with all these girls?' asked Tucker after Emma's birth 'in a low and desponding state of mind'. A daughter, Julia, born in 1856, lived only a week. Poor Emma did not reach her fourth birthday and Tucker gives a melancholy account of her last days. Once again he suffered 'awful mental depression' when Mary was

born, but he made no remarks on the birth of Laura. Despite his depression at the time he took a lively interest in the children, and in 1854 he wrote of 'the comforts of the Christmas fireside, surrounded by intelligent and well-conducted children'.

Tucker's father died in 1852, and some months later Tucker and his family moved into the family house in Castle Street where Tucker lived until they moved to a grander house in The Halve. Nineteen years after the diary ends Tucker kept an account for the year 1875 and in this he mentioned his recent removal to The Willows, Frome, where he referred to 'recent attempts to aid Alfred, at Wallbridge Mill in Frome, which he had bought for his son. He still kept his interest in Trowbridge and in his business there.

In 1877 Tucker died in Frome, aged 63 and was buried at the parish church there. His wife survived him and died in 1885.

Emily and Lucy married the Mackay brothers who came to Trowbridge from Caithness via Edunburgh to engage in the cloth trade. It is not known why they should have come from so far away. William who married Emily became a partner in Tucker's business. She died in 1890. Alexander, who married Lucy, became a partner in the factory of Palmer and Mackay, formerly Brown and Palmer. She died in 1920. Mary married James Ledger Hill of Ogle Castle, Northumberland and Southampton. Laura was unmarried and lived with her parents. Alfred died in 1916, aged 71, and was buried next to his parents.

John, Tucker's brother and lively companion worked in the counting house of William Stancomb, later W. and J. Stancomb. He married Augusta Bowyer of Ladydown Farm just outside Trowbridge, and had two daughters. His eyesight began to fail in the 1840s. He died aged 48 in 1864 and is buried in Trowbridge cemetery.

When Tucker was born in 1814 the population of Trowbridge was about 10,000 and it grew only by a few hundred during his lifetime. As late as the 1860s most of its inhabitants had lived there all their lives or at most, had come in from surrounding villages.



No. 30 Stallard Street (formerly No. 8 St George's Terrace), where Tucker lived

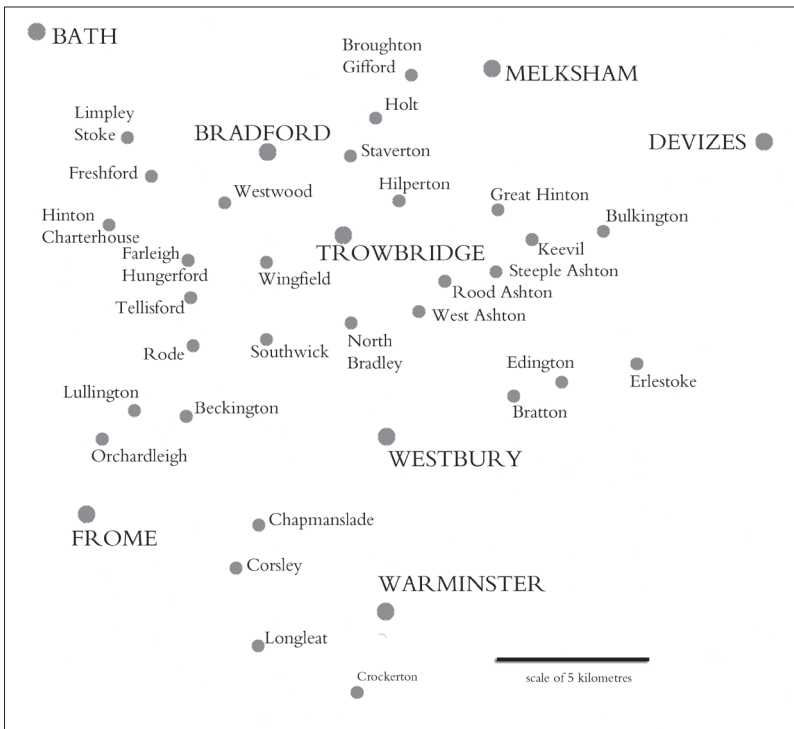
The 'aristocracy' of the town was the clothiers, manufacturing the famous West of England cloth. From the Middle Ages cloth making was the town's principal industry. The changeover to factory production occurred in the early years of the nineteenth century largely owing to the introduction of the steam engine, for Trowbridge had little water power. Until the middle of the century almost all weaving was carried on in work people's houses.

Tucker was of the 'middling sort'. He had some cottage property in the town. His friends and close acquaintances were tradesmen or the sons of tradesmen: Walter Newth, coal merchant, John Diplock, stationer and bookseller, J.C. Offer, plumber, painter and glazier, John Moore, dyer. In this comparatively small community he knew a large number of inhabitants and was interested in their affairs, frequently recording their marriages and deaths even if he never mentioned them again.

He was a decent, intelligent, honorable, loyal and caring man. After his death his daughter Lucy described him as 'brave, reverent and unselfish'. He had many friends and particularly enjoyed the company of his family. He was easily aroused and records a number of 'rows' he had with colleagues and employers, although this might not have been particularly unusual in a small town. One of his companions congratulated him in 1835 on his reformation from sarcasm. He could be humorous, but his humour bordered on sarcasm, and it must be supposed that many of his remarks were confined to his diary. His 'hero of the pole and basin' was the barber, Charles Woodward, the 'diminutive' Todhunter was over six feet tall, a minister in Melksham was 'Don Quixote'. 'Oh Sam, what a nincompoop thou art!' he exclaimed when 'the learned and wise Stevens' married his servant. His fellow passengers on an excursion were 'breathing caricatures' and others were 'ones of whom the world is not worthy'. There are references to Emily's 'intellectual Mama' and to her stimulating conversation. He does not appear to have liked Caroline Wheeler and wrote a cruel poem about her. She was a 'snarling spinster'.

Bathing, sailing, occasionally playing cricket, attending lectures on a wide variety of subjects, including chemistry, Italian pictures, astronomy and the state of Ireland, theatrical performances, exhibitions and wild beast shows were all interests to Tucker. Music is seldom mentioned although there were opportunities to attend concerts in the town. His views on the places he visited are largely conventional and he never mentioned any of the new buildings which were appearing in Trowbridge at this time. He went on expeditions by wagon or van with a group of friends, acquaintances and neighbours, at one time as many as forty, to visit local places of interest, or joined a 'gipsying party' to go nutting. His great interests, however, were walking and books.

It is unlikely that he thought of walking as an interest. It was often a necessity, and usually a pleasure. He, with friends, frequently with his brother John and sometimes alone, walked for miles, almost to the year of his death. On his very many visits to Bath he frequently walked the three miles to Bradford on Avon to catch the boat. Bath is twelve miles from Trowbridge and Bristol is a further twelve, and on one occasion he walked to Bristol, and although he took transport back to Bath, he walked the rest of the way home.



Towns and villages in the neighbourhood of Trowbridge

Melksham, and Westbury were often visited as was Warminster which is nine miles from home. On his shorter walks he was sometimes accompanied by his wife. He took regular walks round Studley Fields – in November 1845 he took his fiftieth walk there that season and in the summer he went round Blackball Hatches, again on a regular basis. A noteworthy feature of the diary is the diarist's interest in numbers – of his walks and later of the times he took communion. Among his favourite places were Farleigh Hungerford and Orchardleigh near Frome and the country round them. He took great delight in the countryside, frequently describing it as 'exquisitely enchanting', 'picturesque', an 'earthly paradise'. The country round Trowbridge was then mainly pastoral and he appreciated its abundance of wild flowers which he often gathered. It was not unusual for him and his friends to bring home bunches of honeysuckle, primroses or violets. As a man who walked so much he was naturally very interested in the weather.

Many of his books, too, he read on a regular basis. He was a voracious reader. When he was recovering from illness, before he turned 14, he read Pope's Homer, books of travels and Rollin's Ancient History. We learn from the diary the large number of books and variety of titles which he read. For some years he made quarterly lists of reading matter – in April 1839 he began a new order of reading: Sunday, Montgomery; Monday, Southey; Tuesday, Irving;

Wednesday, Wordsworth; Thursday, Rollin; Friday, Spenser's Faery Queen; Saturday, Ronan's Well. Next quarter another seven books were chosen, and he mentioned those which he had finished. He took books with him on his walks – in 1840 he 'laid on the grass reading Tasso'. He bought books from Mr. Bartlett in Bath or in Bristol, and he sold and exchanged books with his friends. In 1839 he decided that his year of buying books was ended. He had his bookcase enlarged and started a new catalogue, arranging the contents by letters of the alphabet. He put on printed labels and powdered them, and by February 1842 he had 450 volumes in stock. In her will, proved in 1886, his widow left to her son Alfred all the books which belonged to his late father to be kept together 'otherwise their interest would be destroyed'.

The Miscellaneous Reading Society was formed in October 1837 and met quarterly at the houses of different members, beginning with that of Tucker. When a book had been read by all members it was sold, and Tucker spent 28s.9d. at a sale in March 1840. He took the chair and was auctioneer in 1842 and took the chair again in 1844. In 1848 he 'ceased to be a member . . . after being in it for ten years'.

He attended the first lecture of the Trowbridge Literary and Scientific Society, founded in 1839, but did not seem to find it very rewarding. In February 1840 he ceased to be a member although he attended its annual meeting in February 1841 and went to its sale the following June when it folded up.

He was also a readable poet. Verse came to him easily and sometimes to order. For years he walked on the Farleigh road on 17 May commemorating his first encounter with Emily Henty and composing a poem. Every Good Friday he wrote another. In 1840, 1843 and 1844 the children at the Tabernacle sang his hymns. He published poems in the *Wiltshire Independent* in which he commented on events, local and national. Unfortunately none of his poems are given in the diary except when he gave a verse which he had probably written himself, on the death of William Stancomb. When, in 1844, his friend John Diplock joined Mrs. Wearing in her business he commemorated the event with a poem 'On Diplock Entering Business as a Bookseller'. In 1879, after his death, his daughter Lucy published a selection of his poems, many of which are dated, but there is not necessarily any reference to the occasions in the diary, and there are others, such as one entitled 'Christmas Eve', published in the *Wiltshire Independent* which are not included.

A touch of melancholy in his poems is reflected in his diary 'Had a severe attack of mental depression' he wrote in July 1837, and in a poem written in December of that year he spoke of the 'dreadful year for me and my affairs'. It is difficult to understand what his fears were at this time. At other times he mentioned his depression, especially as his family increased and he had worries about starting up on his own. And yet 'we were gay, were downright merry', in 1836 and in 1840 he was 'strong, healthy and sunburnt', and in everything he was upheld by his strong religious faith.

He was brought up in the independent church which he supported for many years, although he also attended services in Anglican churches in the villages round about, commenting on the quality of the sermons, often

favourably, and sometimes of the services. At Westwood he complained that the ‘wild boors deafened me with their hollering ‘and a rusty bass viola and sundry cracked flutes added their horrors to the scene’, and at Broughton Gifford the singing was excelled in point of melody by the cackling of the geese on the common. He was often accompanied by his brother and his friends. In 1841 he began to think seriously of joining the Establishment, ‘the Tabernacle being in so dull a state to hold out spiritual improvement there’. He wrote to the Rector, John David Hastings, took possession of his new seat in the parish church, and in May 1843 he was ‘permitted to approach the Sacramental Table ‘for the first time. ‘I trust I was sincere’, he wrote, and from then he was much concerned with church affairs. The new church, dedicated to the Holy Trinity, had been built in 1839 and he was three times churchwarden there after 1848, but he never lost his allegiance to the parish church.

The rector was not slow in persuading Tucker to join the Church Charitable Association, and from January 1843 until February 1847 he made monthly visits to the poor and sick. At first he visited 16 people but the number was quickly reduced, and when he resigned ‘not having time with my increasing family’, he visited only four. In January 1840 he was elected secretary of the local branch of the London Missionary Society. He resigned the post in 1842 but continued to attend meetings, and in 1848 Mr Hastings put him on the committee.

‘About this time’ he wrote in 1836 ‘I was quite a Tory’, but he had returned to liberalism by the election of 1837. This was an exciting time ‘with all the bustle of a contested election’ and he joined the ‘immense multitude of liberals’ who took part at the nomination ceremony in Devizes. Sir Francis Burdett was the Tory candidate, opposed by Paul Methuen and Walter Long. Tucker had said that his ‘heart was for Methuen but my conservative feelings prompt me to vote for Long only’, but later he voted for them both. To his disgust Burdett was returned. ‘The disgrace of North Wilts is sealed’. He wrote a verse for the *Wiltshire Independent* (a liberal newspaper) – The Men of Trowbridge and Sir Francis Burdett— beginning

Burdett! Detested be the word
And hated be the name

And a month later, when Burdett gave a dinner to celebrate his victory he sent another :-

The foes of our country regardless of fame
Have brought upon Wiltshire confusion and shame

He was ‘exceedingly depressed by the result of the election’. In 1841 Burdett was re-elected without opposition, but apart from noting this Tucker made no comment, nor on the 1847 election. He merely noted that he had listened to election speeches in 1844.

Trowbridge was an important centre of Chartism but he had no great sympathy for the movement, despite his liberalism, believing its leaders to be

'dastard knaves' who urged their followers to violence and strife, 'gulled and fleeced', and he acted as a special constable.

Tucker's obituary in the *Trowbridge Chronicle* in 1877 spoke of his 'unwavering correctitude of conduct, greatly strengthened by his deep sense of Christian duty'. It described him as 'extremely retiring and unobtrusive, avoiding as much as possible all affairs of a public kind, . . . and only those who had the advantage of personal intimacy were acquainted with the variety and extent of his information and the thorough kindness of his nature'. Perhaps the readers of his personal diary can share, to some extent, these insights into his character.

WORK

Tucker began work in the counting house of John Stancomb, which was firstly in John's house, Rodney House, in Roundstone Street, and then in his newly built Castle Factory, still standing in Court Street, built in 1828. Unfortunately the diary does not give much information about the nature of his work, but when he left the factory after four years he remarked that he could not look back with any particular feelings of pleasure or satisfaction. He disliked 'the stench of the factory, the shaking of machinery and the unwholesome heat from the adjoining stow rack'.

In January 1831 he left John Stancomb, who declared himself satisfied with Tucker's conduct, and joined the counting house of John's half brother William at his factory at Cradle Bridge. Life became more interesting for him here as he began to sell cloth on behalf of his employers. In April 1833 he went to Bath to sell remnants and in March 1834 he took his first journey on business to Bristol. The next year he took four journeys there, staying the night on two occasions. He also made seven trips to Bath on the same business. These now became regular assignments.

We first learn of his future plans in September 1838 when he was twenty four years old. He wrote that he was 'determined to make myself better acquainted with the trade in case I should have to commence myself'. It is clear that he began to sell more and more cloth on his own account as well as continuing to do so for Stancombs. In January 1842 he had increased his balance to £250. He did not much like young John Perkins Stancomb, son of John the older, who came to work in William's factory, whom he called 'The Young Firm'.

In December 1839 he checked the stock and he continued this practice for a number of years. He also helped Mr. Hendy with his stock taking, and the following March he made a 1d a yard agreement with him. William Hendy was his father in law whose principal occupation was that of grocer, but he appears to have been active in the cloth trade, perhaps both as a small manufacturer and a dealer. Tucker also began to undertake commissions for William Spackman of Bradford and later for Samuel Brown and others.

Tucker much wanted to sell cloth in Manchester, and even to move there as Stancomb's agent. In September 1843 he was the means of selling twenty seven pieces of cloth by 'getting a seller here from Manchester', and in October he made his first journey there and to Liverpool. He was not successful



The first warehouse of W H Tucker & Co.

in Manchester, but did better in Liverpool. He opened a number of accounts there, some presumably for himself. At his own stocktaking he had 'heavy expenses and a good income'. He was still working for Stancomb, now W. and J.S., but he told the Young Firm that he was tired of bookkeeping and felt that the firm was illiberal with him in selling. At the beginning of 1847, however, he told them that he valued his trade as equal of his salary. The firm granted a room for his cloth.

He began the next year 'believing that he had enough business of his

own to occupy his time'. He was determined to leave the firm, and by the end of 1848 he had built storerooms and a counting house in Castle Street near Cradle Bridge, and his 'little warehouse' was in a forward state. The following year he set up on his own, not without some trepidation, although he said that he was full of confidence, and the first of January 1850 was 'the first new year's day that finds me as master of my own time and motions'. He had had a satisfactory year and was looking for extra help in his warehouse. He worked hard and sometimes found it tiresome. The diary continues until 1856, but a good deal of his time in the years after 1850 was spent in travelling. He had his ups and downs but was evidently doing well, although in 1854 he regarded with distaste the contemplation of his spring campaign. Unfortunately, apart from the names of the firms with which he started an account, he gives very little information about the nature of his work.

Business improved, and when the diary is resumed in 1875 Tucker was a prosperous man. He had taken over the Court Hall in Trowbridge for his premises, and although he kept an interest in the firm he was no longer travelling. This was now undertaken by his son in law, William Mackay and two others, and according to a pamphlet about the firm issued in 1935 William was now a partner. After Tucker's death in 1877 William was joined by his brother James, until in 1896 James assumed direction of Palmer and Mackay.

According to the 1875 diary Tucker had recently moved to Frome. It is a measure of his ultimate prosperity that in 1868 he was able to set up his son in Wallbridge factory in Frome which he bought for £2,300 including

the machinery, and he may have invested more money in it in terms of machinery and building. The factory became one of the largest in the area and continued working under the name of A.H. Tucker and Co. until 1965. At his death Tucker left £25,000 as well as a house in The Halve in Trowbridge and other property in the town.

HEALTH

In 1828 Tucker had a bad attack of typhus fever, the treatment for which was the application of leeches. Afterwards he wrote that it was 'impossible to regain my strengthened vigour. The rose that frequently dwelt upon my cheek had departed for ever', and he was 'henceforth a pale and sickly creature'. Soon afterward, he remarked, his teeth began to decay. His vigour, however, does not seem to have been affected, for he walked for miles afterwards for practically all his life. On the other hand he suffered from bouts of fever and other unpleasant complaints and frequently called in the hardworking Dr Cary, who also acted as dentist.

The usual treatment was by the use of leeches, twelve in his arm and then another six in summer 1836. Sometimes he cured himself — in 1839 he applied 6 leeches to his temples and put himself on a low diet, took physic and perspired profusely and he recovered without calling in the doctor. He was pleased when his health improved after taking 'Indian Pink' for my old complaint' which is unexplained. Perhaps he meant fever. Another time Dr Fowler, who practiced little in the town, prescribed for internal weakness 'to which I have long been subject', and certainly he had a number of digestive upsets, especially after he began his travels when he was away from home and not always staying in very clean or comfortable surroundings. In addition, he 'suffered much — from mental oppression' especially as his family increased and he had business worries. In 1839 he decided that his fever 'was brought on by events of the week although the diary records little of note in the preceding week except an outing to Bratton. Cholera broke out in the country in the late 1840s and this caused Tucker some anxiety, but Trowbridge escaped the disease.

Emily Tucker does not seem to have had a strong constitution. She went on walks with her husband but as a result of a cold, wretched walk she suffered severely, and after a trip to Bath by boat 'the expedition was too much for her health, being very delicate'. She was sent to the country for several weeks at a time to help her regain her strength. When Emily junior was born on 4 December 1840 she suffered severe pain in her hip and legs and she appears to have been given the worst possible treatment, for she stayed in bed and did not go downstairs until 1 February or go out until the 18th. It sounds as if she suffered from varicose veins for she always had great trouble with her legs. She spent over three weeks in bed in 1845 and she was very ill at Alfred's birth. Eight leeches were applied to her. It was fortunate that the family always had servants and that at times one of the children could be sent for weeks or even months to their grandfather's house

The children, too, caused anxieties. They had most of the complaints common to children and Alfred in particular was so weak when he was

born he was baptised in the parlour and the nurse ‘sent for help to assist her in laying him out’. From that time he recovered. Poor Emma had some respiratory trouble and Tucker gives a sad account of her last days in March 1840. By 1857 Tucker and Emily had had seven children, including Emma who died aged 3 and Julia who lived only a week. They also suffered miscarriages and a stillbirth. There seem to have been few remedies for their ills and few diagnoses. At one time Dr. Cary believed that Emily junior was suffering from torpidity of the liver.

Despite their problems they all appear to have enjoyed good health a good deal of the time.

TRANSPORT

Parker, a firm which later became Packer and Kiver, ran a regular boat service on the Kennet and Avon canal from Bradford to Bath and it was much used by Tucker. It started from Bradford at 8 am (sometimes 8.30) and 3 pm and returned at 11 am and 6 pm in summer and 5 pm from 1 October to the end of March, Sundays excepted. It was a ‘fly boat’, pulled by a horse and tow rope and it was able to overtake other craft by sounding a horn and warning the others to lower their ropes so that they could pass over them.

The boats were met in Bradford by a ‘passbye’, which was an omnibus provided by Munroe — Tucker reported in 1834 that he was the first to use it — and by James and then Charles Lucas to take passengers to Trowbridge.

Lucas provided an alternative carrier service to Bath, leaving the Woolpacks at 8.30 am every morning, except Sundays, and returning at 5 pm carrying passengers and luggage. He also provided a conveyance to Devizes every Thursday.

Tucker took advantage of other local carriers from Trowbridge — Keats to Westbury, Arter to Warminster, Burrows from Westbury to Bath, Little to Chippenham, Edwards’s to Frome. He also used Edwards’s van to take a party to Bratton. When he travelled alone or only with one or two companions he borrowed lifts on carts from acquaintances, among them farmers Lavington and Friar, clothier Taunton, and from fullers whom he would have known through his work — Marks of Lullington and Shawford, Wilkins of Tellisford, Mullings of Iford and his brother from Stowford.

Tucker sometimes borrowed a horse from farmer Ferris or farmer Friar and occasionally rode with William Stancomb in his carriage. In 1841 he ‘engaged Lawes and Co. as carriers in place of H[illiar] and M[ay]’. These were large firms travelling to London and covering Bath, Bristol and Chippenham and their hire was obviously connected with his work.

Before the coming of the railway Tucker travelled from Bath to Bristol by coach. In 1834 he went by the well known coach The Rocket, and in February 1840 he reported that he had met 13 coaches on this road. On 31 August following the GWR opened the railway on this route, and a week later Tucker sampled it and was impressed that the journey took only 21 minutes. The coach service was closed by Christmas.

The Wiltshire Somerset and Weymouth railway to Trowbridge was opened on 5 September 1848, running from Westbury to Chippenham, and it

was sometimes used by Tucker to take him to Bath, changing at Chippenham on to the main line from London. It was not until 1857 that the Trowbridge to Bath line was opened, a service that he used extensively. His travelling life, selling cloth, was transformed. On his first visit to Manchester, in October 1843, he took a carrier service to Bath, a coach to Gloucester, a train to Birmingham and a train from there to Manchester. A few years later he began to travel all over the country.

THE YEARS 1851-56, AND 1875

The diary is still quite full, but a large part is devoted to Tucker's extensive travels. Because of the development of the railways he was frequently in Birmingham, Cheltenham, Gloucester Worcester, Manchester and Liverpool, many towns in the north west and over the Yorkshire border, to Sheffield, Leeds and Derby and Nottingham. He made many excursions to Exeter and went to Portsmouth and Brighton. In most places he made useful contacts with local businesses but unfortunately he said almost nothing of the towns, merely giving a list of their names.

As he was so busy he was not able to take part in activities at home which he had enjoyed in the past. He took walks and went cowslipping in Rood Ashton park and in 1855 went on an 'old-fashioned wagon party', but he missed his family and, if possible took one of them with him on his shorter travels. In July 1853 he and Emily and Alfred went with him to the Portsmouth area, and in 1854 he and Emily were away for 6 weeks and made visits to Chatsworth, Scarborough and Filey, but again he made no comment on these places. In 1851 he took his wife and daughter, and later his father, to the exhibition in the Crystal Palace.

Two main events stand out in these years — the wedding of his brother John, and the death of his father.

John, whose name was so frequently mentioned in the diary, was employed in William Stancomb's counting house and was later described as a clothier. After showing interest in a number of girls, he was married in September 1851 to Augusta Bowyer of Ladydown Farm just outside Trowbridge. She was the eldest daughter of farmer Samuel Bowyer and had been one of a lively group of sisters. In May John brought her to tea with Tucker's family and this was the first time that they had been introduced to her. The wedding passed pleasantly:

At half past nine o'clock a carriage conveyed little Emmy and myself to Ladydown Farm to attend the nuptials of J.T. and Augusta Bowyer They left there at half past ten in two carriages and proceeded to Bradford parish church, the company consisting of the bride and bridegroom, Mr. Bowyer, Misses Sophy and Betty Bowyer, Mr. Coombs, Emmy and myself. Mr Harvey performed the ceremony.' [Ladydown, though close to Trowbridge, was in Holt, a chapelry of Bradford on Avon.]

Soon after their return Father, Lucy, her mother and James H[endy] arrived to dinner. We all spent a pleasant afternoon, mostly out of doors, the weather being delightful. The married couple left by the 5.7 train for London, via

Swindon and Windsor. The evening passed very rapidly in music and mirth, the party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Guley, Mr and Mrs. Jabez Bowyer, in addition to the aforesaid. James H. sang a comic song, farmer Bowyer made a fine speech, and at 8 o'clock Dad, myself, Emily and the two children returned home after a very pleasant day

John and Augusta had two daughters born in 1852 and 1857.

John Tucker senior, whose name is also frequently mentioned in the diary, was taken ill with paralysis in July 1852. He obviously had a stroke as his left side was 'hopelessly gone'. He had bad days but rallied a little in October and was drawn to Bradford in his chair. By 8 December he was restless, exclaiming that he could not sleep. He went to Tucker's house for the last time in his wheel chair, was bled profusely and was prostrated, saying that he was 'of no more use here, but maybe so where he is going'. He died just after midnight on 29 December in the presence of his two sons, his housekeeper Caroline Wheeler and four other women, and he was buried at the Tabernacle on 5 January.

His funeral procession was made up of the Revd T. Mann, Dr. Spragg, William Stancomb junior, John Stancomb junior, R. Gane (undertaker), John Moore, Samuel Bowyer, William Hendy, W. Gregory (leather merchant), S. Brent (solicitor), James Boucher, W. Lucre (builder and neighbour), W. Ferris, B. Perkins (factory owner and neighbour). J. G. Foley (auctioneer).

The diary was kept only occasionally in 1856 and finished on a sad note with the birth of his daughter Julia and her death a week later. After this he wrote FINIS —.

When he resumed his diary in 1875 Tucker was 60 and was as lively as ever. He, with his wife and daughter Laura had recently moved to Willow Vale, Frome, where he attempted to aid his son Alfred at Wallbridge Mill. He was semi-retired, but every week he visited his firm at Court Hall in Trowbridge. He saw a good deal of all his children and grandchildren and took tea with his daughter Lucy at Park House Trowbridge after his visits to his firm.

He was still taking long walks;— 'had a splendid walk from Warminster alone by Sheerwater to Heaven's Gate to Cley Hill, returning thence to tea at the Bell. Warminster'; 'beautiful walk from Seend station through Hinton and Green Lane'. He and his wife climbed Alfred's Tower and Glastonbury Tor. He still took books with him as he walked; he was 'alone at . . . Longleat . . . reading Tom Brown'. Holidays on the Isle of Wight gave him pleasure.

In a poem which he composed in 1874 he looked back at some of the places he had most enjoyed and prayed that at his end:

God's voice but whisper to me then
Fear not—all these thou shalt behold again.

WHAT IS LEFT OF TUCKER'S TROWBRIDGE?

There is much still to see in Trowbridge that the diarist would recognize. St. James's (the parish church) was well restored in 1846. J. D. Hastings's 16th-century rectory was inexcusably demolished in 1964. Holy Trinity is still externally as it was in his time, though the interior has been drastically changed, and he would be surprised to find the traffic travelling round it on all sides. Opposite, St. George's Terrace and the Vicarage remain. The Tabernacle, now the United Church, was rebuilt in 1884, but the schoolrooms of the 1840s are still there. The Town Bridge, built in 1777, still carries the A-road traffic, and nearby is the 1758 blindhouse.

In Tucker's younger days many of the Georgian mansions which are a feature of the town centre were still occupied by clothiers, but from the late 18th century onwards some richer inhabitants built new houses away from the noise and stench of the industry. These were mainly on the road to Hilperton. The finest, William Stancomb the younger's Springfield, has gone, but almost all the rest remain, a series illustrating the changing styles from Bellefield of 1794 onwards to the high Victorian mansions built by his contemporaries, such as Roger Brown's Highfield of 1859.

Of the factories, Tucker would still see Castle Factory and the nearby Brick and Stone Mills much as he knew them, and the main buildings of several more which he would have seen built in the industry's prosperous 'Indian Summer', 1850-1875. In Stallard Street is a group of handsome Victorian warehouses used by other firms that marketed cloth as his did. The façade of the former George Inn of about 1860 has been saved, though the older building behind has gone. The front part of the Market House that the younger William Stancomb provided for the town in 1861 is now used as a pub.

As the town expanded between 1790 and 1820, several hundred workers' houses were built in new streets such as Timbrell Street and Mortimer Street, many of three storeys so that weaving and other domestic processes could be carried on. These were decimated in the frenzy of demolition which here, as elsewhere, marked the 1960s, but good terraces still remain in Castle Street, Timbrell Street, Yerbury Street, and Newtown.

In the Trowbridge Museum can be seen artefacts and machinery of the cloth industry. Some of the machines, such as the hand loom, the spinning jenny (one of the very few in existence), and the gig mill, are of Tucker's period. Others, though more modern, are of types that he would be quite familiar with.

EDITORIAL NOTE

About 1970 Mr Kenneth Ponting lent me the manuscript of *Reminiscences* and fortunately I typed an exact copy, as a copying machine was not then available to me. It had been passed to Mr. Ponting by Mr. A.C. Snell, but its whereabouts from 1876 to the 1950s is unknown. Mr. Snell had been a director of Palmer and Mackays cloth factory in Trowbridge, which was connected to the Tucker family through the marriage of one of Tucker's daughter to Alexander Mackay, but he was no relation of the family and was not concerned with W H Tucker and Company and its building at the Court Hall. In 1971 Mr. Ponting offered it back to Mr. Snell and suggested that I might publish or that it might be deposited in the County Record Office. It is not known what was the response to this letter – probably Mr. Snell spoke on the telephone and said that he did not wish to keep it. Mr Ponting died in 1983 and the diary remained in my custody. I was encouraged by Col. Edward Alexander, one of Tucker's great grandchildren and a director of Palmer and Mackays, who attended several lectures I gave on the diary and who suggested that I should publish it. I put the project on one side, and one day in the 1980s he called unexpectedly and borrowed the text to show some acquaintances. This was the last I saw of it for he died shortly afterwards, in 1986, and his widow was not able to suggest where it had been taken. Enquiries made locally from some of Tucker's descendants have not traced it and a search on the internet has not revealed its whereabouts.

Apart from Miss Julia de L. Mann, who quoted from it very briefly in *The Cloth Industry in the West of England*, 1971 no one can be traced who used the diary. In an uncharacteristic error Miss Mann referred to its author as George Tucker.

The journal should not be so described. Tucker called it *Reminiscences of Departed Years* and he made no attempt to pretend that it was written daily. Many days are omitted and sometimes he mentioned events that had occurred 'about that time'. On 17 May 1831 he wrote that his foot did not tread upon that ground until the next 17th May. The early part of the diary was certainly copied up.

The manuscript is in two bound volumes. The first covers the years 1825 to 1845, at the end of which Tucker wrote 'so ends 1845 and this book'. The next volume took him to 1856, when after the entry for 18 January he announced that it was 'an occasional diary only from this date' and on 29 December he put FINIS. The years 1851 to 1856 have not been included in this volume because the diary becomes less interesting. Tucker recorded his travels widely, selling cloth, but he gave little information about the places he visited. After nineteen years he again kept a diary in a notebook, but only for that year, and again he wrote FINIS at the end and added that it was resumed in 'Blackwood's Diary', but this does not appear to have survived.

The handwriting is good, neat and attractive. The early numbers appear to have been copied from notes. Tucker obviously enjoyed his diary and sometimes turned back to earlier references, giving exact dates.

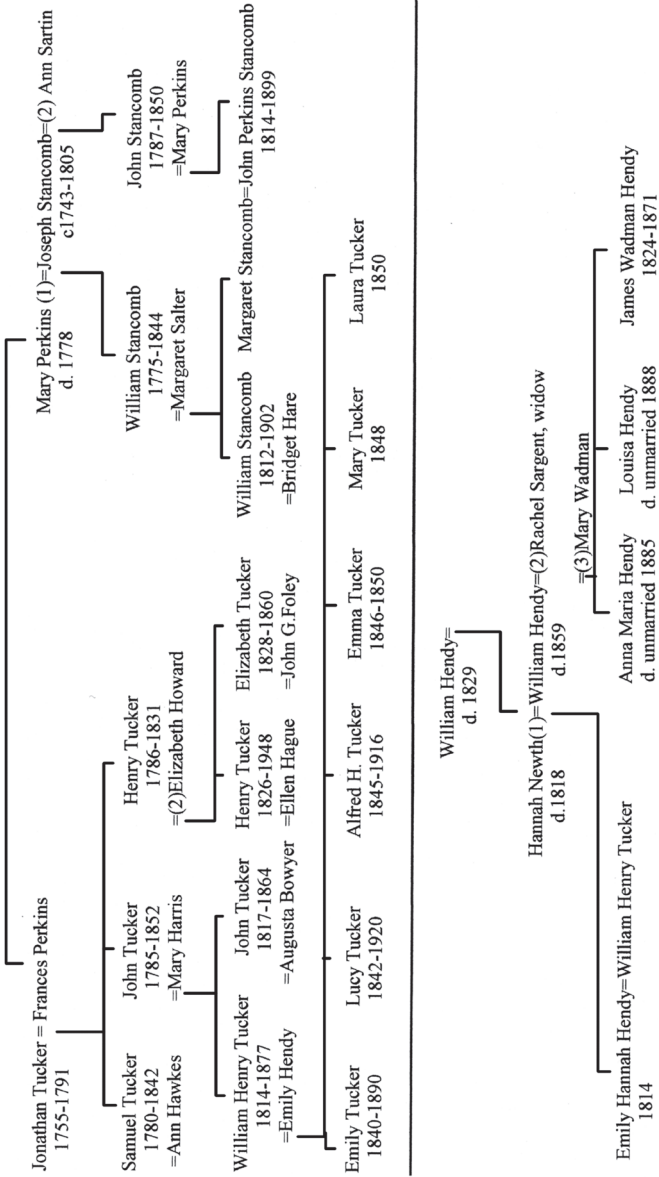
The text has been transcribed in full. In a few instances dates have been corrected when they are transposed. Small changes in punctuation have been necessary, but Tucker's spelling is left unchanged. Numbers which are sometimes written in full and at other times in figures are given in writing. Halves and quarters, except dates, are given in full, as are ampersands. Blanks are represented by dots.

Suitable verses selected by Tucker to head the more important events have been omitted because I did not transcribe them. These were sometimes from the poets of the day and at other times of his own composition. They were short and preceded only some of the early entries.

In the early part a few entries have been efficiently obliterated. The only one which can be deciphered, however, is peculiarly uninteresting. Again in the early part someone, perhaps Tucker himself, wrote the word Bosh by the side of some flamboyant descriptions, and this remark has not been transcribed. Did he write the diary for himself or for his family or possibly for a wider public?

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Family trees of the Tucker and Hendy families

REMINISCENCES OF DEPARTED YEARS.

1825.

1 25 March. Last day at Mr. Wearing's [Richard Wearing, bookseller and schoolmaster] school; in the afternoon when the other boys were gone, he detained me for the purpose of declaring his satisfaction with my behaviour during my stay, and gave me two engravings one of which was a representation of Chippenham.

2 28 March. Went to Boarding School, at Mr. [Samuel] Vincent's, Melksham, in a gig, with Father and Mother. Did not relish the look of my new master but liked the look of Mrs. Vincent better and was comforted by overhearing Mother remark to her, that the distance being so small, an easy communication could be kept up. The first sight of the play-ground and the boys jumping about there, seemed like a peep into fairyland. The young urchin Jack, who was however glad enough to go back home, seemed to envy my chance and took particular notice of Henry Clark's bald pate – in spite however of my anticipated delights, I felt rather unhinged when the old folks climbed into the machine, which as before stated was meant for a gig.

3 15 May. Fine Sunday. Had a delightful walk in the morning with our usher Mr. Drew and Mr. [William] Usher the Shoemaker; I found indeed in the enjoyment of the day that there was no place like home, returned in sober sadness at night, after spending a most enchanting day.

4 15 June. Day of breaking-up. What a scene of unbounded and uproarious delight! Walked home with James Kemp and the Coxes; very hot, felt it much in passing through Semington but all fatigue forgotten when we reached home, and in spite of the smoke and dust in which our native town was enveloped, we fancied it one of the most beautiful places in the universe.

5 21 July. Holidays over! Walked back to school through Whaddon with Edward and George Cox, accompanied by their brother James. Fine walk, but had no stomach to enjoy it. Excessively hot. Went to [Samuel] Vincent the army baker where I heard the sound of the church bell – forced to lie without clothes on the bed for heat, soon fretted myself to sleep.

6 25 July. James Kemp, on pretence of fetching some ginger beer, ran home, but was fetched back by Mr. Drew the same night. Laurel Clark's only son buried this day. [Laurel was the nickname of John Clark, clothier].

7 – Aug. Mr. Vincent, though in a deep decline, enraged with the conduct of Henry Clark climbed a tree in the playground, and cut two sticks, with

which he so heartily belaboured him, that the application of raw beef was deemed necessary. This summer I bathed for the first time.

8 – Sept. Went to Laycock [Lacock] Abbey with my parents and brother who called for me on their way, and left me on their return. Saw some beautiful pictures, and was much struck with the ancient grandeur of the place. Spent a delightful day, but returned in the dumps.

9 1 Oct. Went home on account of Mrs. Williams being there. Had a beautiful walk by the canal with her and Mother. John also accompanied us, cased in new black velvet breeches. Mrs. Williams amply supplied us with Spanish nuts, which we devoured all afternoon.

10 – Nov. Went with Doran, and saw W. Bevan, one of our scholars, in his coffin; dreamt all night terribly. [Note in the margin: ERRATA. W. Bevan died April. 23, 1826. This entry should therefore have been then].

11 – Dec. Christmas holidays. When sliding with James Kemp in Hilperton Lane, Mr. Drew passed on horseback.

1826.

12 8 Jan. (about) Mr. Vincent died (on the 10th).

13 23 Jan. Returned to school with James Kemp and his father. Very frosty day. The water drawn from the canal and boys running on the ice on the bottom.

14 16 June. Midsummer Vacation. Mr. Drew left Mrs. Vincent to go to Southampton. I should have went also but Mr. D. felt a delicacy in taking away any of Mrs. Vincent's scholars.

15 20 July. Walked back to Melksham with James Kemp. John and black-faced Sancho accompanied us almost to Semington. Saw our new usher, Mr. Rugg, a squint-eyed fellow with a vinegar aspect.

16 – Sept. B. Manley, having stayed home beyond the time allowed him, Mr. Rugg went to fetch him back and I accompanied him. We had a pleasant walk through Corsham to Pickwick, and were hospitably entertained by Manleys, who had a lovely garden. We, however, returned without Master Tripe. Soon after, Revell and Doran, ran away intending to go home to London, but were overtaken by Mrs. Vincent, and brought back in disgrace.

17 19 Nov. Sunday, fine and frosty. Walked alone to Lacock, and went to church there, with Cook's family. Neat church with coloured [glass] in the windows. Dined at the Abbey with the servants, and afterwards walked round

the park with Cook – returned with George Borland in time for evening service.

18 – Dec. Left Melksham School for ever – farewell, ye lovely walks round the Spa, by Sandridge Lodge, by Shaw and Spy [Spye] Park farewell, pleasant playground sprinkled with apple trees, surrounded by lofty elms, farewell, old Fry’s orchard, and Honywill’s chapel [John Honeywill, minister of the Independent chapel], farewell old barber Sage, with thy caterpillars, farewell T. Newth, Brewers, Aust, Jennings, Lediard and the rest of ye.

1827.

19 5 Jan. Duke of York buried. I supped this night with a party at Nathan Dunn’s – George Freeman was present. Played bagatelle till late, when punctual Dad came after me.

20 22 Jan. When sliding with Freeman on the ice at Blackball, John came with unwelcome news, in consequence of which we had to return home, to prepare for our departure to school. Accordingly we ventured into a kind of caravan, under the guidance of Nathan Dunn, and accompanied by Mother and John. It was a bitter day, but as we drew near Warminster the view was grand in the extreme. Unaccustomed to live in the neighbourhood of hills and downs, and now beholding these for the first time, covered with snow, the effect on my mind was almost sufficiently powerful to cause me to forget for the moment the approaching pangs of separation.

And here while faithful memory recalls each tender association connected with those early days, my mind passes on to more recent events – a few years passed away as a dream and I again revisited these scenes, amid the sound of bridal merriment, and by the side of her whom I then addressed by the sacred name of wife. Yes! mirth and joy were present, but where was that revered parent whose presence would have so well become the occasion? Here were the same hills, the same landscape, but those eyes which had once beheld them with me, were now closed in the darkness of the grave!

But to resume; immediately on our arrival in Warminster we repaired to the school in Church Street, where Mr. [George] Roberts met us at the door. On the departure of the caravan, I felt more completely miserable than on any former occasion – the schoolroom seemed so small and dismal, and there were only the two Oakleys from Bath returned except ourselves, it seemed such a dull and gloomy affair that I was fain to retire to the still greater solitude of the narrow and contemptible playgrounds to indulge my incontrollable sadness – I did not see young Roberts, nor then with much satisfaction – his father pleased me better, and Mrs. Roberts, though a tall and haughty dame, was ever kind and friendly to me.

21 3 Feb. The frost continued very severe, and this being Saturday, we spent it very pleasantly on the insignificant rivulet, in Warminster pompously called a river.

22 21 Feb. Had a beautiful walk on Copheath [Cop Heap] and the downs now freed from snow.

23 – Mar. Began to remove our school from Church Street to Sambourne Hill. At first we merely spent the day in our new place, and slept in Church Street as before. At last we finally quitted it upon a glorious windy day as before stated. Oh! how the copybooks and maps did fly about in every direction. Dame Kelly visited us as punctually as before, and being willing to give credit had abundance of trade. Justice, Plant and Goodridge [fellow pupils].

24 24 Mar. Went home for a day or two.

25 26 Mar. Walked back with Freeman. Left my umbrella in a pie-shop in Westbury, and did not miss it for a mile. Consequently had to walk back for it. Overtook Freeman just beyond Halfway House when we made a cut across the hills, where I found a bird's nest.

26 – May. Went on Clay [Cley] hills, and saw Trowbridge steeple from thence – Saw Crockerton Pond this month for the first time. Commenced a chart of the Kings and Queens of England under the superintendance of Miss Emily Roberts.

27 – June. Nathan Dunn came and gave Freeman and myself a blow out at a pastry cooks shop, we then went with him for a walk on the downs, and beginning to run by the clump of firs, I truckled from the top to the bottom.

28 13 June. Walked home for the midsummer holidays, with Richard Borland. I carried my chart, he his map.

29 18 June. Went on trial for a fortnight to Clifs [Stephen Brown Clift, lawyer in Trowbridge] the attorney – after which the poor dog, fortunately for me, pretended that I was too young.

30 3 July. Walked to Melksham to see Mrs. Vincent, who lived in a small house near Joliffe's. After taking some very so so cape wine, I went to the Spa and then home.

31 5 July. Had my first ride on horseback, and accompanied father to Warminster to inform Mr. Roberts of my intended return after the vacation – got up by the blunderbuss, [Blunderbuss public house near the Town Bridge, Trowbridge] and was terribly afraid of the horse at first – found Mr. Roberts in the little field by the common – He and father agreed that I should learn Latin, after which we returned home.

32 23 July. Rode to school in Mitchell's cart, after which I and J[ohn Edward] Hayward and B. Moore took a walk on Copheath before returning

to Roberts's. Met Mr. Hendy immediately arriving in Warminster.

33 9 Aug. Went to tea at old Hardick's on the Boreham Road with Mrs. Borland of Farley [Farleigh Hungerford] and her sons James and Richard – the principal sources of conversation were the death of the celebrated Mr. Canning, the uselessness of building a new church in Warminster and the superior excellence of Mr. [Joseph] Rodway of Bradford as a preacher.

34 26 Aug. We all went to Deverill to hear old Mr. Roberts preach – while talking of an ignoramus, I thought he was one, for making such a long sermon.

35 15 Sept. Mr. Roberts, imagining I was keeping my book open for the convenience of a boy who was saying his lesson gave me such a sudden stroke with his cane that I almost leaped to the ceiling not having tasted this comforter for a long time previous. I maintained a sullen dignity for the remainder of the day, and as we chanced to be playing rounders on Battlesbury I so managed matters, as almost to return the blow on my persecutor with the ball, who bid me take care of myself if I made a second attempt.

36 16 Sept. George Haden, not having a clean shirt for Sunday, attempted to borrow one, but all refused on account of his scorbutic disorder, and unfeelingly jeered him on that account, however, about breakfast time his cousin Nelson came to fetch him home, and I asked permission to accompany them. We took our route through the fields behind the church into the Westbury road, and when we reached Bradley took the field way home by the chapel.

37 17 Sept. Returned by Mitchell, and found Roberts exhibiting the sun, moon, and stars, and a variety of other things on his apparatus.

38 28 Sept. We bathed this evening, but it was very cold.

39 – Oct. We all spent the day at Crockerton, and took over a cartload of provisions, and a jar of excellent beer, of which I unwisely took too much, and consequently did not behave too decorously, and unfortunately damaged Justice's coat, however I got more sober in the afternoon, and capable of enjoying a delightful sail in the lake, though I still felt a strong disposition to sing. On our return, I found a Letter from Mother, stating that Mr. John Stancomb would want me after Xmas.

40 – Nov. Blatch and George Baldwin went out, and came home drunk.

41 15 Nov. Began maps of English counties, which met with general approbation.

42 18 Dec. Mr. Haden came in his gig after George, and offering me to accompany them I left school for ever. In addition to those names I have

mentioned of my schoolfellows, I would preserve the remembrance of Edward Card, Rashleigh, Dean, Francis White, Cox, Kirk, George Robinson, Balls of Corsley etc.

43 25 Dec. Went to W. Plummer's, and had a Christmas supper. Exhibited my watch to the company, and made numerous enquiries respecting my anticipated settlement in the counting house.

44 31 Dec. This day commences a most important era. At ten o'clock I made my first entry (by the direction of James Woodman) into Mr. John Stancomb's counting house. I found him surrounded by weavers, to whom he was dispensing their weekly numbers, attended by Mr. Spender who regarded me with a look of friendly interest. Soon after Mr. Alloway came who gazed at me as if I had been a very amusing object. Mr. S. accosted me in a very kind manner by my shop-name Henry, and set me ruling lines, in which dignified occupation I passed the first day of my counting house Life.

1828.

45 8 April. Having got Mr. Spender to ask leave for me, I set out this morning on foot to Warminster, where I spent a very pleasant day, and returned by the same conveyance, when I heard that my beautiful aunt had that day increased her household by producing Elizabeth. Mr. John Stancomb commenced lending me books about this time. I also made a drawing more large than clever, of the intended new factory in the Courts, from a sketch by Mr. Gane.

46 27 May. Whit Tuesday afternoon being fine, after a continuance of such wet weather as rendered the roads scarce fordable, I went with Samuel Moore to Westbury, and happening to meet Henry Neat there he showed me round the church and went with me on its tower, which commanded a noble aspect. I afterwards joined S. M. in the fair who had meanwhile been with his brother John at Wilkins's.

47 – Aug. By the wish of Mr. Stancomb, I rode a pony to Bechingham [Beckington] School that his son might try it previous to his purchasing it – on my way I passed some caravans from Trowbridge fair. On my entering Beckington a storm came on, and before my steed was stabled I [received a] confounded wetting. Mr. Weaver shook hands with me, and immediately called young John S out, who showed me the playground, and then set off for the stable, and mounted the horse, who galloped towards Frome, while I ran behind like a thief pursuer. On the way we met a pieman, and J. treated me liberally to the contents of his basket.

48 25 Aug. I set off on the same pony to Bath, where I safely arrived after a variety of adventures, and when entering the stableyard of the Castle and Ball, I saw Mr. W. Perkins who after seeing the rosinante well done for, took

me to a pishop, and performed the same kind office for me. At three o'clock the pony was put into the gig, Mr. P. had bought for Mr. S[tancomb], and we set off for home, on our way I could not avoid noticing the marked attention with which my companion regarded all the pretty girls we passed.

1829.

49 At the commencement of this year the new factory [Castle Factory] was rapidly advancing to its completion.

50 1 Feb. While sliding on a pond, the ice broke, and I went in to the middle; on my return to the counting house I felt very sick and ill, so much so that old Mr. Perkins who was seated by the fire, advised me to go home, which advice I followed, and as I afterwards heard, he accounted for my absence thus 'Tom's sick'. Father dined this day at the George with the Guardian Society.

51 21 March. This day Mr. Stancomb gave a grand dinner at the new factory to the workpeople on account of its completion. Sad am I to relate that I drank so freely of John Avon's potations, that my brain got rather unsteady, and I broke a cup at teatime – nevertheless I took a walk round Blackball hatches, and afterwards returned to shop, where I ticked off the gig numbers on the weaver's book with Mr. Stancomb. However, in the night I was dreadfully sick, and obliged to call Mother, retching horribly in the cold room for a long time, when from the direful consequences that ensued, I must have taken a severe chill.

52 22 March. This being Sunday, I had a walk with J. and J. Kemp but felt very unwell from yesterday's transactions. About this time the illfated 'Union' was in all its glory and a great portion of the operatives of this district entered it. It was liberally patronized by the trade's people and the middling classes – prayer meetings were held on its behalf and the principal members walked in solemn procession, headed by one of their number apparelled in the robes of a bishop. Overbury's workpeople had lately turned out for wages, and came from Westbury weekly to the Blue Bowl, where they received their allowance, and as the window of our counting house faced that respectable inn, we had a good opportunity of studying their physiognomy.

53 10 April. Ever since the unfortunate affair of the factory dinner I had been subject to an oppressive drowsiness, which was succeeded by acute darting pains in the forehead, which increased to such an extent, that after vainly struggling against indisposition, I was this day obliged to give up work, and go home in despair.

54 12 April. Dr. [Henry] Hedley from Devizes saw me this day, and agreed with Mr[John Warren] Cary in pronouncing my disorder typhus fever. They ordered me to bed immediately, and for safety John was packed off to farmer

Manley's at Hinton [Great Hinton]. My recollections of this day are vague and confused.

55 13 April. Mr. Nash from Mr. Cary's put some leeches on my temples. I recollect his looking after Dryden's *Virgil*, which chanced to be in the room — after this evening the fever increased to such a degree, that I laid insensible for upwards of a fortnight suspended between life and death.

56 27 April. By the blessing of God the dangerous crisis being now past, my consciousness returned about this time.

57 28 April. I gradually recovered, but such had been the deadly strength of the disease, that I felt it impossible to regain my former strength and vigour: the rose that formerly dwelt upon my cheek had departed for ever, and I who had been once a picture of health and robustness was henceforth a pale and sickly creature, and that form which had defied the fiercest blasts of winter now shivered amid the refreshing breezes of summer. Soon after my teeth began to decay, and for years after with but little intermission I continued a victim to that fiend-like torture. I also became subject to severe bilious attacks, attended with dreadful headache and sickness, but by the goodness of Providence my constitution soon triumphed over this disease.

58 30 April. Thinking this was the first of May I sent to Mr. Wearing for the *Youth's Guardian*, when I found that I was a day out in my reckoning.

59 2 May. I was now able to read, and wiled away many a tedious hour in my sick chamber. I got through Pope's *Homer*, and several books of travels lent me by Mr. Cadby, and one or two numbers of *Rollin's Ancient History* from Mr. Doney's [James Doney, minister of the Tabernacle].

60 3 May. I came down stairs, but at a very slow rate.

61 11 May. — These beautiful lines of Graham describe my feelings and sensations when wrapped up in a great coat accompanied by my father I took my first short walk through the paddock into Mr. Stancomb's pleasure ground.

62 12 May. This day we ventured across the Lower Court, and up the Cowleaze, but it was rather too far for my strength. Oh! how invigorating is the pure breath of heaven to an invalid just emerging from the chamber of sickness. On our return we met old Mr. Moore, who informed us of the rumour of the death of Mr. Blakesly, which was soon unhappily confirmed, he having drowned when bathing in the Avon with Joe Stratton.

63 15 May. Had a beautiful evening walk with my mother, across the Court and by those fields at the bottom of Quarterway Lane. Oh how I licked my bread and milk on my return.

64 16 May. This being Saturday, I took a walk through Market where I received congratulations of many on my recovery: among others those of James Butterworth, who had shortly before with James Vine been preparing for the task of carrying me to my grave, in expectation of being requested to do so. After buying a penknife I walked up to Kemp's, where I got a glass of wine, then to the Conigree [Conigre] and thence home. After dinner I set off for the first time to have a survey of our new counting house, whither they had removed in my absence; did not much admire the look of it, on the other hand my shopmates were quite shocked by my squalid appearance.

65 18 to 23 May. This was my last week before returning to work, and truly it was a pleasant time of it, spent in that keen delight which a convalescent feels, who rambles day after day amid a summer landscape, and conscious of almost hourly improvement. One morning I rose about five, and walked in Mrs. Chapman's garden with Mr. Alloway, gathering lilac. Another time we all spent a day at Bratton – then I paid one or two visits to the talented family at Holbrook [family of farmer Frier].

66 23 May. We all went to tea at Mr. Hall's [Richard Hall, brickmaker] at Cockhill.

67 25 May. Returned to my duties at the counting house, but between the shaking occasioned by the machinery, the stench of the factory, and the unwholesome heat communicated from the adjoining stow rack, where I afterwards caught many sad colds in drying samples it was altogether a sorry affair. Some considerable inconvenience was also experienced on account of a portion of the business being obliged to be carried on at the old place, such as sorting the goods going off in the old press shop with G. Wicks and Plummer, and in my morning visits to the dye-loft accompanied by Daniel Alloway.

68 20 July. John went to School at Warminster by Mitchell after I had bid him adieu in Mr. Webber's Walk [now Court Street]. He waited there till I hailed him from the factory window with a parting farewell.

69 31 Dec. The weather was extremely severe about this time. Having an afternoon's holiday, about three o'clock my brother and myself set off towards the canal by way of Islington: we ran upon the ice with but little exception all the way from the aqueduct to the bridge on the Bradford Road. – at the bottom of Widbrook Hill we again got upon the ice. On our way home we overtook Mr. – a fashionable shoemaker, recently settled in Trowbridge, who told us many lies of his wonderful feats in skating. On passing down the Courts I encountered a young lady who had for some time occupied no inconsiderable share of my thoughts.

1830.

70 20 Jan. On rising this morning I found Mother Earth had donned the thickest mantle of snow her ladyship had ever worn in my remembrance.

71 24 March. John Gayton [grocer] died.

72 1 April. He was buried. J. Dyer, T. Pearce, Guley, myself and two others conveyed him to his grave. Mr. [Charles] Jennings – undertaker. It was a cold, wet, snowy, uncomfortable day.

73 1 May. Taking our customary walk this beautiful Saturday evening, Samuel Moore suggested, as we were pursuing our way through the field in which Blackball Cottage stands (or rather sits) that we should strike into the road, and turn back towards the bridge. Soon as I glanced in that direction, I understood this movement —.

74 16 May. This being a beautiful Sabbath morning I awoke very early, and strolled out without disturbing any of the snoring inmates of the house, across the Hennicks [Innox] to Trowle Common on the Westwood Road. It was a most enchanting morning combining the freshness and fragrance of advanced spring with that holy calmness so peculiar to a Sabbath dawn. Loaded with may boughs glittering in the full maturity of silvery effulgence I returned home, and deposited them in the front kitchen where they gave forth an odiferous perfume which would have been welcome even in an Italian bower: exhausted with my exertions I retired to my room, and remained in my bed to an advanced hour enveloped in pleasing slumbers.

75 17 May. On the morning of this day, a party consisting of the following persons set out for Farley: [Emily Hendy], her mother-in-law [stepmother], and her three sisters Ann, Lydia and Martha, [Tucker was mistaken. Emily had only two sisters, Anna Maria (Ann) and Laura] their highly esteemed and intellectual papa, Mr. Wadman, with a guest then visiting that illustrious family; also that snarling spinster, Miss Caroline Wheeler, by whom I was aforesaid advised of this right memorable expedition. Previous to their setting out, the nuptials of the diminutive Todhunter, [John Todhunter, drysalter of London, a massive man] and the lovely Miss [Rosa Matilda] Webber were duly solemnised. I remember while standing in the road by our house with S. Moore with other zanyes awaiting the return. Well, that evening came at length, and my plodding master having lingered to the last minute (to my supreme vexation) at last took his watch from the nail and departed, and ere he had arrived at the top of Webber's Walk, I was at the bottom. My toilet was soon completed, and with the Pocket Magazine *pocketed*, I set forth about seven of the clock, up the Longfield, and through Newtown, and Stallard Gate, and into the fields which skirt the Farley Road, as far as London Bridge – it was a mild and delightful evening. Taking the May number of the magazine before referred to from my pocket, alternately looking forwards in search of the party I pursued my way

through Wingfield when I closed my book because: 'Now twilight grey | Had in her sober livery all things clad' [Milton, *Paradise Lost* 4, 598].

Upon entering Stowford, the approach of the company was heralded by the voice of mirth and revelry. I met the foremost of the land at the bottom of the hill. In vain did our considerate spinster remonstrate with me on the stupidity of my conduct, and endeavour to persuade me to offer my arm. I could not screw up my courage to the sticking point. So we passed through Wingfield, I reached the top of the hill above farmer Guley's house, when struck with a sense of my folly I offered my arm, which was accepted. It was this – 'it is possible to have too much of a good thing'. At last we arrived at the turnpike on an evening which will never be forgotten. Amid the troubles of after years, amid all the pangs of withering doubt, she who has since herself drank deeply of bitter regrets, and unmitigated anguish, and who now appears to be fast hastening to that bourne from whence no traveller returns never did the recollection of that evening depart from my mind. My foot did not tread upon that road, till the next seventeenth May returned, when I celebrated the first anniversary of that event, by walking over the same ground, a custom to which I have since religiously adhered, and so long as God shall grant me strength and opportunity, this annual duty shall be faithfully performed.

76 26 June. King George the Fourth died.

77 15 July. He was buried, and a funeral sermon was preached at Trowbridge church by the poet Crabbe, when I attended.

78 27 July. About this time, the spinster Miss Wheeler left our house for service in Bath, but returned 2 or 3 months after.

79 7 Aug. Second day of the fair. Went to Mr. Roberts's School at Warminster to see John with Father, Mother and Rhoda Stevens, quite a poor concern there, school dreadfully deteriorated – all the older boys gone, and none left but contemptible, worthless little scrubs.

80 – This summer Mr. John Stancomb Junior entered the counting house.

81 29 Sept. W. Alloway [missionary] left our concern to go to the Academy for Independent Ministers, and I had in consequence to undertake the charge of the cash box, and to pay all the workpeople. At this time also my brother bade farewell to school, and buckled on the yoke at Mr. William Stancomb's, in the room of Butterworth.

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82 16 March. Mr. William Perkins, senior, died, who when able, visited our counting house every day.

83 24 March. He was buried at Tabernacle. Early in the morning I nailed on the factory door this notice 'No business will be transacted here this day'. While so engaged, Mr. Lucre, [William Lucre, builder] passed, and informed me of Mrs. Navin's [born Emma Reeves, wife of George Navin, grocer] death. She was the eldest of the Miss Spraggs, and much respected, although every one foretold her fate when she was married to that sorry dog Navin, not nine months before [8 June. 1830]. I afterwards saw Mr. Perkins's funeral, and in the afternoon took a walk round the road by Hilperton, and the Marsh, although it was bitterly cold.

84 4 April. Easter Monday: E.H had two teeth drawn by Mr. Silvester [George Sylvester, surgeon].

85 5 April. Easter Tuesday; fine Spring day. Walked to Porter's at Seend by appointment, and enjoyed the walk much. After dinner, he accompanied me in my first visit to Devizes; soon after our return to Seend, Father arrived on Dyer's grey, when we went to the church, and walked about the village. Father tried in vain to get some fish for uncle Henry, who was fast wasting. In the evening we all returned to Trowbridge together.

86 17 May. First anniversary of a memorable day: for the first time since, I again trod the same path, having set forth at the same time in the evening. Everything appeared exactly in the same state, and nature appeared clad in the selfsame robe; in fact it seemed as if I had been there but yesterday but! alas! truth told a different tale – but, why should I revert to corroding cares, and jealous doubts, long since past away? Suffice it to say these were dispelled by a loquacious labourer, who favoured me with his company quite unasked for.

87 24 May. It being Whit Tuesday, I went to the teachers' tea party at Tabernacle, where I enjoyed myself much. My uncle lay at the point of death, to which Mr. Doney very feelingly and solemnly alluded in his address.

88 – This afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock died Henry T[ucke]r aged 45 years; and although the last part of his life was embittered by a sour and disagreeable woman, yet his end was peace. The same evening John and myself had a walk over the Down, by Lady Down Farm, into the Bradford Road, recalling early and happy scenes with which the image of our departed relative was associated.

89 27 May. Saw him in his coffin.

90 1 June. Followed his bier, and saw him deposited in the house appointed for all living: Mr. Doney officiating, and Mr. John Kemp senior undertaker: he lies in the new burying ground, but his widow has not thought proper to have his name added to the tombstone erected to his first wife's memory. About the end of this month we spent a very pleasant afternoon at farmer

Manley's; on our return I assisted my mother through the Green Lane, which was so rough, she vowed never to walk in it again – she never did.

91 8 Sept. Coronation of King William the Fourth, and Queen Adelaide. All the clubs walked in procession, and all the Trowbridge Sunday schools: in the evening the town was brilliantly illuminated, and for the first time for a long period I again listened to the tones of her father's gate.

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92 1 Jan. This year was ushered in by a severe frost. According to custom I accompanied my brother to prayer meeting, and afterwards went to Sunday School for Samuel Wolfe.

93 2 Jan. Read Campbell's Metropolitan, Blackwood. Samuel Wolfe brought the accounts of the Sick Society. I accepted Secretaryship in his room.

94 3 Jan. Went to slide at Blackball breakfast time with John.

95 5 Jan. Fetched Blackwood from Henry Clark's to get a new leaf in the place of that broken by Father. J. Stancomb junior lent me Shakespeare. Attended Saturday Evening School with S. Wolfe, Summers etc.

96 8 Jan. Heard Mr. Doney three times at Tabernacle; Mother ill.

97 11 Jan. Finished making out Aunt's accounts.

98 12 Jan. Sunderland declared free of cholera.

99 13 Jan. Dreadful toothache.

100 14 Jan. Had a peep at the salesbook and ledger at Mr. W[illiam] S[tancomb]. in the evening in contemplation of soon having to keep them.

101 16 Jan. Red Book down from P. Chamberlain. Copied a good deal in my poetry book about this time.

102 20 Jan. Mr. K. Vincent came to teach John to play the flute.

103 22 Jan. Staid in school all the morning with the children – W. Cook made a miserable speech to them. In the evening Maria Brown, one of our Fryers died.

104 24 Jan. W Spender sent to Mr. Lord [Walter Lord, classical and mathematical school, Hilperton Road] after his rent.

105 25 Jan. Went to Mr. Junior Stancomb's in the evening to assist at the

electrical machine.

106 28 Jan. Left Mr. John Stancomb's service this evening, who declared himself satisfied with my conduct while I had been with him, and expressed his wishes for my future welfare, adding that he should be happy to do me good at any time, or give me any advice: thus ended our connection, which had lasted rather more than four years, but to which I cannot look back with any particular feelings of pleasure or satisfaction.

107 30 Jan. On this day I took possession of my new situation at W. Stancomb's Esq.: and he having just returned from London we had a rare busy day of it.

108 3 Feb. Early this morning, at the parsonage, died the Poet Crabbe; it being mild and genial weather I took a walk in the breakfast hour with John through the Studley Fields, soliloquising on the event of a very great man having fallen in Israel.

109 19 Feb. Took a Sunday afternoon walk with Tom Pearce, through Westwood to Farley, everything still retaining a very wintery appearance - we were very much surprised at finding young lambs so plenty.

110 18 March. Died Mary, eldest child of Mr. John Stancomb. She had always been very weak and delicate - she was particularly clever, and universally lamented by all acquainted with her. Mr. Doney preached her funeral sermon.

111 23 March. Upon this memorable day, I sent a written - through our willing Zantippe.

112 24 March. It being Easter Tuesday, John and I strolled to Melksham. It being a stormy day we were obliged to take refuge in the church porch; we afterwards went to the Spa.

113 27 March. On retiring to my room this night I found on the table a letter directed Miss -.

114 17 May. I took my annual walk this evening with a cheerful heart.

115 21 May. This day was in some respect, a counterpart of the seventeenth of the same month last year, another party to Farley having been formed, consisting chiefly of the same individuals: on this occasion I left about 3 o'clock, in company with W. H. [William Hendy] and barber [Charles] Woodward, and after passing through old farmer Little's fields, came into Wingfield Common; our discourse chiefly turning on the Reform Bill, which made much noise at that time, and which W. H. predicted would soon pass through the Peers, which proved true. Leaving W. H. behind us at Wingfield, the hero of the pole and basin and myself soon arrived at Farley's green retreats, and a most

delightful evening we spent in Mr. Borland's arbour, enlivened by the classical wit of Mr. Hunter, now, like his forge, extinguished for ever.

116 13 June. Mounted Webber's Tom, and rode gallantly forth. After a pleasant ride through Stowford where my steed played some unusual antics, I arrived at Borlands. I was provoked to find Jim unready – his Pony being nowhere to be found; while he was in search of it I strolled forth alone through Farley's verdant meadows till driven back to the inn by vernal showers. Jim at length returned having found his dapple in Westwood, and the weather having improved we had a fine ride through Road [Rode] and Beckington to Warminster, where after having some good porter at the London Inn, we paid a visit to Mr. Roberts, who expressed an inclination to give some lectures, and wished me to request Mr. Salter and W. S. [William Stancomb] to patronise them, but I did not fancy the task. When we parted this time we parted for ever, he dying of the cholera in London, whither he soon after removed. Jim and myself took tea at Hardick's and rode home through Westbury.

117 18 June. Strolled this evening with little Wright, and Charles W [oodward] as far as Steeple Ashton, where after viewing the church we moralized in the churchyard, and the sentimental barber copied thence sundry epitaphs. We returned home by way of the Green Lane.

118 25 June. Walked to Westbury this evening with F. Wright and called on Mr. Ashley, the British Schoolmaster there, just arrived and without a chair in his house to sit down on.

119 30 June. This was a most unhappy evening. Milton's Paradise Lost proving to be my Paradise Lost.

120 3 July. Upon this beautiful day I witnessed a most gorgeous sight. Father, Mother, myself and E. H. [Emily Hendy] and her mother started in W. S.'s carriage, and arrived at Erlestoke early, and obtained admission to the splendid mansion of G. W. Taylor Esq. M. P. whose valuable property was about to be disposed of by the hammer of George Robins. Such a display of gold and silver and sumptuous pictures was scarcely ever witnessed before. The house was thronged with visitors of all description, high and low, rich and poor. We dined under a tree in the park and returned early in the evening: the beautiful scenery round the mansion, the park, the spacious river, the waterfalls, the Swiss cottage, the rural church, all enjoyed in the company [of Emily Hendy] formed a scene of enchantment I can never forget.

121 15 July. Went to Holt Church this Sabbath evening with Walter Newth, James Kemp, his brother and Rhoda Stevens.

122 22 July. Helped to carry my old companion William Perkins to his last home, in Tabernacle new burying ground. He was buried just before the morning service, Mr. Doney officiating.

123 26 July. Trowbridge Reform Festival celebrated in the field at the top of Timbrell St., by donkey racing, pig hunting, greasy pole climbing, and other intellectual amusements. While in the field with Tom Pearce I was much startled when I saw E. H. after hearing her declaim against the impropriety of being present at such sights; she however threw the blame upon Mrs. Rawlings of Frome. I supped this night at W H's [William Hendy] for the first time.

124 5 Aug. Went to Mr. Gear's chapel at Bradford this Sunday evening with John and Benjamin Moore; returned home by way of Staverton.

125 6 Aug. Trowbridge Fair: took tea at W. H. 's.

126 7 Aug. E. H. took tea at ours.

127 9 Aug. Saw G Gyngell's fireworks on the Parade.

128 15 Aug. A party went to Farley today, consisting of the Rimers, Old Cliff, John Moore, E. H. and others – on their return in the evening I watched them come up the Market Place and made a stupid mistake which rendered me truly miserable all night.

129 16 Aug. All set right again; my mother's friend Mrs. Williams came on a visit, and stayed till the fifth of September.

130 9 Sept. Went to Westwood church with F. Wright, where we were amused by the musical attempts of the rustic choir; these wild boors almost deafened us with their bellowing and a rusty bass viol, and sundry cracked flutes added their horrors to the scene.

131 11 Sept. I obtained an exquisite treat this day in consequence of the wedding of Charles Woodward and Matilda H[endy]. The company left in an open fly through Westbury, and while it stopped in Warminster we had a stroll up the Market Place and went into the new church [Christ Church], we dined in the arbour, on the banks of Crockerton pond, and afterwards set off again through the woods towards Longleat. The noble park, spotted with deer, the surrounding forest, the river with its waterfalls dashed upon me like a dream of Paradise, but when we arrived at the princely mansion, so beautifully situated amid the scenes of perfection and were admitted into its lofty halls and splendid apartments where the declining sun illuminated the coloured windows with a flood of light [we were] hushed into silent admiration; it is utterly impossible to attempt a description of the pictures and splendid furniture of this place, the family chapel was particularly grand; we afterwards walked in the park and garden, and Messrs Bailey and Wadman made a capital glass of gin and water from a bottle they had in reserve and the water of the fountain: on our return through Warminster we partook of some refreshments, and then rode home by the light of as brilliant a full moon as ever graced a

king's, much less a barber's nuptials – where we found as good a blow out for supper as any epicurean could desire.

132 25 Sept. Accompanied E. H. to Back St. chapel, to hear Mr. Wilson on his new system of Sunday School education.

133 30 Sept. W. Jay preached at Tabernacle tonight. E. H. accompanied me there.

134 17 Oct. Took a solitary walk to Bradford this evening to hear Mr. Rodway. Met W. H. and John Wadman.

135 23 Oct. Accompanied E. H. to the examination of the British Schools and wished I had stayed away when there.

136 25 Oct. Much troubled with boils about this time.

137 28 Oct. Had a swelled eyelid.

138 30 Oct. Heard Tipstaff at Zion chapel.

139 11 Nov. Fanny Tucker married in London to a Joseph Duer. Attended Mr. Millard's chapel [David Millard, Silver Street] this afternoon with F Wright.

140 20 Nov. Temperance Society meeting Bethesda. I was present, but entered not.

141 25 Nov. My eye very bad again: had two leeches on.

142 2 Dec. Walked to Bradford this Sunday afternoon with F Wright. Smoked a pipe out at a friend of his there.

143 5 Dec. Sir J. D. Astley [John Dugdale Astley] paid a visit to Trowbridge, with reference to the coming election for North Wilts.

144 11 Dec. Mr. Paul Methuen came on a similar errand, and on my return from Ashton [West Ashton] (whither I had walked through the dirt to see farmer [Samuel] Bowyer from W. S.) I heard him address the crowd in front of the George Inn.

145 18 Dec. First day of Voting: Father polled at Melksham for Methuen and Astley.

146 19 Dec. Close of the Poll: Methuen 1835; Astley 1683; Edridge 402.

147 25 Dec. Supped at E.H.'s.

148 26 Dec. Went with her to a display of fire works in the Halve by Mr. Henry Dyer [chemist in Trowbridge].

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149 1 Jan. E. H. took tea at our house.

150 8 Jan. Reverend F. Fulford arrived [Francis Fulford, Rector of Trowbridge].

151 13 Jan. Heard his first Sermon from Eph. 3, vv 6,7 and 8.

152 19 Jan. Old Mrs. Hendy died.

153 30 Jan. Thanksgiving day through England on account of the departure of the cholera. Attended church twice.

154 31 Jan. First snow this winter.

155 5 Feb. Mother worse with a second attack of paralysis.

156 14 Feb. Went to a Bible meeting in the British Schoolroom.

157 24 Feb. This Sunday afternoon went to church with E. H.

158 23 March. Heavy fall of snow.

159 30 March. Claimed acquaintance with Joe Berry who is come here to be with Mr. Cadby [John Cadby, painter and glazier].

160 31 March. E. H. took tea at our house, and afterwards accompanied me to Tabernacle to hear Mr. Jay.

161 4 April. Magistrate W. E. Waldron [William Everett Waldron, clothier] died.

162 9 April. Went to Bath per Lucas to sell remnants.

163 10 April. Went to the Baptist chapel with E. H. to hear missionary Knibb from Jamaica.

164 14 April. Heard Mr. Waldron's funeral Sermon at the Conigree [Conigre] Chapel preached by Mr. [Samuel] Martin.

165 22 April. Our relations Mr. and Mrs. Duer paid us a visit previous to their leaving for America.

166 29 April. Took a delightful walk alone this fine spring evening to Farley through Westwood. James Borland and Towell accompanied me part of the way home.

167 4 May. The season very warm I could not resist the temptation of a bathe, when walking by the canal side with F. Wright.

168 13 May. On returning from a beautiful walk with E. H., her amiable mama-in-law attacked her with such asperity that I was incensed to such a degree as to use language which gave great offence to that noble lady.

169 15 May. Went on Westbury White Horse with John.

170 16 May. Met E. H. at Mrs. Parrish's in the Terrace [St. George's Terrace], found her not quite recovered from influenza.

171 19 May. This Sunday afternoon walked to Westbury with F. Wright; coming back I found a shilling on the road.

172 26 May. Went to Wingfield church with Tom Pearce.

173 29 May. Took a solitary walk to Melksham this evening. Supped at Butterworth's, he occupies part of the house in which Mr. Vincent's School was carried on. As I passed through our old school room now lonely and deserted, I saw our playground, now made into a garden, I breathed a sigh for the departed happiness of school days.

174 2 June. No rain from May second till this day.

175 7 June. Took a walk across the Hennicks with James Kemp and Mark Newth who informed me of the friendship between our young man and Mr. Junior Stancomb's nursemaid Sarah Porter with other particulars not here to be narrated.

176 14 June. Took a solitary walk to Steeple Ashton this evening, the way in was perfumed by the bean fields.

177 19 June. First evening lecture at Trowbridge church.

178 21 June. Went to Holt to see the foreman of the cutters, John Martin: I never saw this mild old man again. We fretted him to death.

179 5 July. Daniel Strang and John Martin died.

180 7 July. Went to North Bradley church.

181 15 July. Had a delightful walk with E. H. Old dame Joyce conducted us

through Esq Long's park.

182 16 July. Lydia Wadman and John Hunter [blacksmith] married. Joshua Perkins upset cherry cheeked Ruth in the haymaking field.

183 17 July. Sun eclipsed.

184 20 July. Went to Farley with Josh[ua] Perkins and our Junior through Westwood. Overtaken by heavy rain, and obliged to take shelter beneath the trees.

185 23 July. Went again, and gained admittance to the castle. Afterwards rambled through the village.

186 24 July. Rode to Warminster on Webber's horse with a present of cloth for [Stephen Francis] Phelps and [Timothy] Goodman, [solicitors].

187 26 July. Rose at half past three, and set off about four with J. E. Hayward through Westwood, Freshford, Stoke [Limply Stoke], and arrived at Bath about half six. Continued our course through Twerton a little beyond which we drank some milk, which sufficed us till we arrived at Bristol: we found young Brown near his ship, over which he showed us, and conducted us to his lodgings in Princes Street where he introduced us to his landlady Mrs. Johns and to Mrs. Lewis. Joshua Perkins accompanied us to Clifton by boat where I drank of the waters, which made me very sick. About eight in the evening we left Bristol in a fly, with young Brown, Mrs. Johns, and the virtuous Mrs. Lewis, who sang all the way to Bath. We bade them farewell on the old bridge at ten o' clock and had a moonlight walk home which we reached at one.

188 30 July. Played cricket with young Clarkes, Stancombs etc.

189 7 Aug. Met E. H. and a party at Dame Joyce's on Ashton Hill. Walked through the park, and afterwards supped at the cottage door – returned early to see the last of the fair.

190 11 Aug. Had a tiresome walk with Junior to Freshford church.

191 18 Aug. Went to Steeple Ashton with J[ohn Edward] and E[dward Pourch] Hayward.

192 25 Aug. Began taking for the Asterides.

193 27 Aug. Went to Bath per coach with E. H. and Mrs. H., dined at Sim's in Milsom Street, and spent the afternoon in the Sydney Gardens.

194 29 Aug. John Kemp and Rhoda Stevens married.

- 195** 1 Sept. Went to Whaddon church.
- 196** 12 Sept. Played Cricket with townsmen – Grey, Sheppard, Gale, Lucre, Haywards etc. etc. etc. Lawson's Stove [wool drying stove] on fire, and a quantity of wool burned.
- 197** 17 Sept. Young John kissed Mrs. Lemon in the dark on the Hilperton Road by mistake, at least so he told her husband.
- 198** 9 Oct. Went to Bath this afternoon with John and Nelson Haden by Parker's boat, and had a long dull passage, and a tiresome walk home.
- 199** 13 Oct. Went to Bradley church with J. and E. Hayward. Heard a famous sermon by the rector.
- 200** 6 Nov. Heard of Aunt Ann's death in France.
- 201** 10 Nov. Went to Bradley church with young farmer Friar.
- 202** 14 Nov. Went to Bible meeting with E. H. at British School.
- 203** 27 Nov. Sailor Brown took tea at our house, after which we all supped at John Hayward's.
- 204** 30 Nov. Had a pleasant walk to Bradford this morning. Returned by way of Lady Down.
- 205** 15 Dec. Mr. Alloway preached at Tabernacle.
- 206** 27 Dec. Went to Bath through Freshford and Stoke, overtaken by rain, and weather bound at the bottom of Brass Knocker Hill: reached Bath late, and tried in vain to effect sales; had a wet, miserable, dark walk back to Bradford, where I drank freely, being surrounded by mirth and Xmas festivity – reached home jovially.
- 207** 28 Dec. E. H. went to Beckington on a visit.

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- 208** 12 Jan. Went to Hilperton church with Mark Newth. Rain and floods all the week.
- 209** 22 Jan. Mr. John Kemp died.
- 210** 24 Jan. Very poorly and thin about this time.

- 211** 26 Jan. E. H. ill for four and five days.
- 212** 29 Jan. Walked with John to Farley and gathered primroses. First frost this winter.
- 213** 2 Feb. Went to Whaddon church alone. Torrell and Borland to tea.
- 214** 6 Feb. Arrant Fool.
- 215** 21 Feb. About this time Miss Nelson came on a visit to Mr. Haden's, much to George's satisfaction.
- 216** 9 March. Went to Westwood church with John Hayward and our John.
- 217** 15 March. Rode to Bradford with Tarr, walked to Bath with myself, and partook of some eggs behind Christ Church. Slept at the Pack Horse.
- 218** 16 March. Heard Mr. Jay at Argyle Chapel on the death of Absolem. Dined at eating house and walked home through Freshford, the season very warm, so much so, that I laid down in a field and read the Bouquet.
- 219** 20 March. Went to Stephen Noad's evening, and bought two cassimeres.
- 220** 22 March. E. H. gone to Devizes on a visit.
- 221** 25 March. First Journey to Bristol on business, tolerably successful. Nat Overbury there on the same errand; had some chat with him on the coach.
- 222** 30 March. Easter Sunday. Went to Semington church with John. Caught in the wet returning.
- 223** 1 April. Mr. Jay preached at Tabernacle, went with E. H.
- 224** 3 April. Heard Mr. Knill preach at Baptist Chapel.
- 225** 6 April. To Steeple Ashton church with Ben, Joe and John Moore, and our Junior. Saw Tom Adams.
- 226** 16 April. Walked to Turley [Turleigh] through Bradford with John and young Charley Silvester.
- 227** 20 April. Went to Holt church with Sparks, who accompanied me part of the way home with his sister.
- 228** 27 April. Went to Farley church afternoon, and to the chapel evening.

Came home in James Rawling's gig.

229 1 May. To Bath per Parker's boat with Jack; saw the chimney sweepers dancing like blazes [a custom for chimney sweepers to dance on May. Day].

230 4 May. Sparks and Berry to dinner and tea.

231 6 May. Mrs. Parrish [wife of James Parrish, dyer] died aged 35.

232 7 May. John ill of a fever occasioned by eating bare bread at Bath; at home till the 26th.

233 11 May. Went to Bradley church with John Hayward.

234 20 May. Went to Whitsuntide tea at Tabernacle.

235 21 May. To Westbury on foot, through Bratton; returned fieldway.

236 2 June. Went to Farley with party in waggon, returned with E. H.

237 3 June. Sent first set to dyehouse.

238 4 June. George Harris committed suicide.

239 8 June. To Semington church with John Hayward.

240 14 June. Trade curtailed one third: John and father undertook the roughing at the factory.

241 29 June. To Bradley church with John Moore and Hill from Bath who caught a canary.

242 1 July. My poor mother was taken to Farley in a gig, and seemed to enjoy the ride, it was her last.

243 17 July. Hottest day for the last nine years.

244 18 July. Tremendous thunderstorm this morning; got home just in time after bathing in Cowlease.

245 20 July. Took tea with E. H. at my aunt's in the Conigree by special invitation of that personage.

246 6 Aug. Went with John and cousin Harry by the canal to Whaddon: followed the course of the Avon to Staverton, where we were overtaken by rain. Took tea and supper at E. H. 's.

- 247** 7 Aug. William Alloway and Elizabeth Vine married. Accompanied John Moore to the Theatre of Arts behind the Queen's Head; what a respectable assemblage!
- 248** 26 Aug. Went with E. H. and Miss Bullock to Bath by Parker's boat; walked in the Victoria Park.
- 249** 30 Aug. Sailed on W. S.'s pond with Joseph Perkins.
- 250** 2 Sept. Supped at Mrs. James Hendy's with E. H. and Miss Bullock.
- 251** 4 Sept. Ruddle and King's method of pilfering cloth detected.
- 252** 6 Sept. Miss Bullock returned to Devizes.
- 253** 13 Sept. Exchanged twenty one books with Ovens for two and gave six shillings and sixpence.
- 254** 14 Sept. This Sunday afternoon walked with John to Blackball, and followed the stream to Ashton. Lay beneath a sturdy tree in the park, reading Byron's *Giaour*, which was wrong: it was a charming afternoon.
- 255** 15 Sept. New arbour put up in the garden; Mother watched it erecting from my bedroom window.
- 256** 16 Sept. Walked through Southwick and Bradley by moonlight with E. H.; stopped at Keats's.
- 257** 19 Sept. Nelson Haden offered me grapes, which I declined. James P. said 'if one won't, another will'.
- 258** 20 Sept. Walked with James Vine and another to Bradford and thence by boat to Bath – after taking refreshments with him at the Seven Stars we separated. On my walk home rested at Farley Wick, after which I walked to Bradford with an old man, and reached home quite worn out.
- 259** 21 Sept. Very fatigued today. Mr. and Mrs. Mundy and Miss Heale took tea in our new arbour.
- 260** 22 Sept. Had the history of Miss Bullock's affair with her beau from E. H. in a walk through Hilperton and the Marsh.
- 261** 23 Sept. Sailed in an old *timmynog* [an apparatus used in raising the nap on cloth] up the Court river [the river Biss].
- 262** 24 Sept. Mother taken worse and Mr. Cary called in.

263 25 Sept. She is no better today and the worst is apprehended. Took a solitary walk by Silver Street Farm to gather honeysuckle, but driven back by the rain.

264 26 Sept. Mr. and Mrs. Doney saw Mother and thought her dying. Rowed up Court river with John as far as rushes would permit. Walked to Cockell [Cock Hill] with E. H. afterwards – vey dark and gloomy.

265 27 Sept. Very wet early in the morning, fine after breakfast, hot and close throughout the day. Saw Mother at seven and ten o'clock. At one she grew much worse, and it was evident she could not hold out much longer: when I saw her a quarter on an hour after I was much struck with the change. Stayed at her bedside from two to three, and she rapidly got worse and worse; also from five to seven when John accompanied me in a short walk up Longfield and back through the Studley fields by Mrs. Hanly's. We saw the sun set most beautifully. It was altogether a most delightful evening; all nature seemed wrapped in holy silence, and under any other circumstances I should have enjoyed much the autumnal splendour of the scene, but Mrs. Borland came to tea and soon after took a last look at her old friend and departed. I continued in the room from half past nine to eleven. My father, brother, Caroline, Aunt, old Mrs. Tanner, Miss Heale and Eliza Francis sat by, and the convulsive rattling in the throat was sad indeed, but as no trace of consciousness had been visible through the day it was a satisfaction to reflect that she felt no pain. I attended my aunt part of the way home, and on my return, by father's persuasion, I and John lay down in our clothes to snatch a little rest. . . .

266 28 Sept. A little before one, Father aroused us from our broken repose to witness the death of our dear mother, which occurred a few minutes before one. I felt very ill, and was obliged to go out for the benefit of the air, it was then raining slightly. John and myself spent the day in the arbour, where I wrote the sad news to my mother's friend Mrs. Williams of Bromley. Mr. Haden visited us at teatime and gave us good advice. We all went to chapel in the evening, after which J. and myself walked across the Lower Court. It was very foggy though the day had been fine. Mr. Doney gave notice that he should preach the funeral sermon next Sunday evening, and passed a high eulogium on Allaway and Vine who were soon to commence their missionary labours.

267 29 Sept. Mr. Charles Gane came at half past nine respecting a coffin; undertakers' letters received from Offer [John Offer, draper, Fore Street] and Kemp [John Kemp, draper, Roundstone Street]. Mrs. Borland came to tea and John returned with her as far as Wingfield. I went as far as London Bridge to meet him, but missed him. Sat on the bridge and saw a roman candle and found some glow worms.

268 30 Sept. Spent the dinner hour in my mother's room, and saw her for

the first time in her coffin – saw her again at six, afterwards went to Mr. Alloway's ordination at the Tabernacle, and heard him read his experience. The reverend Messrs Curwen of Frome, [Richard] Elliott of Devizes, Gear of Bradford and Collison and Fletcher of London with Mr. Doney were present. Place crowded and in late. Young Buckler behaved very improperly.

269 1 Oct. Received answer from Mrs. Williams, and wrote out list of names for Mr. Offer the undertaker. Visited the chamber of death in the morning, and spent the dinner hour there: felt very sad on the retrospection of the last few years of my life and very desirous of spending the future in a better way. Took a melancholy walk this foggy evening to the gloomy banks of the river Avon.

270 2 Oct. Mr. Offer came to know respecting the bell for tomorrow. Spent the dinner hour in Mother's room. Preparations at home for the funeral. Accompanied John to farmer Friar's evening, and went for a walk with John Ward. Bade him farewell as he is going to leave tomorrow.

271 3 Oct. W. S. sent me to Tarr's before breakfast: felt much hurt. The funeral procession left about half past three o'clock.

<i>Walked Before</i>	<i>Bearers</i>	<i>Mourners</i>
Mr. Doney Mr. Cary	A. Wolfe James Rose	J. Tucker Senior W. H. T.
W. Stancomb W. Perkins	T. Pearce I. Chapman	J. Tucker Jun Mr. Borland
W. Hendy James Perkins	W. Phillips Joseph Francis	John Offer C. Gane

Mr. Doney read and prayed in chapel and spoke briefly over the grave, which is in the old burying ground near Mrs. Hendy's tombstone. I felt suitably affected. Miss Heale, Mrs. Tanner and Mr. and Mrs. Borland stayed to tea, as well as Mr. Doney. Saw the last of my dear Mother's remains just before three o'clock. May I meet her in that happy world where she now is!

272 4 Oct. Mark Newth moving into the Courts. Went to meet Ben Moore with John; did so almost at the canal bridge. He congratulated me on my reformation from sarcasm.

273 5 Oct. The mourners did not attend Tabernacle this morning, the funeral sermon being fixed for the evening, when Mr. Doney fixed for his text Phil. 1. 21. 'For me to live in Christ and to die is gain', and gave a most solemn and impressive address in which he made honourable mention of the departed, and addressed me in particular relative to my illness in 1829. Felt very deeply what he said, and hoped that the feelings that I then experienced might be permanent. Mr. and Mrs. Borland were present. The weather being mild, after supper John and I walked up to Newtown.

274 6 Oct. The comet [Halley's] nearest to the earth. At half past six took a short walk with John and pursued the same course as on the evening of the

twenty seventh September. Afterwards accompanied John Moore and Martha W. to Nokes the Bradley miller where we found E. H. and a large party, with whose mirth I felt but little sympathy. However we were very kindly received. John Moore attended Mrs. H home; it was very dark.

275 9 Oct. Mr. [Edward Alphonso Meredith] Mandry of the George married [at Epsom] E. H. informed me of Miss Bullock's intended elopement.

276 12 Oct. Mr. Alloway preached his farewell sermon at the Tabernacle.

277 18 Oct. Cholera morbus at Westbury: trade very bad.

278 23 Oct. To Bible Meeting at British School with E. H.

279 24 Oct. Had a very pleasant walk with J.T. this afternoon over Egg Hill [Hag Hill], which commands an extensive prospect, and from whence we saw the sun set. We then continued our walk to farmer Manley's.

280 25 Oct. The dog Spot came.

281 26 Oct. To Wingfield church with J.T. and John Moore.

282 28 Oct. Let Mr. Long's garden to barber Woodwards.

283 30 Oct. Walked to Bradford this evening with John Moore.

284 4 Nov. Went to Bath per Lucas. Sold Arter four ribbs. Left for Bristol evening, and slept at the Apple Tree.

285 5 Nov. Breakfasted at Cuznor's, who talked much of my mother and Farley and former years, and made a long prayer. Very wet day, returned inside the coach.

286 18 Nov. George, son of [John] Norris Clark, died.

287 20 Nov. Took possession of our new seat at Tabernacle; Mr. Thomas preached.

288 21 Nov. Went to Temperance meeting at the British School. Reverend F. Fulford presided; James Rose made a most impressive speech.

289 27 Nov. The Dissenters, headed by Mr. R. Cockrell [Robert Cockrell, wool broker], opposed the making a church rate, and amid a scene of uproar and strife, a poll was fixed for the two following days.

290 29 Nov. The church party gave up the contest about twelve o'clock, being in a minority of eighty two; after this event the families of the Clarks,

and of Mr. Perkins abandoned the Tabernacle.

291 30 Nov. Murdered this Sunday afternoon by wading through the mud to farmer Friar's, to partake of a miserable tea. Dad, Jack and our household virgin were fellow sufferers.

292 1 Dec. All broken up between Sam Moore and Miss Blake in consequence of the brainless puppy taking offence at some wholesome advice she gave him. I thought it might turn out for his good in a pecuniary sense, but the numscull leapt from the frying pan into the fire.

293 3 Dec. Went to Bath by Lucas.

294 10 Dec. W. S. paid a visit to Esquire [Walter] Long, to invite him to come forward for N. Wilts. in place of Sir John Astley.

295 16 Dec. A domestic row, in which our attendant vestal politely addressed me by the very flattering title of 'fiend', and explained her pity for my future spouse by terming her a 'poor, dear crater' [creature].

296 21 Dec. Went to Whaddon church with J. T.

297 24 Dec. Went to church at six this morning in Father's place, to assist in distributing the Christmas bread. Gregory and Richard Gane, the other overseers, were present.

298 26 Dec. Took a walk amid the blackness of night through the Hennicks, . . . and in allusion to future prospects I made a rather pointed enquiry touching a somewhat important subject, which was satisfactorily answered by the person to whom it was addressed.

299 Events in the Year 1835 worthy of Record.

Reappearance of Halley's Great Comet

New Poor Law act came into operation

Corporation Reform bill passed

Great Western Railway bill passed

Trowbridge incorporated into the Melksham Union

Walter Long first returned for North Wilts

Building a new church in Trowbridge determined upon [Holy Trinity]

First year no church rate paid in Trowbridge

Tabernacle pulled down and rebuilt

New Wesleyan chapel built in Trowbridge [Manvers Street]

Wicks's new factory built by Cradle Bridge

Partnership dissolved between Gouldsmith Latreille and Co

Partnership entered into between Salter, Gouldsmith and Hayward

[John] Clark became notorious for his magisterial officiousness and folly

Mrs. [Sarah Ann] Page and family take possession of the house in Roundstone Street [Rodney House]
 John Stancomb's consequent removal to Hilperton Lane
 W. S. 's connection with John Fowler commenced
 Dad created Commissioner of the Court of Requests [Court for the recovery of small debts, set up by a local act of Parliament]
 Great fire in New York

1835.

300 4 Jan. This Sunday afternoon had a miserable walk with Spot through Hilperton and the Green Lane; felt very unwell.

301 6 Jan. Confined by illness till the 10th.

302 11 Jan. E. H. came to tea and supper this Sunday evening.

303 14 Jan. Went to Bath this wet day with Mr. [John] Taylor of Cockell [Cockhill], and dined with him at the Unicorn.

304 20 Jan. Went to Bristol – the coldest day for five years past!

305 17 Feb. The accomplished and interesting Miss Maria Fryer paid us a visit, and favoured us with a song she had picked up in Bristol, the chorus of which was 'I would not be a nun' – oh! what a dismal howl, it compelled us all to burst into a roar of laughter; what are men about, to let such a beauty wander 'in maiden meditation, fancy free'? [Shakespeare, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, ii, 2]

306 24 Feb. Took a seat in church. About this time [Thomas] Applegate the future missionary preached there occasionally.

307 25 Feb. Went to Bath by Lucas. Bought Scott's poems.

308 5 March. Went to Staverton to see John Fowler.

309 8 March. Went to Hilperton church this afternoon.

310 12 March. Had a jaw log extracted.

311 14 March. [Joseph] Stokes, the assistant overseer, committed suicide.

312 22 March. Walked with John Moore and J. T. through Rood Ashton park to Steeple Ashton church.

313 28 March. Had a pleasant walk this evening to Staverton Factory thence to Bradford and home.

314 1 April. Taking a walk with J. T. in the breakfast hour by the Court river, we encountered a ghastly spectacle, the partly decayed body of a girl having been just taken from the water, supposed to have been there a fortnight.

315 2 April. Was the first passenger by Mundy's omnibus to Bradford and thence to Bath by boat. It was a fine, but stormy, spring day, and with considerable apprehension I set off on my return on foot. Reached home at five, but lost myself on the new Warminster road, and crossed the river in a ferry boat.

316 7 April. Mrs. [Rosamund Salter Strang] Webber died. Talked nonsense at a teacher's meeting.

317 12 April. Went to Wingfield church with J. T.: returning overtook Jonty Sims.

318 13 April. Cor. [Cornelius] Woodward married [to Mary Hayward] – declined attending the wedding supper.

319 16 April. Waited on Lieutenant Sands at the barracks for Mr. Arter of Bath.

320 17 April. Good Friday. Heard Mr. Marriott in the afternoon.

321 18 April. Took my Saturday evening walk to meet B. Moore for the last time.

322 21 April. Went on Bratton Hills with James Rose, J. H. Hayward, J. T. and Spot. Mr. Rose by his queer antics made much mirth throughout the day, but ended by getting drunk.

323 29 April. Went with J. T. to Lullington in John Noad's cart to look at some fancy remnants, much delighted with the ride, but the wind became so cold that I had a severe toothache for days afterward.

324 3 May. Attended Bradley church this afternoon with J. T. This evening Samuel Wolfe preached a farewell sermon at Tabernacle, being about to depart immediately as a missionary to China.

325 7 May. Mentioned drawing to E. H. to which she acceded. J. T. sat down on a slow worm.

326 8 May. Heard Mr. Newman the ventriloquist at the British School.

327 10 May. This fine Sabbath afternoon I paid my first visit to Orchardley [Orchardleigh] Park, which I found an earthly paradise. After wandering in various directions John Noad led me to the splendid little church which is

but a short distance from the seat of Sir T. Champneys, a mansion altogether unworthy of the picturesque scenery by which it is surrounded. Its noble proprietor being now 'in durance vile' through his extravagant habits, we were enabled by the friendliness of the servant maid to take a view of the interior, which abounded with costly furniture and beautiful pictures. After a delightful walk to Lullington by the borders of the lake, we heard Dilly Wicks attempt to preach, and a most miserable job he made of it.

328 12 May. Went to Bath per Lucas, thence by coach to Bristol, where in the evening I heard a talented missionary sermon by the Reverend Robert Newton of the Wesleyan connexion. Slept at the Castle Tavern, and returned next day.

329 17 May. Took my sixth annual walk.

330 20 May. Had a delightful evening ride through Westbury on J. Hibberd's little gray pony.

331 24 May. Eyres and his sister from Westbury took tea with us.

332 27 May. Had a wet voyage this afternoon in the boat to Bath to meet E. H., Mrs. Hendy and Mrs. Hunter. Lost my umbrella.

333 28 May. Miss Mary Ann Doney died, aged seventeen.

334 1 Jun Silvester extracted a spoke from my jaw-wheel.

335 3 June. Took advantage of the absence of Miss Wheeler and J. T. who were gone to farmer Manley's, to break my mind to my worthy Dad, on a most important subject relative to my future prospects and connections in life. The answer I received was of the most satisfactory nature and lent an additional zest to my pre-conceived plans.

336 7 June. E. H. accompanied me to Tabernacle to hear Mr. Jay's funeral sermon for Miss Doney.

337 13 June. Saw Spencer Percival ex M. P. in Trowbridge Market, attending the spoutings of the Irvingites.

338 14 June. Heard his brother preach at church.

339 16 June. Of age this day. Walked in the evening up the Studley Fields with W. H. and with much difficulty succeeded upon entering into a very delicate and unpleasant question.

340 20 June. Saw him in his garden on the same subject.

- 341** 21 June. We took our usual Sunday evening walk and passed by old farmer Little's. We met Miss Gilbert and young Haden, soon after which my companion entered upon the subject I had discussed with her father, and produced a letter from him which certainly did not enliven our walk, and on our return by the Farley road the gloom of the evening accorded well with our feelings of despondency.
- 342** 22 June. All right after all – everything arranged.
- 343** 23 June. To Bath by Lucas – returned by boat with Ben Moore.
- 344** 24 June. Asked W. S. to increase my salary, he offered me Mr. Haden's house. Father saw Lawson on the subject.
- 345** 26 June. W. S. advanced salary. E. H. is drawing no go – gave up all idea of Haden's house.
- 346** 27 June. Had a pleasant ride this evening in Job Hibberd's little gig with his son and J. T. through Semington and Steeple Ashton.
- 347** 30 June. This glorious summer evening E. H. accompanied me in a woodland stroll through Rood Ashton. Reclined in the fragrant hay, in the midst of the park, in full view of the mansion, nature around us breathing a thousand sweets. Who could imagine that the rider on the pale horse was about to introduce his grim form into this terrestrial paradise, even then the dread sentence was gone forth to the possessor of these splendid domains [Richard Godolphin Long] 'This night thy soul shall be required of thee!'
- 348** 3 July. Rowed down the Avon this evening to Bradford in Griffen's boat with J. T., Harry T., Isaac Harvey and Spot who swam from our vessel to Cooper's steamer. We supped at Bradford and rowed home by moonlight.
- 349** 4 July. Jim Cuzner here. After watching us bathe in the river he left for Beckington. We accompanied him almost to Rode.
- 350** 6 July. Dame Webb, having offered us part of her house in the Terrace, I went over it this day with E. H.
- 351** 7 July. Went on a gipsying excursion to Bratton and the adjacent hills with E. H., 2 J. T. s, Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, W. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Spragg, Mrs. Barry, her son etc. etc. Dined near the White Horse. The air was cold.
- 352** 8 July. To Bath by boat, thence by Rocket coach to Bristol. Slept at the Star.
- 353** 9 July. Left Bristol early on foot, overtook by car in which I rode to

Bath. On arriving at Bradford in the boat my lost umbrella was restored. In the omnibus were W. S., Mr. Mundy and Miss Bailey.

354 10 July. Heard that John Kemp's house in Timbrell Street was to let.

355 11 Jul Went over it with Father.

356 12 July. Last Sunday in which divine service was performed in Tabernacle ere it was taken down and rebuilt.

357 14 July. Joined gipsying party to Farley, consisting of E. H., her father and Mrs. H., Mrs. Barry and her son, Mrs. Webb etc. etc. etc. Broke Master Wadman's pipe.

358 16 July. E. H. went over Kemp's house with Caroline, J. T. and myself. Returning from a canal bathe met Sailor Brown who has got into deep disgrace since we saw him last. James Harris married to Miss Webb of Studley Green.

359 21 July. Rowed to Staverton in Griffin's boat on the Avon with J. T.

360 23 July. Sarah Rimer married to [John Everett] Evans, her sister [Elizabeth] to John Knee.

361 25 July. Mark Newth showed us over Mrs. J. Hendy's house in the Courts, but as we could not agree about the rent, I settled to take John Kemp's at nine pounds ten shillings per annum.

362 26 July. Went to Farley chapel evening with J. T. and young Bill Haden.

363 28 July. Father installed as commissioner of the Court of Requests.

364 29 July. Tommy Timbrell died.

365 31 July. Had a pleasant walk to Steeple Ashton with J. T. and Joshua P. and partook of refreshment at the inn there.

366 1 Aug. Bathed in the soft flowing Avon with J. T. and Ben M[oore]. Afterwards proceeded down the river with them, Josh P. and Mr. Diplock.

367 2 Aug. Went to Back Street Chapel for the first time on a Sunday evening with E. H.

368 3 Aug. Mr. S. J. [Stancomb junior] and his sisters on a tour to the Isle of Wight.

369 6 Aug. A party of us numbering about forty passed the afternoon at

Farley, played at quoits etc. At tea Mr. Woodfin said grace, and Miss Vine, in handing cake to Mr. Moore the millman, begged him to excuse fingers, forgetting those were the very things he most needed.

370 7 Aug. This afternoon walked to Bratton with H. Barry to meet J. T. and Joshua P. Right hospitably entertained by Mr. Brent, and we all sang or rather roared all the way home. James Perkins Junior is not going into partnership with Mark Newth.

371 12 Aug. W. S. received a letter from weavers, complaining of J. P.'s partiality.

372 15 Aug. To Bath by Lucas. Went with Bob Hibberd to various places in search of furniture. Opened account with Springford. Returned by boat.

373 17 Aug. Accompanied Peter Wadman to Noke's mill [at Yarnbrook], and spent the evening with Mrs. N, Mrs. H, E. H., Martha W, etc. etc.

374 18 Aug. Spot caught a pheasant.

375 25 Aug. The highly accomplished Samuel Moore married to the fascinating Miss [Eliza] Brown, daughter of Roger, the weaver. Oh Sam, what a nincompoop art thou!

376 27 Aug. E. H. to tea.

377 29 Aug. E. H. sent to withdraw deposit from S. Bank.

378 1 Sept. The learned and wise [Benjamin] Stainer married to his servant [Harriet Pratton].

379 3 Sept. Agreed with John Kemp for various articles of furniture.

380 4 Sept. Agreed with Mrs. Webb for various articles of furniture. Reached home very late.

381 6 Sept. Sunday morning by mail cart J. T. and myself rode to Warminster where we attended the morning service at the old church, a young clergyman officiating with Mr. Dalby [William Dalby, vicar]. Dined at The Ox, and feeling the heat very oppressive, we took shelter beneath a hayrick, which also screened us from a few light showers of rain. We were afterwards present at the administration of the sacrament at Ebenezer Chapel, at the close of which we immediately set out on our return home over the downs towards Bratton, where, after a long walk during which I sustained great inconvenience from a severe headache, we arrived at six o'clock, and after partaking of some refreshment we had a most enchanting moonlight walk home, the evening being in every respect mild and beautiful.

382 7 Sept. Our immaculate spinster and E. H. busy providing household requisites, who stayed at ours today. Walked alone to farmer Friar's in the evening. Saw the rednosed Eleanor tying cocks' legs and Miss Child watching her. Miss Bullock came.

383 8 Sept. Very wet day. When it became finer in the evening I took a walk with Spot through Studley Green to farmer Long's and home by Friar's.

384 9 Sept. Agreed to let Ben Moore make a bookcase, and give £7. 5s.

385 10 Sept. E. H. to tea. Boy killed at James Stancomb's – saw him die.

386 11 Sept. Joshua P[erkins] came from Bristol to go to Bethell's [Thomas Bethell, draper].

387 12 Sept. Waited on old Billy Nightingale [parish clerk] on a very delicate subject. His daughter of that class of old maids justly styled old and tough, would not take her ugly mug out of the room, but gaped at me like a badger, and her dad, stupid as an owl and deaf as a post, kept asking me What is the woman's name? Nor would he be satisfied till I repeated it in a voice of thunder. He then asked me if ever she was married before, or whether she were a spinster or widow? I went up to John Kemp's about the colour of the parlour door, thence to Ovens, [Joseph Ovens, furniture broker], and Giobbio, [John Baptiste Giobbio, hardware dealer] and last to E. H. to settle about tomorrow's jaunt.

388 13 Sept. First time of asking. Lines, so suitable to the scenes and events of this memorable day, met my eye on a piece of waste paper while waiting for E. H. On our arrival at the Cross Post we found J. T. and the vehicle. It was a fine morning after a stormy night, and the face of nature as we rode merrily along was gay and animating. In passing through Rode we exchanged salutation with Mrs. Cook and Mr. Marshman. We reached Lullington in time to proceed to church with John Noad. The parson was a dull, sleepy fellow, but the principal attraction was a little man with a long white wand, a sort of superintendent of the children. The antics of this queer animal were whimsical in the extreme. After dinner we walked through Orchardleigh Park and by its beautiful waters to the elegant little church. The clergyman was far from being accomplished, and had an impediment in his speech. When the service was over we had a ramble through the woods and by the lodge, and in the evening, after a stroll through the meadows of Staplemead, we set off. Reached home about eight, E. H. complaining of toothache.

389 14 Sept. Hunter died. In a walk with E. H. on the Ashton Road, we reasoned the expediency of fixing Wednesday evening the 30th for the time. Am afraid it will prove no go.

390 16 Sept. Met E. H. at her Aunt W-d's at Studley. Walked on Farley road,

considering whom to invite on a certain day.

391 17 Sept. Fixed upon Stourton.

392 20 Sept. Second time of asking. This fine morning ushered in a stormy day. I set out early and had a charming walk through fields by way of Whaddon to Melksham, in the course of which my companion acquainted me with his love for Miss Brown. At Melksham church we had along sermon from a dull preacher, after which I dined with Mr. Berry and his two sons. He is a hearty old fellow, as fat as butter. His youngest son, my old school fellow, a monkeyfaced Irvingite, wanted to instill his doctrines into my mind, but I preferred rummaging, which in his father's bookcase I did to my heart's content, but not my conscience's. After dinner I strolled alone through many of my old haunts, and in contemplating former days my memory paid a silent tribute to my lost parent, in company with whom I first came to this place. Joe Berry and myself left Melksham while the bell was calling to evening service, returning the same way as we came. Before Supper I saw E. H. in her new black dress.

393 21 Sept. Five funerals today. E. H. counselled me to meet her father in Bristol. Agreed to order the wedding cake.

394 22 Sept. This stormy morning I rode to Bath by Lucas, where I dined at The Unicorn. Had some rare sport there with a queer old quist [dialect word for a wood pigeon, used for a strange sort of fellow], Chapman by name, some of the party having had his measure, and tormented him about his young wife. Reached Bristol in the evening by the Rocket, and slept in the same room as W. H.

395 23 Sept. Day of storms and disappointment. Mentioned my errand to W. H. who gave evasive answers. He sent me to Carliles for a parcel, through which I missed the coach, and walked to Brislington ere another passed. Arrived in Bath ten minutes too late for the boat, passed Batheaston ferry in the dark, and got a lift in Jeremiah Cottle's cart, and walked the remainder of the way in the rain.

396 24 Sept. Had a pleasant walk to farmer Lavington early this morning with notice to quit from W. S. E. H. of age today. Felt very indignant at her father wanting to put off our marriage. Young Henry Frame died.

397 25 Sept. Commenced furnishing our house in Timbrell Street.

398 26 Sept. Received E. H. 's deposit from S. B. [Savings Bank]. Paid Dame Webb eight pounds ten shillings.

399 27 Sept. Third time of asking. Set off this fine morning for Holt church, which we entered after first secreting our provisions in the hedge, which we afterwards eat in the Bell at Broughton [Gifford] where I ordered two and a

half pints of strong beer and twopence worth of bread with some quantum of cheese. After entered Broughton church, a most barbarous place and a most contemptible parson, unfit for anything but a scarecrow, and the music of the choir was certainly excelled in point of melody by the geese that cackled on the common. After a walk home through storms and sunshine we attended the little Court chapel [Bethel] in the evening and heard Mr. [William] Eacott preach.

400 29 Sept. Sent W. H. a severe letter.

401 30 Sept. Salt-box row paid for at Webber's [Frederick Webber, lawyer] Office.

402 1 Oct. Agreed to go to Southampton next week.

403 2 Oct. Accompanied by Spot I left early in the evening for Bradford by way of canal. Bought wedding ring at Bubb's [John Bubb, watch and clock maker]shop. On my return saw E. H. in Timbrell Street who showed me Miss Rimer's letter.

404 3 Oct. W. S. gave me a week's liberty to go to Southampton, but instead of riding to Beckington with John Noad, to take places[on the coach] I spent the evening with E. H., it being very wet.

405 4 Oct. Heard Richards of Bath at Bethesda morning, attended Wesleyan chapel at Hilperton evening with J. T., J. Bailey, and Josh Perkins, to hear draper [David] Simon's farewell address before embarking as a missionary.

406 5 Oct. Decided on not going to Southampton, wrote Mr. [John] Bleeck [Warminster]. Took my last walk with E. H. this interesting evening on the lane way to Hilperton.

407 6 Oct. We were occupied in parcelling out the cake until it was time to dress for church; the two sisters came down ready about a quarter before eight; little Polly kept up a regular howl. Just as we were setting out, after each taking a glass of wine, it happened rather awkwardly that we met Parson Walton at the door, who however did not long detain us. E. H. and her father and myself with Ann behind. We arrived at church just as old Nightingale was opening the gates, the town clock being on the stroke of eight. We waited some time for the clergyman, during which we read the inscription on Crabbe's monument. At last the reverend gentleman arrived, after making a polite apology for his delay, the ceremony commenced. E. H. went through it admirably, and as for myself I spoke out like a man. Mr. Fulford pronounced the nuptial benediction in a most impressive manner, altogether everything passed off just as we could have wished. The breakfast party comprised Mr. Walton, W. H. and his wife, Ann and Laura, Father and J. T., Charles Woodward and his wife, Martha Parish, Mrs. Woodward, Martha Wadman, Mrs. Denning,

Widow Hendy, E. Tucker and myself. The whole of the foregoing, with the exception of Mr. Walton and Mrs. Denning, set out for Crockerton. The two carriages (Mandry's and Gaisford) set out at quarter past ten, between Westbury and Warminster we met George Wansey. We were detained sometime in Warminster market place whilst J. T. [and] G. H. went to Bleeck's to procure the admission ticket for the boat house. Soon after our journey was recommenced the sky, which from being cloudy and enveloped in fog in the early part of the morning, had become clear and bright, now began to assume a threatening appearance, and just as the silvery radiance of the lake began to be visible amid the surrounding foliage, the storm commenced, and by the time we were safely housed the rain came down in good earnest. We however cheerfully prepared for dinner, hoping that the afternoon would restore the sun to a bright and cloudless sky, and this hope was fully realised. Meanwhile we contemplated the noble view, which the commanding and elevated situation of the handsome apartment presented to us – it was not the first time that I had seen from that window the broad expanse of liquid silver now before me. It was not the first time that I had seen reflected from that crystal mirror the ten thousand hues of autumn in which the surrounding woods appeared, as in garments of celestial beauty, but now everything appeared with redoubled interest, and the charms of nature mingling with the satisfaction and rapture that dwelt within my bosom producing feelings and sensations which man is fated to know, alas! but once in his life, and to the full conception and recollection of which in after days, even memory cannot attain. Profuse and excellent was the dinner, and towards its conclusion the bright beams of the sun began to dance on the water, and though the rain had not wholly ceased, to show cleverness I must needs peril the lustre of my wedding coat by pushing out in the boat from beneath the dining room. Many were the jokes I had to endure that day on account of my poor coat. Soon after the weather cleared up delightfully and the whole of the party embarked with the exception of two persons who were afraid, viz: Mrs. Hendy and old Mrs. Woodward. The apprehensions of the latter were truly amusing, and she watched the motions of the two boats with the most intense solicitude. Later in the afternoon Mrs. Hendy so far conquered her fears as to join us, but as for Dame W. that was quite out of the question, and all she could do was to pray for our safety. My old acquaintance, the fat Mrs. Baverstock, as usual undertook the management of one of the boats, and we sailed merrily round the lake in every direction. The sun shone brightly and the afternoon was beautiful and every individual enjoyed himself amazingly. After a while some landed, and among the rest I and my wife. We sat for some time on a seat on the banks of the lake, watching the manoeuvres of C. W. and J. T. who at length prevailed on us to reimbarc. After G. H., J. T. and myself took a short walk into the woods, gathering blackberries. We however did not go far, the ground being covered with dead leaves, after the late heavy storms was damp and clingy. We were much frightened at first view of something at a short distance which resembles a dead body, but which proved to be a sort of scarecrow. After the officious shaver had given me some of his unasked for advice on the subject of matrimony we returned in time for tea, after which

we had another sail on the water, and saw the sun of our wedding day tinge with its setting glories the rosy wave. After this we continued in the boats but a short time – the horses were put in the carriages, and we prepared to depart. With such feelings we took our farewell of the moon-lit waters of Crockerton, bending back from time to time, to catch a last glance, till their liquid sheen could no longer be discovered, glittering through the dark shades of the wood. Upon our faces the evening air breathed deliciously cool, and as we pursued our homeward journey, the moon shed around us a halo of silver light to illuminate our way, and nature seemed to repose in a deep and holy stillness. It seemed like a sabbath eve, and the whole scene wrought to such an extent upon my imagination. My father-in-law beguiled the length of the way with some amusing discourse touching his boyish exploits in swimming, and some perils from which in great difficulty he was rescued, at which Mrs. Woodward looked up with great simplicity and exclaimed ‘ Law, William – never eard tell o’ that before’. We reached home about eight and took supper about ten o’clock at Father’s, Mr. Walton presiding, the party being about the same as in the morning, with the addition of the elegant Stephen Doel and his blooming partner with her son Henry Strugnell. Part of the company in the back kitchen, viz. the barber and his wife, widow H., J. T., Caroline, Ann Stokes etc. etc. and their numbers received an addition from the arrival of Mr. John Woodward, as usual drunk. Such was the fun that the house resounded with laughter. His old dame, who was with us in the front kitchen, felt very much scandalised at the intrusion. Before supper Henry Strugnell volunteered some advice, quite unfitting the occasion, and the purport of which I cannot now remember. His mother and father-in-law (lame Stephy) whose presence I could have well spared, much amused the company. Mr. Walton was particularly facetious with Stephy, who had made himself very conspicuous lately at Bethesda in making a subscription for erecting some tombstones and monuments, and whose usefulness, according to his own account, was unbounded. The evening now grew late and signs of drowsiness began to be manifest. For my own part I felt a severe pain in the stomach which served as a sort of qualifier to the pleasure of the day; however it soon got better. The assembly broke up, and I and my wife reached Timbrell Street as the town clock struck twelve.

408 7 Oct.

Tired Nature’s sweet restorer, balmy sleep sleep, sweet sleep,
 Nature’s soft nurse, how have I frighted thee
 That now no more will weigh my eyelids down
 And steep my senses in forgetfulness :
 O Sleep thou art a blessed thing
 Beloved from pole to pole
 All thanks to Mary Queen be given
 She sent the gentle sleep from heaven
 That slid into my soul [a slight misquotation].

409 8 Oct. Samuel Salter Esquire married Miss Dicker of Brighton.

410 11 Oct . . . This hymn was sung at the Baptist chapel this morning, and Mr. Walton offered on our behalf a short but most appropriate prayer in reference to the new engagements we had formed, this being the first Sunday. Tabernacle now being closed on account of the alterations, we attended the Baptist chapel twice this day, and for some time afterwards. This day we dined, tead and supped at W. H. 's.

411 12 Oct. Went to Staverton on Irish business. E. T. accompanied me and we had a pleasant walk through the fields.

412 15 Oct. Gave a supper of beefsteaks this evening in the press-shop to James Boucher and George Greenland, John Crook and J. T. About ten o'clock we began to wax merry, but the presence of punctual Dad who came after J. T. somewhat overawed us.

413 24 Oct. Sold W. H. an Oxford at shop. About this time there was much unpleasantness between James Perkins and myself, occasioned by his wishing to throw all the job cassimere in William Vine's hands.

414 25 Oct. W. H. and his wife took tea with us. It was an uncommonly wet Sunday evening.

415 28 Oct. Heard a new church is to be built here. About this time I was quite a Tory in my way. Had another walk to Staverton with E. H. T.

416 5 Nov. To Bath by boat. Back by Lucas with Mrs. Webb. Shrubs planted in the garden.

417 9 Nov. Mr. Walton to tea. Very busy at shop today.

418 18 Nov. Tabernacle reopened after erection of new galleries.

419 25 Nov. To Bristol by Burrows.

420 29 Nov. John Kemp and his wife to tea.

421 1 Dec. Mrs. Webber sale this and three following days.

422 4 Dec. Row at shop between me and James Boucher.

423 9 Dec. Row at shop between W. S. and James Perkins.

424 10 Dec. Row at shop between W. S. and farmer Lavington.

425 15 Dec. Mr. and Mrs. Doney to tea. The old dowager has not yet learned to behave.

- 426** 25 Dec. An old fashioned frosty Xmas. At Dad's all day.
- 427** 28 Dec. The Reverend F. Fulford called to acknowledge my subscription.
- 428** 29 Dec. Had a cold winterly walk this afternoon to Holt with E. H. T. So ends the records of this eventful year.

1836.

- 429** 1 Jan. First evening service at Trowbridge church.
- 430** 5 Jan. John Clark Esq. was exceedingly provoked by W. S. qualifying at Devizes as his brother magistrate.
- 431** 20 Jan. Went to Bristol.
- 432** 22 Jan. E. T. had two teeth drawn by Mr. Silvester.
- 433** 27 Jan. Row with Mrs. H. about Ann's school books.
- 434** 2 Feb. A deep snow.
- 435** 17 Feb. Mr. William Vine died.
- 436** 18 Feb. Young [John Edward Francis] Frowd of Bradley married to Miss Eliza Joyce of Beckington. All over between George Lucre and Miss White of Edington.
- 437** 23 Feb. To Bath. Mr. Vine buried.
- 438** 28 Feb. James Boucher clerk at Tabernacle. Mr. Vine's funeral sermon preached in the evening by Mr. Doney.
- 439** 15 Mar. E. T. had two teeth filled by Mosely the dentist.
- 440** 20 Mar. Took medicine first time since marriage.
- 441** 22 Mar. Went violeting on Westbury road. this evening with E. T.
- 442** 1 April. Snowy Good Friday. Counting house full of pensioners.
- 443** 3 April. Easter Sunday. Tead at Aunt's with E. T.
- 444** 4 April. Walked to Bath with Ben Moore and J. T. by way of the Brass-knocker [Hill]. A beautiful spring day. Saw W. S. Jnr. there. We returned by Burrows.

- 445** 13 April. Gave my watch and two pounds fifteen shillings for a patent lever.
- 446** 16 April. Saturday. Went to Bristol by Burrows. Mr. Cousins invited me to stay Sunday. On returning young Buckler was on the coach.
- 447** 17 April. S S [Sunday School] anniversary at Tabernacle. W. H. and wife to tea.
- 448** 18 April. Went there to tea. Afterwards had a fine walk through Rood Ashton park with J. T. and Charles Silvester. The new Esq. [Walter Long] is making great improvements.
- 449** 23 April. W. H. went to London.
- 450** 24 April. Went to vestry at church to get my tenements rated lower. Sam Rawlings commenced clothdealing.
- 451** 29 April. Gravel came for garden. Row with Kemps about carpet.
- 452** 1 May. This was a miserably cold Sunday, with snow and hail.
- 453** 5 May. Went to Bath by boat. Lucas very much importuning me to return by him and I consented, but his bedstead breaking down on the road, I left him, and crossing the ferry, waited by the canal side for a boat.
- 454** 6 May. Heard the Reverend Robert Newton at the opening of the new Wesleyan chapel in Trowbridge.
- 455** 12 May. A young traveller killed on the Devizes road.
- 456** 15 May. A grand eclipse of the sun today. A soldier shot himself at John Avons's [brewer, The Ship Inn]. Heard the celebrated Jabez Bunting at the Wesleyan chapel.
- 457** 17 May. Tuesday evening took my seventh annual walk on the Farley road. Conversed with Moore the millman. Thought much on the events of six years past, and of that memorable evening. On returning home commenced an interesting and important duty which I hope never to discontinue.
- 458** 20 May. Miss Newth and Miss M. Parish to tea.
- 459** 21 May. Supped with a merry party in the little Tom and Jerry on Ashton Hill, consisting of E. T., J. T., Dad, Caroline, Betsy and Eliza Frances. The drunken landlady afforded much mirth, who prostrated herself before the company, over the stool. On our return we were kept in the street until eleven.

- 460** 22 May. Miss Newth and Miss M. Parish to tea.
- 461** 23 May. Whit Monday. Had an enchanting walk this evening with J. T. through scenes hitherto unknown to us. The path at length brought us to Wingfield, and, after witnessing a gorgeous sunset, we were caught in the rain.
- 462** 24 May. Whit Tuesday. Went to tea party at school with E. T. We were addressed by Mr. Owen of Bath, and an old scholar.
- 463** 25 May. This morning by boat a group including Dad, J. T. and myself with E. T., Mrs. H. and James H. sailed for Bath, where with the exemption of Dad we strolled through the Victoria Park the whole of the morning and dined at the Seven Stars. We all took tea at Mr. Brent's, who has a pleasant residence in Prior's Park Buildings, after which he accompanied us to the boat.
- 464** 30 May. A rural tea party at Holt, in behalf of the Sunday School. E. and Dad went, and in the evening I walked over with J. T. and Spot to hear the speeches. The party from Trowbridge went and returned by waggon.
- 465** 6 June. New mail started through Trowbridge to Wells.
- 466** 12 June. Went to tea at Dad's with old parson Rees.
- 467** 13 June. And we were gay, yea, we were downright merry, for we had a noisy party at old Grace's on Trowle common. However, I broke my seal, jumping over the hedge.
- 468** 16 June. Sailed down the Avon this evening, almost to Staverton, with E. T., J. T., and Ann H. We took supper in a field on the borders of Bradford wood. We returned by moonlight and passed Cooper's steamer.
- 469** 17 June. Young Hayward at Mr. Wilkins's died suddenly, having been chilled in the bowels when bathing.
- 470** 19 June. Mr. Davis, a very talented minister, preached at Tabernacle this and the succeeding Sunday.
- 471** 24 June. Had a very unpleasant scene with John Kemp and his wife.
- 472** 27 June. Walked by the canal with E. T., Dame H. and her progeny.
- 473** 30 June. Gaisford's caravan started from Mrs. Berry's about one, containing her and her son, Joshua P., J. T., W. H., his wife, Miss Gilbert, Miss Clemens and myself. Dad rode with E. T. in young Buckler's gig. After a very pleasant ride we arrived at Lullington, and while the party were partaking of refreshment,

Buckler, myself, J. T., John Noad, Josh P. walked through Orchardley Park to the house to obtain leave to use the boat, which Sir Thomas [Champneys] granted. We returned with the glad tidings and we all anew returned through the park, and most of the party sailed on the water, young Buckler fishing with a line, accompanied by farmer Strong. The ladies growing fearful, we quitted the water, all but J. T., J. P. and J. N., and joined the remainder of the company and proceeded to the Woodlodge, over which Sir Thomas showed us himself. He afterwards took us to the church and led us over a part of his house, chatting all the time with the greatest freedom, Mrs. Barry and he being very great together. While thus engaged, J. T. and J. P. were swimming across the pond and were scarcely dressed when we rejoined them. After a merry supper at which Buckler distinguished himself by his conviviality, we returned, E. T. on the way losing her parasol. This day old Isaac Moore died.

474 4 July. Rode Webber's pony to Lullington this evening in search of the lost parasol, but without success. It was a beautiful evening, but very sultry, and as I sat upon the banks of Orchardley pond eating my supper, it was momentarily illuminated by lightning, the effect of which was grand. On riding home the hedges were gemmed with glowworms and the air scented with hay.

475 5 July. Terrific thunder weather this evening. This day commenced building three tenements in the Courts.

476 11 July. Miss Parsons of Beckington to tea with Miss Brewer.

477 17 Jul Felt the first advances of approaching indisposition.

478 18 July. Worse. Dined at Dad's. Took to the overseers my claim to vote for North Wilts. In the evening sent for Dr. Cary. Mr. Barnes, his assistant, came.

479 19 July. Fairly in for a fever. Had 12 leeches on.

480 20 July. Bled in the arm.

481 22 July. Had 6 leeches on. This was the worst day – I afterwards began to recover.

482 31 July. Walked out for the first time. Went part of the way to Hilperton with E. T.

483 1 Aug. Returned to the counting house.

484 2 Aug. George Lucre, [grocer, of Trowbridge] married Miss [Ellen] White of Bath [at Temple Church, Bristol].

- 485** 7 Aug. E. H. attacked by fever. Dr. Cary came on the tenth.
- 486** 13 Aug. She had six leeches on. Afterwards gradually recovered, but it was a long time ere she could shake off the effects of this severe illness.
- 487** 14 Aug. Tabernacle closed for painting etc. Attended Back St. this morning. First time of asking between John Moore and Miss [Mary] Haden.
- 488** 20 Aug. Shot my first bird but could not find him.
- 489** 31 Aug. Drove E. T. to Beckington before breakfast in Job Hibberd's cart, accompanied by J. T. The country was exquisitely beautiful and we much enjoyed it. Reached home about half past nine.
- 490** 1 Sept. Went to Bath. John Moore married to Miss Haden.
- 491** 2 Sept. Drove to Beckington this evening in Job's cart with J. T. to fetch E. T. Found her at Miss Mullings with her friends Parsons and Brewer. Introduced to Mr. Parsons by his daughter.
- 492** 8 Sept. Spent this afternoon on Bratton hills with J. T., Ben Moore and Barry. A drizzling rain clouded the prospect and spoiled all the pleasure.
- 493** 15 Sept A motley group consisting of the following, amongst others, went on a nutting excursion to Wingfield Wood – E. T., Miss Newth, Miss Barry, Caroline etc. In the evening Joshua P., J. T. and myself rode over to them in Marks's cart and supped at Huntley's. Joshua P. was rather unpolite to Miss Newth who certainly put on all her attractions to captivate him.
- 494** 20 Sept. Dr. J[oseph Chaning] Pearce of Bradford and Miss Amelia Stancomb were married in Trowbridge church. J. T., myself, Joshua P. and Charles S. rode to Iford mill this evening in Mrs. Perkins's cart, where we were treated unhospitably. Afterwards we had a beautiful moonlight walk through some rich water meadows by the Frome river (in which my grandfather was drowned). This path led to Farley where, having treated our conductor to a glass of gin at Borland's, we had a pleasant walk home.
- 495** 26 Sept. Mr. Birney from Dublin at shop. He complimented me on my activity, which excited the governor's spleen.
- 496** 27 Sept. Rode to Bristol on the coach with Miss Laverton. Met with great success in the way of business.
- 497** 1 Oct. Ben Moore to tea, preparatory to his departure.
- 498** 3 Oct. Thomas Fowler of Dublin at counting house.

499 10 Oct. Ben Moore departed for London this wet morning. In taking my leave of him I gave him Doddridge's Rise and Progress. This day young James Perkins was married at Marlborough to an inhabitant of that town.

500 15 Oct. Young Harding and another thief caught after breaking into Tabernacle.

501 16 Oct. Had a delicious walk this fine Sunday afternoon to Bradley church with E. T. and her brother.

502 18 Oct. Cattina came from Beckington.

503 23 Oct. This fine autumnal Sunday afternoon I walked to Farley with E. T. and J. T., George Borland riding on horseback. Found a large party there from Bath and elsewhere with every delicacy of the season. Enjoyed the service at the church and the beautiful moonlight walk home in the evening.

504 27 Oct. Saw young Alcot at Bath. He was of the Farley party Sunday last.

505 30 Oct. Were miserably taken in at Wingfield church. The dull, longwinded, stupid old Spencer [Thomas Spencer, Rector] kept us shivering with his nonsense till 5 o'clock. From the effects of the cold, wretched walk home E's health suffered severely.

506 3 Nov. A grand effort made at Tabernacle to clear off the debt incurred by building the new galleries.

507 16 Nov. Went to Bristol.

508 18 Nov. Tea party at Tabernacle to celebrate the anniversary of the above, at which the whole debt was cleared off. Walter Long Esq., M. P. sent twenty pounds.

509 24 Nov. Went to Bath by coach with J. T. this frosty morning.

510 29 Nov. Tremendous hurricane, tearing up trees and unroofing houses. Much mischief done in Trowbridge and throughout Great Britain and the continent.

511 30 Nov. Interfered this evening in a quarrel between a baker and his wife. After a violent struggle with him I was fain to make a speedy retreat to avoid fighting before the assembled mob.

512 3 Dec. Dame Hunter, by the aid of Jack Townsend, got into her late husband's house, in defiance of Buckpitts.

513 6 Dec. Held to bail to appear at the Sessions.

514 18 Dec. . . . Such were the vows of constancy exchanged between Joshua P. and Ellen V[inie]. We shall see bye and bye how they were kept. This day old Mr. Stratton preached at Tabernacle, Mr. Doney again being taken ill.

515 21 Dec. Attended the funeral of William Moore's wife [Elizabeth].

516 25 Dec. Xmas day comes on Sunday. In the evening a tremendous snowstorm came on, which lasted all night and covered the country to a depth unknown for many years past, playing the dickens with the coaches, mails etc. etc.

517 29 Dec. The ice broke on the Court river, engulfing eight boys, three of whom were drowned. One of them was Ben Crook. [The others were James Allen and Samuel Bigwood] J. T. had been on the spot but a short time previous. One of the boys was not found till next day.

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518 1 Jan. Fine frosty morning. Went to prayer meeting at six o'clock and before breakfast walked to the canal. Lived at W. H. 's all day, and after dinner went to Blackball with James H.

519 2 Jan. Began taking in the Salisbury Herald.

520 11 Jan. Miss Parsons here all day.

521 13 Jan. Kemp's chairs fetched away.

522 17 Jan. Went to Bath. A dull, dirty day: influenza general.

523 19 Jan. Had the influenza very favourably.

524 22 Jan. E. T. had it. Tabernacle almost deserted although Mr. Davis is there. His voice is drowned by coughing. The mortality among the aged was excessive.

525 23 Jan. Old Daddy [George] Kelson buried, aged 95.

526 27 Jan. J. T. has the influenza.

527 1 Feb. E. T. had a return of influenza which threatened serious results. Dr. Cary came. W. S. was also attacked by it.

528 12 Feb. Miss Catherine D[one]y carried on a correspondence with a

corporal of the regiment quartered in Trowbridge. He was consequently sent to Headquarters. I expect this lively young lady gives her reverend papa much disquiet.

529 15 Feb. Went to Bradford to see Alford the draper in John Fowler's business. Had a beautiful but solitary walk from Bradford to Westwood and thence to Farley, on entering which I met J.T. and Spot coming in from the Wingfield road.

530 16 Feb. Mr. Walton to tea.

531 22 Feb. Went to Bath by coach with W. H. this fine day. Dined with him at Seven Stars. Just before we left a fire broke out in the Crescent.

532 23 Feb. This wet morning I went to Bristol inside the coach. At Bath a Mr. Sumsion, quarryman of Combe got in and chattered like a magpie all the way. I returned with Mr. Tarr and a young lady of Bristol with her mama.

533 26 Feb. Sally Purnal left off coming Saturdays to clean. Sally Wingrove came in her place. Bad gone – worse come.

534 1 Mar. Went to tea at Mr. Stancomb's with E. T., J. T. and Dad. The old boy was very polite. I afterwards went to church which I was fain to leave abruptly before the sermon.

535 2 Mar. Tried W. H. for Mundy's house – no go.

536 12 Mar. James Wadman died in Bristol.

537 22 Mar. Deep snow this and following two days.

538 28 Mar. Easter Tuesday. Went to missionary teaparty. Mr. Doney present but very unwell. Miss Parish and Mr. England present. Ephraim P[erkins] speechified. J. T. went to Bath where Clough [John Clough, gunmaker] took him in with a gun.

539 1 April. Went to Bath on Coward's affairs. Walked through Bradford and by Belcomb brook, through Turley and Winsley, to Stoke, and thence up Brassknocker Hill. Returned home by boat, tired and unsuccessful.

540 4 April. Unproductive negotiations at Dame Webb's house, the young ladies being unwilling to give up the front parlour.

541 8 April. Foundation stone of the new church laid today. Attended service at the old church where young Clark read the prayers and Mr. Fulford preached. Upwards of thirty clergymen were present. At the conclusion the procession left for the site of the new church where I saw Lady [Elizabeth]

Drummond go through the ceremony with a silver trowel, after which Mr. F. delivered a short address. The day was very cold and it snowed occasionally.

542 13 April. Mr. Doney preached at Tabernacle this morning for the last time. Miss Brents to tea. We all went to church evening – poor concern.

543 23 April. My hymn was sung at Tabernacle this evening at the Sunday School anniversary.

544 24 April. Louisa, the daughter of Ann T., by Captain Singer, to tea this afternoon at our house in Timbrell Street.

545 27 April. Sam Wolfe the missionary died in China.

546 30 April. Heard the celebrated Mr. Dawson at the Wesleyan chapel.

547 2 May. Went to Bath by boat, accompanied by E.T., but the exertion was too much for her, her health being very delicate. She could not rally after the severe attack of the influenza in February, and from this time she got worse till she went to Chapmanslade.

548 4 May. Went to Bradford this afternoon on Fowler's business. On getting out of the omnibus a tremendous storm came on and I took shelter with old Tompkins in a public house. Spent an hour in Bradford church reading the inscriptions etc. etc. Walked home through the fields in the evening and made out James Wadman's accounts at W. H. 's.

549 8 May. This voluptuous morning I went to Bradford by omnibus with a parcel to Spackman's. Young James O. and Miss Walton were inside. Had a beautiful walk home through the fields, the country looking like paradise after the late rains.

550 9 May. Severe frosts on this and the succeeding days.

551 12 May. Walked to Bradford and obtained Fowler's money of Alford. Gave Buckler's respects to Miss Crisp of whom he is enamoured. She had better take care of him, I think. He introduced her to me first on the sixteenth of April. last year.

552 15 May. Whit Monday. This afternoon walked through Rood Ashton park with E.T. and James H., and supped at the little beer shop. It is superfluous to enlarge on the beauty of the scenery, but the wind was cold, in addition to which the walk was too long for E. T. 's enfeebled powers.

553 16 May. Whit Tuesday. Tea party at school, the room decorated with flowers and ladies. Mr. Gear presided.

554 17 May. After first walking to Hilperton and back with E. T. and Laura, I departed at seven o'clock on my eighth annual walk. Met Mr. John Stancomb and family returning from Farley. Gathered a few cowslips. On my return found E. T. at her father's.

555 19 May. Determined on sending E. T. to Chapmanslade for her health.

556 23 May. J. T. bought a ferret at Ashton.

557 29 May. Set off to Chapmanslade with E. T. The party were her father and mother-in-law and two sisters, Dad, J. T. and Caroline. Had a delightful ride, the day being fine and the way new found. Mr. and Mrs. Eacot very kind, and left the two visitors as well as could be expected. Called at Penley [Penleigh] mill on returning.

558 1 June. Rode to Chapmanslade in [John Hooper] Taunton's waggon through Beckington and Standerswick. The evening was beautiful and the scenery enchanting. On arrival, walked with E. T. and Laura down into the grove. Slept tonight at Chapmanslade.

559 2 June. At five this morning got into Mr. Taunton's gig and rode home through Westbury Leigh and Westbury. The whole country seemed white with apple blossom, and the morning air was fresh and invigorating. Reached Trowbridge ten minutes past seven. In the evening had a charming walk with J. T. almost to Whaddon.

560 3 June. Rode to Westbury in Nash's cart and walked to Chapmanslade through Westbury Leigh. E. T. no better yet. Found the supply for the chapel there, Mr. Eacot being out. Had a good appetite for my supper.

561 4 June. Had a most beautiful and picturesque walk this Sabbath morning with E. T. and Laura. Much delighted with the neat and elegant structure of Corsley church which is charmingly situated. The congregation though rural was respectable, and the manner of the preacher was very impressive. Attended chapel in the afternoon, after which I made up my mind to stay till next morning as I could not bear the thought of parting. Went through the fields towards the Westbury road for an evening walk. E. T. placed a crimson stock in the hedge that I might take it when I passed next morning.

562 5 June. Left Chapmanslade at an early hour this morning, and after a hasty walk reached Westbury in time for the coach. Was the first in the counting house.

563 7 June. Sunday School tea party at Farley. Did not go.

564 10 June. Left this stormy afternoon by Nash's cart for Westbury, where I had a very windy walk to Chapmanslade. On entering a public house by

the wayside I saw a man I had never before seen, but whom I immediately knew to be an Oborn. Found E. T. improving and was very much pleased with Mrs. Eacot's attention to her. King William the Fourth very ill.

565 11 June. James H. and J. T. came over this morning in Laverton's gig. Before chapel we had an enchanting walk through the grove and to the Black Dog at Standerwick. The views in this walk are grand, but hardly so extensive as from the cornfields near Mr. Eacot's house, from which Trowbridge steeple is clearly discernible. During chapel time there were some heavy storms, but the sky brightening up after dinner we set out for Corsley church but ere we reached it we were obliged to take shelter under some sheds belonging to the clergyman. Mr. Eacot shortened his evening sermon for our accommodation and I returned home with the two boys in the gig.

566 14 June. Got a lift to Road [Rode] in Perkins's cart. Had a charming walk through Beckington. Just as I was ascending the fields behind the Black Dog the sun presented a most gorgeous spectacle. He was sinking in all his glory behind the forests and heaven and earth were crimsoned in his beams. On reaching Mr. Eacotts I found the household were at chapel. I therefore partook of refreshment at the inn till service was over.

567 15 June. We rose early this morning and enjoyed a most delightful walk through the same beautiful fields near Corsley, from which we could see Stourton tower and the town of Frome. This place looked immediately down on Mr. Taunton's mill [Corsley Mill]. We afterwards crossed the road and returned through the cornfields. This morning walk was most enchanting, the air was absolutely perfumed with flowers and the birds united in one universal choir. E. T. however got her feet damp in the dewy grass and caught a severe cold. After breakfast she and Laura accompanied me down the grove towards the Black Dog where I mounted a load of hay on Taunton's waggon and rode home through Beckington between two old women.

568 16 June. Intended going to the Avon this evening but was prevented by rain.

569 17 June. Rode this evening to Lullington with John Noad. The sky was overcast but the air was balmy and refreshing. Nature was reposing in the rich and silent beauty of a summer. Upon arrival we found a sister of his there. She was an handsome sprightly lass of twenty four and married to a tradesman of Bristol, thrice as old as herself. She appeared a complete rattlecap and joked her sister unmercifully about her rustic lovers in leathern breeches. After drinking a hasty cup of tea I set off for Chapmanslade, accompanied by John Noad. Our way led through the lane that skirts Orchardley park, and it being a charming summer evening the walk was exceedingly pleasant. After a while my guide returned and I pursued my path alone. After a time I began to lose all sense of the romance of my situation (the shadows of evening

closing round me in these unknown solitudes) in a desire to reach the close of my journey, when I came all at once to the high road near Berkley, and after some time reached Chapmanslade thoroughly fatigued.

570 18 June. Heard Mr. Eacott twice today. Butler the clothesman came. Had a stroll in the evening with E. T. by Berkley Tower which commands a most extensive view of which it is in vain to attempt any description.

571 19 June. Rose about five and immediately proceeded on my journey homewards. It was a fresh, breezy morning and to blend a little romance and adventure with the beauty of my walk I determined to cut directly across the country and stand my chance of finding my way. After passing near Westbury Leigh and Penley with some difficulty I found Brook mill, from which Nash set me on my way through the fields towards Bradley. Fortunately I met with one of Clark's Dilton weavers going to Trowbridge and with whom I journeyed till I reached home about half past seven, where I had to drown three of Cattina's children before breakfast. In consequence of my long walk I spat blood all day.

572 20 June. The Princess Victoria, daughter of the Duke of Kent, succeeded to the throne, vacant by the demise of William the fourth who died this day at Windsor. Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, is consequently king of Hanover.

573 23 June. Had a pleasant sail on the Avon this evening with Jimmy Rose, Joe Moore and J. T. The singing of birds in Bradford wood was the music which attended us, and a sweeter choir we could not have had. We landed and took supper near Staverton, when we proposed various toasts. Mine was Sir Robert Peel.

574 24 June. The Marquis of Bath died at Longleat, 3 months after his father.

575 25 June. Rode off this morning on Job's horse. It was clear but very sultry and the shade of the trees was refreshing. Passing through Rudge the horse stumbled and I went over his head but met with no hurt. Heard Mr. Eacot morning and in the afternoon attended Corsley church with E. T. and Mrs. Hendy where we heard an excellent sermon. In the evening walked up the cornfields with E. T. Left at half past seven and reached home in time to sup with Dad.

576 27 June. Took a solitary ramble near Spragg's withy bed.

577 28 June. Heard Mr. Percival. Church beautifully hung with black cloth.

578 29 June. Mr. Stancomb offered me Millard's house today. After dinner walked to Ladydown in the heat of the sun with J. T. to borrow Oborn's horse, with which in John Fryer's miserable caravan we set out just before five

to bring home the party from Chapmanslade. On arriving at the Black Dog James H. and myself struck off through the fields and reached Mr. Eacot's just as J. T. came round with the caravan. Found E. T. and Mrs. H. at farmer Minty's (the chapel clerk) visiting his sick wife. E. T. scarcely able to walk with a swollen foot. Thus concluded this lengthened visit. We did not reach home till eleven and lost Spot by the way.

579 30 June. Father went to Warminster Sessions as witness against Asher for stealing wool, but the villain was acquitted. E. T.'s foot getting worse. We were obliged once more to have recourse to Dr. Cary. W. H. much troubled at this time by his brother's widow.

580 2 July. E. T. visited today by Dame H. and Ann, Aunt Elizabeth and Dad. Young Davids preached at Tabernacle for the first time.

581 3 July. Consultation respecting watering Fore Street. Mr. Eacot dined at ours. J. T. recovered Spot. Received letter from B. Moore.

582 4 July. Went with Dad over Millard's house and premises – didn't like the place at all. Afterwards walked with him to farmer Friar's, whose two vestals put forth all their attractions, but Dad is too old a bird to be caught by their chaff.

583 5 July. Had a severe attack of constitutional depression this evening in the course of a ride which E. T., J. T. and myself had in Laverton's gig to Farley, where we took the little grey out at the bottom of Borland's garden and had a troublesome job to get him in again, which tried my patience exceedingly.

584 6 July. It is rumoured that Methuen will not offer himself at the coming election, but be elevated to the peerage.

585 8 July. William the Fourth buried. Heard an excellent funeral sermon by Mr. Fulford at church. Sat in the next pew to that in which I heard Crabbe preach George the Fourth's funeral sermon.

586 10 July. Trade very bad.

587 11 July. Left at 5 this morning in Mr. Stancomb's carriage, with him, Jesse G[ouldsmith] and J. T. We proceeded through Freshford, Stoke and Claverton into the Bristol road at Newton. Reached Keynsham at eight, where we breakfasted together and while the horses were resting J. T. and myself went on the Grand Western Railway, now proceeding rapidly. We were put down in Bristol, the others going on to Clevedon. Saw John Cuznor's wife in Bristol which we left at three by coach, and reached Bath by half past four. This place is all alive with election matters, the Tories hoping to turn out Roebuck and Palmer. Came home by boat, which was very full. Old Webb and Mrs. Wearing.

588 12 July. This beautiful day we set off for Bratton in Gaisford's van at eleven o'clock. J. T., Dad, E. T., Aunt J., Harry. We arrived there before one, and had a capital dinner at Brent's. In the afternoon we sailed on [Thomas] Jarvis's fish pond, till getting tired of it, I went out at his garden gate and scrambled up one of the hills, from which I came down by the house and went in and shook hands with the palsied old man who made me gulp down two glasses of mead wine. After tea we wandered up by the White Horse. Mr. Brent brought up some fine cherries and some gin. Sarah Brent gave me a severe rap on the nose with a cherry stone. After a good supper we returned home.

589 13 July. Mrs. Wilkins and Taunton of Chapmanslade to tea.

590 14 July. A requisition to Sir F. Burdett to offer himself for North Wilts in progress.

591 15 July. Lawyer [John] Brent asked W. S. to sign it: no go. W. S. gave him a decisive answer. Walked on Hilperton backway with E. T. and Laura. Met Mr. Gregory. W. S. gave me a week to consider of Millard's house.

592 16 July. Heard Methuen will oppose Burdett.

593 17 July. North Wilts is all in the bustle of a contested election. My heart is for Methuen but my conservative feelings prompt me to vote for Long only. We shall see. Finished reading through the Bible and Testament. Webber called to ask me to vote for Burdett. Had I been at home he would have received a short answer.

594 25 July. Briscoe in for Westbury by ninety eight to ninety six.

595 28 July. Went into farmer Friar's haymaking field this windy evening near Mrs. Webb's school. Among others, Sarah Brent and J. T. were there. Between these parties, rumour declares that a very kind feeling exists, especially on the lady's part.

596 31 July. Sir J. C. Hobhouse addressed the electors from the George Inn on behalf of Methuen, and was favourably received in spite of the conduct of the church party, of whom I now began to be heartily ashamed.

597 3 Aug. Day of election. An immense multitude of liberals set forth early in flies and coaches, myself perched on one of the latter. Our train extended about a mile, and behind us came the scanty numbers of Burdett. Just before entering Devizes the sight of the banners and flags of either party, marshalling forth in every direction was gay and animating in the extreme. On arriving before the hustings, a battle royal ensued between the two parties for the possession of the ground. Contrary to the regulations of the authorities of Devizes, the friends of Burdett advanced on horseback, attended by a hired mob armed with bludgeons. The Methuenites, being almost unprepared,

gave way at first, but soon rallied, and a general conflict took place. Several lives were lost and many bones broken. I saw Hobhouse, Burdett, Long and Mildmay on the hustings, but their voices were quite lost in the clamour. After the nomination I dined at the Nag's Head with a low, unruly set, and left this scene of danger and confusion by one of the first coaches and got home before five.

598 6 Aug. Sunday afternoon: had a tooth drawn.

599 7 Aug. Trowbridge Fair. First day of polling –gave my first vote at Melksham for Long and Methuen.

600 8 Aug. The disgrace of North Wilts sealed: final state of the poll.

Burdett 2365, Long 2197, Methuen 1876.

PLUMPERS

388	7	108	MALMESBURY
402	12	110	SWINDON
224	31	73	DEVIZES
<u>107</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>331</u>	MELKSHAM
1121	1039	622.	

B&L	L&M	B&M	
119	217	85	MALMESBURY
273	168	53	SWINDON
296	172	24	DEVIZES
<u>331</u>	<u>478</u>	<u>59</u>	MELKSHAM
1019	1035	221.	

601 9 Aug. Went to Hinton with Dad, E. T., and J. T. in Laverton's gig. Found farmer Manley had been compelled to vote for Burdett by his landlord. By this abominable conduct this election was gained. Walked to Keevil with E. T. and rested on a tombstone in the churchyard. Felt exceedingly depressed by the result of the election. The weather was close and oppressive, the pleasure of the afternoon excursion was very little. A band of music paraded through the village in honour of the return of Esq. Long.

602 11 Aug. Miss Parsons and Miss Pointon to tea.

603 14 Aug. Another jovial little party to Grace's on Trowle Common, consisting of myself, E. T., J. T., Dame Hendy and Laura, Martha W. and Mrs. Hunter. Jimmy Rose's love scenes with Grace were exquisite, and his singing and dancing most admirable.

604 15 Aug. All over between Joshua P[erkins] and Ellen V[ine]. through his jealousy of young parson Davids who lodges at her mother's during his stay at Tabernacle.

605 16 Aug. Another spree to Farley in Basing's waggon. Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Woodfin, Miss Evers and Miss Cliff, Mrs. Barry, Dame H. and Miss Heale, E. T., J. T., Dad and I. On entering Farly the rain came on and we fled for shelter to the Bishop's cottage: after tea the weather cleared up and the evening was beautiful. Rambling through farmer Pike's fields and making rather free with his grabs, he made a fierce attack on us. Had a hearty supper in the open air near the cottage, where Mr. Woodfin amused us highly by scratching his forehead with his foot. He was 58 years old today.

606 21 Aug. W. H. and his wife paid a visit to the Isle of Wight. No doubt this sentimental pair highly appreciated its beauties.

607 23 Aug. Miss Caroline England of Westbury came to tea this afternoon with Martha Parish.

608 26 Aug. E. T. 's foot bad again. Dr. Cary came.

609 7 Sept. Sarah Brent died of fever, aged 17.

610 8 Sept. Went to Bristol by coach. Gardner of Twerton was on the box made myself known to him. Saw Bristol Fair. Met Isaac and John Moore. The latter rode back with me on the coach, his wife going with Isaac in the gig. He informed me of Haden's shabby conduct to him. The evening was exceedingly pleasant.

611 10 Sept. In commemoration of this season two years since we this Sunday morning went to Lullington in Laverton's gig, but spent a very unsatisfactory day. The preacher at the little chapel in the morning was a noisy, ignorant fellow, and on walking to Orchardley church in the afternoon we found there was no service. Though the afternoon was gloomy, the park however could not fail of being delightful. We quitted for home early, and the dullness of the weather, or some other cause, so afflicted my spirits that I could not help entertaining a presentiment that his was my last visit to Orchardleigh, and accordingly bade it an eternal farewell.

612 15 Sept. Walked with E. T. and Laura and met some wild cows in a narrow lane.

613 21 Sept. Revising barristers here [revising electoral registers]: John Hayward's name struck off.

614 22 Sept. J. T. to Wansey's with a job lot. We afterwards walked on the bottom of Crockerton Pond with the dog Spot.

615 19 Sept. A grand dinner was given this day to Sir Francis Burdett in a splendid pavilion erected in Devizes for the purpose. Mr. Fulford made a speech on the occasion. I felt altogether so disgusted with the church party

that I determined to leave off attending the church. About this time I wrote several pieces for the Wiltshire Independent.

616 27 Sept. To Orchardley again in spite of my forboding. Here's a choice crew: Dinah Lucre and her husband, James Kemp, Mark Newth, Dame Barry and her daughter, Mrs. H and E. T., Mrs. Hall and J. T. We dined at the lodge at the entrance of the park, and afterwards we all set forth to explore its beauties. We saw Sir Thomas who was very kind, but not so attentive as in our former interview. We explored the woodlodge, the church etc. etc. and everything would have passed off well had we not set foot in the boat. It being a warm and beautiful autumnal afternoon, the blue waters beneath us and the clear sky above, the banks of this fine sheet of water being fringed with plantations and trees which reflected on the mirrored expanse a thousand varying hues, our enjoyment would have been perfect had it not been for the foolish conduct of J. T. and James H. who by their absurd management of the boat filled the breasts of the ladies with direful apprehensions, and for some time after she was safe, so greatly had E. T. been agitated, that she was very ill. After the effects of this untoward event had somewhat subsided, we took tea where we had dined and immediately set off home, the evenings being now damp and cold. Friend Lucre sung all the way home, scaring the owls and bats with his free stone voice. We arrived home just in time to attend the formation of the Miscellaneous Reading Society.

617 3 Oct. First quarterly meeting of the Miscellaneous Reading Society held at our house.

618 11 Oct. Special meeting of the same at Mark Newth's.

619 13 Oct. Eclipse of the moon this evening – visible throughout.

620 16 Oct. E. T. went to Beckington and returned next day.

621 19 Oct. Went to Bath by coach. Met the Miss Brents there.

622 23 Oct. Shook hands with the Rev. B[enjamin] Kent.

623 24 Oct. W. S. and W. S. junior both in London to arrange with E. East. The Brents to tea. Gave Miss Brent the Olney hymns [William Cowper's].

624 7 Nov. Went to Bristol by coach. Returned with Mr. Haden and W. H.

625 9 Nov. The Revd T[homas] Applegate died in the East Indies.

626 21 Nov. Went to tea party at Tabernacle. E. T. made tea. Mr. Harris of Westbury present.

627 23 Nov. Went to Bath this stormy day by boat and returned by coach.

- 628** 1 Dec. Had a fine row with W. H. which at one time seemed likely to produce a separation.
- 629** 3 Dec. Mr. A. Macarthur preached at Tabernacle today for the first time.
- 630** 19 Dec. Disturbances in Canada – news arrived today.
- 631** 25 Dec. Christmas Day was mild and pleasant. We stayed at Dad's as usual, with Laura and Anna Maria.
- 632** 27 Dec. Spent my holiday in making out the Book Society's accounts, and in writing in this book.

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- 633** 2 Jan. Missionary party at Tabernacle. The schoolroom was so crowded that a beam broke.
- 634** 3 Jan. Went to Devides Sessions with W. S. and J. T., it being the first time that I ever witnessed anything of the sort. I was much struck with the appearance of the court, the barristers with their wigs and gowns etc. etc. There was a full bench of magistrates and Ludlow Bruges was chairman. After seeing several trials we left the court, and being left to our own resources as regarded dinner, we fared very badly. Afterwards we strolled up on the green and then returned to the court where we remained till it closed, when we fortunately met with H. Barry who, after showing us St. John's church and Mr. Elliott's chapel, brought us to his lodgings and regaled our poor stomachs with savoury sausages. About ten we got into W. S. 's carriage, and were soon whisked home by his two greys.
- 635** 7 Jan. A severe frost set in, more intense than any I could remember. It lasted until the severnteenth February.
- 636** 8 Jan. Grand tea party at ours. Dame H. broke the chair –I my nail.
- 637** 14 Jan. Walked to Whaddon by the frozen canal with James H. and J. T. On returning, found Sparks.
- 638** 15 Jan. Mrs. Hunter in a decline, occasioned by remorse and anxiety.
- 639** 20 Jan. In consequence of the severe weather a subscription was commenced for supplying the poor, which ultimately amounted to upwards of two hundred and fifty pounds.
- 640** 13 Feb. Went to Bath – trade very flat there.
- 641** 14 Feb. Made application to Besser for Wingrove's house.

- 642** 15 Feb. Joshua P. and Ellen V. reconciled. I saw them this evening quietly wending their way together up Back Street.
- 643** 17 Feb. Last day of the frost. J. T. skated on the river all day.
- 644** 24 Feb. Went over Wingrove's house this evening.
- 645** 5 Mar. J. T. of age. The dog Merry came.
- 646** 11 Mar. J. E. Hayward is the accepted lover of Miss [Jane Mary] Eggar.
- 647** 12 Mar. Went to Bible meeting at British School with E. T.
- 648** 20 Mar. Gave up the secretaryship of the Miscellaneous Reading Society. E[dward] Dyer was elected to the office.
- 649** 21 Mar. Went to Cooper's [John Cooper, clothier and brewer, bankrupt] in Hilperton Lane with I. Moore. S. Woodward's debt with this scoundrel is nearly three hundred pounds.
- 650** 24 Mar. Mr. Cuznor died at Bristol, aged 54. (See November 5 1834).
- 651** 25 Mar. Went to Staverton chapel this afternoon with E. T. and heard Mr. [Walter] Marriott's farewell sermon.
- 652** 27 Mar. Went to Staverton factory on business. Was accompanied by E. T., J. T., Laura and Merry.
- 653** 5 April. Poor Bill Oram died – saw his corpse.
- 654** 6 April. Thorne sent to prison for robbing his master.
- 655** 11 April Bought the first ten volumes of the Waverley novels in Bristol.
- 656** 17 April. Easter Tuesday. Miserably cold, snowy, rainy, windy day. Nevertheless walked to Pascroft [Paxcroft] with E. T. and Dad and had a good cup of tea with old Dame Jenkins.
- 657** 26 April. Went to Holt chapel this evening with F. Wright to hear Mr. Bishop, Diplock's friend.
- 658** 29 April. Mr. Jack preached the Sunday School anniversary sermon at Tabernacle.
- 659** 30 April. This evening Mrs. Hunter closed her career of sorrow aged 26. (See May. 17 1830, May. 21 1832, July. 16 1833, May. 27 1835, September 14 1835, December 3 1836, February 10 1837, August 14 1837, January 15 1838).

660 1 May. About this time old Porch [Edward Pouch, pawnbroker] died, leaving John, Edward and Samuel Hayward heirs to his property.

661 3 May. Confounded bother between Wingrove and Besser about fixtures – nearly plagued to death between them both.

662 8 May. Heard Mr. Macarthur this lovely evening at Holt with E. T. and had a beautiful moonlight walk home.

663 12 May. William Moore died. (See December 21 1836).

664 15 May. Went to Bath with E. T. and her mother by coach. Bought the Waverley novels – twenty volumes. Saw W. S. there.

665 16 May. W. S. very anxious about settling how the trade is to be carried on in the future. Gave John and me a fortnight to consider of his proposals.

666 17 May. Took my ninth annual walk on the Farley road. Rather a spiritless affair – obliged to carry Merry part of the way for fear of cows. On my return fell in with widow Taylor.

667 20 May. Mr. Macarthur's last Sunday at Tabernacle. Many lies have been circulated about him by the deacons, McNeil etc. etc. The slanderers will be pulled up for it this week.

668 24 May. My old schoolmistress died about this time. Had a fine walk this evening. On my return felt very unwell.

669 25 May. Finding fever approach, left work and sent for Dr. Cary.

670 26 May. Had on ten leeches.

671 27 May. Better – hope to escape lightly.

672 30 May. Joe Stratton found dead in his bed. (see May. 12, 1829).

673 31 May. Able to walk out a little this lovely day.

674 1 June. Returned to the counting house.

675 5 June. Went off this morning being Whit Tuesday with J. T., Dad and E. T. in Gaisford's gig through Hilperton, Semington, Keevil etc. when the rain coming on and, having lost our way, we drove into Bulkington in great distress. Joseph Noad, however, took pity on us, and having dried our clothes and refreshed the inner man, he guided us through sundry fields and bye-ways the nearest way to our destination. The sun shining out and the way being new, we had a pleasant but tedious drive to Bratton, and in the afternoon had

a beautiful walk among the hills. After spending a pleasant evening with our hospitable hosts, we returned home through Steeple Ashton.

676 6 June. About this time there was much unpleasantness at Tabernacle, occasioned by the abominable treatment of Mr. Macarthur by the deacons, Perkins, Stratton, McNeil etc.

677 10 June. Heard Mr. Macarthur twice at Mr. Millard's chapel [Silver Street] today.

678 12 June. The expectations of years past was realised today in a communication made to Dad by W. S., having reference to the introduction of J. S. junior [John Perkins Stancomb] to our trade. Paid Wingrove this evening for fixtures – one pound three shillings.

679 21 June. Joshua P. married to Ellen V. (See December 18 1836, see August 15 1837, February 15 1838). We began moving into Union Street.

680 22 June. Slept for the first time in Union Street.

681 23 June. Left Timbrell Street for ever.

682 28 June. Coronation of Queen Victoria. Went to tea in Mr. Hughes's orchard with Sunday School children. Saw Gyngell's fireworks from Mr. Gregory's window, and afterwards Esq. Clark's illuminations.

683 29 June. Passed through Steeple Ashton, Bratton, Westbury, Leigh and Chapmanslade in our way to Frome, after lunching at Mr. Ball's of the former place. Laura was left at Chapmanslade while her father, grandsire and I went on to Frome where we took tea with Mr. Hams [Henry Hams, clothier] at Mr. Read's, and afterwards sojourned to the arbour with pot and pipe. On returning I passed through our favourite cornfields at Chapmanslade. After a year's absence I saw the sun set from thence. Found old dame Eacot very crusty. After rather a tiresome ride we got home about ten, where Dame H. kicking up a row about Lolly's bonnet being bent a little. I felt so incensed that I unceremoniously departed.

684 3 July. Heard the cuckoo.

685 5 July. Bathed in canal with Diplock, Joshua Perkins and J. T. About this time J. T. made himself rather particular with M. Parish.

686 10 July. Played rounders in Gayton's field with J. T., G. N. H., Jacob and Samuel G., Mark N., William Offer, James Kemp etc. etc.

687 12 July. Strolled round West Ashton park in company with Dad, J. T. and E. T. The mansion is now nearly complete, and forms a superb and conspicuous

object amid the surrounding scenery. Supped at beershop on twists, cheese, lettuce and sour beer.

688 13 July. William and John Stancomb departed on their tour to France, Switzerland, Germany etc. etc.

689 15 July. Took tea this Sunday afternoon at Mr. G. Haden's.

690 18 July. This was an evening of pure and unalloyed delight. The gorgeous scenery in which Farley is embosomed was never seen to greater advantage than on this beautiful summer evening. After a calm and blissful ride to Tellisford, Dad's native place, we returned about sunset to Borland's to supper upon twists, cheese, lettuce and porter. The window of their parlour being open, admitted a fragrance equal to the breath of paradise from their garden, and spread out before our view, bathed in the purple dews of evening, appeared hill, dale and valley and Farley's moss grown towers, majestic in ruin. After a speedy ride we reached home about nine, determined soon to make use again of master Laverton's gig.

691 19 July. Went to Bristol. Little [Henry] Dyer the druggist and Michael of Westbury were on the coach going, and old England, returning. Bought Pelham, Bonaparte and Hannah More.

692 20 July. Had a fine walk almost to Whaddon with E. T. and A. M. H.

693 26 July. Went to Bath with Ben Moore by coach. Returned by boat to Bradford – walked thence home.

694 27 July. Shown over Semington workhouse by Mr. Whereat previous to the admission of the paupers. Afterwards took supper at the Horse Shoes, Hilperton. Dad, J. T., Ben M., M. Gregory and his son.

695 31 July. W. S. bought Cradle Bridge factory.

696 7 Aug. The sun rose this morning in a clear and cloudless sky, and as we whirled along in Mr. Haden's gig through Staverton and Bradford Leigh, our anticipations of pleasure were sanguine by the flattering appearance of the weather. These feelings, however were somewhat checked as on entering Bath the rain began to descend. Happily however, when we left Bath (after giving the horse a little rest) our prospects were again bright, and we rode pleasantly on to Bristol where we arrived at ten and proceeded immediately by fly to Cumberland Basin and hastened on board the 'Lady Rodney' steamer. After some delay we sailed forth on the Avon, between the lofty rocks of Clifton, that reflected their rich verdure on the waters as we passed merrily by. After leaving Pill behind the Avon widens her boundaries, and soon pours herself into the Severn who in her turn, swollen with hundreds of tributary streams, closes her career into the Bristol Channel. Long, however before we

arrived at the mouth of the Severn, the motion of the vessel as it heaved on the billows began to be rather felt by us who had hitherto been such faithful adherents to terra firma. The wind now began to be extremely boisterous, and the shelter afforded us by a large ship bound for America, by the side of which we were detained for half an hour, was very acceptable. At length we fairly entered the Bristol Channel and for the first time I feasted my eyes on 'The Ocean, glorious page of Nature's book'. Our vessel now began to toss fearfully, and with great difficulty we descended from the foredeck. Many began to wax pale around, and some hastened with not unnecessary precipitancy to pay the accustomed tribute to Father Neptune from the side of the steamer. The youngest of our party grew dreadfully pale and sick almost to death, and although I was by no means as ill, I retched horribly but ineffectually. The passage was tedious and rough, the spray dashing repeatedly over the deck, completely drenching some of the passengers. We continued for a long time in sight of the Holmes, not being able to enter Newport harbour on account of the lowness of the tide. After a voyage of fifty three miles instead of thirty we reached Newport at five o'clock, and landed on the shores of the Usk near the bridge, which is of stone and has a very neat and handsome appearance. Feeling the inner man importunate and ravenous, we immediately proceeded in search of lodgings, and as our ill stars would have it, entered the 'Tredegar Arms Inn'. We found the landlady sitting in state, exhibiting in her countenance the beauty of a gorgon and the affability of a fury. Abruptly summoning her attendant genius, she consigned us to her care. The little damsel immediately showed us into a room in which Pluto himself would have been puzzled to make himself comfortable. On our remonstrating, she positively affirmed that there was no other room vacant in the house, which we did not think to be a lie because we knew it to be one, as she soon led the way to a better apartment. We accounted for their neglect by the forlorn appearance we made on our arrival, and our youngest companion looking very sickly and emaciated from his salt-water adventures. However, he soon began to improve, and the beaming smiles of the fair maid of the Tredegar Arms recalled him to life and cheerfulness. She was about 4 feet high, and her form was shown off to advantage by a leathern strap which encircled her waist which exceeded any other part of her body in circumference. Her little grey eyes about the size of peas were placed considerably to the north-east of her nose, the top of which pointed so horizontally to the ground that you might see its shadow in the shape of a V on her chin. Her manners were highly dignified and her whole appearance calculated to convey awe and admiration. But enough of this. After tea we walked through Newport. The general appearance of the houses was tolerably respectable, but not very striking. The plans of the new church we much admired. On our way we saw a steam carriage on a temporary railroad, conveying iron bars, but the best part of our walk lay through the churchyard which commands an extensive and beautiful prospect, including the windings of the Usk, and a considerable portion of the Bristol Channel. We reached this point just after sunset, and then retraced our steps to the bridge, and the tide being up full, the appearance of the river was very animating, the sounds of a

french horn from the land side of the bridge heightening the enchantment of the scene. As the state of things at our inn did not say so much for cleanliness we retired full of apprehensions of visits from nocturnal perambulators.

697 8 Aug. Left Newport by fly at eight o'clock, and after passing through a verdant but somewhat uninteresting country we approached Chepstow, from the neighbourhood of which, we enjoyed some peeps at the sea. After a sumptuous breakfast at the George Inn, we set forwards on foot towards Tintern Abbey. After walking about two miles we seemed to be drawing near, for nature all around us was putting on her choicest robes of grandeur and glory. We now plunged into the greenwood shade and began slowly to thread our way up the circuitous ascent of the Wind Cliff, occasionally enjoying through the opening branches what George Robins would call 'views of Elysium'. At length we reached the top, and beheld the living landscape stretched out beneath us in all its richness and splendour. The Eternal Hills on which we stood looked forth on a scenery resplendently beautiful. The remainder of our way kept pace with the winding of the Wye. At length we came in view of Tintern Abbey. The remembrance of this glorious architectural ruin is too deeply enshrined in my memory to need comment here. Suffice it to say that it not merely equalled, but that it exceeded our utmost expectations. All four of us ascended its loftiest battlements and spent upwards of an hour beneath their sacred shade, consecrated by a thousand glowing reminiscences of the olden days. We reached Chepstow on our return about eight in the evening, scarcely sensible of any fatigue, and spent two delightful hours in the beautiful room at the George Inn, where we were excellently accommodated.

698 9 Aug. Rose at six and walked round the ruins of Chepstow castle. After a good breakfast we left the shores of Monmouth and sailed for Bristol in the Wye steamer. Although the day was hazy and inclined for rain, we kept the Windcliff in view till we almost reached the Avon. We landed at Clifton about eleven o'clock, and ascended its precipitous rocks though encumbered with bag and baggage. After a long and excessively tedious walk through Clifton and Bristol, we arrived at the Saracen's Head where we had a miserable dinner at an enormous expence. At four o'clock we left Bristol by the old road per gig, passing through Weston in our way to Bath which we reached in time to have a good cup of tea at the Seven Stars. We proceeded homewards by the new Warminster road, passing through Freshford at dusk. At Westwood J. C. had an interview with his mother, after which we soon got home, and supped together at Mr. Haden's.

699 14 Aug. George Thorn was convicted of theft at Devizes Assizes and sentenced to ten years' transportation.

700 15 Aug. E. J. Miles was convicted of assault with intent etc. etc. and sentenced to four months hard labour and eight months solitary confinement.

701 18 Aug. Had an excursion to Whaddon this evening with E. T. and Dad. Supped at Hilperton on twists.

702 21 Aug. Party to Orchardley including E. T., J. T. etc. Had tenement valued by Brewer [John Brewer, auctioneer] preparatory to appealing against the rate.

703 28 Aug. Had an excursion to Bradley this evening with E. T. and Dad. Supped at the Ring of Bells with them on twists etc.

704 30 Aug. Wasted this day at the Woolpacks, it being appeal day. After all, my case was not gone into.

705 31 Aug. E. T. 's old schoolmistress at Laverton, Mrs. Parsons, to tea with her sister Mrs. Franklin of Coventry. J. Offer came to supper and acquainted us with the 'affair' between Mr. Wright and Miss Pocock lately terminated.

706 2 Sept. Took tea with Joe Sparks at Holt with E. T. Heard Mr. Bliss at the church in the evening, a bliss which I shall dispense with in future. Walked home by moonlight.

707 3 Sept. W. H. had a fine row with S. Salter about buying bay.

708 5 Sept. Went to supper at Mr. Offer's in commemoration of John's birthday. He played on the piano almost without intermission, Miss Nightingale singing. Present: G. and G. N. Haden, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. John Offer, Miss Pocock, E. T. etc. etc.

709 8 Sept. Walked to Bradford fieldway evening with J. T. After taking a glass of beer at Crisp's returned roadway with him and Matthew Newth.

710 9 Sept. Walked to the workhouse at Semington this fine Sunday afternoon. Obtained admission through the kindness of farmer W. Lavington into the chapel, where we encountered a number of 'old familiar faces'. Little Jacky Sly of drunken notoriety officiated as clerk and sung with amazing earnestness, as did also big-headed Daniels and Tommy Cabbage. Altogether the scene would have presented a rich harvest for Cruikshank, the parson not excepted, who singularly contrasted with the talented young man now at the Tabernacle (Mr. Vardy). James H. accompanied us.

711 11 Sept. The following breathtaking caricatures accompanied our household to Corsham this day, closely packed in Basing's waggon: Mr. Lucre and his lively Dinah, 'little' Mr. Hall and his spouse, the interesting Mrs. Spragg and her gouty husband, the handsome Miss Heale, the sentimental Mrs. Baber, the eloquent Mrs. Barry and her vulcanian son, Jacob Gayton and his sister, James H. and his consumptive mother, the Misses Bannister, Wadman etc. On passing through Melksham, I found the initials of my name on the walls,

being relics of my pranks of yore. After a tedious journey we disposed of a hearty dinner just in time to gain admittance to Corsham House and to the splendid pictures there. Those most admired were: 'Christ breaking the bread', 'Sir Xavier dying on the Coast of China', 'Venus at her Toilet', 'Nymphs Bathing', 'The Judgement of Paris' and several others which I cannot now call to mind. The remarks made by Mrs. Lucre and Mr. Spragg were exceedingly learned and classical and reflected great credit on the company. Corsham park is but a tame affair of it, and we soon grew tired of it. After tea we had a tedious walk to Box Tunnel where we saw nothing worth looking at. We supped in the waggon in front of the Bell at Melksham, and I invited the populace in to see the wild beasts at feeding time. The road home passed in a scene of uproar, during which many pinches etc. were administered to the peculiar edification of the party.

712 13 Sept. Young man hinted to Dad that sundry changes with regard to us would take place at Christmas. Determined to make myself better acquainted with the trade, in case I should have to commence myself.

713 17 Sept. The blooming Sally Wingrove married. Grand meeting of the 'Working Men' at Bath, and many in Trowbridge dismissed from their employ for attending it. Miss Clift of Westbury took tea at our house.

714 19 Sept. John Oborn died at Lady Down mill.

715 20 Sept. Samuel Woodward married to Harriet Hendy.

716 25 Sept. Went to Bath by boat. Returned by coach. John Offer chosen Secretary of the Book Society.

717 1 Oct. Went with Jack to meet a plebeian party at Wingfield on a nutting excursion. His conduct there was not of the most decorous description, having kicked up all manners of shandies in the dark with Misses Shoreham, Avons, Ann Stokes, Tabor etc. etc. Preferred a quiet walk with E. T. in Wingfield churchyard to joining this unruly assembly.

718 4 Oct. Walked to Farley this evening with Merry to join John and Ben Moore, our Jack, Miss Shoreham etc. Supped at Borlands where we were astounded by the apparition of his son James, a perfect Falstaff.

719 7 Oct. E. T. ill through the nutting – Dr. Cary again.

720 11 Oct. Walked to Bradford this afternoon and went to Bath by boat. Bought at Godwin's – Montgomery, Wordsworth and Southey. Lugged them nearly half way home, when Burrows took me up. John Hayward and his enamoured on the coach.

721 13 Oct. Great fall of snow today.

- 722** 15 Oct. Ann Stokes married to T. J. Angell.
- 723** 16 Oct. Dad went to Spender, Bath, with his bad leg.
- 724** 1 Nov. New church [Holy Trinity] consecrated – was not present.
- 725** 5 Nov. Old Dame Kemp and Miss [Eliza Julia] Silvester died.
- 726** 6 Nov. To Bath by Lucas. Exchanged Goldsmith's Greece with Godwin for Maunder's Biographical Treasury. Left Bath by coach at four and had a wet ride to Bristol. Slept at the Star.
- 727** 7 Nov. Completed my library by purchasing the 'Faery Queene' and others. Returned home by Burrows – rode with Nelson Haden from Bath.
- 728** 8 Nov. The New Firm wrote to town to order their account books. Hear young John courts Margaret [his cousin]– very well schemed.
- 729** 19 Nov. Grand demonstration of the Workingmen's Association by torchlight.
- 730** 22 Nov. Joe Barry married to Miss Brown.
- 731** 6 Dec. Mr. John Wadman died, aged 64 (see May. 17 1830, September 11 1832, October 6 1834, July. 14 1835, June. 29 1838). Went to Bath with Parsons by Lucas. Bought Pollock's Course of Time, and ordered French books. Returned by boat with Diplock and J. Bailey and found Mrs. Lane at home (late Miss Eyres).
- 732** 11 Dec. Had Adam Clark's Commentary from Tegg. Year of buying books nearly ended– it is high time it was!
- 733** 12 Dec. Wadman buried. Row in the family with Jenkins.
- 734** 15 Dec. Blind man preached Tabernacle. Supped with Mr. Eacot at W. H. 's.
- 735** 17 Dec. Young James Avons died.
- 736** 19 Dec. Mr. [William Davie] Fooks of the Woolpacks died; also poor James Rose (see April. 21 1835, July. 7 1835, August 14 1837).
- 737** 23 Dec. Paid our first visit to the new church and heard Mr. [John H.] Pinder. Walked to Holt evening to hear Mr. Jay, highly gratified.
- 738** 25 Dec. Mild Christmas Day. Took a walk in Studley fields by the inn.

739 28 Dec. Tead and supped Mr. Haden's with John Moore, Mr. Woodfin, Miss Wearing etc. etc.

740 31 Dec. Finished stocktaking. Mr. [George] Hall died (see August 16 1837, September 11 1838 etc. etc.). Had our Christmas party and watched the year out.

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741 1 Jan. Grand fete at factory. Was not present, being in Bath occupied in my final purchases of books. Spent most of the day with Matthew Newth.

742 2 Jan. Young John S. took on at ours and commenced a revolution. Don't much relish it.

743 7 Jan. Old James Woodman died. (see December 31 1827).

744 22 Jan. The counting house operatives came to an understanding with the New Firm. I continue on same terms as before, but Dad is docked sharpish. J. T. junior and James Perkins stay for eighty pounds each.

745 26 Jan. Frame gave notice of charging me for Merry. The poor cur has just lost one of his eyes.

746 28 Jan. The New Firm [John P. Stancomb] is gone to London tonight. As far as my feelings towards them are concerned, I should be happy never to behold them more.

747 29 Jan. Went to Kellaways in Mr. S's carriage with him and Jack. After being delayed by attending the Board of Guardians at Semington, we proceeded through Melksham, Lacock and Chippenham, and arrived at the farm cold and hungry. After dinner walked over the farm with Mr. Sly, and Jack was confirmed in his intention of turning farmer. Arrived home in good time, just before a hailstorm concluded the severe wintry day. Mr. James Wicks married at Devizes to Miss Hutchins.

748 3 Feb. Heard Peter Anstie preach at Tabernacle this afternoon, and Mr. Fulford in the evening. John Cuznor of Bristol came to supper with his brother-in-law.

749 6 Feb. Trowbridge Literary and Scientific Institution established this evening at Joshua Perkins's.

750 12 Feb. To Bath by boat – thence by coach to Bristol. Made a proposal to John Cuznor of selling cassimeres in his journies, which he declined. Supped with him and his wife, and slept as usual at Olive's.

- 751** 13 Feb. Met Mr. Hayward and his son Samuel in Bristol.
- 752** 16 Feb. Colonel [John] Houlton of Farley died, also about this time Mr. Jarvis of Bratton.
- 753** 20 Feb. Mr. [Thomas] Mann of Highbury College received a unanimous invitation to be parson at Tabernacle.
- 754** 27 Feb. This morning walked to Bradford the fieldway, and succeeded in saving eight shillings on account of Merry's tender age by getting the commissioners at the Swan Inn to allow the appeal. Reached home at two, and afterwards had a row at shop about the interests of our deposits.
- 755** 1 Mar. After long deliberation decided on keeping Merry.
- 756** 3 Mar. Revd. Thomas Mann commenced his stated labours at Tabernacle.
- 757** 13 Mar. Heard the Revd. Richard Knill with other ministers at the missionary meeting at Tabernacle.
- 758** 14 Mar. Sent poor Merry up to Mrs. Hall by Jack Hill. Finished the first volume of the Faery Queen. Poor Diplock's wife produced her fifth brat.
- 759** 15 Mar. Dr. Cary extracted another tooth.
- 760** 18 Mar. Last day of calling out in the old press shop.
- 761** 19 Mar. Finished the third volumes both of Wordsworth and Southey.
- 762** 20 Mar. Heard Mr. Knill at Tabernacle at a quarter past nine this morning preach a sermon in favour of the establishment of a town mission.
- 763** 21 Mar. About this time Lofty [Henry Wing Loftie Eaton] the surgeon died. (Miss Newth).
- 764** 22 Mar. Went to the British School this evening and heard J. C. Spender of Bath deliver the first lecture of the Trowbridge Literary and Scientific Institution, He afterwards dressed Dad's leg in the parlour. M. N. is suspected of wanting Miss [Mary Ann] Brent.
- 765** 23 Mar. Being short of work, I started off in search of violets. Called at Mrs. Hall's for Merry, with whom I proceeded through Westwood and lunched at the entrance to Iford on a stile, commanding a full view of the beautiful vale below me. Lunched again at Farley and reached home in time for dinner.
- 766** 25 Mar. W. S. gave up all of Collins's premises. At Besser's request offered Wingrove three quarter's of a year's rent, but in vain.

- 767** 27 Mar. First calling out new press shop.
- 768** 29 Mar. Good Friday. The Boys' Association, headed by Carrier and attended by the band, after a long March. were addressed by him at the barracks.
- 769** 30 Mar. The Chartists are growing very rebellious and noisy. This evening, to add to the pleasures of Easter, Miss Clift, the east wind and a deluge of rain arrived together.
- 770** 31 Mar. Easter Sunday. Mr. Mann in the morning, Mr. Pinder in the afternoon, Mr. Walton in the evening. Tead and supped at W. H. 's.
- 771** 1 April. The Chartists, with Vincent, Carrier and Roberts at their head are completely routed at Devizes, and their poor deluded followers returned home, beaten to a pummy. Emily Jane Newth to tea with Miss Clift and her brother.
- 772** 2 April. Got rid of Miss Clift. Attended teacher's meeting evening. Mr. Mann present.
- 773** 3 April. In consequence of the unsettled state of the town, I was sworn in a Special Constable with many others.
- 774** 5 April. Finished Rogers's Italy and Caleb Williams.
- 775** 7 April. Commenced a new order of reading – as follows: Sunday, Montgomery; Monday, Southey; Tuesday, Irving; Wednesday, Wordsworth; Thursday, Rollin; Friday, Spenser's Faery Queen; Saturday, St. Ronan's Well. Finished the asecond volume of Montgomery.
- 776** 9 April. Sailed to Bath in the best part of Parker's boat with the two Mrs. Wicks's. Left Bath in the afternoon by coach and arrived in Bristol in time to attend the theatre, Mr. Rice, the original Jim Crow, performing.
- 777** 10 April. Returned by tall Lucas's coach after a very successful journey.
- 778** 14 April. Heard our old friend Mr. Kent at Tabernacle in the morning and Back Street in the evening.
- 779** 17 April. Heard a dreadful account of what has passed between our late pastor and Mary V[in]e.
- 780** 18 April. Ben Moore married at London to Miss Hyde. The Marquis of Douro was also tied up today.

781 20 April. Walked to Holt with Diplock to see Sparks this evening, but he was from home, as were also the overseers of Holt and Staverton.

782 23 April. Mr. Mann ordained at Tabernacle. Heard Mr. Jay in the evening and saw the Miss Sparks's on their way home.

783 25 April. A glorious spring day. Took a delightful walk with E. T. and made a bridge of stones over a brook. After gathering a few cowslips and feasting our ears with Nature's melody, we came into Deadman's Lane, and returned home by way of Hilperton.

784 26 April. Attended a lecture of a Mr. Murray on chemistry at the British School, where I gained neither amusement or instruction for my shilling. So much for the Trowbridge Literary and Scientific Institution.

785 27 April. Fifty pounds reward offered for the detection of the incendiary who burnt Ingram's rick. Things look very bad still. Wrote Wingrove respecting Besser's rent.

786 28 April. Walked to Beaven's of Hilperton this Sunday afternoon. J. and Emily with Diplock and his wife.

787 30 April. Vincent, Roberts etc. addressed an immense mob at Potts's [William Potts, chemist] this evening: the last display of their power in Trowbridge.

788 1 May. Had a fine walk with J. T. this evening by Mrs. Webb's school, and near Wingfield church. The first few days of this month were pre-eminently beautiful.

789 5 May. A detachment of the A police came from London.

790 6 May. Mr. and Mrs. Eacott came to dinner, and my old friend Tom Pearce to tea and supper.

791 7 May. The town was in a state of extraordinary excitement this evening, Mr. Potts being taken into custody. The police walked him into the blindhouse, and soon afterwards the market place was full of hussars and yeomanry and at an early hour it was cleared by the police and special constables, of who I was one!

792 8 May. Roberts and Potts committed to Salisbury Jail. A farm burnt at Steeple Ashton.

793 9 May. A fracas occurred at the counting house this morning in consequence of our John remonstrating respecting the treatment of Thomas Smith. This insured him insult from the ass Clark, by means of Tarr, between

whom and myself some spirited remarks passed, on account of my styling Trowbridge a Russian town. We both were subsequently made to take an evening tour through the town with the police.

794 12 May. Had a beautiful Sabbath morning walk to Bratton with J. T., when we heard Mr. Aitchenson at chapel in the morning and Mr. Cooper at church in the afternoon. Went home soon after tea, leaving Mark N. courting Miss Brent and Ann Newth trying to coax young Brent to court her.

795 13 May. [John Maggs] Tucker the watchmaker died. John Cuznor to supper.

796 14 May. Had the first peep at the new counting house.

797 17 May. After several days of intense cold, frost, snow, this anniversary evening restored all the beauty of spring, and in a most delightful frame of mind I took my accustomed walk, thanking the Giver of all good for the many blessings he has so liberally poured upon us. The evening was calm and serene, and the voice of woodland song alone broke the hallowed stillness of the air. The only new feature of any interest was the farm at Stowford, lately consumed by fire.

798 18 May. Walked with Diplock round Mrs. Webb's school.

799 19 May. Walked almost to Bratton with E. T. this Sunday afternoon.

800 20 May. Had an evening ride to Bratton in Cockrell's gig and rambled by the side of Luckham water till supper time, after which we returned by moonlight. The Chartists attempted to meet near Bath but were prevented by the military.

801 21 May. Whit Tuesday. Mounted Keats's van and rode to Westbury at half past nine. Had a sweet but hot walk to Chapmanslade, and walked back again after spending twenty pleasant minutes with the old couple. Found Westbury all alive, the clubs walking, with the clergy in front. Reached home by Keats soon after two o'clock. Went to tea party at Tabernacle, E. T. making tea.

802 24 May. Old Mrs. Friar of Holbrook died. Stratton and Tarr asked me to subscribe towards the police.

803 29 May. Revd. Mr. Jay came to investigate the truth of the reports afloat respecting Mr. Doney and Mary Vine which are now circulated in every direction.

804 30 May. Diplock gone to London on same business.

805 31 May. A requisition to the Lord Lieutenant in progress to appoint W. S. Junior a magistrate. The powers that be very active to get the police stationed here.

806 1 June. James H., J. T., E. T. and myself hired Laverton's gig and rode to Chapmanslade. The morning was cold and nature dry and barren for want of rain, which began to fall as we were on our way to Corsley church in the afternoon, after hearing Mr. Eacot at his chapel in the morning. The service at Corsley church was impressive as usual and Mr. Griffiths preached a sublime sermon on 'the peace of God which passeth all understanding'. On account of the rain we were obliged to leave E. T. at Chapmanslade and had a wet ride home by way of Beckington.

807 3 June. Heard that Mr. Doney died last night in Bath. (see May. 29 1839, April. 13 and April. 17 1837, Feb. 28 1836, Nov. 18 1835, etc. etc.).

808 4 June. Started off this fine afternoon to Chapmanslade by Taunton's cart, the vernal showers of the morning having bespangled the face of nature. Took refreshment at Rudge and arrived at Mr. Eacott's to tea, after which I had a walk to Corsley with him and E. T. and sat an hour with Mr. Taunton, who is invalided.

809 5 June. Accompanied by my wife and Mr. Eacot, I waited the arrival of the Bath van at the cross roads above the Black Dog, and after a delightful ride through Beckington, Norton, Hinton, Midford, Combe [Combe Down] and Widcomb reached Bath just in time to catch a Bristol coach, by which means I reached that city by noon. After the business of the day I sailed down the Avon in a wherry to Clifton and strolled upon St. Vincents Rocks above the observatory and reclined upon the turf, enjoyed the prospect which that eminence commands, bounded by the outline of the distant Cambrian mountains. Retired early to rest at the Star.

810 6 June. Left Bristol early by coach and spent the day in Bath, and closed this unsuccessful journey by returning home per boat in the evening. At Dundas a whole boarding school of boys was added to the cargo.

811 8 June. Rode to Westbury Leigh with John Noad and his wife in their caravan. Had a walk thence to Chapmanslade, after pausing for a brief space at the cross roads from whence I started on Wednesday morning.

812 9 June. Had a morning walk with E. T. to the old tower near Berkley, from which is a view of Frome. Returned just in time to Mr. Eacot's chapel to escape the rain which continued through the day at intervals. Went to Corsley church alone in the afternoon and heard Mr. Griffiths preach a first rate sermon on the 'Fullness of Christ'. Took tea at Mr. Wilkins at Chapmanslade after which the rain ceasing I set off for home through Westbury and reached it a little before 9 o'clock.

813 10 June. Carrier committed to Devizes prison. E. T. returned home by Neats, and we both attended the Baptist missionary meeting at Bethesda to hear Dr. Eustace Cary.

814 11 June. Concluded Southey's *Thalaba* and Wordsworth's *Ecclesiastical Sonnets*.

815 16 June. Attended Trowbridge new church this afternoon with James Hendy.

816 29 June. Walked to Holt this evening alone.

817 30 June. Went to Steeple Ashton church this afternoon with Diplock and James H.

818 3 July. This evening was an exact counterpart in every respect to that of July. 18 1838. E. T. called at Tellisford where a bride lay in the chamber of death.

819 6 July. Had a nice walk this evening with E. T. and Miss Poynter by Trowle Common and Wingfield – honeysuckle and ginger beer.

820 8 July. E. T. and others to tea at Mrs. Hall's. Poor concern.

821 11 July. After sundry impediments had been overcome, the rain having been blown away, and the clouds been lighted out of the atmosphere by the wind and sun, the undermentioned of whom the world is not worthy, took their departure in two aristocrational vehicles, the one commanded by the masculine Lucas and the other by Hall: the consumptive Mr. Offer and his two musical sons with their mama. Mr. Nelson Haden (who was exceedingly merry, considering the distance from Birmingham), his cousin Miss Nelson (the wrong one), my old woman and her sober companion Miss Pointon, the natty Mr. Edward Dyer and his Tregedar like sister, that tender lover Mr. Mark Newth, my beloved brother, that superannuated birch-wielder and his handsome daughter, whose charms kindle the fiery jealousy of competition between the sweet youth Doughty and the doughty Isaac Gregory, whose bald pate should teach him better manners, Diplock and his intellectual wife, two strange-looking strangers, the accomplished Miss Laverton, a few unworthy of being particularised with a small sprinkling of brats. Mrs. Gregory and her etc. s rode in their own conveyance, her husband on a rush tailed Rosinante. All the dogs of Bratton welcomed us with their 'most sweet voices', and many an intelligent rustic felt his hair become as the quills of the fretful porcupine, and opened his potato-trap so as to risk a lock-jaw, in amaze and wonderment at the sight of our goodly company. So mounted we the steep where the white horse shines afar, the ladies' garments waving gracefully in the blast, revealing many a leg and ankle which a waggon horse might have contemplated with envy. After a sumptuous dinner we betook ourselves to

cricket, at which we married men beat the boys by 41 to 38. The sky had been overcast for some time and ere we could reach our carriages we had to abide the pelting of the pitiless storm, and after almost rivalling the adventures of Noah, we descended into the plain like sponges into a basin. However we soon put ourselves under the protection of mine host of the Duke where, with the exception of a short walk, we spent the remainder of the evening, after which we returned by way of Steeple Ashton.

822 11 July. E. T. and Dad went to Mr. Verney's ordination at Frome. In the evening rode to Rode with J. T. in Marks's cart. Supped there at the Cross Keys. Good strong beer in plenty. Went off in high spirits by a new and delightful path winding by the river Frome through some of the most beautiful scenery of this part of the country. After slanting by farmer Bailey's at well known Tellisford, we struck off through Pomerrie [Pomeroy] wood to Wingfield whence we proceeded home through the fields and reached the Market Place at the same time as the party from Frome.

823 12 July. Felt the first advances of an attack of fever, brought on by the events of the week. Put myself on low diet, took physic freely and threw myself into a profuse perspiration.

824 14 July. Spent this Sunday in bed and applied six leeches to my temples, after which I rapidly recovered, without Dr. Cary's assistance. One of the friends of my early years called. (Mrs. Kent).

825 24 July. Went to Bath in Parker's boat with E. T., Laura and her classical mama. Soon after our arrival at the Seven Stars, the genius of this stormy month again poured down in pelting torrents, keeping all within doors except myself who did some good business at Prest's, Kemlett's and Shepherd's. During the temporary suspension of the rain in the afternoon we walked in the Victoria Park, where we found the scalding heat of the sun very oppressive, and returned into Milsom Street just in time to escape a shower: soon after which the pleasure seekers returned by boat tired and disappointed. This is the wettest July. I recollect, the hay rotting in the fields, and all nature presenting a cheerless and dripping appearance.

826 28 July. Ephraim Perkins preached for the first time at Tabernacle this evening. Last day of my Sunday school teaching.

827 1 Aug. Salutory change in the weather, this being the first fine day for weeks past. John Stancomb Junior married to Margaret [Stancomb] and left home for three weeks.

828 5 Aug. Left home on our anticipated excursion this afternoon, myself, two J.T.s and James H. and reached Bath by boat. After a hasty tea at Brinkworth's went on to Bristol by coach and slept at the Star.

829 6 Aug. Started before six in a wherry to meet the steamer, in which we sailed down the Avon at about seven. Had a smooth passage, the greatest novelties being a few porpoises which Dad remarked were 'as big as a jackass'. Reached Chepstow about ten whence, after a good breakfast at the White Hart, we started on the Tintern road. While Dad walked on, we went over Chepstow castle, a noble ruin which I omitted to see last year. We all reached the Wynd Cliff together, from whence we descended to the Moss Cottage and partook of Schweppe's lemonade. We then set off for Tintern, having in vain endeavoured to obtain some conveyance for Dad. We had a beautiful stroll over 'holy Tintern', but Dad interrupted the man in his eloquent narration of its early history by remarking 'What a nice crop of apples you have'. Leaving this unpoetic man in the alehouse to await the mailcoach, we again started for Monmouth with the river Wye for our companion, its banks fringed with majestic woods and changing its scenery at every turn of the road. Thus we passed through Brockweir and Llandogo, crossing the Wye at Bigsweir, and in company with a traveller in hardware whom we picked up on the road, reached Redbrook about six, quite exhausted. After a little rest we pushed on to the town of Monmouth which we reached before sunset. It is a neat, clean little place, with a statue of Henry the fifth on the town hall. Instead of betaking ourselves to an inn we foolishly hung about waiting for the mail, and stretched our weary limbs on a stone in the churchyard, near which flows the river Monow. What was our surprise, soon after, to see Dad approach, leaning on his umbrella having walked the whole way, more than twenty miles. We now adjourned to the Angel Inn to obtain supper and beds, where we met with indifferent accommodations and extravagant charges.

830 7 Aug. Rose early and walked through the principal streets. Stood on the banks of the Monow and surveyed the fine prospect enveloped in rain and fog. Had a view of Monmouth jail, the residence of Vincent and other Chartists. On returning to the market place heard the well known voice of Dad from the direction of the town hall announcing that a boy was passing with hot cakes. Secured some, when immediately the mail drove up by which we returned to Chepstow, having failed in procuring any conveyance to Cardiff. Had a very speedy but rainy drive through the beautiful scenery of yesterday to Tintern where we all dismounted, except Dad, to pursue our tour on foot, and after a tiresome and miry walk reached Chepstow at eleven, jaded and tired. There we encountered John and W. Offer, and afterwards breakfasted at the White Hart and spent the day by the river and the castle. Left at five in the steamer, on board of which were also Mr. Mann and Jos. Clark. We had a very rough passage, many being sick, myself almost included. On disembarking at Clifton, spoke for the first time to Mr. Mann. Went to tea at Olive's and so to bed.

831 8 Aug. J. E. Hayward married to Miss Eggar. We left Bristol at nine by coach for Clevedon, which, after a tiresome ride of fourteen miles through a dull country, we reached about twelve. It is a handsome, genteel place, and finely situated. After strolling by the shore for an hour, enjoying the fine sea

prospect and the refreshing breeze, we set off in quest of provisions, which after a long walk we succeeded in procuring, and made a hearty bread and cheese lunch. Spent the whole of the afternoon by the seaside, enjoying the lively sight of the return of the tide, and being rather rough, it formed quite a treat for us landsfolk as we watched its progress, seated on a stone, the waves clamouring at our feet and the spray occasionally dashing over us. As my ill stars would have it a young Bristol Jew, hight Solomons of Redcliff St., succeeded in persuading me and Jack to bathe, though his oratory was lost on J. Hendy, but I first set out in search of my umbrella, from which pursuit I returned heated and unsuccessful and plunged into the water, I suppose ere I had become sufficiently cool. By the time I left the bathing machine the coach was just starting. This was unfortunate, as a brisk walk might have counteracted the ill effects of this injudicious bathe. We reached Bristol about half past eight and immediately set off for Ryan's Amphitheatre, where the performances, which were certainly of the first order, detained us till nearly midnight.

832 9 Aug. Awoke with a dreadful headache, the harbinger of fever, which however went off after breakfast. Set to work to get orders, in which I was middling successful. Returned to Bath by Burrows and home by boat. Thus ended our memorable tour, having slept three nights out of four at Bristol. Ere we reached home I felt very unwell, and on arrival spent a miserable night, full of pains of body and dire forebodings of mind. So much for the health obtained by our journey.

833 10 Aug. Worse and worse. Confined to my bed Dr. Cary came.

834 11 Aug. Worse and worse. Dreadfully sick – took an emetic.

835 12 Aug. Sickness better. Fever worse.

836 13 Aug. Had on leeches.

837 15 Aug. Mark Newth married to Miss Brent at Bratton.

838 16 Aug. Rather better. Had on more leeches.

839 17 Aug. Through the goodness of Divine Providence, the fever is almost on the wane. This day I sent my resignation to Mr. Gregory as teacher in the Tabernacle Sunday school.

840 19 Aug. Mr. Mann called and saw me.

841 21 Aug. Gained strength fast – walked out in the garden. Mr. J. H. [John Henry] Webb married to Miss [Sarah] Perry at Bath.

842 23 Aug. E. T. to Castle Cary with her father etc. to return tomorrow.

Made my first appearance at the new counting house, they having removed during my illness. Slept tonight in my old room at Father's.

843 27 Aug. Entered the Literary and Scientific Institution.

844 30 Aug. Attended lecture at the British School on the Italian painters, Michael Angelo, Raphael etc.

845 4 Sept. Had a tremendous row with W. S.

846 8 Sept. Finished reading Montgomery. After dinner started off to Holt in company with E. T. and Dad, where we spent the afternoon and took tea at Sparks's, after which I heard Mr. Harvey the vicar of Bradford preach in Holt church. See Sept. 2 1838.

847 11 Sept. Finished reading Bracebridge Hall and began the Sketchbook.

848 12 Sept. Foundations of new church laid at Bradford. Went to Bath by boat. Mrs. Newth and Miss Newth on board. Changed Clark's Commentary away.

849 13 Sept. E. T. knocked up with a bad cold.

850 15 Sept. Found the canary dead. Began reading Cowper.

851 25 Sept. Went to Bath by boat with Sam Gayton. Dined at Brinkworth's and being disappointed in the nonarrival of the last nine Waverley novels left at two by coach for Bristol. Saw the first symptom of autumnal decay on the woods. Met Mrs. Hendy at Olive's. Spent the evening in book shop. On retiring to rest was horribly annoyed by drunken clubfellows.

852 26 Sept. Returned by Burrows. Had a pleasant ride home.

853 1 Oct. Had a beautiful ride to farmer Manley's of Hinton, this fine day having shone out like a meteor through the gloom of this rainy season. Had Laverton's gig and went with E. T., Dad and J. T. Henry Strugnell married at Bristol today.

854 3 Oct. Old Wicks married to Miss Varmin at Lullington.

855 6 Oct. Anniversary of our marriage. Heard Mr. Fulford afternoon at new church.

856 8 Oct. Young [Alfred Rouse] Dunn married to Joey Stancomb's daughter [Mary Ann]. New order of reading. Su. Cowper and Paley. Tu. Geography. Th. Rollin. At convenience Southey. Peter Pilgrim. Wordsworth. Spenser. St. Ronan's Well (See April. 7).

857 11 Oct. Finished reading Nicholas Nickleby and the Pickwick Papers, and began Capt. Marryat's 'Japhet in Search of a Father'.

858 14 Oct. Began breakfast hour walking with E. T.

859 18 Oct. Heard a lecture at the British School by Mr. J. W. [Joseph Whittaker] Stapleton on Baconian or inductive philosophy.

860 21 Oct. Though the morning was lowering and gloomy, we determined to have our autumnal walk. Accordingly set forth with E. T. about twelve through Little's fields, which we found in a dreadful miry state in the consequence of the late tremendous rainy season. Passing through Westwood we descended Iford hill, and came into full view of a most enchanting landscape, apparelled in all the gorgeous splendour of autumn. The appearance of a wood near Freshford was strikingly grand. A little rain overtook us in the beautiful meadows between Iford and Farley, but it ceased as we entered that village. After dining at Borlands we walked down the hill by old Thomas Read's and in the neighbourhood of the mansion, and never did we behold autumn in a more picturesque and characteristic form. We reached home before six (see March. 23). John Offer came to supper and made certain disclosures relative to himself and Miss [Anne] Dyke.

861 26 Oct. Concluded 'St. Ronan's Well' (see April. 7), also Wordsworth vol. five (see June. 11). Commenced vol. six and 'Tales of the Crusaders', 'The Betrothed'. Bought a razor and began to shave regularly.

862 27 Oct. Went to Bradley church afternoon with James H. A miserable young priest.

863 28 Oct. Concluded 'Southey's Madoc' (see June. 11) and commenced Southey's sixth volume.

864 29 Oct. To Bath per boat with Jabez Carpenter. Returned by Lucas.

865 30 Oct. Looked through Boccaccio's Decameron.

866 10 Nov. Heard Mr. [Alexander Benn] Russell for the first time at the new church this wet day.

867 12 Nov. Walked for the ninth day following round Studley fields by the inn.

868 13 Nov. To Bath by boat. Dined there, and to Bristol by coach. Being disappointed of attending Broadmead or Castle Green chapels, I saw wax work figures and transparencies instead. Slept at the Star.

869 14 Nov. Met with Tom Pearce in Bristol. Returned by coach. Settled

accounts with Appleby [bookseller], Bath, in exchange of Clark's Commentary.

870 16 Nov. Received Hume and Smollett's England from Bristol in exchange.

871 20 Nov. Week of revivalism at Tabernacle. Heard addresses this evening from Messrs. Gear (Bradford), Russell (Melksham), Owen (Bath).

872 21 Nov. Sir T. Champneys died at Orchardleigh. (see June. 30 1836, Sept. 27 1837).

873 27 Nov. Miss Parish to tea. Diplock came in – told of Higgins's misfortunes.

874 28 Nov. Concluded Spenser's Fairy Queen, Wordsworth's Poems, P. Pilgrim – sixth volume, Southey's poems.

875 29 Nov. Bought seals, ring and key of J. T. Heard lecture, British School, on poetry, by G. W. Hall Esq.

876 30 Nov. Commenced Peregrine Pickle, Coleridge's Poems, Ariosto and vol. one of Robert Hall, and Hume's England.

877 1 Dec. Winter order of reading: Su. Cowper and Paley. Tu. Geography. Th. Rollon's Ancient History. Fr. Hume's England. At convenience Southey, Peregrine Pickle, Coleridge, Ariosto, The Betrothed in Tales of the Crusades by Scott, R. Hall's Life and Works.

878 2 Dec. Heard an admirable lecture at Tabernacle on the state of Ireland.

879 13 Dec. Discontinued reading Peregrine Pickle.

880 14 Dec. Concluded vol. seven Southey. Began eighth. Concluded 'The Betrothed'. Began 'The Talisman'.

881 17 Dec. Book Society met at our house – a supper decided on.

882 21 Dec. John Haskins quitted W. and J. Stancomb's employ.

883 24 Dec. Mrs. Tarr died.

884 25 Dec. Christmas Day. Fine and mild – spent it as usual at Dad's. Young Laverton there. Fat beef made me sick in the night.

885 26 Dec. Finished our stock. Helped Mr. Hendy with his.

886 27 Dec. Had a miry walk this morning to Southwick, Hogginton and Wingfield, the incessant rains having made impassable bogs . . . Attended a

miserable lecture on astronomy at the British School by Butcher the bacon factor.

887 30 Dec. Christmas party, Mr. Hendy's. E. A. T., W. T., J. T., J. T. junior, Miss Barry, Wadman etc.

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888 1 Jan. Rose at six and attended a prayer meeting with E. T. Mr. Mann present and George Dennings and his dog. Walked round Newtown and reached counting house ere daylight. Miss Caroline Wheeler received a severe letter from Mark Newth at her tattling in reference to his sister Ann courting George Brent. J. T. junior and myself rode in W. S's carriage to Devizes sessions. After seeing Tom Hooper's trial we left the court and strolled about the town till four o'clock, when we returned. Mr. W. S. junior was expected to qualify, but he postponed it for six months. Miss Hannah Stancomb, Miss Gayton and Joshua Perkins admitted as members at Tabernacle – with others this evening!

889 2 Jan. Recommended the Globe paper and discontinued Wilts Herald. Also commenced the Wilts Independent and Devizes Gazette. Paid nearly my last visit to the rooms of the Literary and Scientific Institution, Silver Street.

890 6 Jan. Old Christmas Day. Annual party at our house.

891 8 Jan. Miss E. Parsons of Beckington (see Sept. 2 1836, Aug. 11 1837) who is shortly to be married, though in very bad health, came to dinner with Miss Brewer. E. T. took tea with them at Miss Poynton's whither I repaired at half past eight, and chaperoned the two first named ladies to Mrs. Brewer's in Newtown.

892 9 Jan. Strolled over Blackball fields of ice this morning.

893 10 Jan. Penny Postage commenced. Read Bulwer's 'Last days of Pompeii', Marryat's 'Midshipman Easy'. Old Dame Webb to supper.

894 13 Jan. Elected secretary to the London Missionary Society.

895 18 Jan. F. Wright married to Miss Jukes of Wilton.

896 22 Jan. Miss Parsons married. Finished reading Coleridge and Southey, vol. eight. Began nine.

897 25 Jan. High flood. It has rained with little intermission since July. last. Walked with J. T. to the Avon.

- 898** 28 Jan. Mr. Mann came to tea for the first time.
- 899** 29 Jan. To Bristol by Burrows. Met Mrs. E. Parsons in Clare Street. Slept at Olive's. E. T. proposed as a member tonight at Tabernacle.
- 900** 30 Jan. Returned to Bath by Hawkins. White frost. Met thirteen coaches. Wet evening. Returned by Lucas with Mr. Rennison of Bradford.
- 901** 31 Jan. Mr. Walton came to tea this evening. E. T. made an extraordinary disclosure relative to the feelings of a particular friend of hers towards J. T.
- 902** 3 Feb. Went to missionary prayer meeting. Installed secretary.
- 903** 9 Feb. J. T. went to Edington church on matrimonial thoughts intent, and boldly followed home the old miller and his daughter.
- 904** 10 Feb. Wedding day of Her Majesty and Prince Albert. Not celebrated here on account of a threatened Chartist meeting in favour of Frost etc. etc. Tead and supped at W. H. The rural police had been introduced some time before.
- 905** 14 Feb. Ceased to be a member of the Literary and Scientific Institution.
- 906** 15 Feb. Had poor puss drowned by the weirs.
- 907** 16 Feb. Went to Hilperton with Diplock this afternoon. Heard poor old Bails preach.
- 908** 17 Feb. Heard very unwelcome news from Stone and Gibson, Bristol.
- 909** 19 Feb. Concluded Capt. Marryat's 'Peter Simple'.
- 910** 21 Feb. Concluded vol. nine Southey and began vol. ten. Also concluded Scott's 'Talisman' and began 'Chronicles of the Canongate'.
- 911** 22 Feb. Went to Mrs. Hall for J. T. on the look out for Miss C. — no go.
- 912** 23 Feb. This frosty afternoon walked to Holt with James H. and returning to Staverton church heard Prettiman, who made a sad mess of it.
- 913** 24 Feb. Concluded Ainsworth's 'Jack Sheppard'. W. S. offered Dad several shares in United States bonds.
- 914** 26 Feb. E. T. became a member at Tabernacle. James H. slept here.
- 915** 27 Feb. Began vol. two of Rollin. W. S. gave E. T. Rogat's Golden Treasury.

- 916** 29 Feb. Present of glasses from W. H. Gave J. S. [John Samuel] Tucker order to alter bookcase.
- 917** 1 Mar. Spring reading: Su. Paley and Cowper; Tu. Geography; Th. Rollin; Fr. Hume and Goldsmith's England. At convenience – Southey; Ariosto; Scott's Chronicles of the Canongate; Hall's works. Walked to Bradley with James H. and J. T., thence returned Yarnbrook and down Ashton Hill and so home. Very cold wind.
- 918** 2 Mar. Paid wedding visit to Mr. and Mrs. Wright. Dad's Illinois bonds arrived.
- 919** 3 Mar. Revd. John P. Clark married [to Emma Hannam]. A sorry, shabby business. Revd. W. Walton had a seious accident at Clifton.
- 920** 6 Mar. Took our first evening spring walk on the Hilperton Marsh road.
- 921** 8 Mar. Went to Bradford church this afternoon with James H. the fieldway. Heard Mr. Meech of Turleigh. Returned roadway.
- 922** 11 Mar. Miss Tidcomb and Anna Maria to dinner, tea and supper. Potts, Carrier and Roberts sentenced to two years imprisonment.
- 923** 15 Mar. First rain since the 18th February.
- 924** 21 Mar. Followed J. T. to f. F's [farmer Fryer] where I spent the evening. Brought him to J. M. P. at the poor crater's request. He conducted her home without popping the question.
- 925** 23 Mar. Bookcase removed to be enlarged. Took books upstairs.
- 926** 24 Mar. Book Society sale at Brown's. Laid out twenty nine shillings and nine pence.
- 927** 25 Mar. Miss Tidcomb's visit discontinued, consequently James H's nightly visits.
- 928** 31 Mar. To Bath by Lucas, Bristol by coach. Went to theatre. Slept at Olive's.
- 929** 1 April. Found trade miserably bad. Returned inside coach to Bath. W. S. junior then mounted the outside. Nelson H. supper.
- 930** 2 April. Finished Rory O' More and concluded the last vol. of Southey's Poetical Works.
- 931** 7 April. Had a rough windy walk to Miss Woodfins, Bradley, with G. N.

Haden after the missionary box.

- 932** 10 April. Received and opened missionary boxes in school room.
- 933** 12 April. Missionary sermons preached at Tabernacle by Revd. J. Seaborn.
- 934** 13 April. Annual missionary meeting Tabernacle. Collected in the gallery.
- 935** 15 April. Leaped over hurdles. F. F. with J. T. Commenced 'Fair Maid of Perth'.
- 936** 17 April. Good Friday. J. T., Dad, W. H. and J. H. to Frome.
- 937** 18 April. Bookcase brought back enlarged from Tuckers. Spent the evening replacing books.
- 938** 20 April. Easter Monday. W. H. and wife to London. J. T. and J. C. Offer to the theatre, Bath. W. S. junior and J. S. junior on Court Leet. Walked round Miss Webb's school with E. T. in the evening. Very cold wind.
- 939** 21 April. To Bath by boat with E. T. and Dad. Met J. T. and J. C. O. there. J. T. bought a piano for eight pounds. We all dined and tead at Seven Stars. Dad bought me a handsome stock. Returned by boat which was dreadfully crowded. Walked home from Bradford. John Clark married.
- 940** 24 April. Paid Fifty Three pounds, eight shillings and four pence into the bank for the missionary society.
- 941** 25 April. Heard the cuckoo first time. Saw lads bathing. Most delightful weather day after day.
- 942** 26 April. Tead at Dad's with Laura, Anna Maria and James.
- 943** 27 April. Went to Sparks, Holt, this evening with Diplock.
- 944** 28 April. Poor D's wife produced her sixth brat. (see March. 14 1839).
- 945** 29 April. First twist evening this season. Went with J. T., E. and Dad round Esq. Long's and supped at the upper shop after a delightful walk through the park.
- 946** 30 April. Beautiful day – strong, healthy and sunburnt. Laid on the grass, watching the clouds and reading Tasso.
- 947** 1 May. Concluded Ariosto. Commenced Hunt's Indicator and Hogg's poems. J. P. S. confined by rheumatism till the 9th instant.

948 3 May. Went to Westwood church this afternoon with J. T. and James H. Saw the ruins of the house just burnt and heard Mr. Longman improve the event. Meeting with Matthew Newth, he accompanied us through Iford to Farley which we found full of the scum of Trowbridge, drinking and swearing. Took tea at Borlands and then walked round Esq. Houlton's house and gardens. Returned by Westwood lane and across the fields home.

949 6 May. Heard astounding news from G. N. H. of his false fair one. Wrote a hymn for the Sunday school. Had a delightful walk this evening with J. T. through Biss, the woods ringing with music and the thirsty land rejoicing in sudden vernal showers.

950 8 May. R. Scott at counting house. G[eorge] Denning died.

951 9 May. F. Wright informed me of his intended removal to Stroud. Accompanied Miss Sparks to Holt in the evening.

952 10 May. Left home solus at half past eight and proceeded through Hilperton and Whaddon across the fields, resting on many stiles, listening to the Sabbath bells of Holt and Melksham. Entering Melksham churchyard at half past ten, got to the chapel after an absence of thirteen and a half years. Heard the R. ev. Don Quixote. At noon went up to the Spa and thence across by the canal to Semington, where I dined on an emmet bank near the workhouse. Got home by three. Mrs. John Hayward, Mrs. Ben Moore, Mrs. John Warburton confined.

953 12 May. To Bristol by coach with W. H. and sold eight ends fancy out of fourteen. Dined at Star. To Bath by Devizes coach. Home by Burrows with Mrs. Brown.

954 13 May. Heard a splendid sermon at Tabernacle by Mr. James Stratton on spiritual liberty.

955 14 May. Had a delightful walk up Drynham lane to Biss with E. and Dad, gathering May and listening to woodland music, the country being like paradise owing to the late showers, after uninterrupted dry weather since eighteenth of February. John P. Stancomb went to Clevedon for his health.

956 17 May. Started at quarter before seven this Sunday on my annual walk. In its course met scarce an individual. At its farthest extent I sat listening to the waterfall and the song of the nightingale. Returned grateful and calm, with a sprig of May in my hand. Met Mullings returning from Warburton's chapel.

957 18 May. Went round Blackball with J. C. Offer, talking of the issue of G. N. H. 's amour.

958 20 May. To Bath by Lucas with two Hilperton women. Dined with W. H. at Seven Stars. Returned by boat with two Bradford women.

959 22 May. Walked to Hilperton and almost to Whaddon this lovely evening with E., returning by the lane into Marsh and so home.

960 24 May. Felt indications of approaching indisposition. Had a cheerless walk with E. after dinner round Studley fields. My hymn was sung at Tabernacle this evening by the Sunday school.

961 25 May. Got up ill, but by medicine and abstinence, through God's blessing, escaped the fever and got well in a few days.

962 27 May. E. attended by Dr. Cary for indigestion.

963 30 May. Sold Dad two pictures and helped put them up.

964 1 June. Summer reading: Su. Paley or Cowper; M. Geography and Hogg's poems; Tu Rob. Hall's works; W. Chronicles of the Canongate – The Fair Maid of Perth; Th. Rollin's Ancient History; Fri. Hume's England; Sa. Hunt's Indicator. Had in a stock of wine and gin.

965 2 June. E. T. got a decided understanding through Dad about J. T. for M. P. at Mrs. Hughes request.

966 3 June. J. P. Stancomb and family returned from Clevedon.

967 4 June. Turned the passage to a Red Sea by breaking a gallon jar of port. Soon after noon started with W. H. and Frome Rawlins per waggon and arrived at the Black Swan, Frome, after a rainy journey, about two. After a tedious detention we reached the Marston Arms about four. The prospect from the garden of this inn is extremely beautiful, embracing Lord Cork's fine estate. Reached Shepton Mallet at seven and went with Mr. Heath and a wooden-legged clerk over the church. The town has one good street, but is mean and uninteresting. Had a dull, dark, wet ride to the city of Wells and put up at the King's Arms, and after a hearty tea reached bed by twelve.

968 6 June. Rose a quarter before six and accompanied W. H. to the cheesemarket. Soon left him, and entering under an arch, came in full view of the magnificent cathedral. It being utterly in vain for me to attempt any description of this noble pile, the verdant lawns around it, intersected with gravel walks and surrounded by umbrageous elms, the splendid palace of the bishop, the embowering shades, fairy recesses and ornamental waters in its vicinity, dotted with swans. I must be content with treasuring up in my memory a supply for future years. After breakfast it was my privilege to enter within the precincts of the cathedral. It was a novel sight to behold the choristers and canons in their white surplices, surrounded by appendages of

ancient beauty and glory, the voices of the boys almost countenancing the idea that the aisles and transepts of the 'olden fane' were haunted by the voices of the innumerable company of angels. We left Wells soon after twelve, but the glorious scenery in which it dwells continued in sight for many miles as we laboured up several steep ascents, nor was it till after we had left Shepton that the antique towers of the cathedral and church ceased to be visible. Upon halting at the Marston Arms, we struck across the park of the estate to the steward's house in the midst of that charming spot. The rain now coming on, we hastened to Frome where we took up the erudite slubber Morris. Our waggon reached home a quarter past ten.

969 9 June. Whit Tuesday. Received drawback at the George, and then set off for Bath amid descending torrents which ceased on reaching Bradford, from whence had a delightful walk through Turley and Winsley. Dined at Stoke by the side of a spring. Reached Bath by four. Got books from Bartlett. Returned by boat, which was crowded. Joined by Dad and J. T. at Dundas. Walked home from Bradford.

970 10 June. Frame and Daniels clapped my name on window tax rates. To Wingfield afternoon with Dad and James H. Tead at Huntley's and supped at the watercress bed, Farley. Clarks and Perkins's there.

971 11 June. E. H. bled by Dr. Cary. Mrs. Cooke present.

972 14 June. Walked with J. T. and James H. to Whaddon this afternoon. Took refuge in the church from a thunderstorm.

973 16 June. W. S. junior gave a dinner to the Friendly Society in the Conigre.

974 18 June. Started by Keats at five p. m. to Westbury, had a hurried walk thence to Chapmanslade and back. Dame Eacot declined receiving E. Reached home by nine, exceptionally thirsty.

975 19 June. E. T. decided on going to farmer Manley's instead [at Great Hinton].

976 23 June. Quarterly meeting of the Reading Society at Westwood – Great I in the chair. Walked there with J. Moore, W. Moore and J. T. Played rounders ere we commenced business. Returned in Mr. Gregory's gig.

977 26 June. Bade F. Wright farewell. He left next morning for Stroud.

978 28 June. J. T. and Dad to Bratton. Dash on our hands all day.

979 29 June. Public meeting to congratulate the Queen and Prince Albert on their escape. Books came from Tegg. Feverish about buying new novels. Every morning this week went round Blackball hatches before breakfast.

- 980** 30 June. W. S. junior qualified as a county magistrate at Warminster.
- 981** 6 July. Mr. Coombs [John Coombs, clothier] of Bratton died in the morning, [William] Perkins Esq. in the evening.
- 982** 7 July. Left for Bath by boat. Heavy rain on arrival. Toiled there all day and sold nothing. Bought fine lot of books at Bartlett [bookseller]. By coach to Bristol – passed W. H. at Keynsham. Slept at Olives; finely served out by bugs. Roberts the Chartist liberated from jail.
- 983** 8 July. Trade very bad in Bristol. Left by Burrows inside, W. S. junior outside. Rode outside from Bath amid torrents.
- 984** 9 July. Left Trowbridge by pillbox from Hilperton Lane with E. Reached farmer Manley's at half past eight. Slept there.
- 985** 10 July. Half past five, started the road way from Hinton and down the Green Lane to the counting house. Was in the Courts by half past six. Billeted at Dad's.
- 986** 11 July. Returned to Hinton same way. Met E. and her juvenile attendant cowering in the ditch from a slight shower.
- 987** 12 July. Walked with E. in the fields by the house till time for Keevil church whither we went attended by the plaguey granddaughter. Church pretty, parson passable, singing execrable. Three pm. Had another walk in the neighbourhood, and from one field saw Hilperton church, Semington church and workhouse, Phillip's factory, Melksham, the Spa, Sandridge Tower and Beckford's pillar. Half past five. Started for Steeple Ashton church, similarly accompanied –the first evening service there.
- 988** 13 July. Half past six. Went home down Green Lane. In the evening went into Besser's who agreed to allow paint for passage.
- 989** 14 July. Had a delightful walk to Hinton through Hammeracre [Armouracre] and Steeple Ashton, gathering fine honeysuckle. Met E. and the brat.
- 990** 15 July. Awakened at midnight by the cur. Half past six went home down Green lane – Two thousand five hundred steps. Made out Wansey interim account one fifty six pounds odd. Played ball all the evening in Moore's orchard. Dad rode to Hinton. Supped with J. C. Offer. W. S. junior agreed with Mr. Haden about a steam engine.
- 991** 16 July. Six pm. Went to Hinton by way of Hilperton and Deadman's Lane. Met E. and her familiar. Found farmer Manley feeding pigs.

992 17 July. Six am. Returned home through Coldharbour gate and the fields at the foot of the hill, which led into the road by the lane which brings into the fields at the foot of Quarter Way Lane. Proceeded to counting house across Lower Court.

993 19 July. Started for Hinton at a quarter before nine am to Hammeracre, then turned to the left instead of crossing the road. Met Manley's car near Coldharbour. Amid pouring rain went and returned solus from Keevil church, where a very decent man officiated. We all went to Steeple Ashton chapel at six o'clock in the caravan and heard Mr. Watson of Westbury.

994 20 July. Returned home at six am down the Green lane with a Chivaler mower.

995 21 July. To Bath per Lucas amid summer showers for books at Bartletts. Returned by mail cart and enjoyed the refreshing influence of the rain, restoring greenness and beauty to the scorched landscape. Reached home by half past three.

996 22 July. Went to Hinton over Agg [Hag] Hill. Missed E. but after met her in the lane. Rest disturbed by ghost, or something else.

997 23 July. Returned at seven am through Paxcrate [Paxcroft] and Hilperton.

998 24 July. Went with Laura, J. T. and Dad after E. Up Rood Ashton hill in gig. Thus ceased her stay of fifteen days, every time I having gone a different way.

999 26 July. Put on slight mourning for Mr. P [Perkins] X visibly so so.

1000 29 July. Revd. Mr. Stenner of Holt and Miss Sparks at ours.

1001 30 July. Commenced new and last catalogue of books.

1002 1 Aug. Bought Pickwick Papers of Doughty. He leaves Trowbridge Monday. Recommended the Globe newspaper.

1003 4 Aug. J. T. departed on his route to Cardiff, Newport, Chepstow and Tintern.

1004 5 Aug. Poor fair. Dined at Dad's with old Brent.

1005 6 Aug. To Bath with E. and Dad, the former to purchase goods for a certain occasion. Dined at Seven Stars. At three pm left for Dundas where we took tea and spent a delightful afternoon, and supped at W. H. 's.

1006 7 Aug. Disappointed of going on Bratton hills by rain. Spent the afternoon

in proceeding with book list. Six pm bathed in canal with Diplock.

1007 12 Aug. Had a row with Diplock about his bad binding.

1008 13 Aug. Received a dividend of twelve shillings from Stone and Gibson.

1009 15 Aug. Informed Polly she must leave soon.

1010 16 Aug. At six pm went to Hilperton alone in slippers. About this time had several early morning walks over Blackball hatches, once with John Bannister.

1011 17 Aug. Very unwell for a day or two. Masons getting on with the new steam house.

1012 21 Aug. Mr. and Mrs. Besser went to Swansea and Ilfracombe.

1013 22 Aug. W. S. junior courts Miss [Bridget Downing Bowles] Hare of Bristol.

1014 24 Aug. Went to Farley this evening in Laverton's gig with E., J. T., and Miss Poynton. Supped at Borland's and took shrub.

1015 25 Aug. W. S. again offered me Lawson's house. No go.

1016 26 Aug. E. agreed to have Caroline Chislett.

1017 28 Aug. Had a long walk solus this evening through Bradley and Hawkeridge. Got into the letter M in my new catalogue. New steam chimney ascending. X widening. Glorious season for the harvest, now nearly over.

1018 31 Aug. Great Western Railway opened from Bath to Bristol. Commenced reading *Rienzi*.

1019 1 Sept. Autumnal reading: Su. R. Hall and Cowper, M. Rienzi, Tu. Geography, W. Elliott's poems, Th. Fair Maid of Perth, F. Hume's England and Rollin's History, Sa. Hunt's Indicator. Commenced Elliott's poems. Party to the hills and another nutting. Went to neither. Commenced reading Ebenezer Elliott's poetical works.

1020 2 Sept. Nurse Little called on E. Reached P in new catalogue.

1021 3 Sept. Miss Chislett commenced her stated labour.

1022 5 Sept. Miss Williams consequently took her farewell. Begun S.

1023 6 Sept. Had a hot but lovely walk this morning with J. T. to Farley

church – no service there. Went to Tellisford – none there either. We consequently read the church service amid the solitude of nature, surrounded by sublime scenery. We afterwards dined near the watercress bed at Farley and then wended homewards through Wingfield churchyard.

1024 8 Sept. Went to Bath by coach with W. H. and Lucre, and to Bristol by railway in twenty one minutes. Liked it extremely, the variety of rocks and plains, nocturnal caverns and sunlit hills suiting my varying mood. Reached Bath by same means. On returning had Eugene Aram and the Epicurean from Bartlett's. G. N. Haden and J. C. Offer gone to Glasgow.

1025 13 Sept. This Sunday afternoon went through Long's park with J. T. and James H.

1026 15 Sept. To Bath by boat with Knee, Mark Newth and his wife. Dined at [Seven] Stars. Returned by Lucas with cargo of old dames and slew a horse.

1027 16 Sept. Fall out between James P. and David F. Hart absconded.

1028 18 Sept. Tremendous frost. New arrangement with drawers.

1029 21 Sept. Anniversary of Sir Walter Scott's death in 1832. Finished his works in catalogue.

1030 22 Sept. Took very ill this morning. Proposed books in the quarterly meeting at J. T.

1031 24 Sept. After a fortnight's excruciating toothache, E. submitted to extraction. Oh what a night was the last!

1032 25 Sept. J. P. S. and his wife in London. W. S. 's lass here visiting.

1033 26 Sept. Finished S in catalogue.

1034 28 Sept. W. H. and family came to tea and supper.

1035 30 Sept. A. M. Hendy went to Glastonbury as a teacher.

1036 2 Oct. Bought sofa at Harding's and ordered bedstead of Simons.

1037 3 Oct. Finished taking my stock. Sold diamond to W. H.

1038 4 Oct. After breakfasting at our house, J. T. proceeded with me through Holt to Broughton church, and on our deliverance from the prosy inflictions of the miserable incumbent we dined (frugally enough) at a cider shop in this insufferably dull village. We then obtained a view of that delightful edifice

Frying Pan farm (J.T.'s in perspective) and thence entered Melksham by way of Shaw and took refuge in the churchyard from a heavy shower. We then returned home by four pm through Semington and Hilperton. W. S. junior this day renounced nonconformity by being christened at Wingfield church.

1039 5 Oct. E. agreed with Mrs. Chislett for the service of her accomplished daughter – her splendid salary to commence from this day.

1040 6 Oct. Anniversary of a certain day in 1835. Went with J.T. to Hanckley [Avoncliff] by boat, thence on foot through the lovely scenery of Freshford, which village we thoroughly explored, discovering beauties we had previously no idea of having existed there. We then pursued a path which led behind the two factories and then skirted the edge of Priory Wood to Iford, from which we passed on to Farley and home ere seven. Concluded catalogue of books, commenced July. 30th.

1041 8 Oct. W. S. junior confirmed at Trowbridge church.

1042 14 Oct. Accompanied by Dash and J. T. went to Westbury by Keats's, thence to the White Horse, from which we saw the sun set, the atmosphere, even on that eminence, being perfectly still and the prospect completely obscured. After a tiring, bickering and foot-blistering walk through Bratton, Edington and Tinhead, the silver queen of night arose in all her majesty, and by the light of her beams we soon reached Steeple Ashton, where we availed our weary limbs of a returning fly to reach home. The progress of the new chimney was impeded by an accident, which incapacitated the chief workman for future labours.

1043 15 Oct. Heard that Mr. Eacot is leaving Chapmanslade. Morris committed for receiving stolen wool.

1044 18 Oct. Walked to Farleigh church this cloudy autumnal morning with J. T. and W. H. Offer. Sat in the gallery and heard a middling sermon from an indifferent parson. Dined at the watercress cottage where sundry vagabonds were playing havoc among the walnut trees. Walked home through Wingfield churchyard. Heard Mr. Walton evening.

1045 20 Oct. About this time read Ormond and Koningsmarke.

1046 22 Oct. Dad lent T. Day seventy pounds. Began taking brandy and salt. Laura discontinuing coming to school, received a present.

1047 27 Oct. To Bath with W. H. by coach, thence by first class railway train to Bristol. Dined together at Star. Returned alone by second class to Bath, and got J. H.'s chamber volumes from Bartlett's. Returned home inside coach with the charming Miss Cadby.

- 1048** 30 Oct. Front room upstairs prepared for an expected event.
- 1049** 3 Nov. Spent in Bath: trade dull. Went and returned by boat with Gunning.
- 1050** 5 Nov. Commenced winter walks through Studley fields.
- 1051** 6 Nov. Changed R. Hall's works etc. with W.H. Offer for Penny Magazine.
- 1052** 7 Nov. Rearranged bookcase. Sold Saturday Magazines to Dad.
- 1053** 9 Nov. Changed Coleridge Zillah, St. Pierre etc. away with J.T.
- 1054** 12 Nov. Mr. Boucher and Mr. Offer chosen deacons at Tabernacle.
- 1055** 15 Nov. E. went out to chapel last time ere a certain event.
- 1056** 17 Nov. Mr. Mann came to tea. Asked me to join Congregational library.
- 1057** 18 Nov. Anniversary at Tabernacle. Heard Mann, Verney and Elliott.
- 1058** 19 Nov. Finished Rienzi. Involuntarily xd for the first time.
- 1059** 21 Nov. The Princess Royal born, ten minutes before two pm.
- 1060** 23 Nov. Commenced Anastasius and Philip Augustus.
- 1061** 28 Nov. Walked to Bath through Bradford, Turley, Winsley and Conkwell and Dundas. Bought T. Moore's works. Returned by boat. Mr. Wingrove [Benjamin Wingrove, surveyor] died, also Mr. Stone [Henry Stone].
- 1062** 3 Dec. X taken unwell early this morning. Continued to grow worse through the forenoon. At three pm Nurse Little was summoned, and in due time Mrs. Hendy and Miss Pointon joined her and C. Wheeler. At nine Dr. Cary arrived.
- 1063** 4 Dec. Emily junior born a quarter before seven this morning. Miss Wheeler first announced the event . . . After an early breakfast with the doctor, I communicated the intelligence to Miss Poynton, Mr. Hendy and the other grandsire, and at a half past eight strolled through the frosty morning air to Dame Woodward on same errand. First beheld the juvenile between nine and ten.
- 1064** 6 Dec. The whole of the Hendy family in the sick chamber. Laura and Dame W. stayed to tea.
- 1065** 7 Dec. Heard of Mrs. Manley's sister's death.

- 1066** 9 Dec. Began preliminary steps to stock taking.
- 1067** 10 Dec. E. first sat up. Visitors began to pour in.
- 1068** 11 Dec. E. able to hear Humphrey's Clock read.
- 1069** 13 Dec. E. relapsed. Attacked by severe pain in hip and leg.
- 1070** 15 Dec. Attended Book Society meeting at Mr. Besser's.
- 1071** 16 Dec. E. much worse. J. Tucker knocked up with a bad leg. Very snowy day. Sold W. H. four ends. Anna Maria came home.
- 1072** 17 Dec. From this time to the close of the year E. had sitters up viz. Caroline, Mrs. Cook, Ann Angel, Mrs. Hendy, Mrs. Boucher and Miss Poynton who proves herself a friend in need.
- 1073** 18 Dec. Suspended regular reading under present circumstances.
- 1074** 20 Dec. E. very ill indeed – so much so that in the evening dreadful anticipations were entertained. I fetched Dr. Cary in haste, and he ordered means which removed immediate danger. This was a serious Sabbath eve indeed.
- 1075** 23 Dec. E. gradually improves but her leg is dreadfully bad.
- 1076** 25 Dec. No work today. A new era. No family party today. Went to church morning with J. T. A gloomy Christmas for us.
- 1077** 29 Dec. Stocktaking being finished went to Bath by Lucas. Bought Chamber's Journals. Returned on foot through Stoke, Turley etc. E. still improves.
- 1078** 31 Dec. A month's severe frost broke up. New deacons installed at Tabernacle.

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- 1079** 1 Jan. Entered into a prolonged agreement with Nurse Little, her month being expired.
- 1080** 3 Jan. Young E. came downstairs for the first time. Her mother sat up to dinner.
- 1081** 4 Jan. Prospects are darker again, one leg getting well and the other bad. Felt exceedingly dispirited and low. J. T. started off this morning to Dointon.

- 1082** 8 Jan. Agreed to continue the Devizes and Wilts Gazette.
- 1083** 9 Jan. In my usual Saturday walk round Studley fields slid upon eight ponds.
- 1084** 10 Jan. E. continues as undisposed as ever – what will become of us?
- 1085** 11 Jan. Dad presented me with three pounds towards our expences, besides allowing Caroline Wheeler to spend nearly all her time at our house.
- 1086** 16 Jan. Tremendous thaw, causing the highest flood known for nineteen years.
- 1087** 18 Jan. C. W. agreed with Mary White to come in lieu of nurse Little.
- 1088** 21 Jan. Mary White came. Waited on Mr. Mann in the vestry.
- 1089** 22 Jan. Bought two black cassimeres of S. Brown. Made new regulation with W. H. about the shopbook. Felt very disgusted at his charging for eels.
- 1090** 25 Jan. Row at shop about Dad's error in weighing three bags.
- 1091** 26 Jan. To Bath by coach with James Haden and England. Thence by eleven o'clock train to Bristol, where I did a good day's business and spent the evening from seven to twelve at the theatre, enjoying the unparalleled acting of young Kean as Hamlet. Had a miserable night's lodging at the Star, a young man from Shaftesbury in the other bed.
- 1092** 27 Jan. Returned to Bath by ten. J. T. drove his cousin to Devizes School.
- 1095** 5 Feb. Mary Stancomb married to Mr. [William] Fowler. Mr. Wheeler at shop.
- 1096** 10 Feb. Sold several lots of books to different people.
- 1097** 15 Feb. Ordered Gibbon of Tegg. Sold Grant's Sketches. Circular from Harding Cox of Shaw about Rowland, who is ruined.
- 1098** 16 Feb. Emmy vaccinated in both arms by Dr. Cary. Attended annual meeting of L. and S. I. Jack Clark in the chair. E. gave warning to Caroline Chislett.
- 1099** 18 Feb. E. first went out of doors since her confinement.
- 1100** 21 Feb. Mr. Mann's preaching duller and duller. Walked round Ladydown with James H. and J. T. Sold Byron, six vols, to J. Hendy.

- 1101** 23 Feb. To Bath by boat with prosy revolutionary James Rawlings. Bought Byron and Crabbe complete. Got very ill after dinner and reached home in a high state of fever arising from a cold. Passed a dreadful night, but through providence escaped after a few days' indisposition.
- 1102** 24 Feb. Sold J. T. my edition of Crabbe in five volumes.
- 1103** 25 Feb. E. agreed with Mrs. Huntley for her stepdaughter to come.
- 1104** 27 Feb. Caroline Chislett left.
- 1105** 28 Feb. E. attended chapel this morning (first time).
- 1106** 1 Mar. Spring reading – Su. Cowper, M. Devereux, Tu. Geography, Hunt's Indicator, W. Elliott, Th. Rollin, F. Hume, Sa. Anastasius.
- 1107** 4 Mar. Mr. John Read died.
- 1108** 6 Mar. Poor dog Dash died suddenly.
- 1109** 9 Mar. Mary White left. Polly came for ten days.
- 1110** 11 Mar. Beautiful morning ride to Bath by coach. Thence to Bristol by railway with Foley. Returned same way.
- 1111** 12 Mar. Emily Junior troubled by a bad cold and scorbutic eruption.
- 1112** 13 Mar. Beautiful spring weather. Gathered first violets.
- 1113** 14 Mar. Walked in Ben Edwards's garden, Hilperton, with him and Diplock.
- 1114** 15 Mar. Made a penny per yard agreement with W. H.
- 1115** 17 Mar. Timbrell's Shrubbery closed to violet gatherers.
- 1116** 19 Mar. Miss Delilah Huntley the new girl came.
- 1117** 20 Mar. Sold Scott's poetry to J. T., the seven vol. edition (French).
- 1118** 22 Mar. Anniversary meeting of Missionary Society at Tabernacle – complete failure. E. had tooth drawn again.
- 1119** 23 Mar. Bought Mrs. Heman's four volumes and Hewitt's Seasons at Book Meeting.
- 1120** 25 Mar. Walked to Bath with J. T. through Turley, Stoke etc. over old

bridge. Dined at Reeves. Returned by boat.

1121 26 Mar. T. Day very ill all this week and next. J. P. Stancomb removed into Hilperton Lane. Dad declined Louisa Tucker's visit.

1122 28 Mar. Tabernacle shut for cleaning. Went to church.

1123 30 Mar. Sold twenty volumes of Waverley novels to S. Brown.

1124 31 Mar. Laura H. went to Miss Cooper's school.

1125 2 April. Fire at Mr. Townsend's, Market Place [Three Tuns and Bowl Inn. Cellar, storeroom and beer destroyed].

1126 3 April. Concluded my annual winter walks round Studley fields.

1127 7 April. Had our babe christened at church this morning by the name of Emily by Mr. Fulford at the same time as Walter Newth's son. Her sponsors were her parents and Mrs. Hendy. Attended morning prayers previously, and in the evening had a family supper, when her grandfather T. gave her some silver bells.

1128 9 April. Good Friday. Made usual sonnet.

1129 14 April. Nelson Haden disclosed to me his feelings towards M. P. [Mary Poynton] and his consequent intentions. This unexpected, (but nevertheless suitable) match will cause a considerable interruption to the intimate and unrestricted connection subsisting between M. P. and E. (see Jan. 31 1840).

1130 17 April. Nelson Haden made an offer to M. P. which did not meet with a refusal.

1131 18 April. We went, bab and all, to W. H. to tea and supper.

1132 19 April. Agreed for D. Huntley to leave, but this determination was postponed for the present.

1133 20 April. Altered hymn for Tabernacle.

1134 22 April. Sold S. Brown all my Waverley novels to make room for the new edition.

1135 27 April. To Bath by Lucas, thence by rail to Bristol, and slept at the Seven Stars for the last time? No.

1136 28 April. Murdered five bugs at three a. m. Returned home by railway and coach – the country beautiful.

- 1137** 29 April. Had a fortnight's teetotalism.
- 1138** 1 May. Walked this evening on Ashton bridge, where we met by chance eleven years ago.
- 1139** 2 May. Miss Sparks came this Sunday, uninvited and unwished.
- 1140** 3 May. Showed Mr. Love some of my books at Counting House.
- 1141** 9 May. Nelson Haden and Miss P. tead together with us.
- 1142** 10 May. Had a long walk with J. T. and Harry T., by Esq. Long's, up a long winding lane almost into Ashton.
- 1143** 11 May. Dined at W. Stancomb Esq. with him and J. P. S. Esq. Dad and J. T. were of the party.
- 1144** 13 May. Pepper the dog banished for duck killing.
- 1145** 14 May. Had a lovely walk this evening through Bradley solus.
- 1146** 15 May. W. S. proposed my travelling to Manchester etc.
- 1147** 16 May. Went with J. T. through Hilperton and Whaddon by the field way which led to Melksham church, where we heard the Revd. George Hume. Afterwards we dined on a tree near the canal and walked home from Semington up the lane by the workhouse.
- 1148** 17 May. Took my annual walk this evening. After a storm the setting sun burst forth gloriously, and a resplendent rainbow arched the dense map of clouds. The dirty road quite fagged me.
- 1149** 19 May. Great commotions in the political world. The Whig ministry in a minority of thirty six on the sugar duties. An early dissolution of Parliament imminent. In the world of nature alternate sun and showers have produced unusual promise of unbounded plenty. Altogether, May this year is a most beautiful and voluptuous month.
- 1150** 23 May. This Sabbath morn J. T. and myself had a walk to Westbury church. Dined at a teetotal house from whence Trowbridge, Bradford and Beckford's Tower were visible. Returned fieldway.
- 1151** 25 May. To Bath by boat with E., Laura and Mrs. Hendy. W. S. on board. Giblett, Col. Napier [William Napier of Freshford], Roebuck etc. Looked for Wordsworth in vain. Sold pretty freely. Bought thin summer coat. Dined and tead at Seven Stars. Explored the abbey and felt somewhat disappointed. Met with Ward, and we all went into the Victoria Park, and after partaking of

refreshments at the dairy, returned to take tea and embarked for home.

1152 27 May. Had hair cut at C. Woodward first time five years.

1153 29 May. Grand stoppage at factory commenced.

1154 1 June. Summer reading Su. Cowper, M. Devereux, Tu. Robert's Geography, W. Elliott's poems, Th. Rollin's Ancient History, vol. two, F. Hume, Sa. Anatasius. Whit Tuesday. Walked forth at noon with E. through Westwood to Farley. Dined and tead at Borland's for which we dearly paid. Ere our departure W. H. arrived, with whom we set out at seven pm for Wingfield where the bab had spent the day, and found there our respective households at Huntley's, and walked home all together.

1155 2 June. Set off per gig at ten o'clock with E, Dad, J. T. and Harry T. for Gunston's house through Bradley, Rudge, Chapmanslade and Corsley, and after dinner strolled into Longleat park, in front of the house. After catching a glimpse of the boy marquis [of Bath], we left these sylvan retreats and about six pm started from Gunston's. On our return at Chapmanslade E. and myself wandered down the grove to the Black Dog, where we had spent so many happy hours in the summer of 1837, and were both pleased with the beauty of the scene and the evening. As the sun sank through the woods E. declared it to be her conviction that she should behold these scenes no more God grant this may not be true!

1156 8 June. J. T. started on an expedition to Swansea.

1157 10 June. Walked alone through Staverton to Bradford evening.

1158 12 June. Ascended the new house building for W. S. Junior.

1159 16 June. Went this afternoon to Westbury by Keats with E. Tead at Lane's and saw Matravers's engine [at Bitham Mill]. Walked home through Hawkeridge and Bradley.

1160 17 June. Miserably disappointed were we all on our presenting ourselves at noon, after dining at the Methuen Arms before the grand entrance of Corsham House, to find we could not be admitted. We then started for Chippenham whence, after watching in the London train and taking tea at a dirty house, we returned home through Lacock and Melksham, E., J. T. and Dad.

1161 18 June. Attended the sale of the Literary and Scientific Institution.

1162 22 June. Went to Bath with Dad by boat. Electioneering very busy there. Returned by long Lucas in the middle of the day.

1163 23 June. Went to Bath with James P. by boat, thence through pelting torrents to the station and Bristol. Dined with him at Olive's and slept with James H. at the Bell, Thomas Street.

1164 24 June. Rose very ill, determined to return home. Being relieved by sickness, I embarked with James H. on board 'The Bristol' steamer at nine am and had a smooth passage of six and a half hours into Swansea Bay. After laying before the Mumbles for two hours waiting for the tide we reached Swansea, and after some difficulty in securing lodgings got safely housed at the Bush. After tea walked over the town without feeling much interested.

1165 25 June. We rose at seven, and although the morning was stormy, strolled on the beach, listening to the restless waves. Our passage back was very rough, being nearly all sick, especially a sick damsel who excited James H's commiseration. Reached the Bell Inn, Bristol, at ten.

1166 26 June. Breakfasted at Olive's. Reached Bath at eleven by railway. Being too late for boat, we walked home through Dundas, Freshford and Westwood – a most splendid country. We did not get home till six pm when we heard the sad news of Mr. Fulford's intended departure.

1167 29 June. General election in progress.

1168 30 June. Great Western railway opened throughout, and our new engine [at Cradle Bridge Mill] started. Opened account myself with R. Scott.

1169 7 July. Castle Street paved. Dad indignant, with J. H. Webb especially.

1170 9 July. Burdett and Long elected without opposition.

1171 11 July. Heard the Revd. F. Fulford's farewell sermon at church this evening.

1172 16 July. Delilah Huntley went home ill till twenty sixth.

1173 17 July. Drove to farmer Manley's in gig with E., Dad and J. T. Saw Jabez's wife.

1174 21 July. James H. Butterworth buried at Melksham. Mr. [William Henry] Offer married to Miss [Sarah] Rawlings.

1175 22 July. About this time the elections terminated, giving a large preponderance of Conservatives and rendering the downfall of the Whigs inevitable.

1176 24 July. The new Rector, Mr. [John David] Hastings, arrived.

- 1177** 25 July. Diplock's seventh born! Poor fellow!
- 1178** 1 Aug. Two Mrs. Manleys to tea. Shook hands with W. Kent. Heard of Dame Webb's forgeries.
- 1179** 2 Aug. James H. asked me to sign a bill.
- 1180** 3 Aug. W. S. junior married to Miss Hare at Bristol. Read nearly through Marriott's King's Own.
- 1181** 5 Aug. Finished vol. one and commenced vol. two of Anastasius. Finished vol. two and commenced vol. three of Rollin. Finished E. Elliott's Poems. Kept the fair by dining at Dad's with John Manley and his wife: a middling fair, though the day was stormy.
- 1182** 6 Aug. Went to Freshford with E., Dad and J. T. in Laverton's gig. The rain coming on we were obliged to quit its green retreats for a gloomy kitchen, the haunt of an old crony of Dad's, where they recurred to ancient legends which shed no aristocratic light on our illustrious line. He had a clumsy tumble under the wheel at the inn door, which did not prevent our attending the wild beast show after supper.
- 1183** 7 Aug. Michael MCloghlen got our Irish business today.
- 1184** 8 Aug. Heard the Revd. J. D. Hastings for the first time since his taking possession of the Rectory. Supped at W. H. 's with the late Miss Gilbert.
- 1185** 9 Aug. [George] Sylvester elected coroner.
- 1186** 12 Aug. Attended Bible meeting with E. at British School.
- 1187** 14 Aug. E. gave Delilah Huntley a month's warning.
- 1188** 16 Aug. Mr. Mann went to the Manchester conference of ministers on the Corn Laws.
- 1189** 20 Aug. Bathed in canal this evening, and on the thirtieth.
- 1190** 24 Aug. Went to Bath by coach with E. Detained there at the railway station till eleven, and did not reach Bristol till half past. After a tiresome walk I left E. at Mrs. Parsons', 4 Emerald Place, Easton Road, whither I returned for her after doing business, and saw the babe and old Mr. Parsons (see Sept. 2 1836). On reaching the railway we were paralyzed by finding the train just gone, consequently did not reach Bath till seven and walked to Batheaston, where farmer Pocock of Box taking pity on us, drove us home, but it was a dear ride.

1191 26 Aug. Miss M[ary]. Perkins married to Surgeon Tayler [Christopher Tayler].

1192 27 Aug. Bab left off caps, and cut her first tooth.

1193 28 Aug. To Bath by Lucas. Dined at Reeves. Did no business. The Whig ministers in a minority of ninety one.

1194 29 Aug. Heard Mr. Stratton at Tabernacle morning, and Mr. Ludlow at Wingfield church evening with J. T.

1195 30 Aug. Engaged Lawes and Co. as carriers in place of H. and M. [Hilliari and May].

1196 31 Aug. Commenced the following: Gibbon's Rome, Moore's Loves of the Angels, Mason's Gray, Ward's Tremaine and Cooper's Prairie. Read James's Philip Augustus in regular course in the Reading Society.

1197 1 Sept. Autumnal reading: Su. Cowper, M. Devereux and Gibbon's Rome, Tu. Roberts's Geography and Tremaine, W. W. Moore's Love of the Angels, Th. Rollin and Mason's Gray, F. Hume's England, the Prairie, Sa. Anastasius.

1198 4 Sept. Carrier returned from jail.

1199 6 Sept. Anti-Corn Law prayer meetings at Tabernacle.

1200 9 Sept Nash came into press shop.

1201 11 Sept. Miss Delilah Huntley left.

1202 12 Sept. Mr. Mann altered arrangements of services at Tabernacle.

1203 13 Sept. Miss Mary Porter (the March.ioness) came.

1204 14 Sept. Towler and other hobbledehoys tead with Mr. Mann.

1205 17 Sept. Stoppage of Hobhouse, Phillott and Lowder's bank. Dad, W. H., James Boucher and many neighbours creditors.

1206 19 Sept. Walked off this beautiful morning with J. T. to Rode church. After service we strolled through the fields to Rockabella and Shawford and emerged near Lullington. After attending afternoon service at Orchardleigh church, we took bread, cheese and onions at Lullington and returned home through Rode and Wingfield.

1207 20 Sept. J. T. rode bang through the Down turnpike gate.

- 1208** 22 Sept. Poor John Cockrell penniless and insane. Mrs. Haden (late Miss Gilbert) to tea and supper.
- 1209** 23 Sept. The bab ill. Her mother frightened. The doctor sent for.
- 1210** 28 Sept. E. paid M. P. her last visit. Finished reading Loves of the Angels and began Heaven and Earth.
- 1211** 29 Sept. Began Hill's Village Dialogues.
- 1212** 30 Sept. Nelson Haden married to M. P. [Mary Poynton] at Tabernacle (the first wedding there celebrated). E. T. was present. The happy pair (?) started for Southampton etc. amid drenching torrents. (see Jan. 31 1840, March. 21 1840 etc.).
- 1213** 4 Oct. Rumours afloat respecting the solvency of Barry, King, James Perkins Junior, Mandry [of The George], Hancock etc.
- 1214** 6 Oct. Sixth wedding anniversary. Took stock at W. H. evening. Rossiter, the relieving officer, dismissed.
- 1215** 7 Oct. J. T. and James H. had unlike likenesses taken.
- 1216** 11 Oct. W. S. junior's first appearance at the counting house since his marriage. The brute didn't speak.
- 1217** 12 Oct. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Haden returned from their wedding tour.
- 1218** 15 Oct. Bab cut her third tooth and is very unwell.
- 1219** 16 Oct. W. S. bought Mortimer's estate, seventy five acres, seven thousand five hundred pounds. Mrs. Haden called for the first time (late M. P.).
- 1220** 18 Oct. Bab cut her fourth tooth and is very unwell.
- 1221** 22 Oct. Lighted candles at counting house.
- 1222** 23 Oct. Saw Nelson H. first time after marriage.
- 1223** 24 Oct. Mary White came to commence weaning the babe. Heard Mr. Hastings preach at Staverton. John Hurl died.
- 1224** 25 Oct. W. S. proposed my being secretary to Savings Bank – no go.
- 1225** 26 Oct. Fire lit in counting house. Asked J. P. S. 's support in Savings bank.

1226 27 Oct. Finished Byron's Heaven and Earth. Began Campbell's Poems.

1227 2 Nov. To Bath by coach, to Bristol by eleven o'clock train. Sold tweed to C, J. and C. Spent the evening in Pickering's shop. Dined and slept at Olive's with W. H.

1228 3 Nov. To Bath by eleven o'clock train. Found old Whatley dead. Bought bab a doll. Returned by coach with Jos. Clark.

1229 5 Nov. Paid wedding visit to N. Haden's. Tead and supped there with E., bab and J. Offer. Saw fire balloon. Sarah Poynton was present.

1230 6 Nov. Commenced winter walks through Studley fields.

1231 7 Nov. Went to Bradley church afternoon with J. T., James H. and A. Ward.

1232 9 Nov. Prince of Wales born at eleven am.

1233 12 Nov. Seriously think of conforming to the Establishment, Tabernacle being in so dull a state as to hold out no prospect of spiritual improvement there.

1234 18 Nov. Anniversary at Tabernacle. Heard Mr. Owen of Bath preach.

1235 23 Nov. Saunders' sale at Bradford by R. Tarr.

1236 25 Nov. Engaged sitting in church.

1237 27 Nov. To Bath by Lucas. Dined at Reeves. Returned by coach.

1238 29 Nov. Finished reading Cowper, Roberts, George Devereux and Campbell. Commenced Shelley.

1239 30 Nov. Love here – probable rupture with him, he supplying Jacob Wicks with our patterns.

1240 1 Dec. Winter reading. Su. Hill's Village Dialogues, M. Gibbon's Rome, Tu. Tremaine, W. Shelley, Th. Rollin and Mason's Gray, F. Hume's England, The Prairie, Sa. Anastasius. E. P. Hayward married to Miss [Elizabeth] Child.

1241 3 Dec. Very unwell in the night – out of sorts for a week.

1242 4 Dec. Bab's first birthday. John Offer partner with Mr. Cadby [as plumbers, painters and glaziers]

1243 5 Dec. Stayed in all this Sunday and began reading Mason on Self

Knowledge in bed. John Offer and James Hendy to tea.

1244 7 Dec. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Haden to tea and supper with John Offer.

1245 8 Dec. To Bath inside coach with Miss Rimer, thence by rail to Bristol. Sold twelve fancies to Jones and bought three black broads. Returned same way. County meeting in Devizes on distress at Bradford.

1246 10 Dec. Took sitting at church. Finished Guy Fawkes.

1247 14 Dec. Looked-for Savings Bank meeting arrived, and turned out, as all W. S.'s fine promises do, in nil. Quarrelled same evening with F. Cadby at Book Meeting at James Bessy's.

1248 16 Dec. Finished Humphrey's Clock. Mrs. Hendy – erysipelas.

1249 17 Dec. Bad news Illinois stock. Ann Hendy came home.

1250 18 Dec. Bab cut her fifth tooth.

1251 19 Dec. Went twice to Tabernacle in one Sunday – when shall I again?

1252 21 Dec. Mary Vine married to [William] Rogers (see April. 17 1839 and May. 29). John Stantial married.

1253 22 Dec. Finished Anastatius and Mrs. Gore's Marriage.

1254 24 Dec. Unable to commence stocktaking through the nonarrival of Love's salesbook. Accident on G. W. Railway [at Sonning].

1255 25 Dec. Took possession with E. of my new sitting at church, having finally decided on leaving Tabernacle. May God's blessing rest upon this step! Heard one of the new curates (Mr. Langhorne) for the first time. Spent the day at Dad's with the usual guests.

1256 26 Dec. Attended church morning and evening. Finished Mason on Self Knowledge.

1257 28 Dec. Finished stocktaking – no wine. Began Byron's life and Scott's Life by Lockhart. Forgot my usual walk.

1258 29 Dec. Wrote to G. N. Haden on leaving Tabernacle. Attended party at Aunt's – the Offers present.

1259 30 Dec. Attended party at Offers'. G. N. H. and wife present. J. T. to Bath solus.

1260 31 Dec. E. went to members' teaparty. Heard Mr. Hastings at church.

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1261 1 Jan. Increased my balance with W. and J. Stancomb to two hundred and fifty pounds.

1262 3 Jan. Annual party at W. H. 's. Joyless and tedious.

1263 6 Jan. Ours this day was as dull – trust it is the last of these tiresome affairs. We all had colds for a week after.

1264 12 Jan. Talked of offering for Livett's house.

1265 14 Jan. Bab cut her sixth tooth, and the seventh on the eighteenth.

1266 18 Jan. Heard Mrs. N. Haden is so-so. Bad news Illinois stock.

1267 20 Jan. Subscription for new school at Tabernacle going on.

1268 24 Jan. E. very faint and unwell.

1269 25 Jan. Got Hurl's rent – hurricane next day blew it away.

1270 27 Jan. Bab very sick in the night.

1271 31 Jan. Bab slept with Mary first time.

1272 1 Feb. Sent my first order to Tegg.

1273 4 Feb. W. S. agreed to give me. a penny per yard commission on sales Bath and Bristol.

1274 5 Feb. Bab cut her eighth tooth.

1275 6 Feb. Walked to Hilperston with Brown, Diplock and James H.

1276 7 Feb. Mechanics Institute started.

1277 8 Feb. Bab has eruptions on her forehead.

1278 10 Feb. By boat to Bath, sold some singles. Returned by boat with Sparks, who has had many mishaps since married.

1279 11 Feb. Received my first parcel from Tegg.

1280 12 Feb. W. S. wishes me to go to Manchester and Liverpool on business; fear it will not answer.

1281 15 Feb. To Bath by coach, thence to Bristol by railway. Suddenly encountered Mr. Gouldsmith and Mrs. J. P. Stancomb at Cousins's, who gave me introductions to Manchester. Rode home with them in Salter's carriage. Dr. Cary came to see bab's forehead. About this time Mrs. J. S. junior was very ill in Bristol and old W. S. unwell at home.

1282 18 Feb. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Haden to supper. At the commencement of this month Mrs. — of Birmingham, Nelson Haden's first flame, died.

1283 21 Feb. Bought five fancy pieces of J. P. S. junior.

1284 25 Feb. Tegg's traveller called. Forgot to dine till most three pm.

1285 26 Feb. Mr. [[John] Taylor of Cockhill died suddenly and I summoned was on a coroner's inquest for the first time. The others were Dad, James Perkins, Norris, Barry, Lucas, Veal, Hind, Drinkwater, S. Rawlings. Brown and Kington at the Bear Inn. Saw the body about eight pm and brought in a verdict 'Natural Death'. Bab cut her ninth tooth — her forehead gets no better.

1286 28 Feb. Finished reading Tremaine, Mason's Gray, Cooper's Prairie, Childe Harold and three volumes of Rollin. Begun fourth and Bulwer's Pilgrims of the Rhine.

1287 1 Mar. Spring reading. Su. Hill's Village Dialogues, M. Gibbon's Rome, Tu. Scott's Life, W. Shelley, Th. Rollin, F. Hume's England, Pilgrims of the Rhine, Sa. Byron' Life. Resigned secretaryship to Missionary Society.

1288 3 Mar. Cousins here. My Manchester journey ends in smoke.

1289 5 Mar. Had first evening walk round Hennix with E. for the season.

1290 6 Mar. Bab cut her tenth tooth. Fear she has a ringworm.

1291 7 Mar. Poor Ann Angel died after a long illness.

1292 13 Mar. Mrs. Kissock of Bath, a new made, disconsolate widow to dinner.

1293 14 Mar. Read Sir R. Peel's introductory speech to the annoying income tax.

1294 16 Mar. Went violeting first time this season.

1295 17 Mar. Harry Tucker bound apprentice to Hadens.

1296 18 Mar. Mrs. W. S. junior in Clifton very dangerously relapsed. James Perkins junior is about to leave town and Josiah P. is gone into Clift's office. He soon left and went to Gane's.

1297 19 Mar. Mrs. Mundy in the Courts died.

1298 21 Mar. Advised my tenants of rising the rent – no go.

1299 22 Mar. Mrs. S. Rawlings [Sarah, wife of Samuel] died suddenly. Took the chair and was auctioneer at Book Meeting at W. H. Offer's.

1300 24 Mar. Mrs. P. Cadby died suddenly.

1301 25 Mar. Good Friday. Wrote usual sonnet eight am. In the afternoon had a cold windy walk with E. to Mr. Eacott's at Southwick. Found too much company there, so returned to tea at Dad's and afterwards heard Mr. Hastings at church.

1302 29 Mar. Mr. John Slade died suddenly. Walked by canal, round the Bradford road with E. bab and the girl afternoon.

1303 30 Mar. To Bath by boat with Revd. F. Langhorn, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Read. On by train immediately. Most quarrelled with Cousins, and opened account with Hutstein. Spent evening in booksellers' shops, and slept at the Star.

1304 31 Mar. Spent in Bath. Wretched business and weather. Returned by boat.

1305 1 April. Reported falsely that Mr. Hastings will soon leave, thus preventing my attending Offer's grand concert, but E. went.

1306 2 April. Abram Wolfe died suddenly.

1307 5 April. Took the sixty third and last walk for the season round Studley fields. Bab very unwell cutting teeth.

1308 7 April. Went first time round Bythesea fields, reopened to the public.

1309 13 April. Begun placing printed labels in books.

1310 18 April. Read Richlieu very cost-e [? costive, ie constipated] about this time.

1311 24 April. Walked with James Kemp to Hilperton Marsh. Went into the ancient house there. Hendy's to tea and supper, on account of the old dame being from home.

1312 25 April. Tremendous row with Besser's about the gate – they will probably drive us away.

1313 26 April. Supped at W. Haden's. W. Angle's son killed.

1314 28 April. Heard cuckoo first time. Took almost daily walks, morning round Blackball, evening with the bab. No rain all the month. Very much anxiety felt at the progress of the Income Tax bill through Parliament. Poor rates very oppressive. Begun reading Bramblety House.

1315 1 May. Went and saw poor Tom Newth in a decline with James Kemp this afternoon.

1316 3 May. Went over D. Ferris's estate with him and J. T.

1317 4 May. To Bath by coach, railway to Bristol. Sold to Carlisle company.

1318 5 May. Took bab almost daily morning walks into Bythesea fields, or round the Courts to her grandfather.

1319 10 May. Whitewashing about. Mary's neck bad.

1320 14 May. Walked to Mr. Eacott's, Southwick, thence rode David's pony round Broker's Wood [Brokerswood] and Fairwood through Westbury to Yarnbrook. J. T. then mounted and I trudged home.

1321 16 May. Had houses in Courts begun painting. Took the bab in Moore's coach to Southwick with E. and Mary. Tead at Mr. Eacott and returned home down lanes into Bradley Road.

1322 17 May. J. P. S. saw the bab in counting house. Took my thirteenth annual walk this fine Whit Tuesday evening. Met but little company and went to the water side, not I trust in vain. Mr. Hastings entertained the church school in his field.

1323 18 May. Started at nine o'clock with David F'[erris]s pony in Lucas's gig through Bradley, Rudge, Chapmanslade and Corsley to Gunston's house at Wedburn Moore [Whitbourne Moor] the party being E. T., J. T. and Dad. After an early dinner we set forth, accompanied by Gunston in the gig, through Longleat Park, and after a stroll on the margin of the pond, proceeded by the house through the park to Horningsham, a truly delightful and lovely village. Passing by the parsonage and church, we ascended a hill and reentered the park through a lane, and had we not been disturbed by the frightful curvettings of our steed, we should have enjoyed from the woody elevation a most splendid view of the park and mansion. After a noble tea at Gunston's, E. and myself walked through fields and lanes to Corsley, where we were overtaken by the gig, and returned home through Berkely and Rudge. The

only drawbacks on the enjoyment of the day being the unruliness of the nag and the dullness of the weather. We were indulged with a sight of the dowager Marchioness of Bath who we met in the park with her young daughter and attendant.

1324 21 May. J. T. got a black eye boxing with Haden.

1325 25 May. Bab cut her eleventh tooth.

1326 26 May. Bab cut her twelfth tooth. Finished Pilgrims of the Rhine and begun Castle Rackrent.

1327 27 May. Samuel Tucker called on Dad. Returns to his place near Stroud tomorrow.

1328 28 May. Went over W. S. junior's new house with Dad, E., bab and Mary.

1329 30 May. Finished Castle Rackrent and begun Sayings and Doings.

1330 1 June. Summer reading: Su. Hill's Village Dialogues, M. Gibbon's Rome, Tu. Life of Scott, W. Shelley, Th. Rollin, F. Hume's England, Hook's Sayings and Doings, Sa. Life of Byron. Walked through Hammeracre, Long's park, Yarnbrook, Bradley etc.

1331 2 June. To Road by Marks. Walked home solus through Tellisford, Farley castle and Westwood.

1332 3 June. Rode on David's gig with him, Dad and J. T. through Wingfield, Rode, Woolverton and Lullington into Orchardleigh park. Went to the church, woodlodge etc. Saw steward White etc. Walked back by the pond and went to Marks at Shawford for patterns.

1333 4 June. Bathed first time. Mary gone home ill for a week.

1334 5 June. Walked from new church with Mr. J. S. Revd. T Spencer of Wingfield died.

1335 8 June. To Bath by coach, to Bristol by rail. Met Mr. Kent. Home same way.

1336 9 June. To Bath by coach. Brought home a coach for the bab.

1337 12 June. Bab bit first time since April.

1338 13 June. Begun appendix no. two of books for August fifth, 1842.

1339 14 June. Wrote to offer R. Scott lodgings. Gossiped with old farmer Friar.

1340 16 June. Birthday, aged twenty eight. Rode to Devizes with bab, E. and Dad in Green's gig to fetch home Elizabeth T. First time bab had been three miles from home. Put up at the Black Swan and returned with Elizabeth to Baldham where we took tea at Mr. Taylor's, and home by Esq. Long's.

1341 22 June. Took ill tonight, spent twentythird in bed. Not trig all the week, having narrowly escaped an attack of fever. The intense heat of the first part of the month having been now succeeded by heavy rain probably being the cause. Tom Newth died.

1342 27 June. Had an ulcerated throat. Stayed home [until] the twenty ninth – Ann Newth at the sofa.

1343 30 June. R. Scott called and found us in great confusion. E. poorly.

1344 1 July. Rode with J. T. on Job's horse this evening through Bradley, Yarnbrook, West Ashton, Steeple Ashton and Edington to Bratton, and a fearful, shaking and wretched ride it was. Went to Dame Mead's, who wanted two pounds for the use of two rooms for E. and the bab for a month – of course, no go. Returned home late, sore and wet, J. T. as savage as a bear.

1345 3 July. E. in all Sunday with toothache, bab out of sorts.

1346 5 July. Decided on going to Gunston's. Discussion with Jacob Gayton.

1347 6 July. Heard Mr. Walton will leave. Walked to Wingfield with J. T.

1348 7 July. Foundation stone of new schoolroom laid at Tabernacle.

1349 8 July. Ann and Laura H. and Mrs. Haden to tea. Took latter home.

1350 9 July. Rain prevented our intended journey to Gunston's.

1351 12 July. At eight am started in van to Whitbourne, E., bab, Mary, J. T., W. H., James H. and myself. After a rough ride we arrived, and the first three were soon domesticated in Gunston's house, while W. H., James H. and J. T. continued their journey. After dinner we went into Longleat park, beautifully scented with foreign trees, and by the house and gardens. At seven pm parted with E. near the Black Dog and walked into Frome. Met with W. H., J. T. and J. H. at the Black Swan, drank three glasses porter and reached solitary home by eleven.

1352 14 July. Grand agricultural show at Bristol.

1353 15 July. Went to Bradford and Staverton with Bannister. Drank at the Lamb.

1354 16 July. Six pm. Started by Marks, got out near Rode and went down a lane towards Rudge. Lost my way and passed through Beckington into Black Dog road. Stopped there, then crossed through Chapmanslade and Corsley to Whitbourne and slept there. Bab cut thirteenth tooth.

1355 17 July. J. T. arrived early on Job's horse. We went to Corsley church morning and heard Fussell – poor tool. After dinner we all set out through Longleat park, where under Gunston's guidance we crossed through the mowing grass to Horningsham church and heard Mr. Scurray preach. On our return we passed through the most enchanting scenery of this delightful place: through woods which showed on all sides the refreshing raspberries in rich clusters. The view from Heaven's Gate was superior to all I had witnessed out of Monmouthshire. We did not reach Gunston's till nearly seven, and after tea I walked solus to Standerwick and then rode J. T. 's horse home, he following on foot.

1356 20 July. To Bath by coach with Dad, Gregory and Bishop, by train to Bristol. Dined at Star with Gregory. Terrific thunderstorm. Did but little business.

1357 21 July. Bought Mr. Hastings's hymn book.

1358 23 July. To Westbury by Keats, to Westbury Leigh by Evers, thence on foot to Whitbourn where I waited by a spring for E. and bab, who were out walking.

1359 24 July. Heard Mr. Griffiths at Corsley church morning and evening with E. Spent afternoon in Gunston's garden. Rode home through Rudge etc. with James H. and J. T.

1360 27 July. To Westbury by Keats with Mr. Evans etc. Walked to Chapmanslade and found E., bab and Mary at Wilkins's. Walked together to Gunston's.

1361 28 July. [John] Rogers, engineer of Frome, drove E., Gunston, wife and myself in his trap through Longleat, Horningsham and Maiden Bradley to Longlane, near Stourton, and after a hearty lunch at the Red Lion we walked boldly to Stourton House, where we sought and obtained admission, the butler showing us through his rooms which were decorated and furnished in a most splendid manner, ill according with the plain exterior of the mansion. One of the principal curiosities is a cabinet from Rome made of ebony and agate, adorned with gold and precious stones. The pictures were numerous – Herodias with St. John's head, Elisha restoring the widow's son, Diana and her nymphs, portrait of Sir Richard Colt Hoare were among those we most noticed. On leaving the house we re-entered the village and were conducted by the attendant matron into the far famed gardens. The path winds through a plantation of firs, underwood and forest trees, conducting to a lake

surrounded with hanging woods which, with two or three temples, are reflected on its surface. A winding path leads hence to the grotto in which is a perpetual fountain in which reclines the marble statue of a sleeping nymph. After visiting the temples of the Pantheon and of the sun, we left these enchanting grounds and commenced a long and wearisome March, through woods and thickets to Stourton Tower which we ascended and enjoyed the boundless prospect as much as fatigue, hunger and thirst would permit us to. We then returned to the inn under a long avenue of majestic trees and reached it completely exhausted. This, and the waywardness of the steed much diminished the pleasures of the day. We returned home in the same manner to Whitbourn as we came.

1362 29 July. Rose at half past five and walked through Corsley, Chapmanslade and Westbury almost to Yarnbrook. Rode home by coach.

1363 30 July. Uncle Samuel died at Stroud. Half past five pm rode in Gregory's van through Wingfield, Rode and Beckington to Frome. Walked thence to Gunston's. Fine sunset.

1364 31 July. Had a most exhilarating Sabbath morning walk through Longleat park with J. T. and Gunston to Horningsham church. The sportive deer bounded through the half shaded glens, and the umbrageous trees and the cool morning air rendered the walk most refreshing. After hearing Mr. Scurray we returned behind the house steward and through the park by the ornamental waters. In the evening I walked home in three and a half hours with J. T. through Corsley, the grove, Chapmanslade, Standerwick, Rudge and Bradley, where we met James Hendy.

1365 1 Aug. Stopped Besser's man digging tree and wrote him on the subject.

1366 2 Aug. Went to Road by Marks, thence on foot through Beckington, Berkely, the cornfields, Chapmanslade, Corsley to E. by half past nine pm.

1367 3 Aug. Six am. Walked home in heavy fog through Corsley, Chapmanslade, Westbury, Hawkeridge, Bradley chapel in three hours.

1368 4 Aug. Bab cut her fifteenth tooth. Bathed at Black Horse with J. T.

1369 5 Aug. [. . . a quotation] Such were the desires of the drunkards (albeit not couched in such elegant language) as the flags, banners and goodly array of the teetotallers swept through the fair, which was this year unusually large. Got introduced to farmer Ashby, and dined with Lane at Dad's.

1370 6 Aug. Ten am to Westbury Leigh by flour cart. Walked with Michael to Chapmanslade. Reached E. by one pm. Still closing at three pm. At half past five started with her and Mrs. Gunston to Cley Hills and lingered on their topmost elevation for an hour, with Warminster and Frome full in view.

Beckford's Tower, Stourton Tower, Trowbridge steeple and other eminences were also visible.

1371 7 Aug. Went to Corsley church morning with E. and to Horningsham church afternoon with her and Philip Gunston. Half past six walked solus through Chapmanslade, Westbury and Westbury Leigh. Saw Lane, Overbury and Aitchiston. Rode home by Arter with J. C. Offer. Bab cut her sixteenth tooth.

1372 8 Aug. After an absence of twenty eight days we went to fetch home E. and the bab per van, our party consisting of Caroline, Laura, Dad and myself. After dining at Gunston's we rode with him and his wife into Longleat park and passed through the gardens, a pleasure not enjoyed since September the eleventh 1832. We left Whitbourne at half past six through Rudge and reached home in time to sip the dregs of the fair.

1373 11 Aug. Went to Bible meeting at British School with E. Mr. Hastings in the chair. Heard Messrs Cooper, Brown, Elliott, Walton, Mann etc.

1374 15 Aug. Lucre built new brick wall to tenements this week.

1375 21 Aug. Old church being shut for cleaning, walked solus to Hilperton church. Had a wet walk to hear a dry parson, the worthy successor of Mr. Rails (Mr. Heathcote).

1376 22 Aug. Smash at [Samuel] Cooper Woodwards. J. T. joined singing class.

1377 23 Aug. J. P. S. to Ryde. Bab tormented by fleas.

1378 26 Aug. Beautiful harvest weather.

1379 27 Aug. Begun Gregory's porter.

1380 29 Aug. Nelson Haden's son and heir born.

1381 30 Aug. Concluded Hill's Village Dialogues. Commenced Jewell's Apology, Abbott's works and Ernest Maltravers. Reperused lately The Maid of Alvar, the Fetches, Paul and Virginia, Sorrows of Werter, Waverley.

1382 1 Sept. Autumnal reading: Su. Jewell's Apology, Abbott's Works, M. Gibbon's Rome, Tu. Scott's Life, W. Ernest Maltravers, Th. Shelley's poems, Rollin's Ancient History vol. five, F. Hume's England, Hook's Sayings and Doings, Sa. Lord Byron's Life.

1383 2 Sept. Mary Porter gave notice to leave. Mrs. Hall's wedding proves a nullity. Miss Angle suspected of irregularities with W. S. junior.

1384 7 Sept. To Bath by coach with W. H. and W. S. Met W. S. at Cousins's, Bristol and did considerable business there through the day. In the evening went to the exhibition of the Mechanics Institute which was crowded with rarities, busts, rare specimens of sculpture, tapestry, machinery, soils, antiquities, paintings, birds, shells and curiosities of every description abounded at every step. The paintings I found most striking were: The Death of Seneca, The Slaughter of the Innocents, The Corpse of Jane Seymour, Jupiter and Antiope, Diana Bathing, Titian's Mistress. By dint of pushing and thrusting, I got into the lecture room and saw a splendid exhibition of dissolvent views and the effects of the laughing gas. To add to the effects of the whole, the thunder roared without and the forked lightning gleamed through the glass skylights. Slept at Olive's with W. H. Sheriff's officer there.

1385 8 Sept. Heavy rains and wind. Breakfasted with W. H. at Olive's. Got into bus and to Bath by eleven o'clock train. Lost umbrella from Prest's door. Dined at Seven Stars. Made up my accounts seated on stile by canal, and returned home by boat with Burton and Hanks.

1386 9 Sept. Returned income tax paper to Frame.

1387 11 Sept. Went to Staverton chapel with E. this afternoon and heard Mr. Hastings.

1388 13 Sept. Set forth at three pm on D. Ferris's pony with J. T. on farmer Friar's, through Farley and Woolverton and threaded Orchardleigh park from end to end, issuing from [there] into the high road near Frome. This lovely autumnal afternoon set off the natural beauty of this sweet park to great advantage, though not seen by me under such glowing auspices as on this day seven years ago. Arriving at the picturesque village of Buckland [Buckland Dinham] we refreshed our steeds and appetites at the Bell inn and had a pleasant stroll down a green valley behind the church. By this time the sun was down and the moon beginning to shine in all her harvest splendour, so we set off on our homeward way down a narrow road towards Laverton. Near this place, my stirrup breaking, we exchanged Rosinantes, and mine rattled off at a rapid rate through Woolverton, Rode and Southwick, and we reached home after a splendid moonlight ride of one and a half hours.

1389 17 Sept. Mary Porter left.

1390 19 Sept. Martha Figgins came in her place.

1391 22 Sept. Went round Blackball hatches seven times.

1392 24 Sept. Diplock, Woodward, and Harris, striving for registrarship, the present registrar still being living (H. Frame).

1393 28 Sept Finished my own stocktaking.

1394 30 Sept. H. Frame died. Now comes the tug of war for the registrarship between Diplock, Woodward, Nightingale, Harris, Mrs. Frame, Sylvester, Stapleton, Brent, Collins.

1395 2 Oct. Walked solus this afternoon field way to Bradford.

1396 3 Oct. Wrote Mrs. Bleeck for admission order to Crockerton.

1397 5 Oct. J. C. Offer married to Miss Dyke at Poulshot, perseverance and propriety of conduct thus ultimately removes all difficulties. I went for the first time this evening to a monthly missionary meeting in the church school room. Mr. Hastings and Mr. Mansfield present – they gave much interesting information relative to the Jews.

1398 6 Oct. In commemoration of this day seven years since, we set forth on this clear, fresh morn in Gaisford's van – viz. E., myself, Dad and J. T., W. H., his wife and Laura and Anne Newth. We soon rattled through Westbury and entered the Warminster road, valleys, cornfields and the undulating Wiltshire downs showing exactly as though we had seen them last yesterday, instead of seven years ago, and with hearts glowing with gratitude and healthful feeling we entered once more the ancient town of Warminster, our way having been beguiled by Dame H's narrative of the supernatural breaking of a looking glass. Warminster was as quiet and aristocratical as ever, and the shops seemed larger and improved. In one of them a toy took E's fancy for the bab, but did not buy it. J. T. and myself then strolled towards the new church and surveyed our old habitation on Sambourne Hill. We proceeded at length and soon beheld the waters gleaming between the trees, upon which when last beheld, our nuptial moon was reflected. We now alighted from our van and walked to the boat house, where we soon recognised good tempered master Baverstock. After a good dinner in the stately room which overlooks the sleeping waters of the lake, upon whose mirrored expanse the surrounding woods were looking down in autumnal beauty, though not with that rich variety of hue they exhibited seven years ago, the season being less forward, we entered a boat and traversed the waters till Thomas Clark's three sons appeared on the bank, heralding his approach, and we surrendered to them and their friends the room and boats. We now took a walk into the woods, and on returning saw Mrs. T. C. who personally expressed their good wishes to E. and myself on this occasion, and their party, excluding Mr. and Mrs. Clement Dresser, afterwards drank our health. We again took to our boat, Dad, E, and Ann Newth taking their turn at the oar. We then put the party on shore to get tea and I and J. T. rowed to the further extremity of the lake and grounded our boat among the rushes. After a refreshing tea in the little parlour, our van rattled back merrily into Warminster, where I and J. T. paid a visit to the long lost dog Merry, now at the Castle Inn. Our anti-teetotal friends would not pass Mr. Chadwick's at Westbury without calling for sundry potations of gin and cider, after which digression we reached home by eight.

- 1399** 8 Oct. Shocked to hear what a mess Martin has got into.
- 1400** 10 Oct. Fear E. has a second trouble to look forward to.
- 1401** 11 Oct. To Bath by boat, just in time for eleven o'clock train. Sold old diagonals jobbish. Slept at Adam and Eve. Saw John Spragg. Paid a second visit to Mechanic's Institute. Saw mechanical exhibition of sunset, ships, horses, dogs etc. Spent a wretched night at the Adam and Eve hotel.
- 1402** 12 Oct. Breakfasted there. Left by ten o'clock train. Dined at Seven Stars, Bath. Returned home by coach. Lost from it two volumes Chamber's Edinburgh Journal. Walked back to Bradford new church making enquiries. Told E. last night's rencontre, so had a bad night. Very ill at two o'clock. Young Laverton chosen registrar of births and deaths and Diplock of marriages. Mr. Brain turned out bad, Melksham. About this time Isaac Cannings and [William] Laverton the weaver died.
- 1403** 18 Oct. Great fall of leaves. Lost books restored.
- 1404** 19 Oct. Finished Shelley, begun Hogg's Queen's Wake.
- 1405** 21 Oct. Lit fire in counting house. Row with James P. about Maggs wool sheet.
- 1406** 24 Oct. Lit candles in counting house. Diplock, Frame, Harris, Collins and Nightingale again canvassing, Laverton's election being void.
- 1407** 26 Oct. Paid wedding visit to J. C. Offer. Mr. and Mrs. Mundy present.
- 1408** 28 Oct. Mr. and Mrs. N. Haden to tea and supper. First fire in parlour this season.
- 1409** 29 Oct. W. S. junior leaves Wingfield. Jacob Wicks [of Trowbridge and Hawkeridge, clothier] broke again.
- 1410** 4 Nov. Poor Diplock beat again – James Harris elected registrar.
- 1411** 5 Nov. Concluded Blackball walks and commenced Studley fields. Rode David's horse through Westwood, Freshford, Stoke into Bath by the new Warminster road. Could do but little business. Started from the Lion hotel before six, and had a wet, dark ride home same way, the gloom being occasionally enlivened by bonfires and fireworks which Tom, not understanding the cause, was very troublesome.
- 1412** 6 Nov. Had my first interview with Mr. Hastings, who called unexpectedly at nine am. Hope to have many more.

1413 9 Nov. To Bath by coach, by rail to Bristol. Returned similarly – very wet day. Got completely drenched. Got home and changed clothes when the fire bell struck out. Following the crowd, I reached W. and J. S. 's factory and found the counting house full of smoke and flames. All the books were removed to E. Oram's, but the fire was soon extinguished and I got home again by midnight.

1414 10 Nov. All in disorder at shop. At night Cuznor kept us up.

1415 15 Nov. Bab fell down and caught a black eye.

1416 16 Nov. New schoolroom opened at Tabernacle. Didn't go of course.

1417 17 Nov. Miss Heal married – wonders will never cease [Miss M. Heal married to Mr. Thomas Jay, grocer of Fovant].

1418 20 Nov. W. H. and family, Dad and J. T. to supper.

1419 23 Nov. News of peace with China, and victory in India.

1420 26 Nov. Concluded Jewell's Apology, Hogg's Queen's Wake, first series of Sayings and Doings, volume five of Rollin. Begun vol. six, Moore's works, Young and vol. one of Dwight.

1421 27 Nov. To tea and supper at W. H.

1422 29 Nov. Ditto at Dad's. Had several confabulations this month with Mr. Wilkins about Mr. Hastings and church affairs – hope for great things by and by.

1423 1 Dec. Winter reading: Su. Abbott, M. Gibbon, Young, Tu. Life of Scott, W. Ernest Maltravers, Th. Rollin, vol. six, Moore's Poems, F. Hume, Life of Byron, Sa. Dwight, vol. one.

1424 2 Dec. Polly at ours three weeks in Martha's place, who has burnt hand.

1425 8 Dec. Tremlett's man measured me for a great coat.

1426 12 Dec. Commenced rising at seven o'clock. May God bless the reason.

1427 14 Dec. Circular of Joyce's insolvency arrived.

1428 17 Dec. Laid in bed till ten o'clock with strain in side.

1429 18 Dec. Heard Mr. Widdington of Bath preach at new church with E. and Dad.

- 1430** 19 Dec. Took two sittings in Burbidge's pew and gave up Oram's.
- 1431** 20 Dec. Attended Book Meeting at Gregory's. Ann Hendy returned home.
- 1432** 21 Dec. Fish and oysters from Love, and list of Joyce's creditors.
- 1433** 24 Dec. Begun stocktaking as usual.
- 1434** 25 Dec. Took possession with E. of my new pew at church. Determined on writing Mr. Hastings.
- 1435** 27 Dec. Finished stock at eleven am. Begun letter to Mr. H. Mrs. Gunston to tea. Bab tead at Mark Newth's.
- 1436** 28 Dec. Took a healthy walk this frosty morning round Rood Ashton, through Yarnbrook and Bradley. Solus in counting house all day writing to Mr. Hastings. May God bless this decisive step! Dad to Bath, J. T. out shooting, E. to chapel teaparty. No Christmas parties this year. George Hibberd and J. Day in decline. Put my letter in post before I went to church at seven pm on the 29th.
- 1437** 30 Dec. Made my balance with W. and J. S. three seventy five pounds. Corn law papers sent round.

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- 1438** 2 Jan. Mr. Hastings called to acknowledge receipt of letter and invited me to a meeting in the free school, where he referred to the causes of his leaving Dublin, and his regret at having done so. To tea and supper at Hendy's with Woodward.
- 1439** 3 Jan. Dull party to tea, Dame H. Laura and Ann. All our Christmas party.
- 1440** 7 Jan. Sent seventy seven circulars off as to the new system lengths.
- 1441** 8 Jan. The new curate, Mr. Rowe, preached first time today.
- 1442** 13 Jan. Tremendous tempest – [Samuel Saunders] Parfitt's chimney blown down. Wicks's sale.
- 1443** 15 Jan. An unsatisfactory Sunday teaparty. Dad, J. T., James H., H. and E. T. etc.
- 1444** 16 Jan. E. 's concert till eleven o'clock. Mrs. Haden to tea.

- 1445** 17 Jan. New measuring machine out in press shop.
- 1446** 18 Jan. Laura and Ann to tea before they go.
- 1447** 19 Jan. Diplock's wife confined with twins. At church evening Saxty summoned me to meet Mr. Hastings. Went to the Rectory at nine o'clock and met him there with the new curate, McNeil, Wilkins and Wickham, and agreed to join the Visiting Charitable Association.
- 1448** 20 Jan. Collins's goods sold off.
- 1449** 21 Jan. Walked to Melksham with Joe Berry and saw Mrs. Phillips on Joyce's affairs. Took tea with John Berry, his wife, Joe and the old man. Walked home in profound darkness, talking of the dark state of Joe's affairs.
- 1450** 23 Jan. Mr. Hastings called this evening and with him I called on Sally Speedy and widow Pike, the first a pleasant, the last an unpleasant visit. In this task may God grant me sincerity and perseverance. Laura and Ann went to Glastonbury.
- 1451** 24 Jan. To Bath by Lucas, to Bristol by four o'clock train. Heard a good sermon at St. James's church. Slept at Olive's.
- 1452** 25 Jan. Spent the day in Bristol – hope Joyce will not be bankrupt. Home from Bath by boat with Mr. Webb and Miss Parish.
- 1453** 26 Jan. Met same party at rectory as on last Thursday evening.
- 1454** 27 Jan. Paid Clofford five pounds– one for Tegg. Burton wounded his son.
- 1455** 29 Jan. Visited Speedy and Pike. Physicked Emmy.
- 1456** 30 Jan. Mr. Logstaffe of Cook and Co. failed. Emmy unwell.
- 1457** 7 Feb. Finished Maltravers, and begun Alice, or the Mysteries.
- 1458** 8 Feb. Elizabeth Tucker to tea and supper. No candles at counting house.
- 1459** 9 Feb. J. Berry and T. Clark present at weekly district meeting rectory.
- 1460** 13 Feb. Mrs. J. C. Offer's first call on E.
- 1461** 16 Feb. Thomas Joyce bankrupt after all our exertions.
- 1462** 17 Feb. Talked to James Say in press shop of his approaching end and

fear that he is obstinately impenitent.

1463 18 Feb. Mr. S. is treating for Bremeridge estate. James H. very bad cold.

1464 19 Feb. Letter for relief from Duer's, North America.

1465 21 Feb. To Bath by coach with Rodway and Brewer. On by eleven o'clock train to Bristol. Bad headache all day. Home by boat with David F's daughter. Vomited dreadfully all the evening.

1466 22 Feb. Face of town clock up again. Spoke to E. Dyer for Richmond.

1467 23 Feb. To Bath by boat with Ruddle. Dined at Brinkworth's. Returned by coach with Jacob Sargeant and painter [William] Wickham.

1468 24 Feb. James Wicks offers ten shillings in the pound.

1469 26 Feb. Irvingites conform to the church. Saw one of Diplock's twins in its coffin. E. attacked by influenza – mostly confined to her bed and attended by Dr. Cary till fourteenth of March.

1470 1 Mar. Spring reading: Abbott, Gibbon, Moore's poems, Scott's life, Bulwer's Alice, Young, Rollin vol. six, Hume's England, Byron's life, Dwight Theology, vol. one. Visited regularly in Church Charitable Association Sally Speedy, Widow Pike, B. Bailward, Jos. Wait, Thomas Nightingale, James Gayton, Widow Laverton, John Battle, Sylvia Chapman, Richmond, Smith, Shipway.

1471 3 Mar. Attended first sacramental meeting in free school.

1472 4 Mar. E. bled by Dr. Cary.

1473 6 Mar. Had six leeches on. Mr. Mann and his mother visitors.

1474 9 Mar. Mr. Hastings sent for to Dublin to settle differences.

1475 10 Mar. W. S. recommended Miss Sly to J. T. E. better.

1476 16 Mar. Mr. Methuen gave a lecture on church history at church.

1477 17 Mar. Saw comet. Went with J. T. Junior violeting on Wingfield road. Mr. R. Wearing died, aged 61.

1478 21 Mar. J. P. Stancomb and his wife went to London, myself to Book Meeting evening at Gayton's.

1479 24 Mar. Saw Mr. Wearing's funeral. Mr. Walton present – last time of my seeing him.

- 1480** 26 Mar. His last Sunday in Trowbridge. E. heard him twice.
- 1481** 28 Mar. Mr. Walton left Trowbridge for ever. Mr. Hastings, Rowe and Mann in counting house debating on new education bill for two hours. Inflammatory meeting at Tabernacle evening on same subject.
- 1482** 31 Mar. Saw James Day in press shop for the last time. He is fast sinking and will not be here long.
- 1483** 1 April. W. S. talking of my Manchester journey again – same result.
- 1484** 4 April. To Bradford in pass by with Mr. Mann and Mrs. Hall To Bath by boat, on by eleven o'clock train to Bristol. Sold thirteen doubles. Gave seven shillings and the Fortunes of Nigel to complete Waverley novels. Heard missionary sermon at St. James's church. Slept at Olive's once more – disturbed by his snoring and by fleas.
- 1485** 5 April. Back to Bath by ten o'clock train with S. Norris. Dined Seven Stars as usual. Bought baby's basket. Returned by coach with Trimmer. Chosen constable in my absence.
- 148** 6 April. Went to rectory evening first time since March. second.
- 1487** 12 April. Sworn in constable at Woolpacks, with fourteen others. Staircase papered by Diplock.
- 1488** 14 April. Good Friday. Cold and winterly, snow on the ground yesterday. Went to church morning and evening with E. Made usual verses eight am.
- 1489** 18 April. Half past nine went to Barracks with J. T., waiting for Keats when Francis Wright and family drove by (first time I had seen him for years). Went to Westbury in company with young Leach, formerly washer boy at J. S.'s (first time I had seen him for twelve years). Walked to Halfway House where we took lunch and heard the landlady gossip about the Revd. John Clark. We then went over the downs, across the clump of firs and to the top of Cop Heap, it being our first visit since schooldays, and a lovely spring morning. The freshness of the vernal air combined with old recollections threw a healthy and fresh feeling both over body and mind, exciting gratitude to Almighty God for past favours and trust in Him for the future. We then descended into the town by Ebenezer chapel, and after sundry tiresome peregrinations through the streets we took a bread and cheese dinner at the Castle Inn, where we recognised the familiar face of the dog Merry. We then strolled down Pound Street in the common, where we met in a gig with Hardwick, Dame Roberts, widow of our preceptor, then struck down a lane towards Marsh Mill and back into the town by Swan River, in the course of our rambling having met parson Skurray of Horningsham, Mr. Bleeck, and fat James Haden. We then finally vacated the town by way of Church Street and

through the fields from the church into the Westbury road, and walked all the way home through Westbury, Hawkeridge and Bradley, stopping for a little refreshment at Chadwick's, Westbury, expending in the whole one shilling and sixpence each.

1490 20 April. [William] Gould and [John] McNeil the new churchwardens. Saw the beehive put up in the garden of the rectory.

1491 23 April. Mind disturbed by a letter from Joyce's attorneys. Went to Hilperton church with G. Webb and heard Mr. Walmesly first time.

1492 24 April. Went to the bankruptcy court, Bristol, with W. Henty and proved my debt on Joyce before the white-wigged commissioners. Saw Jacob Wicks and [Charles] Davis the architect there. Returned home by coach from Bath with Hancock and Walter Newth.

1493 25 April. Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons died in Bristol. Third accouchement of Her Majesty – a daughter.

1494 28 April. Ministers abandon some of the objectionable clauses of the Factory Education bill, but fail to satisfy the clamours of dissent. Discontinued reading Dwight, and begun H. More's Practical Piety.

1495 30 April. George Borland, junior buried at Farley. (see Nov. 19 1826, Oct. 23 1836).

1496 1 May. Visited in Church Charitable Association this month S. Speedy, Widow Pike, B. Bailward, Jos. Wait, T. Nightingale, S. Shipway, Widow Laverton, J. Battle, S. Chapman, E. Richmond, Smith, Porter, S. Watts, Jane Nash, March. ant.

1497 2 May. Went with J. T. through Hammeracre and behind Esquire Long's house cowslipping. Home down Ashton hill.

1498 4 May. E. ill in the night.

1499 6 May. After a solitary walk this evening round farmer Little's fields depending, I trust, upon divine assistance, I spent an hour with the Revd. J. D. Hastings on the subject of approaching the Lord's Table tomorrow, and met with much sympathy and kind encouragement from him.

1500 7 May. I was permitted this day for the first time in my life to approach the Sacramental Table in entire dependence, I humbly hope, upon His merits. I received the elements from the hands of Mr. Hastings with much trepidation and with far too little of such an exalted feeling that I could have hoped for on such an occasion. Still, I trust, I was sincere, and in that day when all secrets shall be revealed I hope to look back to this day in joy and thankfulness. Mr. Walter Newth also approached for the first time to this solemn ordinance.

The serious emotions of the day were strengthened and deepened by the intelligence of Mrs. Parsons's death (see April. 25). E. went to chapel for the last time before her confinement.

1501 8 May. Thomas Watson and family, Mrs. Helps, Mrs. Timbrey, T. Day's daughter, etc. emigrated to North America.

1502 11 May. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Haden to tea – quite an event nowadays.

1503 12 May. E. Oram made post man at shop instead of J.T. Repeal insurrection apprehended in Ireland.

1504 13 May. Walked this evening to Hilperton with J. T. and over Agg Hill, cowslipping, to farmer Manley's. While taking a slight repast there, Dad came over on Gregory's horse. After gathering a handful of honeysuckle from a cottage and listening, as the moon was rising, to the rich song of the nightingale, within a few yards' distance, we walked home down the Green Lane.

1505 14 May. Children sang a verse of mine at Tabernacle anniversary.

1506 17 May. Started in the rain on my fourteenth annual walk. Met Jacob Gayton and Bank Newth, several coal carts, John Hayward riding and old John Brewer at Stowford. Spent a pleasant season there, after which I could not overtake Brewer. Though a gloomy evening, the green meadows and massy foliage were resplendent.

1507 19 May. Walked through fields and by canal to Whaddon with J. T., thence to Staverton and home.

1508 21 May. Emmy rather unwell for the next week.

1509 23 May. To Bath by boat. Sarah Porter a passenger – first time I had seen her for nearly ten years. The two Wastfields were also in the boat and Mr. John Long.

1510 24 May. Went to the nurse for E. on a false alarm.

1511 25 May. Set forth at half past six on David's Tom through Wingfield and Farley to the new Warminster road and by Claverton. Reached Bath after a most delightful though circuitous ride in time for the eight twenty train, and was in Joyce's shop, 62 Redcliff Hill, Bristol, by nine o'clock. Had a long but unsatisfactory interview with him and found I had small chance of getting anything out of him towards my loss by him. Dined at Star. In Bath had tea at Seven Stars and had a somewhat tedious ride home on Tom through Claverton, Stoke, Freshford and Westwood, though the evening and scenery were surpassingly fine.

1512 26 May. Attended a meeting of the Lord's Day Observance Society with Mr. Newth at the girls' national school. Mr. Baylee was the principal speaker, Mr. Hastings in the chair. Mr. Todhunter's divorce bill passed. (see May. 17 1830).

1513 27 May. Finished the last vol. Rollin's Ancient History.

1514 28 May. Visited James Day, now rapidly approaching his final exit. Felt much pleasure in being assured by him that he had not forgotten what I had said in the press shop. Peter Wadman wants W. H. to be his guarantee with J. L. Phillips.

1515 29 May. Went with J. T. up Rood Ashton hill, through Yarnbrook, by Bradley church and through fields by Long's farm into Silver Street Lane home.

1516 31 May. W. Hathway bought a large lot. Sad report about William Cook circulated by his wife. Went with J. T. through Hilperton up Whaddon lane to canal bridge. Home by canal to Hilperton Marsh.

1517 1 June. Summer reading: Gibbon's Rome, Hume's England, H. More's Practical Piety, Bulwer's Alice or the Mysteries. Suspended the following for the present on account of anticipated domestic occurrences: Abbott, Moore's poems, Lockhart's Scott, Young, Byron's life. Visited in Church Charitable Association: Speedy, Pike, Bailward, Wait, Nightingale, Shipway, Battle, Chapman, Richmond, Smith, Porter, Watts, Nash, March. ant, Brown, Friar, Cole. Widow [Mary] Laverton died this morning.

1518 4 June. Went to my 2nd Sacrament.

1519 6 June. Whit Tuesday. Went to church morning and afternoon with Mr. W. Newth into Mr. Hastings' field to witness and assist in the annual sports and treat of the church Sunday school. Assisted in the leaping department and helped George Webb fetch the cake from the rectory. After tea took Emmy over, who was kindly received by Mr. Hastings. We were obliged at length to retreat to a temporary pavilion from the descending storm which broke up the party.

1520 7 June. Went with Mr. Jones of Bristol to W. S. and Kemp's, and to the bedside of their helpless creditor [William] Wilkins. Started for Farley with James H. but were driven back by the rain which has now fallen with little intermission for the last month and threatens serious consequences.

1521 9 June. A. King killed in gig shop. Went to Staverton and Holt with J. T.

1522 10 June. Sent for to the George by Furlong on Cousins' business with Wilkins.

1523 12 June. Fetched Nurse Bishop at six pm.

1524 13 June. After three am she became rapidly worse. I went for Mrs. H. and Caroline and at half past nine for Dr. Cary. About half past ten am Lucy was born into a world of care and sorrow, an event of which I was appraised by Martha Figgins, and at which I felt more disappointment than I was warranted in feeling. The mother had a much quicker and better time than the first. The young stranger appeared to be a less fine child than Emily. I went from home at half past eleven to the George Inn to receive the drawback. Went to supper with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Haden.

1525 14 June. Went with J.T. up farmer Little's fields across Westwood common into Bradford road.

1526 15 June. Emmy had two falls today – she now spends every day in the Courts.

1527 16 June. Her mother's convalescence proceeds but slowly. Took her in her coach round Silver Street Lane. Chatted with old farmer Friar.

1528 17 June. E. better. Went round Biss evening with J. T. Fine sunset.

1529 18 June. Walked to Bradford through the fields by the Avon, and heard the vicar, Mr. Harvey, preach at the old church. He, however, seemed rather cowed by the heavy blow lately received in the suspension of Dr. Pusey. On leaving church, a slight shower drove me to Sparks's for dinner. This was my first visit to him as a married man and the first view I had of his wife. Returned home same way by four o'clock. J. T. and James H. went to Gunston's today.

1530 19 June. Mr. Rowe called for the first time, Mr. Hastings being absent in London.

1531 20 June. Attended Book Society meeting at Mr. Martin's. Supped at Dad's with Aunt H. and Elizabeth T., Jacob Gayton and Miss Ward of Devides. Laura and Ann Hendy returned home.

1532 21 June. Started for Calne this morning on David's Tom, with J. T. on Jos. Noad's Rosinante. On Leaving Melksham the scenery improved, and being quite new to us, we had a pleasant ride through an elevated country, the views occasionally shifting from wide and extensive to domestic and leafy peeps of villages 'embosomed soft in trees'. On reaching Calne we put up at the King's Arms, and after an ineffectual walk to Quemerford mills for W. S. Junior, and equally unsuccessful attempt to transact business with Pinneger and Gibbons, we set out on foot for Bowood and entered the park through a shady avenue of trees, skirting a portion of those ample pleasure grounds and gardens for which the beautiful retreat is so famous. The mansion itself is not particularly imposing, but the ornamental waters

and the undulating and changing variety of the graceful scenery of this woody park are refreshing, even when looked back upon. After a long and delightful stroll, we returned to Calne and took tea at the Temperance Hotel. After a short peep at the exterior of the neat and handsome old church, we rode home at a lively pace through Bromham and Melksham, and met Dad at Semington.

1533 24 June. Went with J. T. over Westwood common by the wood to Rumming's farm, Wingfield.

1534 26 June. Locked out Martha Figgins for staying late at Hilperton fair. Heard that John [Graham] Foley courts Elizabeth Tucker.

1535 27 June. Started for Holt with W. H. Driven by a thunderstorm to take refuge at Walter Newth's, Marsh, and returned with him.

1536 28 June. Went with J. T. from Deadman's Lane into Westbury and Melksham road near Esq. Long's, and home by Hammeracre. Had Lucy's birth registered by Harris.

1537 30 June. It is rumoured that John Haden is discharged, he having married contrary to his brother's will. (Quite true).

1538 1 July. Visited in Church Charitable Association this month: S. Speedy, B. Bailward, James Wait, T. Nightingale, J. Battle, S. Chapman, Richmond, S. Shipway, A. Burcomb, S. Watts, R. Porter, Jane Nash, Cole, Brown, T. Friar. Paid income tax first time. Rode out with J. T. on David's Tom through Bradley, Broker's Wood, Fairwood, and Westbury. Same route as May, fourteenth 1842. Saw Bremeridge Farm.

1539 2 July. Attended my third communion at church. E. came downstairs first time, but was thrown back for a week by a slight fever.

1540 3 July. Spent an hour at the George Inn with R. Scott, 20 Great Stuart Street, Edinburgh.

1541 5 July. After a terrific thunderstorm started for Bristol by boat, and on from Bath by eleven o'clock train. Returned same way with Trimmer.

1542 6 July. Mrs. [Sarah] Gunston died suddenly. Lucy's first visit to the Courts. Went into hayfield after church with Mr. Hastings, Rowe and Newth.

1543 9 July. E. walked out in the garden for the first time.

1544 10 July. She went down street. Saw Gunston's wife's funeral. Bathed evening with J. T. and Ward.

1545 11 July. To Bath and back by coach. Took whey and curds in the Victoria Park dairy.

1546 12 July. Went in gig with Dad, J. T. and the two Emilys on Westwood road to Farley this fine evening. At the turning J. T. and myself left them, and walking down Westwood lane, rejoined them at Farley bridge. Supped at Borland's, and after a short fright, returned home by half past eight.

1547 14 July. Had a pleasant, solitary ride on David's Tom this lovely evening, through Farley to Norton St. Philip.

1548 16 July. E. went out to chapel. Supped at W. H. 's. New drain Union Street made.

1549 17 July. Rode Tom this evening to Farley with J. T. (Third visit within five days!). Thence home through Iford, Westwood and Bradford.

1550 20 July. James Day died, aged twenty five. Nurse Bishop left.

1551 21 July. Walked to Wingfield churchyard solus. Dad's back bad. Lucy poorly.

1552 22 July. Rode forth on David's Tom with J. T. up Rood Ashton hill. Just beyond the top, down fell Tom, sending me over his head. We then exchanged steeds and we then went round through Bratton and Dunge, reaching home amid showers about nine o'clock.

1553 25 July. Went to Bratton through Steeple Ashton and Edington in Edward's van with Dad and the two E. s. Tead at Brent's and went to Luckham and on the hill. Came back into the fair and saw W. England and wife, much reduced and poor. The country is fresh and green as in May.

1554 28 July. Mrs. J. C. Offer confined with a dead boy. Emmy slept at her grandfather's and was bit almost to death by fleas.

1555 29 July. Commenced reading Burkitt's Commentary.

1556 2 Aug. Mr. Hastings mentioned my name as secretary to the Church Missionary Society this evening at the monthly meeting. Am learning the church catechism preparatory to confirmation.

1557 4 Aug. Miss Olivia Brown unexpectedly confined with a young Master E. Smith.

1558 6 Aug. William Stancomb junior's first born made her first appearance at Springfield House.

1559 7 Aug. Trowbridge fair. J. T. and James H. left for the Isle of Wight. A whole regiment of bugs found in our back room, filling E. with terror and consternation. Spent the day at Dad's as usual, and in the evening walked to farmer Friar's with E., away from the dust and noise.

1560 8 Aug. Went over Livett's house, no. 7 in the terrace – do not like the appearance of it, and gave up all appearance of purchasing it. Half past three o'clock started in bus with the two E. s and Dad and by boat to Dundas. A fine hot summer afternoon, the landscape as verdant and the fields as green as in May. The crowded state of the boat was, however, a serious detriment to enjoyment both in going and returning. We had, however, a good cup of tea at the Claverton hotel, and Emmy had a good dance on the lawn before the canal to the harp and clarionet. Storer of Bath and his daughter were there. James Perkins was in the boat on its return. It was crowded to suffocation.

1561 9 Aug. Martha Figgins left.

1562 11 Aug. Bathed in Gye's Hole with Diplock.

1563 14 Aug. Called on Jarvis, Wingfield, about the house, no. 8 St. George's Terrace.

1564 15 Aug. Set off at half past five in van with W. H. and Jem Turner through Hilperton, Bulkington, Worton, to the Wheat Sheaf, West Lavington, where we breakfasted on rum and milk, and then proceeded through Tilshead and Shrewton to Timbrell's Farm, whence after a hearty lunch I started solus across the downs to Stonehenge, but felt somewhat disappointed at the size of the stones, and did not find it generally so imposing in appearance as my idea of that memorial of ancient Britain had led me to imagine. After a weary walk back I got a good dinner at Timbrell's and spent the afternoon in his arbour with him and the rest. Left at five and returned home same route, baiting at miller Dowse's at Worton, where we were entertained in his absence by his pretty housekeeper.

1565 16 Aug. Begun a new letter book at counting house. James Perkins unwell.

1566 18 Aug. Chopped away bedstead and chairs on account of bugs.

1567 20 Aug. Charitable Association papers distributed at church at the collection.

1568 23 Aug. To Bristol with W. H. Dined with him at Star. He told me of James's letter from Ryde, Isle of Wight, about a Miss Sims. Went to Bath by coach, returned in boat with Mrs. Hall. Very wet.

1569 24 Aug. James Perkins went for advice to Dr. Barlow, Bath. At monthly

meeting at Mr. Hastings's he took half my district and gave it to Townsend.

1570 29 Aug. Ruth Asher came. Walked to Mr. Eacott, Southwick, about mortgage on Merritt's house with J. T.

1571 30 Aug. James Perkins left shop, ill, to return no more.

1572 31 Aug. Made verses on the Anti-Corn Law demonstrations.

1573 1 Sept. Autumnal reading: Abbott's Corner Stone, Gibbon's Rome, Moore's poems, Scott's life, Bulwer's Alice, Young's Night Thoughts, Hume's England, Byron's life, Hannah More's Practical Piety. Visited in Church Charitable Association: S. Speedy, J. Battle, E. Richmond, Burcomb, Nash, Widow Pike, March. ant. Visited poor James Perkins, who is fast sinking. He spoke of a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

1574 2 Sept. Saw him for the last time and paid him ten pounds for Dad.

1575 3 Sept. Went to my fifth sacrament. Mr. Rowe administered it.

1576 4 Sept. James Perkins died at seven am, aged fifty seven. W. and J. S. do not intend to fill up his place – how will this end? W. S. Junior takes the Picker's department.

1577 7 Sept. Was the means of selling twenty seven pieces by getting a buyer here from Manchester (Hughes of Philip and Co.).

1578 8 Sept. Saw James Perkins' funeral, and in the evening were shown over no. 8, St. George's Terrace by Miss Gillett.

1579 9 Sept. Nelson Haden's daughter, Mary Ann, born.

1580 10 Sept. Lucy put into short clothes today.

1581 12 Sept. To Bath and back by boat. Read Crabbe's 'Borough' in the Victoria Park.

1582 14 Sept. To Bristol. Coach to Bath with W. H., on by train with John Summers. Returned by boat in the evening.

1583 15 Sept. Lucy vaccinated by Dr. Cary. Emmy still very poorly from what he considers to be a liver complaint.

1584 17 Sept. Took Emmy to church this afternoon for the first time. She saw Mr. Hastings baptise several children.

1585 20 Sept. This fine hot afternoon, Emmy, sitting sedately in her coach,

was triumphantly borne by little Ann, Ruth and myself. through Westwood to John Bishop's house, Farley, where the little angel enjoyed herself amazingly. After a good tea we returned home through Wingfield in an hour. The exertion, however, was too much and brought on an attack of illness which kept me awake all night nearly. Sent Besser a notice to quit his house by Martin.

1586 22 Sept. Dr. Cary says Emmy's complaint is torpidity of the liver.

1587 25 Sept. James Harris and his wife went over our house – no go.

1588 26 Sept. Peter Wadman came to W. and J. S. about a commission – no go.

1589 29 Sept. Proposed to W. and J. S. to live in Manchester as their resident agent. An early pilgrimage thereto no more probable than ever. Had much talk on the subject.

1590 1 Oct. Partook of my sixth sacrament with devout and earnest feelings. Walked in the afternoon with my Emmy, Mr. W. Newth and sons to Staverton church and heard Mr. Hastings.

1591 2 Oct. J. P. S. said it was strange J. T. did not strike into something fresh, as they could not raise his wages. Spent an hour with Mr. Hastings this evening, I and Mr. Newth on the subject of the confirmation.

1592 3 Oct. Besser maliciously took out our pump sucker.

1593 7 Oct. Emmy went to Mr. Brent's, Bratton, for her health.

1594 11 Oct. Shifted my bookcase in parlour. Visited with Townsend the Irvingite, and brought him home to supper.

1595 13 Oct. Went by Keats this afternoon with J. T. to Westbury, thence to Bratton on foot. A fine autumnal walk. Found Emmy getting on capitally at Mr. Brent's. After a good supper on a meat pasty, his son accompanied us through the fields into Dunge lane, and we got home by ten o'clock.

1596 15 Oct. Walked with Mr. and Mrs. Newth to Staverton, then solus to Holt church and heard lame Meech screech.

1597 16 Oct. Had a second interview with Mr. Hastings on confirmation.

1598 17 Oct. Miss Gillett told E. it was uncertain whether or not she should quit no. 8. Will Dad buy no. 7? Mrs. Haden ill.

1599 18 Oct. To Bath by coach. Returned by boat with Knee and Miss Parish.

1600 19 Oct. Was inducted by the rite of confirmation into membership in the Church of England. We met the bishop of Salisbury, a tall personage, at the Rectory and walked before him in procession to the church at eleven am. Mr. Hastings read the Litany and then the ceremony commenced, Mr. Newth and myself being the first male participants. Afterwards Bishop Dennison delivered a short and impressive address. The following were among those confirmed: farmer Eggar, Norris Clark's youngest son, young Webb and his sister, young Bailey, Miss Gye etc. etc.

1601 20 Oct. To Bath by coach with W. H. and Wood, on by eleven o'clock train to Bristol. Too late for four o'clock train, so slept at Star again.

1602 21 Oct. Surveyed the exterior of Redcliff church and got to Bath by ten o'clock. Returned home by boat at eleven o'clock. A poor young fellow had his leg rebroken by the carelessness of the man who rode the horse – a sad spectacle. On getting home I found Emmy just returned from Bratton, well and hearty. Saw G. N. Haden evening about my journey to Lancashire.

1603 23 Oct. To Bath by Burroughs. Met the Revd W. Jay and the Gloucester coach. After a long dull ride through a somewhat dreary tract, though contiguous to Badminton and other fine estates, we entered the lovely valley of Nailsworth. Passed by Woodchester and Stroud, and onwards through Rodborough, Cainscross and Stonehouse and by the famed Stanley mills. About twenty minutes before three we passed the cathedral of Gloucester. On entering that ancient city hurried to the station of the Birmingham and Gloucester railway in time for the three o'clock train. Stopped at the following stations on our way – Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Bredon, Eckington, Defford, Worcester, Droitwich, Stone and Bromsgrove. Travelling the counties of Gloucester and Worcester, which are rich and well wooded, we entered Birmingham at quarter to six where after tea I got into first class train at half past six. and passed in darkness except where the element was illuminated by the fires of the Staffordshire ironworks, by Walsall, Wolverhampton, Stafford, Stockport and Crewe to my destination, and reached the Albion Hotel, Manchester, at half past ten, where I found William Cousins waiting for me by appointment.

1604 24 Oct. After a good night's rest in no. 11 I had a good breakfast, then went forth with him and had a miserable day – sold only one piece. Nevertheless had a famous dinner at the Albion with Cousins and Fuller. Met P. Wadman and walked down St. Ann's Square with him. Wrote to E. Saw Cousins depart for Bristol, tead in an oyster shop and amid drenching showers, took refuge in the theatre and saw 'High Life below Stairs'. Went to my hotel dissatisfied and unhappy.

1605 25 Oct. Saw Careless at Gouldsbrough and Humphreys. Sold them six pieces, but though Mr. Fuller went over all the town with me, could get no more orders today. Called on the following: A. and S. Henry and Co., York St.;

Crofts and Hill, Lloyd Street; Rice Bros., Victoria Street; Mr. Johnson; Jos. Smith; Sichel, Port St.; H. Bannerman, York St.; Townend and Hickson; R. Townend; W. Besley, Mosley St.; Robert Barbour and Bros., Portland Street; G. Fraser and Co.; J. S. and J. Watts; Lot Gardner and Co.; Pearce, York St.; J. and N. Philips and Co.; Dean, Brumby and King; D. Percival, King Street; J. Railton, Blackfriars; Charlesworth, Atkinson and Gould, High St.; Jos. Kidson and many others. Dined and took tea with Fuller, wrote a very mournful letter to W. and W. S. junior, and walked down the wet, dirty streets over the bridge to Salford. Heard the Revd. Hugh Stowell preach at Christchurch, went thence to the Talbot where I met P. Wadman and Hughes. Suffered dreadfully in the night from indigestion and difficulty of respiration, fatigue and excitement.

1606 26 Oct. Sold five pieces more in Manchester and started by quarter past two train for Liverpool. Enjoyed the ride but little, being unwell, the country dull and mostly uninteresting. Saw the new mansion of Sir Francis Egerton, M. P. and the town of Warrington. Put up at the Mitre Hotel, Dale St. Sold four pieces and walked round the town with a commercial man. Visited the splendid Market House, the Exchange, Bold St., Castle St. etc. etc., feeling very unwell. I spent the rest of the evening reading the directory, Caleb in Search of a Wife etc. Took some castor oil in gin.

1607 27 Oct. Better – sold six pieces and four ends. Walked on the exchange to the docks and crossed the river Mersey in a steamer to Seacombe, enjoying a complete view of the beautiful port of Liverpool, crowded with vessels. The view altogether is of a most animating description from Seacombe, Cheshire, stretching from Woodside on one hand to the open sea on the other. Left Liverpool half before five in the Grand Junction Railway, and after a dark, tiresome ride of a hundred miles, took coffee at the Queen Hotel, Birmingham at half past ten with Captain Hanson.

1608 28 Oct. After a tempestuous night rose early and walked to the Bull Ring and into New Street. Bought humming top for Emmy. Left Birmingham quarter before nine am, and had a cold, windy ride back to Gloucester by half past eleven. Mounted the coach to Bath immediately and had a tolerably pleasant ride back to that city with an old gentleman, disturbed only by an occasional storm, and tead at Reeves's, Bath and returned home by coach amid heavy showers. List of fares:

Bath to Gloucester	7/- by coach
Gloucester to Birmingham	10/6 second class
Birmingham to Manchester	25/- first class
Manchester to Liverpool	4/6 second class
Liverpool to Birmingham	18/- second class.

1609 29 Oct. Heard that J. P. S. intends coming to church.

1610 1 Nov. H. Hill called and got W. and J. S. 's cards to travel with.

1611 4 Nov. Went hundredth walk this season round Blackball hatches.

1612 5 Nov. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Rowe administered at the Eucharist (seventh), Mr. Hastings being absent at his father-in-law's funeral.

1613 6 Nov. E. tormented by the 'tic dolereux' all this month and under Dr. Cary's hands. Brown very troublesome to the large clothiers.

1614 14 Nov. With J. Hayward to Bath by coach, on by eleven o'clock train to Bristol. Met Tom Pearce in High St., he looked thin, old and poor. In the evening went to the rooms top of Park St., and saw the 'Venus and Adonis' and heard an anatomical lecture on each. The mechanism of the human frame was ingeniously exhibited and explained. Went thence to St. James's church and heard the middle and conclusion of Mr. Woodward's sermon. Slept at Star.

1615 15 Nov. On returning to Bath on this morning's train I was much struck by the protracted beauty of the autumn, the trees skirting the river not being half-shorn of their leafy honours. Things bad in Bath. Returned by coach with Berry and Norris. Spoke to Parry of Worcester.

1616 17 Nov. Finished Alice of the Mysteries, Young's Night Thoughts, More's Practical Piety. Begun Skurray's Bidcomb Hill.

1617 18 Nov. J. T. asked for Shaw Estate, just bought by W. S. junior, ten thousand two hundred pounds. About this time purchased about seven or eight pieces of W. and J. S. junior.

1618 22 Nov. Mr. Boucher to tea. John Cuzner called.

1619 24 Nov. Grimalkin came. E's neuralgia still very troublesome.

1620 26 Nov. Finished St. Ronan's Well and Bidcombe Hill. Begun Anne of Gierstien.

1621 27 Nov. Opened account with Wilkins and Evans. [drapers of Trowbridge] Sent goods to Manchester on spec.

1622 30 Nov. Had a truly uncomfortable and perilous ride to and from Warminster on Jos. Noad's new shod and stumbling pony. Put up at the Castle and repaired with my rib patterns to Wansey, but could sell him none. Dined with [Edward] Ford, who succeeds to his business. Reached home by half past four, and almost broke my leg by coming into collision with a cart in Back lane, but providentially escaped unhurt.

1623 1 Dec. Winter reading: Su. Abbott, M. Gibbon, Tu. Scott's life, W. Anne of Gierstein, F. Hume's England, Sa. Byron's Life.

- 1624** 2 Dec. Peter Wadman came to tea and supper (first time).
- 1625** 4 Dec. Emmy's birthday – she came home from the Courts to keep it.
- 1626** 6 Dec. Took numbers in cloth room. Opened account with Sloan.
- 1627** 7 Dec. Called on Miss Gillett at no. 8, Terrace – she cannot yet decide about leaving it.
- 1628** 11 Dec. Asked Mr. Wickham for his wife to be sponsor for Lucy. No go.
- 1629** 16 Dec. Half of one of my front teeth broken.
- 1630** 17 Dec. Lucy was christened this afternoon by Mr. Hastings in Trowbridge church. Her sponsors were Miss Sarah Webb, Mrs. Jos. Berry, Mr. Walter Newth. His daughter was also received into the church, myself being the godfather. Our two nymphs were the most unruly of the whole party. Miss Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Berry took tea with us, and the latter two supper. The Bude light was introduced into church today [a method of making a light burn more brightly by introducing a jet of oxygen or air into the centre of the flame].
- 1631** 18 Dec. Lucy cut her first tooth.
- 1632** 20 Dec. Lucy her second.
- 1633** 22 Dec. Dr. Cary drew a tooth for E. T.
- 1634** 25 Dec. Walked solus to Bradford church this morning and heard an appropriate sermon from Mr. Harvey. Returned in time for a Christmas dinner at W. H. with H. Strugnel and the usual etc. s. Went to church evening with Ann Hendy and heard Mr. D. Cooper.
- 1635** 26 Dec. Finished stocktaking at half past ten pm.
- 1636** 27 Dec. Half past eleven walked to Wingfield through fields to Mortimer's house. Found Jarvis from house and could learn nought satisfactory about No. 8 Terrace. Ben Moore came to tea and supper evening and we had a lengthened confabulation till near midnight on subjects theological and miscellaneous. Since he left, four years ago nearly, his pecuniary affairs have been at a low ebb.
- 1637** 28 Dec. Miss Gillett called, and surrendered up her house.
- 1638** 29 Dec. Walked to Bradford this evening with J. T. and took the house, no. 8 St. George's Terrace, for three years.

1639 30 Dec. Conversed with J. P. S. about Mr. Mansfield [George Mansfield, vicar of Holy Trinity] and C. of E. matters.

1640 31 Dec. John Mundy and his new wife appeared at church. At the close of this eventful year I must here record my gratitude to Almighty God that I possess an humble hope that through the influence of His Holy Spirit I have been called to approach his table and partake the blessed Sacrament of the body and blood of His Son. Among the other most important dates are Jan. 23, October 23 and Sept. 4.

1844.

1641 3 Jan. Made a contract for W. and J. S. Junior with W. Newth for three hundred tons coal.

1642 6 Jan. Bought globes of J Seargent. Mr. Mann returned from Devon with improved health.

1643 7 Jan. Ninth Eucharistical solemnisation at church, Mr. Hastings and Rowe.

1644 8 Jan. J. T. agreed to have ninety pounds per annum. Laura and Ann H. to tea and supper.

1645 10 Jan. Settled new commission arrangement with W. and J. S. Emmy slept at home first time for months. Lucy's first bad night teething, and had a very bad cold also.

1646 15 Jan. W. S. asked Sinkins [John Sinkins, clothier of Frome] for commission for me – no go.

1647 17 Jan. Finished Byron's Life and Hume's England. Began Smollett.

1648 18 Jan. To Bath by boat and on by train to Bristol. Returned same evening by boat with S. S. Parfitt, whose son decamped for robbing Mundy. Diplock joins Mrs. Wearing – indited stanzas thereon.

1649 24 Jan. To Bath by Lucas. Found W. Springford and Sir F. Burdett had died yesterday.

1650 25 Jan. Emmy very unwell – sick and appetite totally gone.

1651 26 Jan. Wrote Scott about Spackman and the Manchester journey.

1652 29 Jan. Dyer says Emmy's indisposition is caused by teething.

- 1653** 31 Jan. Sotheran is the candidate for North Wilts.
- 1654** 1 Feb. District meeting at Mr. Hastings. W. S. Junior, Jos. Clark, Willis, Allen etc. present.
- 1655** 2 Feb. Edridge opposes Sotheran for the county. Oram sent threatening note.
- 1656** 3 Feb. Pressmen suspect W. S. Junior and Miss Angle. I cannot believe it.
- 1657** 7 Feb. Heard Edridge and Sidney Smith speak from the Woolpacks.
- 1658** 10 Feb. Lucy unwell teething. Edridge resigned.
- 1659** 13 Feb. Bartlett Hooper married to Eliza Wearing. William Wearing also married this week at Swindon. Went to Bath by boat, on to Bristol by afternoon train. Slept at Seven Stars.
- 1660** 14 Feb. Breakfasted with John Cuznor at his house, 16 Portland Square. Furnished in grand style – how can he keep it up? Did a good day's business and opened account with Smith, and Piggott and Thomson. Got Joyce's dividend from Acraman. Returned from Bath fair in boat with Aitcheson, Millard, Woodward etc.
- 1661** 16 Feb. Emily took Emmy to Mr. Mann's – was not pleased thereat.
- 1662** 17 Feb. The Manchester journey must not be till September.
- 1663** 19 Feb. E. went to ask when Miss Gillett leaves – no answer. Hill turned off for a fortnight for woodstealing. Overworked at shop.
- 1664** 24 Feb. Jo. Berry applied to Mr. Hastings for clerkship – no go.
- 1665** 26 Feb. Hill sent order from Manchester. How will this affect me?
- 1666** 27 Feb. Met [James] Jarvis in Back St., but settled nothing about repairs.
- 1667** 28 Feb. Lucy cut her third tooth, which is a muckle one. Did much with Tegg about this time, though not for myself.
- 1668** 1 March. Spring reading: Abbott's Way to do Good, Gibbon's Rome, Scott's Life, Moore's Poems, Anne of Geirstein, Smollett's England. Was lent Lyra Apostolica, Christian year, Bernard Leslie, Gresley's Portrait of an English Churchman, Tales of the Ancient British Church. Visited in church district Association: Speedy, Pike, Battle, Richmond, Hawkins, Burcomb, Spender, Earle. Miss Gillett called to say she should leave Thursday. Puss sent away. Mr. Rowe called, and conversed on literary subjects. Lucy cut her fourth tooth.

- 1669** 5 March. Walked to Bradford evening to see Jarvis about fixtures.
- 1670** 7 March. To Bath by coach with England etc., on by eleven o'clock train. Found Jones had taken to Surrage's business. Home by coach. Met Jarvis, Berry, Dad etc. at no. 8 Terrace. of which we this day received possession from Miss Gillett.
- 1671** 10 March. Old W[illiam] Nightingale the clerk died.
- 1672** 11 March. Had a walk to Bradford this morning through a complete hurricane to see Jarvis about painting etc. Got wet through coming back. Gave Berry the job.
- 1673** 12 March. E. Ford of Warminster to lunch and dinner.
- 1674** 13 March. Went to Church Missionary Meeting, girls' school room with E. Messrs East of Bath, Johnson, Wabright, etc. etc. there.
- 1675** 14 March. Lucy weaned this week.
- 1676** 16 March. To Bath by boat this day with Diplock and Harry T. Dined and tead at Michael's. Returned same way.
- 1677** 19 March. Commenced our removal to no. 8, St. George's Terrace.
- 1678** 21 March. Completed it and slept there.
- 1679** 23 March. Went over [James] Rawlings's furniture rooms. Chopped tables with him. Paid Besser and parted amicably.
- 1680** 25 March. Shaw of Dublin called and got W. and J. S. 's agency.
- 1681** 27 March. Farmer Manley's sale preparatory to leaving Hinton.
- 1682** 29 March. Dissenters make the British School entirely sectarian, being afraid of the new church school.
- 1683** 5 April. Good Friday. To church morning and evening. Afternoon went with the children by Mortimer's house into London Bridge Lane, and round Trowle Common where Emmy fell out.
- 1684** 6 April. Warned by [Samuel] Hurd on Court Leet – no go.
- 1685** 7 April. Easter Sunday. To dinner and tea at Dad's. Fell out with W. H. on church matters.
- 1686** 8 April. To Westbury by Keats with Butterworth etc. Sworn in constable

at the town hall, being my second year. Sloan paid me cheque, then walked home through fields and was obliged to jump over the river. E. Ford and wife to dinner. Dad brought knocker from Bath.

1687 9 April. Took the children this fine afternoon through Bradley in their coach to Mr. Eacott's, Southwick, with E., Ruth and Ann. Took tea there and returned home by half past seven o'clock.

1688 10 April. Hear that wise Harry T. is married in India.

1689 11 April. Brunel, Hayter, Saunders etc. at counting house to see W. S. Senior in reference to the new railway.

1690 12 April. Commenced *morning* family prayer (see May. 17 1836).

1691 18 April. Had a lovely walk through fields to Bradford by Avon. Called on Mr. Spackman [Thomas Spackman, clothier] and obtained his commission for Bath and Bristol. Returned by road by one o'clock.

1692 19 April. James H. very poorly – will he not ultimately decline? Supped there.

1693 20 April. J. P. S. returned from London with good orders for the fall. Heard the cuckoo first time with Emmy in Studley fields.

1694 21 April. Went to Staverton church this fine sabbath afternoon with E., W. Newth and wife. Tead at Mrs. N. 's at Marsh. Was introduced and shook hands with Revd. Mr. Hinton.

1695 22 April. Received Mr. Spackman's pattern card.

1696 23 April. To Bath by boat, on by eleven o'clock train with Mr. Joyce the brewer. Found drowned boy at Olive's. Opened two accounts for Mr. Spackman. Slept at the Star (good night).

1697 24 April. and breakfasted. To Bath by eleven o'clock train with Miss Cottle of Melksham and Mr. Pocock of Box. (see Aug. 24 1841). Returned by coach. Could do nought for Mr. Spackman in Bath.

1698 26 April. Went with W. Newth and J. T. up Ashton Hill and into Long's park cowslipping. Fearing rain, which did not come though much wanted, after a month's drought, we hurried home.

1699 28 April. Took Emmy this morning to Trinity church for the first time in her life. Used new 'church service'. Afternoon walked with E. through the hot sun to Hilperton. Jay preached at Tabernacle evening and the children sang three of my verses.

1700 30 April. W. S. senior took Dad in his carriage to Bath, and dined and settled with Cousins at Bristol. On returning he complained to Dad of a gathering in his ear.

1701 1 May. Emily wrote to Mr. Mann and left Tabernacle (see Feb. 26 1840). W. S. senior to counting house early this morning as usual. He talked of the large trade Marling was doing, of John Clark's returning from London, of the sale of the old houses to be pulled down in Silver Street, which he said he valued at fifty pounds, and Lucre bought them at forty seven pounds. After breakfast he went to Petty Sessions at the Woolpacks and we saw him no more. In the afternoon J. P. S. said he was unwell, little thinking what was at hand.

1702 2 May. I went to the counting house as usual this morning, not even thinking of Mr. S. 's indisposition the day before, where I was astounded to hear he was lying in a hopeless state, and a few minutes afterwards Cooper, W. S. junior's footman brought the news of his death at about half past seven am., having only the previous day entered his seventieth year. On the same day [William] Beckford of Bath and [James] Borland of Farley also died, the latter having attended my mother's funeral as well as W. S. senior, who died most likely of apoplexy, though Sylvester insisted on holding an inquest.

1703 4 May. W. and J. S. gave us three a suit of mourning each. Went with W. Newth and J. T. same walk as May. 13 1843.

1704 6 May. Saw the features of my old master for the last time, sadly changed by death. W. Angle and J. T. saw the corpse at the same time.

1705 7 May. Swing gates put up in Bythesea's fields.

1706 8 May. Received invitation to attend Mr. Stancomb's funeral, and Dad also, brother J. T. being unaccountably omitted.

1707 9 May. When yet he was a boy, and should have breathed
 The open air and sunshine of the fields
 To give his blood its natural spring and play,
 He in a close and dusky counting house
 Toiled on, and toiled, amassing stores of wealth,
 And from the footsteps of his early years
 His feet departed not.

A quarter before one o'clock went to W. S. 's funeral with Dad. The mourners were ranged thus.

— W. S. junior, S. Salter, J. Gouldsmith, J. Sinkins, J. P. S., Pearce, Fowler, two Pooles, two Tuckers. The coffin, splendidly adorned with silver furniture, was taken into Back Street chapel. and Mr. Barnes delivered a suitable address. All the shops were closed, and most of the tradesmen walked behind. The vault

is in front of the chapel. He was buried at two pm.

1708 11 May. Asked W. S. for his father's Bible and was refused. Took same walk with J. T. and W. N. as May. 19 1843, and supped at Mrs. Newth's, Marsh. Had rheumatic pains in back and chest.

1709 12 May. Heard W. S. 's funeral sermon at Back Street from 1. Thess. 4 13. First time of being at chapel since Dec. 1841.

1710 13 May. David F. appointed to supervise pickers.

1711 14 May. Walked to Bradford this evening. Saw Wilshere and Sparks.

1712 17 May. Went fifteenth annual walk – solitary and thoughtful.

1713 18 May. Went with J. T. and Newth nearly same walk as May. 29 1843.

1714 20 May. Dad troubled with leg and disordered bowels.

1715 21 May. After a long drought the first wet morning, and beheld our household (except Lucy) depart for Bath, it being Emmy's first visit to that city. Heavy showers fell on the boat leaving Dundas, and a drizzling rain lasted through the day. We all dined at the Seven Stars. W. H. and Mrs. H., Mrs. Jenkins, myself, E. and Emmy. After dinner we saw some fine pictures in the Pump Room, and Emmy's mother bought her a fine coral necklace for ten shillings. Returned by boat evening with Mr. Mann and J. S. Esq.

1716 22 May. Weather dry again. Lucy cut her sixth tooth.

1717 23 May. Mary Bedford taken to workhouse. Returned next day. Finished Moore's poems.

1718 24 May. Mr. Mansfield called first time – did not see him.

1719 25 May. Went with J. T. through Acrefield wood and Wingfield churchyard.

1720 26 May. Whit Sunday. Fourteenth communion at church. Went with E. and Emmy to Trinity church afternoon into pew no. 90.

1721 27 May. Half past three. Our household set off, family coach and all for Farley, and ere we reached Westwood were overtaken by Uncle John on horseback, and also by a storm which drove us into a ditch for shelter. On abating we proceeded, Emmy with her uncle on the nag to Westwood, where he took another road, and Lucy in her coach. Met Mr. Salter on ascending Farley hill. Tead in the watercress cottage, then Emmy and myself strolled round Farley and saw widow Borland and son. Home by half before nine. About this time James Brewer died [saddler of Trowbridge] (see Feb. 21

1843), Marsh (see April. 24 1842), R. Edgell who was at Wm. S's funeral on the ninth inst.

1722 28 May. To Gunston's house in van with W. Newth, James H., J. T., Dad, E. and Emmy. Saw the Corsley Club with music and banners after dinner, tried to get into Longleat House but couldn't. On leaving Horningsham lost our way and got into Frome road. On returning walked through grove at Chapmanslade with E.

1723 29 May. Got Nelson Haden to witness my 'Proposal for Admission' to insure in the National Provident Institution, at Mr. Love's recommendation.

1724 31 May. Called on Dr. Cary with Life Insurance paper to fill up. He examined me and pronounced me sound. Returned my fee of a pound, it being probable his testimony may be dispensed with. Walked to Bradford and similarly examined by Mr. Jos. Baines [doctor]. Mr. Hastings called on E., and we went to sacrament meeting evening. Moon eclipsed.

1725 1 June. Summer reading: Abbot's Way to do Good, Gibbon's Rome, Scott's Life, Anne of Geierstein, Smollett's England. Have been lent: Forest of Arden, Clement Walton, Siege of Lichfield, Rectory of Valehead. Visited in Church District Association. Carried on a week's unpleasant correspondence with J[ames] L[ander] Whatley, Bath. Walked with Newth to Staverton and Holt, weather warmer but the terrible drought still continues.

1726 2 June. Trinity Sunday. E. accompanied me to the Sacrament for the first time at church, it being my fifteenth. Little Lucy left off caps.

1727 3 June. Supped at W. Newth's.

1728 5 June. Insured five hundred pounds on my life in National Provident Institution.

1729 6 June. Letter from G. N. Haden of objections to the church. Wrote three in reply.

1730 8 June. Went to Hammeracre and through Long's park with J. T. and W. Newth.

1731 11 June. Suddenly made up our minds to visit Weston-super-Mare and take Emmy. When ready to start were suddenly prevented through Mrs. John Stancomb's being attacked by paralysis.

1732 14 June. of which attack she died in the night – sixty hours after.

1733 16 June. Thirty years old. William Alloway preached – have not yet seen him.

- 1734** 17 June. Witnessed old Plummer's will after making it for him.
- 1735** 18 June. Grand thunderstorm. Went to Book Meeting.
- 1736** 19 June. Went over our late residence with Mrs. Besser.
- 1737** 20 June. Miss Newth at work at ours nearly all the week.
- 1738** 21 June. Factory being closed on account of Mrs. J. Stancomb's funeral, my household with the exception of Lucy, accompanied by Ann and Laura H., took tea at Biss, and rambled round Esq. Long's locality. Encountered dame Giles.
- 1739** 22 June. Joe Spragg drew a double tooth for me. Went with W. N. by canal across Bradford common to F. L. F. He frightened by disclosures from his wife, who is a Kempish shrew.
- 1740** 23 June. Went to Tabernacle for first time for two and a half years to hear Mr. Mann preach Mrs. Stancomb's funeral sermon. Sat with John Vine, who returned from Jamaica with W. Alloway.
- 1741** 25 June. After working hard all day in Bristol, took a quiet sail to Clifton down the river. Ascended the rocks, when the rain coming on, drove me back to the Star.
- 1742** 26 June. Left Bristol at eleven o'clock. Met Newth in Bath and returned with him.
- 1743** 27 June. Lucy cut her seventh tooth.
- 1744** 28 June. W. Newth sold W. and J. S. three hundred tons coal.
- 1745** 29 June. Bathed with J. T. in canal.
- 1746** 1 July. The Hendy family to supper with Dad and J. T., also Douglas.
- 1747** 2 July. Dad went to Calne, and agreed to pay income tax. H. Hill at counting house.
- 1748** 3 July. The poet Campbell buried in Westminster Abbey. Heard Mr. Sotheran at British School evening, a public meeting being held to establish the Wilts Friendly Society.
- 1749** 5 July. Father's continued indisposition still weakens him.
- 1750** 6 July. Had an interview with William Alloway after ten years' separation. Hear Mr. Rowe intends to go. W. S. gave me his father's Bible. Went walk with

W. Newth, J. T. and young Douglas of Bath through Wingfield by Rumming's farm.

1751 8 July. R. Scott of Edinburgh supped at ours.

1752 9 July. Went in Keats' open spring waggon through Farley to Wellow, a most precipitous course after leaving Hinton Charterhouse. Our company consisted of E., Emmy, Dad, Mrs. and Laura H., W. Newth, three sons, and W. A. Douglas. Had a good tea at Cole's, Wellow, but were much disappointed with the gardens. After surveying the church we returned, and meeting J. T. in Hinton, we supped at Borland's, and once more went over the old chapel.

1753 11 July. Walked to Esq. Long's farm this evening with W. H. and J. H. Passed by the house and supped at Hacker's with W. H. Chatted with him on religious subjects walking home.

1754 13 July. Finished my fourth appendix, book catalogue. Opened account with Mr. J. Long.

1755 16 July. It was thrice mournful for Dad at Bratton today as it brought back his cold and his diarrhoea. We left by van at one pm and tead at Brent's as usual – Dad, E., Emmy and Mrs. Newth. Emmy walked most stately up the Picket Hill, holding Mrs. Brent's hand, followed by the rest of the company, including Miss Flower, George Brent's inammorata. We then descended into Edington churchyard, and returned into Bratton through some pleasant meadows. Supped at Brent's and did not get home till eleven o'clock.

1756 20 July. Dad continuing worse, I fetched Dr. Cary to bleed him. Bathed near Biss this evening, then walked through fields to Bradley and supped at Ring of Bells with W. Newth and J. T. Home through Silver Street Lane.

1757 22 July. Dad much better. Lucy cut her eighth tooth.

1758 24 July. Went to Rode in Marks's cart solus, and walked home through Farley, Tellisford, and Wingfield churchyard. Threw Dad's stick among the ivy of the old towers at Farley.

1759 25 July. Hughes at counting house. Bathed in Gye's Hole a quarter before nine with J. T.

1760 26 July. Had a theological chat with old farmer Friar. There is every prospect of a railway through Trowbridge.

1761 27 July. Went same way to Hammeracre with J. T. and W. Newth as on June. 28 1843. Thence crossed under sycamores behind Long's house to park to Hackers. Home road.

1762 29 July. Shook hands with Mr. Rowe, who leaves Thursday. Walked to Bradford evening through Marsh and Staverton with J. T. and W. Newth. Supped at W. H. 's after a fine moonlight walk home through fields by the Avon. Saw Wilshere.

1763 30 July. Lucy cut her tenth tooth.

1764 3 Aug. Supped with J. T. at Mrs. Newth's, Marsh. Terrific weather. Dad still troubled with diarrhoea. Henry Tucker keeps bad company, and turns out indifferently.

1765 4 Aug. Seventeenth Sacrament. John Stancomb baptised in Court river (a pity).

1766 5 Aug. Gay morning, but drenching afternoon. Kept the fair at Dad's as usual.

1767 6 Aug. In spite of the gloomy appearance of the weather, set off to Bristol with J. T. by boat and railway. The day improved, and after taking some good orders, waited with J. T. afternoon for Walter Newth at the station. We all then went in a wherry to the Hotwells, and ascending Clifton Heights, were overtaken by a storm. Slept at mother Olive's and were wretchedly annoyed by bugs.

1768 7 Aug. We were all on board the 'Wye' steamer by 9 o'clock, and set sail just after a smart shower. After a passage neither rough nor smooth, but which made Mr. Newth feel very qualmish, it being his first voyage, we reached Chepstow after an absence of five years, and when we had recruited our somewhat disturbed stomachs, we set out for the Wynd Cliff which we ascended by the three hundred and sixty five steps and once more were privileged to behold the unparalleled survey from its summit. After the customary sojourn in the moss cottage, we resumed our walk, reaching Holy Tintern by four o'clock. After a coarse tea at the Royal George, we gained admittance to the abbey, 'that glorious remnant of a gothic pile', and J. T. and myself ascended once more its topmost height, leaving poor bile stricken Mr. Newth below. After a stroll through the village, we took up our quarters at the Beaufort Arms, and after a good supper took a walk in the dusk of evening by the murmuring waters of the woodcrowned Wye.

1769 8 Aug. After a comfortable night at the Beaufort Arms, we bade Holy Tintern farewell at nine o'clock, and retraced our path to Chepstow, where after a lounge in the environs of the castle, we embarked again under the care of Captain Waters, Mr. Newth, having fortified his stomach with brandy, and his mind by reflecting that for all men there is an appointed time. The wind being brisk, we had a fine toss in the channel, and the deck was well washed by the spray, spoiling Mr. Newth's great coat. Just as I was apparently about to follow the example of many of my fellow voyagers and disgorge my dinner,

we got into the smooth waters of the Avon which prevented the catastrophe. When in Bristol, we mistook the time of the Bath trains, and did not reach that city till half past six, and after an exhausting run to the canal found that the boat had gone. We then had to trudge home through Claverton, down Brassknocker Hill to Stoke, by canal to Avoncliff and by Barton farm.

1770 10 Aug. Dr. Cary thinks Dad's complaint connected with the liver. Went with W. Newth and J. T. through Silver Street Lane fields to Fleur de Lys, Southwick.

1771 11 Aug. Unpleasantness at home about household expenditure.

1772 12 Aug. Neighbour Livett [William Henry Livett, wool broker] gone to jail for debt. Went with J. T. this evening by canal into Whaddon Lane, and home through Hilperton.

1773 14 Aug. Busy buying low doeskins for W. and J. S. Will it answer?

1774 17 Aug. Went with Dad, J. T. and W. Newth to Hilperton. Left Dad, and went through Pasrade[Paxcroft] to Green Lane, and home.

1775 18 Aug. Walked to Bradley church this afternoon with E.

1776 20 Aug. To Bath by boat with E. and Emmy. Entered by new bridge and went over the Town Hall, then lunched at Brinkworth's and strolled up Milsom Street into the Victoria Park, round which Miss Emmy rode in proud state, mounted on a donkey and accompanied by a dwarf. After dinner we went to the Pump Room, and then E. went shopping, and I to business such as it was. Had a pleasant ride home by boat evening.

1777 25 Aug. Went to Staverton church with Newths, and to tea at Marsh.

1778 27 Aug. Ruth Asher left and went to Mr. Cockrell's. Begun reading Lamb's poems, Bulwer's Disowned and Don Quixote.

1779 28 Aug. Met Mrs. William Alloway and her family in Studley fields.

1780 30 Aug. Dad still unwell. Dr. Cary said he could do no more, and he put himself under Dr. Spender's care, of Bath, from which time he began to improve.

1781 31 Aug. Holme of Liverpool here. Went to Mr. Eacott at Southwick with W. Newth. The latter gave account of his two courtships on the way.

1782 2 Sept. Eliza Flooks came as servant. Left on the 24th.

1783 3 Sept. To Bath by boat. Back same way. Dined at Star, Bristol.

Disappointed by Cousins.

- 1784** 5 Sept. To Bradford by passbye, but could not meet with Spackman.
- 1785** 6 Sept. Fear —.
- 1786** 7 Sept. Bought barometer of Bishop [William Bishop, jeweller] with Dad.
- 1787** 10 Sept. Our household spent the afternoon at Mrs. Eacott's, Southwick.
- 1788** 17 Sept. Provoking letter from D. Peters. Closed with him for ever. Nay.
- 1789** 18 Sept. Wilts and Somerset Railway take Tarr's premises as offices.
- 1790** 19 Sept. To Bath by boat with Knapp. Dined at Seven Stars, and walked home through Stoke. Saw Mr. Spackman at Dunkirk. Gas exploded church.
- 1791** 20 Sept. Dad went to Bath and bought a painting.
- 1792** 22 Sept. Walked to Hilperton with E. this Sunday afternoon.
- 1793** 24 Sept. Odd Fellows Procession. Took the chair at Book Meeting.
- 1794** 26 Sept. Our household, attended by Ann and the children in their coach went to Bradford. They tead at Mrs. Webb's, while I bought remnants of Spackman.
- 1795** 27 Sept. Rejoicings at Rood Ashton, young [Walter] Long being of age. James Kemp broke his leg going there, and his brother is thought to be in a decline. Nelson Haden and wife came up evening.
- 1796** 28 Sept. Finished my stocktaking. Heavy expenses and good income. Autumnal reading: Abbott's Teacher, Gibbon's Rome, Don Quixote, The Disowned, Paul Clifford, Scott's Life, Lamb's Poems, Smollett's England. Visited in Church Association as before.
- 1797** 1 Oct. To Bath by coach, on by eleven o'clock train to Bristol. Left by the seven o'clock train, and had a damp, dark ride to Gloucester. An old man in the same railway carriage accompanied me in search of lodgings. Went to John Perkins and paid for our beds, which we were fain to relinquish on inspection. We took refuge at the Fleece, where we were comfortably housed at half past eleven.
- 1798** 2 Oct. Such was the weather as I perambulated Gloucester for the first time in quest of orders, or rambled in the walks in the vicinity of the towers of the stately cathedral. After opening three small accounts soon after three

pm I reached Cheltenham by railway, and was conducted by a chance friend through the most striking parts of this beautiful town, this being my first entry into it. Proceeding to the Spetchley station by rail, had a well-wooded ride of three miles by starlight into Worcester, it being also my first visit to that city. Passing the theatre, I went in and saw Rob Roy and Nicholas Nickleby performed, and the polka danced. Repaired to comfortable quarters at the Golden Lion.

1799 3 Oct. Breakfasted with three commercial gents at the Golden Lion, Worcester, and after an almost ineffectual attempt to do business, strolled to the bridge which oer'arches the Severn. Strayed thence into the cathedral, which is somewhat plain, though lofty. There are some fine monuments by Chantry. After taking an order from Baskerville, about noon I set off on my return home through Gloucester to Bristol by rail. Reached Bristol just too late for the half past four train, and took a fly to Bradford from Bath with two gents. Walked home from Bradford.

1800 5 Oct. Path from the Terrace to the Longfield coalashed. W. H. Livett's goods to be sold.

1801 6 Oct. Nineteenth Sacrament at church with E. Mr. Hastings and Mr. Meech.

1802 7 Oct. In a desponding mood set off by boat this afternoon for Bath, thence to Bristol by rail, and after an unsuccessful attempt to find lodgings at Mrs. Denning's, located myself at Winfield's in Bridge Street. Bought an excursion ticket for a pound, and after a weary and unsatisfactory walk, retired to rest about eleven to get ready for the morrow.

1803 8 Oct. Off by special train at seven o'clock from Bristol, through Gloucester and Birmingham by twelve, where we dined, then on the Grand Junction Line by Stafford, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Crewe, Warrington, to Liverpool, which we reached before five, and walked into the town from the Edgehill Tunnel station. Put up again at the Mitre and spent the evening at a picture exhibition.

1804 9 Oct. A dull, dark day. Did but inconsiderable business. In the evening went to Manchester by rail. A lecturer in the train recommended me for lodgings to Scott's Temperance Hotel, but not liking my bedfellows, I decamped at half past eleven and slept at the Commercial Inn, Market Street.

1805 10 Oct. Fine brisk day both as to weather and business. Saw Fuller and dined at an eating house with Careless. Left Manchester for Liverpool at twenty past eight. Got to the Mitre by ten, with a Stonehouse farmer who returns home tomorrow.

1806 11 Oct. Set off with him from the Mitre at six o'clock. Breakfasted on

turkey and chops at the Tunnel Hotel, and the return journey took us back to Birmingham by twelve, where we dined as before, reaching Bristol by five, got to Bath by half past six, and at the recommendation of a fellow traveller named Quick, slept at the Gloucester Arms, a decent house.

1807 12 Oct. After calling on the Bath folks, went home in the boat amid heavy rains, with old Brent, James Haden and J.W.A[pplegate]. After travelling six hundred and fifty eight miles within a fortnight, reached home about half past one o'clock, and found all right there.

1808 14 Oct. Awkward job about Phillips and Holmes order. Letter from them.

1809 15 Oct. Sophy Amor came. She won't do.

1810 22 Oct. Nelson Haden's second son and S. Brown's seventh daughter born.

1811 25 Oct. Lucy cut her eleventh tooth. Martin wrote letter for Sophy. The Warminster folks want the new railway to go from Bradford to Bathford instead of from Trowbridge to Corsham.

1812 26 Oct. Jacob Sargeant [furniture broker] broke. Dunns try to buy the flocks.

1813 29 Oct. Finished Abbott's Teacher. Begun Parental Duties.

1814 30 Oct. Find Sophy is subject to the fits – we must get rid of her.

1815 31 Oct. Went to Mr. Spackman's, Bradford – can't get him to send my orders.

1816 1 Nov. Emmy fell down in the parlour and cut her lip.

1817 3 Nov. Twentieth Sacrament church. Last walk this season round Blackball Hatch.

1818 4 Nov. Sophy Amor very troublesome – she must go.

1819 5 Nov. To Bath by boat and to Bristol with Giblett by eleven o'clock train. Went to St. James's church evening and slept at Winfield's house. Trade bad.

1820 6 Nov. Spent today in Bath. Returned by boat with Mr. and Mrs. Hastings. Called on Dr. Spender for Dad.

1821 7 Nov. E. engaged Nurse Ricketts. Oh dear, what will become of us?

1822 11 Nov. Was surprised to read in the Gazette of the sudden death of the Revd. R. C. Griffith, Corsley.

1823 12 Nov. Mr. Alloway and family left on their return to Jamaica. Sophy Amor left our house, and Mary Mortimer came.

1824 13 Nov. Bristol and Warminster folk oppose the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth railway, which will probably cross through Mr. Gane's premises and demolish two or three of the Terrace houses.

1825 14 Nov. Went to rectory meeting evening. Mr. Hastings gave me fourteen cards to write.

1826 18 Nov. Sam Hayward gone to Salter's with the others.

1827 19 Nov. Broke bottle of brandy.

1828 20 Nov. On foot to Yarnbrook, thence per Arter to Warminster. Strolled through the town and dined with Ford. Saw Wansey. Went with Ford into the church and into our old pew, then crossed the fields to the road where luckily meeting James Applegate he took me home in his trap.

1829 21 Nov. Garden laid for grass. Poor little Lucy has a bad cold.

1830 22 Nov. Finished Lamb's Poetical Works.

1831 24 Nov. Walked to Bradford new church this afternoon with W. Newth and heard Mr. Bradney who preached but two Sundays more, being suspended by the bishop. In the evening finished Abbott and commenced Chalmers, Bloomfield and Count Robert of Paris.

1832 25 Nov. Had a Catherine Day's party to tea and supper at Dad's as usual.

1833 26 Nov. To Bath by Burroughs and lost the train. Detained in Bath till twelve and could do no business in Bath or Bristol either of any note. Obligated to return by Lucas, being left behind by coach.

1834 27 Nov. Wrote Mr. Spackman that I feared I must relinquish his business as he will not execute my orders.

1835 28 Nov. Decided upon having no shares in the new railway.

1836 29 Nov. Seized with a violent and dangerous pain in the stomach which continued two days. Dad is now middling well again.

1837 1 Dec. Winter reading: Chalmer's Lectures on Astronomy, Gibbon's

Roman Empire, Don Quixote, Scott's Life, Bloomfield's Banks of the Wye, Byron's Werner, Scott's Count Robert, Smollett's England. Visited in Church District Association: Speedy, Battle, Earl, Richmond, Pike. Robins died on the tenth.

1838 4 Dec. Family party to commemorate Emmy's birthday.

1839 5 Dec. Ruth in Peril at Dr. Lamb's. W. Newth joined Visiting Association.

1840 6 Dec. Lucy sick teething. Her mother has a bad cough. Weather severe.

1841 10 Dec. River frozen. Went to waxwork exhibition evening with Emmy and Dad.

1842 12 Dec. The mild and unassuming Mr. Haden Senior married at Bath to the youthful and blooming widow Hicks [Cristiana Hicks; she was about sixty, a year older than her husband] prophesy – Dame Singer will scratch old Wicks, Gaffer Haden will thrash old Hicks. Finished Bloomfield's Banks of the Wye, and begun Byron's Werner.

1843 14 Dec. Gas first lighted in our counting house.

1844 17 Dec. Book meeting at J. C. Offer's. Besser left the society.

1845 18 Dec. Lucy cut her eleventh tooth and her twelfth on the thirtieth.

1846 22 Dec. Went to Wingfield church this fine, frosty Sunday afternoon solus.

1847 25 Dec. Dined, tead and supped at W. H. 's. Went to church twice.

1848 31 Dec. E's leg threatens. The most important events of this year are noted Jan. 10, March. 19, 21, April. 18, May. 1, 2, 9, Sept. 18, Nov. 7!

1845.

1849 1 Jan. J. P. S. on jury at Devizes.

1850 2 Jan. Dad and Caroline also to Session. Foundation laid of Mr. Mansfield's parsonage.

1851 5 Jan. Much dissension throughout the church occasioned by the endeavours of the Bishop of Exeter to institute a stricter conformity to the rubric in his diocese.

1852 7 Jan. W. and J. S. announced their intention of having more assistance in

the trade, and their wish that John and myself should take more important parts.

1853 8 Jan. Heard of Brereton and Robinson's failure. Grand annual go at Dad's, including Hendys, Mundys and us.

1854 9 Jan. Benjamin Perkins came to counting house. I begun pressing the dressing with W. S. and Angle.

1855 15 Jan. Brook's account proceeds prosperously. E. very unwell.

1856 16 Jan. She was bled today. I went to Bristol by boat and railway with Chettle the draper. Saw Ryan driving twenty horses through Wine Street. Lucy located at Dad's.

1857 17 Jan. George Lucre dismissed from the police.

1858 20 Jan. David Ebenezer Ferris came to counting house. He and B. P. are to go to school half the day – he left on the 1 February.

1859 21 Jan. Talked with A. R. Dunn of the rumour about W. S. and Miss A. which he credits.

1860 23 Jan. L. Lewis from London respecting taking L. and E's agency.

1861 27 Jan. Accordingly W. and J. S. gave the latter three month's notice.

1862 29 Jan. Told J. P. S. that I am tired of Trowbridge and of book-keeping – Lewis will interfere in Manchester.

1863 2 Feb. Twenty third communion at church. Afternoon to Staverton with William Newth. Overtaken on our return by the minister, Mr. Hinton. Lucy is now regularly domesticated at her grandfather's on account of her mother's inability to attend to her and continued so till fifth Feb. Signed memorial for a railway from Bradford to Bath.

1864 7 Feb. Heard of Hughes's sudden death at London (see Sept. 7, 1843, Oct. 25, 1843). W. and J. S. very illiberal with me in selling.

1865 8 Feb. Had an healthy walk to Bradford this fine frosty morning and spent some time with Mr. Spackman.

1866 10 Feb. L. Lewis accepts the London agency.

1867 14 Feb. Concluded Chalmer's Astronomical Lectures, Lockhart's Life of Scott, Count Robert of Paris, Byron's Werner. Begun Byron's Island, Bligh's Mutiny of the Bounty, Hayley's Life of Cowper. Lucy poorly teething.

1868 18 Feb. To Bath by boat – on by eleven o'clock train with Gregory and Morris. Dined at Olive's and supped there with W. H. Slept at Winfield's. Heard Mr. Woodward senior preach a good sermon at St. James's church.

1869 19 Feb. Returned early to Bath. Much of the autumnal foliage remains on the trees that skirt the Avon and railway. Home by boat.

1870 24 Feb. Jacob Seargeant charged with conniving at robbery. E. obliged again to have recourse to Dr. Cary.

1871 28 Feb. Very busy on my own cloth account – so I had need, for the domestic horizon is growing dark.

1872 1 March. Spring reading: Hayley's Cowper, Gibbon's Rome, Don Quixote, Bligh's Mutiny of the Bounty, Byron's Island, Smollett's England. Visited in Church District Association: Speedy, Battle, Earl, Richmond, Pike, Rawlings. E. attacked by pains in her leg, which Dr. Cary pronounced attendant on her present situation, and which will probably render her a cripple for the next two or three months. Lucy has been some time domesticated at her grandfather's.

1873 5 March. J. P. S. to London to settle arrangements with L. Lewis. Hard frost today. River frozen over (see Dec. 10).

1874 6 March. Last day E. came downstairs till the thirtieth being confined mostly to her bed for a complaint in her leg incidental to her situation.

1875 8 March. J. P. S. wrote from London that we must not do business in Liverpool and Manchester, so that all my labour is lost!

1876 9 March. To Holt church with Walter Newth. Tead at Marsh.

1877 15 March. J. T. immersed in the Biss through the ice breaking. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield came in to see E.

1878 19 March. J. T. slid on the river. The frost however broke today, terminating a winter of unprecedented continuance.

1879 20 March. To Bath by coach – on by eleven o'clock train to Bristol, returned home by boat.

1880 21 March. Good Friday. Took Emmy for a walk. Mr. Mansfield wrote to proffer the churchwardenship, from which I begged to be excused for the present.

1881 24 March. Jos. Clark, Livett and Sumpson chosen Churchwardens., McNeil rechosen.

- 1882** 25 March. E. better – dressed for the first time.
- 1883** 26 March. To Bath by Lucas. Dined at the Seven Stars. Business slack. Returned by boat.
- 1884** 27 March. To Warminster by Arter. Saw E. Ford and called on Dame Kelly of piecrust memory, then had a healthy, breezy, meditative walk home.
- 1885** 29 March. Walked to Bradford and tead with Wilshers.
- 1886** 30 March. E. came downstairs first time since the sixth.
- 1887** 1 April. Dad consulted Dr. Sylvester about his health.
- 1888** 3 April. Decline subscribing to the funds of the old church.
- 1889** 5 April. J. P. S. manifests a growing disinclination to business.
- 1890** 6 April. E. went to Trinity church afternoon. First time of attending church since twenty third February.
- 1891** 8 April. Signed Mr. Mansfield's petition against the increased grant to Maynooth College.
- 1892** 11 April. Sent patterns to Kidson, Manchester. Finished reading Bligh's Mutiny and Byron's Island.
- 1893** 12 April. Commenced taking in 'The Times' with J. P. S.
- 1894** 15 April. Heard W. Hall is troublesome to Ann H. Hope she won't encourage him.
- 1895** 16 April. E. walked down to the field with me. We did not anticipate this in March., but a change is fast approaching.
- 1896** 17 April. To Bath by boat with Mrs. Lucre, on by eleven o'clock train and back by three forty train from Bristol. First time I ever returned from both places without orders for either W. and J. S. or Spackman! Ann Newth at work at home.
- 1897** 18 April. Three houses burnt at Studley. Saw conflagration also on common.
- 1898** 21 April. Paid a visit to old farmer Friar once more – still in full possession of his faculties, and although nearly blind, his memory crammed with reminiscences of old English divines.

1899 23 April. Took Emmy in her coach with Mary Mortimer and Ben Perkins through Westwood to Farley, where after taking tea as usual at Bishop's, we went to the house, and through the interest of an old acquaintance of Mother's, got admission into the house, park, conservatory, and gardens. Heard the cuckoo first time this season.

1900 24 April. Mr. Mansfield's house tiling. Mary M. will not suit us.

1901 25 April. The agitation on the Maynooth question continues. Beautiful rain dissipates the fear of drought.

1902 27 April. Mr. Edgell's funeral sermon at church. Budeglass cracked.

1903 28 April. Went with J. T. up Ashton Hill into Long's park cowslipping. Heard nightingale first time this season.

1904 29 April. Took Emmy and Lucy this evening in coach to Mrs. Eacot, Southwick with Mary and Ann. Back by half past seven o'clock.

1905 30 April. Love and Evans' London agency terminated, and that of L. Lewis commenced.

1906 5 May. Went with J. T. same walk as on May. 4th 1844 at Hinton.

1907 10 May. J. T., James H., E. Rawlings and T. Day paid their first visit to London. The three former did not return till the twentieth.

1908 11 May. Started at half past five this Sabbath morning to Bradford for Nurse Ricketts. The country full of freshness and beauty, and the air redolent with perfume and song. E. very unwell all day and attended by Mrs. Hendy, the nurse and Caroline. Did not go to the old church all day, being the first Sunday I have missed for years. Heard Mr. Bradney at the new afternoon.

1909 12 May. Whit Monday. Alfred Harris Tucker born at twernty three minutes before seven o'clock am – a season of great danger and difficulty to him and to his mother, the old doctor not arriving till some time after. Fortunately the nurse was experienced in such matters. E. got on well for a week then relapsed as of old.

1910 13 May. Took Emmy to Whitsun festival in the rectory gardens. Made tea for a party of old folks with Newth and sent up two balloons.

1911 14 May. Went with Dad, Caroline and the two girls to Marsh and took tea with Newth and his mother. Dad poorly with his old complaint.

1912 17 May. Went sixteenth annual walk – solitary and thoughtful.

- 1913** 18 May. Was godfather to Newth's son. Tead at his house.
- 1914** 20 May. Went to Mr. Spackman's, Bradford, and had a pleasant walk back through the fields by the Avon. Overtook Mr. Wicks. Had Alfred Harris Tucker registered by James Harris junior.
- 1915** 21 May. To Bath by boat with G. N. Haden, his wife and son. Had to hawk about remnants in Bristol. Slept at Lovell's.
- 1916** 22 May. Back to Bath by eleven o'clock train. The country paradisaical. Dined at Seven Stars. Paid Spender Dad's bill. Returned home by boat.
- 1917** 23 May. E's appetite fails and she gets worse every day.
- 1918** 26 May. Unwell this week and apprehensive of fever. Emmy first went to school. Finished Smollett's England. Begun George III.
- 1919** 27 May. Emmy went to Bath with Hendys. Louisa T. visiting at Dad's. (see April. 24 1837). Saw W. H. Livett [William Henry Livett, wool broker, St. George's Terrace] intoxicated.
- 1920** 28 May. Told Revd J. D. Hastings I should give five pounds towards the new school.
- 1921** 29 May. It seems likely Alfred must be weaned.
- 1922** 30 May. Went with J. T. and James H. through Acrefield wood to Rudman's farm. Bought bookcase of Deverell and two new watches of Wilkins.
- 1923** 31 May. E's weakness increases, and her legs grow bad again – so ends May. Went with J. T. same walk as on May. twenty ninth 1843.
- 1924** 1 June. Summer reading: Hayley's Cowper, Gibbon's Rome, Don Quixote, Miller's George III. Visited in Church District association: Speedy, Pike, Earl, Richmond, Battle, Rawlings. E. still grows worse. Alfred must be suckled elsewhere.
- 1925** 2 June. Went down Green lane with J. T. to meet children and Caroline, Louisa T. etc. coming from Ashton and went home with them through Hilperton fair. Brown bought Edgell's factory, house etc. for two thousand eight hundred pounds.
- 1926** 4 June. Mrs. John Moore suckled Alfred through this week.
- 1927** 5 June. E. had leeches on her leg. A. very noisy and troublesome.
- 1928** 9 June. Asked McNeil for Mrs. Jennings's pew. No go.

1929 10 June. Went per Marks's cart with J. T. to Rode, and had a most enchanting walk from Tellisford to Farley. Called on Borland.

1930 11 June. To Frome by Edwards's van. After transacting business with W. H. May, set off on foot towards Warminster, and had a burning walk to Gunston's house, who has deserted his family. Had a hearty meal at the inn on Corsley Heath, and a pleasant and shady walk, abounding in extensive prospects, to Warminster, and met the Revd F. Skurray on horseback. Took tea with Ford and heard him play the organ at Christ Church. Returned home by Arter. E. is now slowly improving, but A. has the white mouth. What a contrast between indoor troubles and the magnificent aspect of nature without!

1931 12 June. Went to Wingfield to meet the children etc. Supped at Huntley with J. T.

1932 13 June. W. S. and his lady in a Scottish tour.

1933 14 June. Bathed with James Hendy. Exchanged pews in the old church.

1934 15 June. Grand and terrific thunders, attended with bountiful showers this summer Sabbath, during which Alfred's illness so increased that he was baptised in the parlour at ten o'clock pm by Mr. Mansfield, it being generally considered from the leaden hue of his countenance that he would not live through a combined attack of scarlatina and thrush. After fighting for his life through the week, he became so violently convulsed on Saturday evening the twenty first inst. that Nurse Ricketts predicted his immediate demise – also upon the next morning the twenty second, and when she sent me for Mrs. Hendy to assist her in laying him out. From this period however, he amended, whether for his ultimate welfare or not, God only knows.

1935 17 June. Went to book sale in Mr. Hughes's arbour.

1936 18 June. Felt very anxious for poor little Alfred's life.

1937 19 June. He struggled fearfully for breath through this day.

1938 20 June. E. went out in Drinkwater's chair on Trowle Common.

1939 21 June. Ditto today. At ten pm was called to see Alfred die.

1940 22 June. From this evening he began to amend.

1941 26 June. E. driven out in P. Wadman's gig.

1942 27 June. Dad rashly bought two fields at auction.

1943 28 June. Had a nice breezy walk to Bradford, where I gave Mr. Spackman

information about Lewis. Walked thence by the Avon to Freshford, and took lodgings for E. at Baily's. Returned through Westwood.

1944 29 June. E. churched today at Trinity church. Mr. Hinton forgot the service in its proper place. She bore the fatigue pretty well.

1945 30 June. Miss Hamilton called on E., who does not gain strength very fast. Nurse fears she will be obliged to wean Alfred – we hope, however, great things from Freshford. Royal assent given to our railway bill.

1946 3 July. To Bath per boat with Knapp and Hooper. Sold in Bristol pretty well. E. gets on in strength but little – must Alfred be weaned? This week she went out again in the chair occasionally.

1947 6 July. Nine folks tead at our house this Sunday afternoon!

1948 7 July. E. went to Orchardleigh with James H. and J. T. I bathed with Ben.

1949 8 July. After a busy, bustling day, I had the satisfaction of clearing my house of its numerous inmates, and amid descending showers, we started in pursuit of Mrs. Baily's hospitable quarters at Freshford, whence, having seen E., Emmy, Alfred and the nurse nicely deposited, we, that is myself, Caroline and Dad returned as we came, per van.

1950 9 July. Domesticated at Dad's. Mr. Spackman sent me Coat's cloth.

1951 12 July. This afternoon went by passbye and boat to Avoncliff, thence through fields to Freshford, where I found all well. Slept there.

1952 13 July. Rain again. Went to Freshford church with Emmy and Mr. Baily. Afternoon being fine, went with E. and Emmy up Stoke Hill. Evening went to Freshford church again. Supped, and walked home through Westwood.

1953 14 July. Mary Mortimer wishes to leave. Nurse Ricketts left E.

1954 15 July. J. P. S. set off on a continental tour. A party went to Freshford.

1955 16 July. Went this evening per Wilkins cart to Wingfield, through fields into Westwood lane, and to Freshford. Found E. but weakly, through Alfred's draining her – he thrives nobly. Slept there.

1956 17 July. Started homewards at six am. Detained an hour under trees in Westwood lane, and got drenched by the rain at last.

1957 18 July. Walked to Mr. Eacot's, Southwick, this evening through fields with Caroline, Lucy and Louisa. Supped at the Fleur de Lys.

1958 19 July. Walked to Freshford through Westwood and Iford this evening.

1959 20 July. Commenced this truly delightful day by a most enchanting walk with J.T. and young Sam Baily from Freshford across the Tynning, and by a wood path through Monmouth-like scenery to the church of Hinton Charterhouse, where we heard a clever sermon from the noted Revd T. Spencer. In the afternoon we attended the shabby though hill-crowned church of Limpley Stoke with E., Emmy, J. T. and Laura. After tea had a short walk with Emmy, and at eight o'clock she and her mother attended J. T. and myself on our homeward way as far as E. Smith's house, whom we saw today. Baily is growing tired of Alfred's music.

1960 21 July. Went through Staverton to Bradford evening with W. Newth and J.T.

1961 22 July. To Avoncliff by boat afternoon. Tead at Freshford with my family and went down the Tynning with E., Emmy, and Laura. E. has not improved since Sunday. Walked home as on Sunday, and saw fireworks.

1962 23 July. R. Scott here. At the George with him and saw him off per Arter,.

1963 25 July. Evening went over Trowle Common through fields by Mizen's large house to Westwood. Left the road just beyond 'Able Hoobs' and crossed woodpath to Dunkirk and up the Tynning. Slept at Freshford. E. rather better.

1964 26 July. Started home six am. Reached it ten minutes past seven. Louisa T. returned to London yesterday – most time.

1965 27 July. To Freshford in Job's cart with J. T. and Dad. J. T. and I went through Hinton to St. Philip's Norton church and lost our way in the fields. Evening went to Freshford church with J. T. and Dad. Took up Lucy in our return at Wingfield.

1966 29 July. Went to Missionary Meeting in schoolroom, new church. Mr. Hanna spoke.

1967 30 July. To Bath by boat – stormy. Dined Seven Stars. To Dundas with Packer by his three o'clock boat. Walked in rain to Freshford. E. does not gain much strength. Saw Johnson the tea man.

1968 31 July. Breakfasted at Freshford and had a fine walk home by ten o'clock, but the storms soon came on again. Bad prospect for harvest.

1969 1 Aug. Saw a most horrid spectacle beside the Frome road at night.

1970 2 Aug. Evening went to Iford by Mullings's cart and through fields from

Stowford, thence to Freshford down the lane.

1971 3 Aug. Went to Freshford church morning with E. and Emmy and heard the miserable rector [William] Boyle. Afternoon amid driving showers ascended the hill with E. to Stoke church. John T. and J. H. came to tea. Afterwards we had a lovely walk through Stoke. Took Emmy home in the gig.

1972 4 Aug. On foot through Stowford evening to Iford where I broke wine bottle. Reached Freshford by nine o'clock. The stormy weather will preclude.

1973 5 Aug. further stay. Could not agree with Rose the carrier to take home our household, so deferred it till tomorrow, and walked home to the fair by ten o'clock am with Mary through the dirt. The day improving, took the children in the fields in the afternoon. Dad and J.T. set out for Weston-super-mare. A dull drunken fair.

1974 6 Aug. To Freshford at eleven am in Job's cart with Mary. Returned by same conveyance at three pm with bag and baggage, thus completing E's sojourn of twenty nine days, from which the advantage to her health has not been so considerable as we anticipated. Heard that M. Parish is wooed by a drunken teazleman, that our former servant has got a brat, and that W. H. Offer is leaving town.

1975 9 Aug. The eruption in Alfred's face and head increases.

1976 12 Aug. To Bath by boat by G. Lucre. Sold Tait's magazines and bought picture frames in Bristol. Returned by boat with Miss Angle and her beau.

1977 13 Aug. Went to Bradford evening with J. T. and paid Wastfield W. and J. S. account.

1978 15 Aug. Saw railway track cut out by the aqueduct.

1979 17 Aug. Sam Baily from Freshford here. Took him as far as Westwood evening.

1980 18 Aug. Emmy resumed her studies under Miss Blake. E. Cockrell is removed to Bradford. Mr. Mansfield's parsonage is near completion, also D. Ferris's farmhouse.

1981 21 Aug. Heard Mr. Hastings advise Newth [coal merchant] as to the railway, which will produce a revolution in his trade.

1982 22 Aug. Spragg visited Alfred, whose eruption increased, and his general health is not good. We must try weaning.

- 1983** 25 Aug. Mr. and Mrs. Baily from Freshford to tea. Alfred very sick.
- 1984** 28 Aug. To Bath by boat with E., Emmy, Laura and Ann. Very angry at their not coming at the time fixed for dinner at Brinkworth's and so dined elsewhere. At four o'clock went to the Victoria Park with them, where they all had a donkey ride. E. continues very sick – Alfred must be weaned. A short life is apparently assigned to him – his sickness continues.
- 1985** 31 Aug. Alfred tucked up – will not the next change be a shroud? Beautiful harvest weather.
- 1986** 1 Sept. Autumnal reading: Hayley's Cowper, Don Quixote, Miller's George the Third, Hudibras. Visited in Church District Association. E. 's health not improving. Cary ordered. Alfred to be weaned. Emmy had the chicken pox this week.
- 1987** 2 Sept. E. rode out for an airing in Mr. Hastings's carriage.
- 1988** 6 Sept. Concluded our summer evening walks.
- 1989** 9 Sept. Mr. and Mrs. Eacott to tea with Lucy, Emmy, Caroline etc.
- 1990** 10 Sept. Caroline providentially took baby Alfred to Mr. Fowler, who pronounced favourably upon him.
- 1991** 15 Sept. Young Wilshere to dinner and tea. Salter builds an high wall in the Courts. Cannot decide about visiting Gloucester etc.
- 1992** 18 Sept. E. waited on Mr. Fowler for the first time. C. Chislett declines coming to our house again.
- 1993** 19 Sept. Alfred very ill in chicken pox till the twenty fourth and twenty fifth. Lucy is also poorly teething and Emmy far from well.
- 1994** 23 Sept. To Bath by boat, reading Hudibras. Business dull. On by one o'clock train to Bristol. Mrs. Olive died today. Slept at Winfield's Hotel in Bridge Street.
- 1995** 24 Sept. Spent today in Bath. Returned by Burroughs. E. thirty one years old today.
- 1996** 25 Sept. Emmy resumes her troublesome habit of calling out in bed.
- 1997** 27 Sept. Settled my year's account at midnight – a good year.
- 1998** 29 Sept. J. T. brought us a canary. Saw old Brookmaan's funeral [William Brookman, formerly clothier].

- 1999** 30 Sept. E. went to Cumberwell to Mr. Clarke in Mr. Hastings' carriage.
- 2000** 1 Oct. Wrote to Ford about Crockerton. J. H. says it will soon be Hendy and son.
- 2001** 5 Oct. Thirtieth communion at church with E. Went to Bradley church afternoon with Emmy and W. Newth.
- 2002** 6 Oct. Tenth anniversary of marriage. Made first speculation in railways. Jos. Noad's son killed.
- 2003** 7 Oct. Mary Mortimer left.
- 2004** 8 Oct. Emily Watts came.
- 2005** 9 Oct. Chat with Mr. Spackman, Bradford. To rectory evening.
- 2006** 10 Oct. Bought Blackwall shares. Mr. John S. cleared five hundred pounds by railways last week (Wilts and Somerset).
- 2007** 12 Oct. Took Emmy to Hilperton church this lovely morning. Heard a Puseyite sermon from Talman. Tead at Hendy's.
- 2008** 14 Oct. By van through Wingfield and Rode to Orchardleigh with E., Emmy, Mrs. and the Misses H., J. T., and W. Newth, Mrs. Denning. Got through a quagmire to the lodge and tead at the cottage. Had a lovely moonlight stroll with Newth through the park by the ornamental water. Baited our starved nag at Woolverton and drank rum ourselves in the parlour.
- 2009** 15 Oct. By van to Frome, thence on foot on Westbury road to Chapmanslade, thence down fields to Corsley church. Ascending opposite, by a pleasant walk of a mile, reached the high road and got into Warminster by half past two. Baited at the New Inn and took tea with Mrs. Ford who is convalescent. Walked back through Westbury to Heywood, thence home by Arter.
- 2010** 16 Oct. Paid Wilkins for Blackwall shares.
- 2011** 19 Oct. Lucy had the chicken pox this week.
- 2012** 20 Oct. Troubled with diarrhoea – walked to Bradford and increased it.
- 2013** 21 Oct. To Bath by boat, on by eleven o'clock train with G. N. Haden. Found new people at the Star – dined there. Went to bed at Olive's in Peter Street and suffered dreadfully in bowels.

- 2014** 22 Oct. Drank abundance of port wine. To Bath at twelve o'clock. Business wretched. Dined at Seven Stars. Returned by boat.
- 2015** 23 Oct. Diarrhoea returned this evening and almost finished me.
- 2016** 24 Oct. Dr. Cary's medicine set me right. Lucy very unwell.
- 2017** 25 Oct. Panic in the railway market.
- 2018** 26 Oct. Evening service in Trinity church.
- 2019** 27 Oct. Nevertheless, ordered more shares. Alfred ill all this week. His health is so bad that his life seems scarcely desirable.
- 2020** 29 Oct. Did much business on my own account this week. In addition to which I am full of unwholesome railway excitement.
- 2021** 31 Oct. E. went to Dr. Cary again about Alfred. Drew more money from trade to pay for Blackwall shares – W. S. says he shall not take it back again.
- 2022** 1 Nov. Went fiftieth and last walk to Blackball Hatches for the season.
- 2023** 2 Nov. Went to Wingfield church this afternoon with W. Newth and son.
- 2024** 3 Nov. W. S. informed me that Arthur S. will join the firm at Christmas.
- 2025** 5 Nov. Alfred reduced by diarrhoea to skin and bone. Mr. Fowler visited him and prescribed – after which he rapidly improved again.
- 2026** 7 Nov. Ordered of Scott shares in the Edinburgh and Northern Railway, although the market is in an increasingly depressed state.
- 2027** 9 Nov. Took Lucy to church this morning for the first time.
- 2028** 10 Nov. To Bath by boat this afternoon, reached Bristol by six o'clock, and had a splendid ride by rail thence by moonlight to Gloucester, where after looking into the dirty theatre for half an hour, repaired to Mr. Haviland's ample smoking room at the Fleece and slept in peace beneath his hospitable roof.
- 2029** 11 Nov. Attended morning service in Gloucester cathedral, a magnificent edifice. After went to the Basin and docks and beheld the stately Severn. Found business dull and rode back to Bristol by four o'clock through scenery still resplendent with autumnal foliage. Slept at Olive's, Peter Street, Bristol.

- 2030** 12 Nov. Returned to Bath to dinner. Home by boat, reading St. Clair of the Isles!
- 2031** 14 Nov. Very busy on my own account all this week and next.
- 2032** 19 Nov. Revd F.W. [Frederick William] Faber follows Mr. Newman and many others in secession to the Romish communion.
- 2033** 22 Nov. Spragg vaccinated Alfred. Walked through Hilperton Marsh to Bradford.
- 2034** 23 Nov. Alfred's baptism completed at Trinity church by Mr. Mansfield, his sponsors being W. Newth, J. T., and Ann Hendy. Family party to tea.
- 2035** 24 Nov. Heard of L Fry's death, having seen him on the eleventh.
- 2036** 25 Nov. Begun Keats' Poems, Scott's Surgeon's Daughter and Ben Jonson's Every Man in his Humour. Frightened at the non-arrival of our Shrewsbury shares.
- 2037** 2 Dec. To Warminster per Arter to see Ford. Returned on foot and took refuge in shrubbery near Heywood from a storm.
- 2038** 4 Dec. Had juvenile party to celebrate Emmy's birthday.
- 2039** 6 Dec. Alfred's eruption bad. Ordered Grimshaw's Cowper.
- 2040** 8 Dec. Evill and Co. failed. Our railway prospects bad.
- 2041** 10 Dec. Sir R. Peel's ministry resigns, but after an ineffectual attempt of Lord John Russell to form a new one, the queen reinstates Sir Robert.
- 2042** 12 Dec. E. 's health indifferent. Fearful of M. Hutstein's credit, without cause.
- 2043** 15 Dec. Left off feeding Alfred by night. Shares returned from Chester Eight.
- 2044** 17 Dec. Eliza Francis at our house sewing.
- 2045** 19 Dec. Parcel from Tegg arrived. Returned Boccacio's Decameron to Bristol.
- 2046** 25 Dec. Started for Bradford with J. T., but rain driving us back, we attended our own church morning. E. and Emmy dined at W. H. We all tead at Dad's. Begun reading Life of Christ and Grimshaw's Cowper.

2047 27 Dec. Finished stocktaking. J. T. 's salary advanced.

2048 28 Dec. Last Sunday of the year very wet. Begun Quarles's Emblems.

2049 29 Dec. Arthur Stancomb came to W. and J. S. Lucy had a juvenile party. Sally Porch died, aged eighty three. Cannot decide whether we had better take the new Shrewsbury's. So ends 1845 and this book.

2050 Omissions.

Dec. 25 182—. Went to Wingfield with Uncle Henry and heard him preach.

Dec. 25 1829. Broke the third finger on my right hand.

Feb. 12 1832. Mother attacked with paralysis.

1846.

2051 1 Jan. This year begins in suspense on three very important points – How will the crisis in the railway market terminate? Is R. Peel coming forward as a Corn Law repealer? Is —.

2052 2 Jan. Remitted fifteen pounds to Chester for Shrewsbury new shares. Our first meeting in the new school rooms.

2053 4 Jan. Attended thirty third communion at church with Mr. Hastings and Mr. de Molines present.

2054 11 Jan. Walked to Westbury this damp evening with J. T. and heard the Bishop of Salisbury preach in the church. We escorted the Miss Stevens home.

2055 12 Jan. Railway valuers here on the Wilts., S. and W. line and bought many houses in Longfield and elsewhere.

2056 17 Jan. Sally Watts left. Jane Winslow came. W. Newth to supper.

2057 22 Jan. At Bath today. Parliament met, Sir R. Peel deserted his old allies and joined free traders.

2058 24 Jan. Additional rooms to the counting house building.

2059 27 Jan. To Bristol today. Had a splendid view from the train of a stupendous flood, occasioned by the late heavy rains.

2060 31 Jan. The weather of this month has been distinguished by its mildness and successive rains.

Deaths: Nehemiah Jenkins, Bristol, Carson, picker.

Visited: Speedy, Pike, Battle, Richmond, Rawlings.

Bill of Health: Myself well, except low spirits, and rheumatic earache; E. weak and low in mind and body; Emmy and Lucy well, with slight colds, Alfred's eruption very troublesome— he is evidently teething.

2061 1 Feb. Went to thirty fourth communion at old church with E. Same ministers as last time. Spent the rest of the day at home.

2062 2 Feb. Alfred ill till the eighth.

2063 4 Feb. Sold my first parcel to J. and N. Phillips etc. buyer.

2064 8 Feb. Went to Staverton church with W. Newth and tead at Marsh.

2065 10 Feb. First procured Indian Pink [or Peruvian wiregrass] for my old complaint, and visited H. Barry, who, as well as J. C. Offer, is probably not long for this world. (a mistake).

2066 13 Feb. Alfred very troublesome – my spirits wretchedly low. Hear that T. Clark woos Miss Willis. Concluded *The Surgeon's Daughter* and begun *Castle Dangerous*.

2067 15 Feb. Went to Hilperton church with W. Newth. Heard poor Walmesly.

2068 16 Feb. Wrote to Mrs. Williams for Mother's letters, she replied that she had destroyed them.

2069 17 Feb. At Bristol today. Had good order from T. R. Fry. Sold Saurin's *Sermons* and bought Chambers *Cyclopaedia*. Slept at Olive's.

2070 18 Feb. Dined with Dad in Bath. Returned with him and Aitcheson. Entered and surveyed Bristol cathedral.

2071 19 Feb. Joe Berry removed to Wells.

2072 21 Feb. Finished powdering and E. signing books. Four hundred and ninety vols. in stock.

2073 24 Feb. Went at Mr. Hastings' request to evening school.

2074 25 Feb. Mrs. W. Stancomb and Mrs. Mansfield begging for Miss Nightingale, whose father has just failed.

2075 27 Feb. Saw Samuel Woodward's funeral.

2076 28 Feb. First violettering with Emmy. Geese Tub Hoax [unexplained] at

Marsh. The weather of this month has been very mild, and vegetation very forward. Slight frost occurring from ninth to fifteenth. Dry and mild to twenty second. Remainder stormy. Colds plenty.

Death: Samuel Woodward on the twentieth (see Sept. 20 1838).

Visited: as last month. Marriage: Eliza Francis tenth.

Bill of Health: Though overworked, health much improved by use of Indian Pink. E. very weak and dispirited. Emmy, Lucy and Alfred all troubled with coughs, Alfred's eruption also very bad.

2077 1 March. Went to thirty fifth communion at old church with E.

2078 4 March. Woollett, Rowe and Clay of Holborn failed.

2079 6 March. Ann Pitney succeeded Rebecca Minty as charwoman.

2080 7 March. Walked to Bradford and again engaged Nurse Ricketts.

2081 8 March. Heard Mr. Bradney at Staverton church with W. N. Spent the evening with J. C. Offer who is evidently hopelessly ill.

2082 10 March. Spent today in Bristol and went over Redcliff church. In the evening went by third class carriage to Worcester, and slept as in October 1844, at the Golden Lion.

2083 11 March. Called on old Baskerville at his private residence and opened accounts with Lewis and Davies. Saw the Judges on their way to open the Assize Court. Left Worcester at noon, and spent the afternoon at Cheltenham and opened account with Shirar and Mcdougal. At Gloucester by five o'clock, and went to Plymouth Brethren chapel. Slept at The Fleece.

2084 12 March. Opened account with Miles and left Gloucester by G. W. Railway, and after my first ride on this line through Stroud etc. made my first entry into Swindon, a pleasant, healthy town. Saw W. Wearing and opened two accounts. Thence by rail to Corsham, where I luckily met with J. P. S. who took me home in his carriage.

2085 18 March. To Frome per van. Walked to Corsley and dined and tead with Ford at Warminster, and home by Arter.

2086 19 March. J. C. Offer, Mark Newth and H. Barry all very unwell.

2087 24 March. To Bath by boat with E. and Emmy. Visited the Pump Room and collection of pictures in the corridor. Prevented by rain from going into the park. Dined and tead at Seven Stars. Returned by boat with lawyer [William Stephens] Edwards.

2088 25 March. Sawyers busy in Terrace. preparing for railway.

- 2089** 28 March. Received four of Mother's letters from Mrs. Williams.
- 2090** 30 March. Had difficulty in avoiding surveyorship for Studley. The first part of this month was mild and fine, then stormy to the 18th, then N. E. wind with frost and snow for a few days. Thunder and hailstorms with gleams of fine weather to the end.
Deaths: Old Speedy, James Norris, coal merchant, J. C. Offer's infant.
Marriages: 4, S. Bowyer Junior; 18, Eliza Parish; 28 Miss Dunn.
Visited as last month.
Bill of Health: Myself, well. E keeps up well yet. Alfred's eruption disappeared and succeeded by nettle rash. His health altogether improved, though no tooth through yet. Lucy and Emily suffered much the last week from influenza, Emmy particularly. Finished *Castle Dangerous* and the *Waverley Novels*.
- 2091** 3 April. Supped at W. Newth's. Two Alfred Newths there.
- 2092** 4 April. Went fiftieth and last walk for the season round Studley fields.
- 2093** 5 April. Went to thirty sixth communion at old church with E.
- 2094** 6 April. Concluded Keats' Poem. Railway shares lower than ever.
- 2095** 7 April. In Bristol – did pretty well on my own account.
- 2096** 8 April. Emmy's first tooth came out.
- 2097** 9 April. Went first walk for the season to Blackball.
- 2098** 10 April. Good Friday. To church morning with Emmy, Lucy and E. In the afternoon with them and Alfred on Farley road and upset their coach.
- 2099** 13 April. Easter Monday. Walked to Bradford evening and made acquaintance with Mr. Shepherd, mathematician and astronomer, for J. Cousins. Laura H. sick in the small pox.
- 2100** 14 April. Easter Tuesday. On this disastrous day, I set forth with my two girls and the two servants beneath a fair sky to visit Jane's mother near Ashton, when about half way we were overtaken by heavy rains and took shelter at Stony Gutter. We spent the afternoon comfortably, though rather tiresomely. Afterwards, at Mrs. Winslow's, from whence Dad fetched us in a van amid drenching showers. This fatal afternoon both Emmy and Lucy contracted a severe illness, probably from the damp state of the atmosphere.
- 2101** 15 April. High floods. Saw Revd. W. Kay.
- 2102** 19 April. Went to Dr. Cary for both Emmy and Lucy.

2103 20 April. Alfred left off wearing caps. Emmy's diarrhoea better, but Lucy worse from constipation of the bowels.

2104 21 April. To Bath – opened an account with Shum's. Took Alfred for my regular bedfellow in front room. About this time the works of the new railway were commenced near Ladydown farm. Finished first, and began second volume of Grimshaw's Cowper.

2105 24 April. Rode to Westbury this evening on David's pony, not having mounted steed for a long time previously.

2106 25 April. Lucy dangerously ill, but amended from this day.

2107 28 April. Opened account with Revd F.W. Gray, Castle Cary.

2108 29 April. Went for our first long summer walk with J. T. to Esq. Long's, and Hammeracre way home. This has been a very wet April., with a very few fine intervals of clear days and frosty nights. The air mostly damp and mild and colds very prevalent.

Deaths: old W. Dyer, shearman; E. Thompson, wool merchant, London, committed suicide, 21, T. Tagg, Cheapside, aged seventy two.

Marriages: 2 3rd James Angel, Miss Tabor.

Visited as last month.

Bill of Health: Myself well, though somewhat fagged, E. Keeps up famously, Emmy and Lucy recovering, Alfred well, but dentition backward as ever.

2109 1 May. Rode to Southwick evening with Emmy in Marks's van. Railway shares improving once more. F. Allen [Francis Allen, clothier] asked me to buy two steel doeskins. Did largely with Mr. John Long. Alfred's oratory is confined to Dahdal, dahdal dah.

2110 2 May. Rode David's nag to Freshford evening with J. T. Called on Gardner to solicit his list of names – also called on Bailey's.

2111 4 May. Revd Mr. Bateson left Trowbridge.

2112 5 May. C. Woodward, Gouldsmith, Fowler and Clift elected Baptist deacons.

2113 6 May. Walked by canal evening with Emmy to see railway commenced.

2114 7 May. Had a first interview with Mr. Fowler. He prescribed for an internal weakness to which I have long been subject.

2115 8 May. Spent this evening with R. Scott, Edinburgh and sold him three pieces.

- 2116** 10 May. Alfred cut his first tooth.
- 2117** 11 May. Concluded History of England, having begun it.
- 2118** 12 May. Alfred's first birthday. I went to Bristol and purposed going to Cardiff, but changed my mind.
- 2119** 14 May. Went fieldway to Avon by Bradford this afternoon with Emmy, Lucy, Caroline and Ann. Tead at Wilshire's.
- 2120** 15 May. John Cadby Offer died this morning. Rode to Farley evening with J. T. Mark Newth is in Devonshire for his health. Foolish Parfitt's son rides about on horse back with David F's daughter.
- 2121** 17 May. Upon this lovely Sabbath evening I took my seventeenth annual walk to Stowford.
- 2122** 19 May. Annual clear out at home, whitewashing, scrubbing etc.
- 2123** 20 May. In Bath. Returned with footman's wife in W. S. 's carriage.
- 2124** 22 May. Saw J. C. Offer's funeral pass through the Market Place (see Aug. 6 1835, Aug. 7, 8, 9, 31, Sept. 5 1838, July. 11 1839, May. 18, Sept. 18, 1840, Nov. 5, Dec. 4, 5, 29, 30 1841, Oct. 5 & 26 1842, Feb. 13 & July. 28 1843, Feb. 10, March. 8, 1846).
- 2125** 25 May. Wilts and Somerset railway begun in Gooseacre, Trowbridge.
- 2126** 26 May. Bought a new carriage for the children and went with them this afternoon to Farley.
- 2127** 29 May. Rode to Melksham in gig with Dad, J. T. and Emmy this evening and walked to the Spa. Tried to do business, but couldn't. Mark Newth returned from the sea side, sinking hopelessly.
- 2128** 30 May. Arthur P. S. home all this week, ill. Begun Locke and Longfellow.
- 2129** 31 May. Whit Sunday. Went to thirty seventh communion old church with E. Laura H. to supper – first time I have seen her since the smallpox. The first part of this month was showery, the latter hot and dry, vegetation green and abundant.
- Deaths: George Gillett, carpenter; 15 J. C. Offer; 31 Samuel Haskins, spinner, J. Phillips, Salter's yarnman.
- Visited as last month
- Bill of health: Myself much improved, through God's blessing on Mr. Fowler's prescription, E. better than could be expected, children middling.

- 2130** 1 June. Alfred very poorly teething – had a sad night with him.
- 2131** 2 June. Consequently spent Whit Tuesday at home poorly and indisposed.
- 2132** 3 June. Took the children to farmer Friar's – met Dad there.
- 2133** 4 June. Had a beautiful sail on the Avon to Bradford in W. Moore's boat, accompanied by John Moore and my old crony Ben Moore, who is on a visit from London.
- 2134** 5 June. Took out Emily's first tooth.
- 2135** 7 June. Ben Moore went with me to church evening. He leaves tomorrow.
- 2136** 9 June. Esq. [John] Clark and Mark Newth hopelessly ill.
- 2137** 10 June. To Bath by boat with Mr. Aitcheson, thence to Bristol. Sold off my goods early and returned to Bath and had a lovely refreshing walk home through Freshford etc.
- 2138** 12 June. The weather becomes very hot, and I bathe occasionally which at once refreshes and weakens. Esq. Clark died today after a short illness, aged sixty five.
- 2139** 16 June. My thirty second year complete today. Mark Newth died, aged nearly thirty four (see June. 12 1833, Jan. 12 1834, July. 25 and Sept. 6 1835, Sept. 27 1837, March. 15 and Aug. 15 1839, May. 15 and 29 and June. 9 1846) Another early friend gone.
- 2140** 17 June. Rest disturbed by Shillam's dog, wrote him in consequence. Went to farmer Friar's evening with Lucy and Alfred. Chatted with the old farmer and his son in the arbour. At ten pm walked up Studley fields with E., the last of a series of evening June. walks on her part.
- 2141** 18 June. Upon going home to breakfast found E. very unwell. I soon fetched Nurse Ricketts from G. N. Haden's and then went to the doctor. Unfortunately John Clark's funeral takes place today, and of course the old doctor's choice is like the rest of the world, the poor must give way to the rich. I went for him the third time and saw the funeral train returning from church at a quarter before three, at which time Emma was born, so that he managed to reach the Terrace about half an hour too late. However, by God's blessing, matters went on very well without him. Walked alone to Biss evening in a very low and desponding state of mind. What shall I do with all these girls?
- 2142** 20 June. E. goes on charmingly; she will escape last year's troubles.

2143 23 June. Book Society at Isaac Moore's. A. Nuth chosen Secretary in place of the late J. C. Offer.

2144 25 June. The Corn Law Repeal bill is passed. Sir R. Peel's retirement from office will occur within the week.

2145 28 June. Begun reading Wilberforce's Five Empires. Dad went to Trinity church with me this afternoon to hear Mr. Bradney.

2146 29 June. Ben Moore being home again on account of his mother's illness, I walked to Yarnbrook with him and J. T.

2147 30 June. Went to Warminster in gig today with J. T. and Emily. Storms prevented us from ascending Cop Heath, but not J. T. and myself from walking through lanes and fields to Crockerton, and at the lodge by the gate we met Emily, Mr. and Mrs. Ford etc. by appointment and tead there and had a walk when the rain was over by the shores of the lake. Saw Webb, Dyer, Tarr etc. in the boats. Fords etc. returned as they came in the gig to Warminster, which we reached on foot before them. They were so late that we left Emily with them for the night and she returned by Arter next day.

2148 7 June. (omitted) 38th communion at old church with E. The weather of June. has been exceedingly sultry and clear till about the twentieth, then the heat moderated and a few slight showers occurred occasionally to the end. Potatoes and vegetables suffered greatly from the drought. Deaths: The Pope; 6, Fisher, the spinner; 12, John Clark Esq.; 16, Mark Newth. Marriage: 9, Mr. M. Wickham to Miss Rumming. Bill of Health: myself, poorly in body and mind, the three eldest children are at their grandfather's and all tolerably well.

2149 1 July. Kennet and Avon Canal sold to the Great Western Railway Co. A new bridge decided upon over the railway near our house.

2150 3 July. Walked to Holt this evening with W. Newth. Called with him at Mrs. Sparke's about a servant and supped at Hilperton Marsh.

2151 4 July. E. came downstairs first time since her confinement.

2152 5 July. Finished reading Locke and Bacon's Essays and Longfellow's Poems. Went to thirty ninth communion at old church, Mr. Hinton officiating only.

2153 7 July. Walked to Mrs. Winslow's, Steeple Ashton, with J. T. this evening to inform her Jane must leave, having engaged M. A. White.

2154 9 July. To Bristol with Case – did well. Returned with Hadens and Offer.

2155 12 July. Dad talks too much about Mrs. Sloan to please us. E. went to Trinity church this evening and was churched.

2156 13 July. Went to Farley this evening in gig with E, Dad and J. T. Met Caroline there with the children. Supped at Borland's and walked home with J.T.

2157 14 July. Jane Winslow left and M. A. White came in her place.

2158 15 July. Emma baptised by Mr. Ryland at Trinity church and was registered the same evening. Sponsors, J.T., L. H., and A. H. Repairs of Trowbridge steeple commenced.

2159 19 July. Walked on railway line to Staverton this afternoon with Emily, and heard Mr. [J. H.] Bradney preach. Home through fields.

2160 20 July. Attended missionary meeting. Annoyed by being publicly appealed to by the rector. Hear that Martha Parish has been some time married to the drunken Say, and that Eliza has already separated from her husband.

2161 21 July. Amid copious showers we set off for Orchardleigh per van as follows :- E. T., Emily, J. T., Dad, Mr. and Mrs. H., James H., and John Moore. Took tea at the Nightingale Lodge in the park, and then set off for Vallis of which I just caught a first glance when a shower drove us back. On our return walked with John Moore through the park which detained the van and awoke Dad's anger, whose remarks provoked mine.

2162 22 July. Saw Mrs. Walker's funeral enter Trinity churchyard, from Post Office.

2163 23 July. To Bath today. Business there flat as usual.

2164 24 July. Nurse Ricketts left. Begun the Bible again.

2165 26 July. On this cool summer Sabbath morn set off on foot with J. T. through Westwood and up Iford hill to Hinton Charterhouse and heard Mr. Spencer twice at church, more quaint than reverent, more witty than wise. We had a hearty bread and cheese and porter dinner at the Rose and Crown and walked out to survey the scenery of the locality which is varied and luxuriant, Coombe Down and Beckford's Tower on one side and Stourton Tower on the other. At half past five we reached Farley, and took tea in Mrs. Borland's parlour. A quiet stroll home through Wingfield and Studley Green concluded this truly pleasant and refreshing day.

2166 27 July. Walked up the railroad to Staverton with tailor Bannister and J. T. and supped with them at the Rose and Crown, Bradford.

2167 29 July. At farmer Friar's this evening with the children and B. Perkins. The heat of the first five days of July. was followed by a thunderstorm and the weather continued showery till about the 10th. Then fine to the 26th, a very wet day. 25th stormy also. The last week being hot fine harvest weather, ending with heavy thunder on the 1st August.

Deaths: 14, John Windle, weaver; 15, Mrs. Walker, Post Office; 19, Mrs. Polly Stevens.

Marriages: George Brent to Miss Flower, Joe Moore's widow to a Mr. Gully. Bill of health: Myself, better than in June., E. progressively improves, Alfred still continues with Lucy in the Courts, and with the other two girls at home, are well.

2168 1 Aug. Went to Bristol in a thunderstorm. Took some decent orders.

2169 2 Aug. Heard that Mr. Hinton and Mr. de Molines are about to leave.

2170 5 Aug. Took Emily and Lucy to three shows in the fair – at Dad's all day.

2171 6 Aug. Dad, J. T., W. Newth and son to Weston super Mare. Stancombs at Teignmouth.

2172 7 Aug. Set out for Bratton, but stopped at Biss by a tremendous storm.

2173 9 Aug. Unpleasantness at home about going to Hendy's tomorrow.

2174 10 Aug. Dined and tead there. To Bradley church with James H. and Rawlings afternoon.

2175 12 Aug. L. Lewis at counting house – haughty and distant.

2176 13 Aug. Walked to Bradford for him and saw Mr. Spackman for him.

2177 15 Aug. Joseph Perkins to tea – bought three books of him.

2178 17 Aug. Told W. S. plainly that I must go to Manchester in September in spite of his objections, causing some unpleasant remarks. Went along the excavated railway evening with Emily, and young Chapman gave us some fossils found there.

2179 19 Aug. Maria, daughter of Aunt Barnet, visiting in the Conigre.

2180 21 Aug. Opened account with J. Cogswell and Churchill and Smith.

2181 23 Aug. Hendys to tea and supper after a long interval.

2182 25 Aug. Accompanied with E., the children in their coach on Trowle Common, Caroline etc. taking them on to Westwood.

2183 26 Aug. They went to Woolley. E. went by passbye afternoon. In the evening I joined them and dragged the vehicle home.

2184 27 Aug. Rode to Farley by Marks's cart with J. T. and had a magnificent view of the moon sinking below the castle woods.

2185 28 Aug. Reopened account with Brown.

2186 29 Aug. Caroline very ill again. Dad annoys me much by talking about Mrs. Sloan.

2187 30 Aug. Long anticipated and undesired. the day is arrived. J. Moore, James H. left per Lucas with myself this lovely Sabbath morn. Had a pleasant ride to Bath and a hot walk in the park. Dined at eatinghouse, and proceeded by train to Bristol. Abominate railways on Sundays. Went to St. Werburgh's church afternoon, tead at Quaker Ashton's and had a splendid evening walk on Clifton Heights. Called at W. H. Offer's and saw Mr. Standerwick. John Moore slept there.

2188 31 Aug. After a good squeeze, the three travellers set off by the excursion train and had a propitious journey through Gloucester etc. to Birmingham, where we dined. It rained to Stafford, but ceased ere we reached Warrington, where we left the train and proceeded by another to Manchester, and took up our quarters at the Angel Inn, Market Street.

This month commenced showery. On the seventh a terrific storm with thunder. The month fine and hot with occasional electrical phenomena. Harvest good and well secured. Complete failure of potato crop.

Death: 13, R. P. Ward, author of Tremaine.

Marriage: 6, W. P. Clark to Miss Sylvester, Trowbridge.

Bill of Health: Myself, not too well, troubled with anxious cares and indigestion, E. keeps up well, Alfred very poorly through tedious dentition, the other children well.

2189 1 Sept. Commenced operations in Manchester and spent an unsatisfactory day. Careless was not at home and the tide set in against me altogether. Mr. Charles Townsend gave me some valuable names, but I could make but little of them. In the evening we went to the Queen's Theatre and saw Macready and Farren in Used Up.

2190 2 Sept. J. Moore and James H. left early for Liverpool and I followed them in the evening, after a wretched day's business. Put up as before at the Mitre and spent a wretched night through filth and dirt. Read nearly all night.

2191 3 Sept. Left the Mitre for the George Hotel. J. M. and J. H. set off to the Isle of Man. After a laborious day came to the conclusion that my journey will prove a total failure. Saw Richard Borland at the Post Office – he is to be

married this week. Sailed down the Mersey by the light of the setting sun to Eastham and back by moonlight. Had a feverish and unsatisfactory walk afterwards through Liverpool streets.

2192 4 Sept. Saw Phillips and Holme and other houses. Total result – nil. Won't come again in a hurry. Went to Birkenhead and thence by rail to Chester. Surveyed the noble bridge and ancient cathedral. Walked round the city walls, a pleasant and diversified landscape visible from this promenade and a good view of the splendid viaduct building for the Chester and Holyhead railway. The unique and ancient streets, half arcades, are alone worthy of a visit. Rejoined my comrades at the George Hotel, Liverpool at eleven pm.

2193 5 Sept. Left the Edgehill station at one pm. Shaken almost to pieces by the narrow gauge before reaching Spetchley, where I left the excursion train and proceeded alone to Worcester. Had a fine view of the Severn by moonlight and enjoyed a sound night's repose at the Golden Lion.

2194 6 Sept. Attended morning service at the cathedral which I much enjoyed. Not so my afternoon's attendance at St. Andrew's church, a poor place and miserable parson. In the evening went to St. Nicholas's church, and heard an impressive sermon delivered whilst a thunderstorm raged without. Took my meals all day with Mr. and Mrs. Atkins at the Golden Lion.

2195 7 Sept. Opened two new accounts in Worcester and left early for Cheltenham where I did nought. Got to Gloucester by five o'clock – saw a large concourse of Bristol Sunday School children. Spent the evening in the smoking room of the Fleece, where I slept as usual.

2196 8 Sept. Awoke with dreadful earache and other symptoms of indisposition. Felt faint and could eat no breakfast. Left early by third class train for Bristol and gradually got better. Did a little business in Bristol and reached home by boat, where I found the children well. Thus ended my longest absence from home hitherto.

2197 10 Sept. Commenced Barry Cornwall's Poetical Works.

2198 11 Sept. Seventeenth and last summer walk for the season.

2199 16 Sept. Went to Farley this evening to see R. Borland – disappointed.

2200 17 Sept. To Bath with E., Emmy, Mrs. H., Laura and Ann per boat. Sold many of Brown's goods. Emmy took ill on our return, in a return of her liver complaint. Very sick.

2201 21 Sept. Emma tucked up.

2202 24 Sept. E. thirty two today. Finished reading Quarles – begun Spectator,

Horace, Mysteries of Paris, Educator.

2203 26 Sept. To Bristol today. Jacob Wicks before me with Brown's M. Perkins.

2204 27 Sept. Godfather with G. Webb to Edwin Bailey, preparatory to his confirmation on the 30th.

2205 28 Sept. Railwaymen begun digging behind our house.

2206 30 Sept. Mary Ann White left. Ruth Adams came. Weather fine and warm first week – then thunder showers and fine again to the 22nd. Stormy day or two and fine in the end.

Deaths: [William] Turnbull, tailor, 20th, Mr. Bleeck, Warminster, W. Newth's baby. Marriages: Revd. W. Jay, R. Borland, Nathan Woodward to M. Hendy. Bill of health: Myself and E. well, thank God, also the three youngest children, Alfred having this month made great progress in walking and cut five teeth. Poor Emmy very ill and reduced by her complaint, now beginning to yield to Dr. Cary's medical treatment.

Visited Speedy, Pike, Rawlings, Richmond as usual in District Society.

2207 1 Oct. West Ashton church opened by Bishop Denison. Went by Arter to Warminster. Wansley declines continuing guarantee for Ford. Walked to Corsley and refreshed myself as usual at the inn. Sauntered through Widbourne and got a lift in a cart to Frome. My being from home I set off on foot at once. Rode from Southwick on Brent's mare.

2208 3 Oct. Our canary escaped through E. Angel's negligence. Had a hot pursuit of him, aided by navvys and engineers and recaptured him.

2209 4 Oct. Fortieth communion old church, Mears, Hastings and Kingston officiating.

2210 7 Oct. Sent S. Brown's patterns to John Shaw, Dublin, which was labour and expence for nought.

2211 9 Oct. A Black Friday. Had very serious and unexpected misgivings and misunderstandings with J. P. Stancomb and Hendy and Son - I do too much business forsooth.

2212 17 Oct. Emily jnr went for a week's visit to the Courts.

2213 18 Oct. Attended service for the last time in the old church, previous to extensive repairs, it being in an unsafe state.

2214 20 Oct. Went to Bristol. Attended riding circus evening. Slept at Olive's.

2215 21 Oct. Spent a very wet day in Bath and had an exceedingly tiresome ride home in the boat.

2216 22 Oct. Waited on Mrs. J. C. Offer, widow, at her request. She is evidently following her husband. She wished me to act as her executor for her daughter, but my numerous cares and engagements do not leave me at liberty to do so.

2217 24 Oct. Saw boy's leg broke at railway works, by the Rose and Crown. They have completed the excavations under the road.

2218 25 Oct. Attended church service in National Schoolroom, first time. This month's weather has been very wet and stormy, till the last week, which was very foggy. The trees still retain their foliage through the absence of frost. Marriage: 6th, Revd. W. B. de Molines to Miss Sarah Clark. Bill of Health: Myself and E. tolerable, Emily junior improving in general health, but we apprehend ringworm. Alfred's eruption on his face worse, having many teeth in progress. The other two children well. Visiting as usual, but few and far between, my time being now fully occupied by business. Great scarcity and suffering apprehended through the potato rot.

2219 1 Nov. Upon taking an autumnal walk this fine Sunday afternoon up Hilperton lane with Emily junior and Lucy was struck to observe the undiminished fulness of the foliage. Shook hands with Revd B. Rees.

2220 2 Nov. To my fiftieth and last walk to Blackball hatches.

2221 3 Nov. Attended vestry meeting to consider the best means of levying twelve hundred pounds for church repairs. Gabriel proposed that it be attempted to be got voluntarily and a committee was accordingly chosen for that purpose.

2222 5 Nov. First Studley field walk. Domestic fireworks evening.

2223 8 Nov. Walked to Wingfield church amid falling leaves and heard Mr. Mead.

2224 12 Nov. To Bristol. Spent evening in bookshops. Slept with Mr. Olive.

2225 13 Nov. In Bath. Dined with W. H. at Seven Stars.

2226 17 Nov. Emmy had another week's illness from a return of her liver complaint, which Dr. Cary says she will soon grow out of.

2227 19 Nov. Bid farewell to Revd M. Hinton who moves to Taunton.

2228 20 Nov. E. confined to her bed for nine days by return of complaint in

her leg. Heaven forefend it be not an omen of evil again.

2229 21 Nov. Saw interior of the old church in a dismantled state.

2230 22 Nov. Quarrelled with M.A. Hendy about church and chapel matters.

2231 23 Nov. Attended Pastoral Aid Society meeting in National Schoolroom. Revds Clayton, [William] Barnes, [John Martyn] Longmire, Mead, Wilkins etc. spoke. Since service is held in school room I principally attend Trinity church.

2232 26 Nov. Had a refreshing though dirty walk to Farleigh. Lunched at Borland's, returning home through Westwood. reading Douglas, the Duke of Milan, the Distrest Mother.

2233 29 Nov. Went this fine frosty morning to Bradford church and heard the Revd. John Clark.

This month was stormy from 2nd to 5th, then dry from 5th to 18th with alternate fog and slight frost, then dark wet weather till nearly end. Snow and frost 28th and 29th. On the 30th unusually sharp frost.

Bill of health: Emmy and her mother, again Dr. Cary's patients, are slowly recovering. Alfred can now run about and in spite of increased irritating eruption on his face, grows strong and hearty. The two other children and myself well.

Visited as usual except Speedy who is removed to Warminster, ill.

2234 1 Dec. Walked to Bradford and bought twenty pounds worth of cloth of Spackman.

2235 2 Dec. Enlarged Baptist chapel Back Street reopened.

2236 7 Dec. Attended Lord's Day Society meeting this evening in schoolroom with Dad. Mr. Baylee, W. S. and J. S. senior speakers.

2237 9 Dec. Took orders in Bristol for ten ends spring goods – also called round in Bath. Returned per boat with Mr. Aitcheson. Row between O'Brien's Irish cook and Mr. Denton.

2238 10 Dec. Finished reading Life of Christ, The Educator, B. Cornwall's Poems, Don Quixote. Begun Gil Blas, Guy Mannering, Godolphin, Last of the Mohicans, Jeremy Taylor's Sermons, also Bulwer's Zanone in the Book Society.

2239 11 Dec. Railway excavators now very busy commencing bridge to our railway entrance at St. George's Terrace.

2240 12 Dec. J. G. Foley in trouble through giving a bad man a false character.

2241 13 Dec. Had a fine frosty walk this morning to Semington church.

2242 16 Dec. Appeared before Income Tax Commissioners in the Woolpacks. Suspicious fire at Collins's house, Silver Street.

2243 19 Dec. Widow J. C. Offer very ill, fast following him. G. N. Haden's son John died today. His own health is in a precarious state. In the course of repairs at the old church, on coming to Revd. G. Crabbe's vault, only his skull was found – coffin, shell and all gone to dust.

2244 25 Dec. Took Emily junior and Lucy to church this morning in N. S. room. Dined and took tea at Dad's, all of us, viz. three Es, Lucy and Alfred. Begun a list of books read since 1837.

2245 27 Dec. This frosty Sabbath morn paid my first visit to West Ashton church, a pretty little place with an excellent parson.

2246 28 Dec. Finished stocktaking, both at W. and J. S's and at home. Up till midnight. The result shows great occasion for thankfulness.

2247 31 Dec. Determined on fresh arrangement of my book catalogue. This month commenced with frost to the 8th, then two damp days and severe frost again to 19th. Wet till 24th, frost to 28th, 29th damp, 30th slight frost – a very sharp month.

Bill of Health: Emily very much troubled by neuralgia pains by night, Emily junior's health improves. Alfred's eruption on face worse than ever. The other children and myself well. Visited as usual.

Death on Christmas evening John Angel, junior, suddenly through overdrinking. Marriage, 21, Miss Pitney to Mr. Garlic.

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2248 3 Jan. Forty first communion day – the first in the schoolroom. Father contemplates resigning his membership at Tabernacle, not approving of Mr. Mann's proceedings.

2249 6 Jan. John Stancomb senior qualified as magistrate at Devizes.

2250 7 Jan. Opened account with the Wilts and Dorset bank.

2251 12 Jan. Visited Mr. Spackman at Bradford this morning. He has just appointed L. Lewis his agent. In the evening called on Mr. Wickham who went to the National Schoolroom with me to meet W. S. by appointment about the school library. I was dismissed, it being inconvenient to attend to it.

2252 13 Jan. Told W. S. I should decline the secretaryship of the library.

2253 14 Jan. To Bristol. Bought Waverley novels for J. P. S. Returned in boat with Miss Offer.

2254 16 Jan. Cleared up misunderstanding with Diplock.

2255 17 Jan. To Holt this frosty afternoon. Church being closed there, attended church at Broughton Gifford and heard Mr. Hyett. Sermon too good for the audience.

2256 19 Jan. To Bath. Returned with Edwards lawyer, and Joe Berry, who returns to Mr. Cadby's employ, from Wells.

2257 20 Jan. W. and J. S. discussed my future intentions, and granted use of the Black Room for my cloth. Told them plainly I valued my trade as equal to my salary.

2258 21 Jan. Mr. Doney's widow and family in great distress in Bath. Martha Parish's wretched marriage with the brute Say is turning out as might be expected. J. P. S. has hopes of an heir at last. William and Joe Clark decline business [as clothiers] as the latter contemplates entering the church.

2259 24 Jan. Heard Mr. Hastings's new curate first time (Mr. Berry).

2260 25 Jan. Wrote Mr. Fowler to prescribe for E's neuralgia.

2261 26 Jan. Took possession of my clothroom and wrote my first cheque.

2262 31 Jan. Public collections at all the churches and meeting houses in the town for the distressed Irish and Scotch.

Weather of the month: 1st frost, 2nd snow, 3rd thaw. Damp and wet to 17th. Frosty to 20th, 20th snow; stormy with brief intervals to end.

Bill of Health: E's neuralgia by night harassed through the month, consequently Alfred is still at Father's, suffering from difficult breathing and eruptions on his face and body. The three girls and myself well.

Visited as usual: Pike, Battle, Richmond and Rawlings.

Marriage: 7, Revd B. Kent Junior. Deaths: Mr. Ewing, exciseman, 10; Byng, M. P.; Mrs. S. Norris; Mrs. Holman; late Miss Nightingale; Mrs. W. Long, junior.

2263 4 Feb. Met L. Lewis accidentally – mutual explanations ensued.

2264 7 Feb. Snow without intermission all this Sunday.

2265 8 Feb. Tremendous fall of snow throughout the day. Lucy consequently slept at home – an extraordinary event.

2266 9 Feb. Could not go to Bristol on account of the deep snow, all means of conveyance to Bath being stopped.

2267 10 Feb. Went thirty fifth walk round Studley fields knee-deep in snow.

2268 11 Feb. Begun a new list of books on a more condensed plan than the catalogue of August fifth 1840. Attended meeting of district visitors for the last time. Present: Mr. Hastings, Mr. Berry, Mr. Wilkins, Wickham, Mc. Neil, Newth, T. Clark.

2269 12 Feb. Wrote to Mr. Hastings resigning my district visiting, not having time, with my increasing family, for its duties. Visited for the last time: Pike, Rawlings, Battle and Richmond. The most intense frost today known for years – thermometer at 6!

2270 14 Feb. A decided thaw and consequently considerable floods.

2271 15 Feb. J. Stancomb Esq., Mr. G. Haden and Nelson Haden elected deacons at Tabernacle.

2272 16 Feb. In Bristol. Had a good day. Slept at Olive's.

2273 17 Feb. In Bath – very poorly, but did very well. Returned by boat.

2274 18 Feb. Exceedingly busy, shan't be able to stand this many years.

2275 19 Feb. Declined removing to no. 6, being well content with no. 8. Hear that Mr. McArthur died in January.

2276 24 Feb. By bus to Bradford this afternoon, and thence a fine healthy walk through Upper Westwood to Freshford. Tead with Baileys and walked home by moonlight, composing verses.

2277 25 Feb. Church-rate of one and sixpence granted. Was present and voted for it. Wrote Lewis for Birmingham names, which he declined sending. Weather: snowy frosty days 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8., 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 26. Damp and dirty 5, 6, 14 to 23rd – a remarkable month altogether. Bill of health: myself and the children middling, though Emma and Lucy have colds the last week. E. troubled still with neuralgia, in spite of Dr. Fowler's prescription and Dr. Cary's medicines. Alfred consequently continues in the Courts. His eruption is much lessened and teething is progressing satisfactorily. Marriage: Martha Figgins! Deaths: Hayward, coalman; Samuel Kingston; Mrs. Hokey; two of John Brent's children in one day; John Woodward.

2278 2 Mar. A. P. S. first visit to London on W. and J. S. business. Dad sent in his resignation as member of Tabernacle.

2279 8 Mar. To Bath by boat this afternoon, took tea at Bristol, reached Birmingham by rail at quarter past eleven. Found pleasant lodgings at 39 Bull Street and had a good night.

2280 9 Mar. After a successful first day in Birmingham went to the theatre in the evening and saw the two Miss Cushmans perform in Guy Mannering.

2281 10 Mar. This snowy morning left Birmingham at eight o'clock, spent two snowy hours in Worcester. The afternoon was spent in Gloucester. Had an intensely cold ride thence to Bristol and slept at Mr. Olive's.

2282 11 Mar. In Bristol all day. Returned home as usual by rail and boat.

2283 12 Mar. Old Plummer gave up work and is rapidly decaying.

2284 13 Mar. E's neuralgia gives way at last to Dr. Cary's medicines.

2285 15 Mar. Poor little Alfred returned home after a long sojourn in the Courts. Caroline's tongue, as she grows older, becomes more and more difficult to put up with.

2286 18 Mar. In Bath all day. Opened two new accounts.

2287 20 Mar. In Bristol all day again already. Things dull there.

2288 24 Mar. Fast day on account of dearth and famine. Being much driven for time, I spent the day cutting out Brown's goods with Hill and Martin. Went to church evening.

2289 25 Mar. Went to Bradley with J. T. and agreed with Misses Avons and Withers about Emmy.

2290 26 Mar. Samuel Brown, bankrupt, being involved with many others in the ruinous affairs of the Vale of Neath brewery.

2291 29 Mar. Emmy first went to school at North Bradley. Heard that A. M. Henty is wooed by two suitors, viz. – Mr. S. Mundy and a youth of Somerset, unknown as yet.

2292 31 Mar. Weather: cold dry easterly winds to the 10, then snow, frost and thaw for a few days. Then fine to 20th, showery with fine intervals to 28th, then heavy rains and floods, white frost, hail and cold rain to end.

Bill of health: Tolerably fair month, Emma however much reduced by a bad cold, and Alfred gets on but poorly between his eruptions and teething. E's neuralgia moved at last after more than three months' duration – she cannot get out yet though.

Deaths: Another of Brent's children; Miss Martin; John Avens in the night of the 31st.

2293 2 April. Good Friday. Went across railroad to Ladydown with Emmy and Lucy.

2294 4 April. Easter Sunday. Forty third communion at church. Last walk this season Studley fields.

2295 6 April. Easter Tuesday. Went first spring walk to Blackball and spent rest of the day in counting house.

2296 8 April. Fear that I have opened the Birmingham account with rotten goods – an alarming letter from J. L. Whatley.

2297 13 April. Went to Frome in Doel's cart. Had a cold damp walk thence to Warminster. Home per Arter.

2298 15 April. A busy bustling time just now, having speculated heavily in the stock of S. Brown, bankrupt.

2299 18 April. Walked to Steeple Ashton church this afternoon and heard Revd. R[ichard] Crawley.

2300 20 April. To Bristol. Opened account with Collins. Wrote home to L. Lewis and to S. Brown for four pieces more.

2301 21 April. Slept at Olive's and then to Bath with him. Home by boat. Evening disagreed with Revd. D[avid] Millard on the new education scheme, for which he afterwards denounced me from the pulpit.

2302 26 April. Walked to Wingfield expecting to hear Mr. Longmire. There being no service had the hard fate of hearing Mr. Meech in Farley church, then tead at Bishop's with J. T., James H., E. Rawlings etc., and walked home from Tellisford through the wood.

2303 29 April. Went our first summer evening walk with J. T. round West Ashton park and Hammeracre. The season is very backward and the landscape appears like the first week in April.

2304 30 April. Overdrew my account at W. and D. bank more than one hundred and forty pounds. Weather: this is now entered in the British Almanac. Bill of Health: An average month, except for little Emma, who is weakly with a cold on the chest.

Marriages: Miss Clark to Hare; Miss Ferris to slubber Baily. Deaths: 10, Mrs. Norris Clark; 21, R. Rockell; 17, Walter Long junior at home; 29, Mrs. Lacy; H. Hill, London.

2305 1 May. J. P. S. asked me to buy black doeskins of his father, but I have over-traded lately.

2306 2 May. Forty fourth communion at church (schoolroom) with E.

- 2307** 5 May. Strugnel accused of stealing bricks.
- 2308** 9 May. E. Ford of Warminster, wife and daughter spent this Sunday with us.
- 2309** 10 May. Saw Mr. Plummer dying at nine o'clock. He died at midnight aged 78.
- 2310** 11 May. To Frome on wool cart, took order from May, then walked to Spring Gardens, up the hill and after luxuriating on the prospect descended into Orchardleigh Park, cowslipped. Thence by the lake to Lullington, Shawford and Rode, reading one of E. Sue's novels. Home through Tellisford and Wingfield by three pm.
- 2311** 13 May. Emma weaned. She declines, hope she will now rally.
- 2312** 14 May. The price of bread continues to rise fearfully.
- 2313** 16 May. To Bradford new church this fine afternoon. Wilshere very ill.
- 2314** 17 May. Took my eighteenth annual evening walk to Stowford.
- 2315** 18 May. To Bath by van with E., Mrs. H., and all her children. Lucy and Ben Perkins' first visit. The wet came on, of course.
- 2316** 19 May. Hughes's Mammoth Exhibition of Eastern Pomp, camels, elephants etc.
- 2317** 20 May. To Bristol – things rather better than expected.
- 2318** 23 May. Whit Sunday (forty fifth communion); schoolroom, with E.
- 2319** 24 May. Emmy had Misses Box to tea to keep Alfred's birthday.
- 2320** 25 May. Whit Tuesday. To Freshford in trap with E., Emmy and Lucy. Walked up the Tynning, and through the valley by Hinton. Was taken ill through fatigue at Mr. Bailey's but soon recovered. A beautiful day and pleasantly spent.
- 2321** 26 May. One of our old-fashioned parties to Orchardleigh, viz. Dad, E. Emmy, Lucy. myself, Mr. and Mrs. H. No parties being allowed, we were accommodated at the further lodge gate, from whence after tea E., Emmy, myself, John Moore and Mrs. H. walked through the enchanting scenery of Vallis.
- 2322** 30 May. Went to Holt church this lovely evening with J. T.

2323 31 May. Went to farmer Redman's with J.T. and Mr. Hendy near Westwood.

2324 Bill of Health: All pretty well, Emma being weaned improves as well as her mother.

Deaths: 10, W. Plummer; 11, J. C. Pearce Esq.; 24, James Applegate; 15, Daniel O'Connell, at Genoa; 31, Dr. Chalmers.

2325 1 June. Fetched Emmy from Bradley School this evening and took her to Mr. Eacott's. Was introduced to Mr. Withers, lecturer on phonography.

2326 4 June. Attended at the County Court as a witness over Parfitt against Jacob Moore. Was not called on. First bathe with J. T. and Ben P. evening afterwards. Very unwell at Holt.

2327 6 June. Heard Emmy read a chapter in the Testament for the first time. Dropped down in the seat at Trinity church this afternoon in a sort of drowsy fit.

2328 11 June. E. walked to Bradley alone this afternoon after Emmy. I joined them at the school and we proceeded to Southwick in hopes to see Mrs. Eacott, who is sinking.

2329 13 June. Heard old Mr. Longmire, probably for the last time, at Westwood church. E. indisposed first time since 1844.

2330 14 June. Harry T. wants to get married, being just out of time at Haden's. He is unsteady and improvident. Emma cut her first tooth.

2331 16 June. To Bristol this wet day. In the afternoon accidentally found myself on Brandon Hill which commands a magnificent view of Bristol and Clifton. Driven thence by a tempest of rain and thoroughly soaked. Slept at Olive's.

2332 17 June. Waited for Mrs. Williams at the Bath station on her expected visit. Walked with her to the Victoria Park and afterwards proceeded home by boat.

2333 18 June. Town in commotion threatened with a three shillings and sixpence poor rate Must I advance my rents?

2334 25 June. Had a cool delightful walk this breezy day to Bradford and saw the invalided Wiltshire. Thence to Farleigh through Westwood and saw the invalid Borland. Reached home a quarter past four o'clock in a smart shower.

2335 27 June. This lovely Sabbath morning, with J.T. and James H., I attended Corsley church and heard Mr. Waugh, a worthy successor of Mr. Griffiths. Dined at the Royal Oak on Corsley Heath, and then walked through

Whitbourne Moor and Longleat Park to Horningsham church, which is wonderfully improved, and were vexed at not hearing Mr. Skurray. Had a delightful evening lounge in the park, and did not reach home before ten.

2336 29 June. Walked to Bradford to see R. Scott, Edinburgh. Had a sunny walk to Farleigh, where I found Mrs. Williams, E., Emmy and Lucy, the Hendys and Father. We all took tea in Borland's arbour with Mrs. Borland, senior, after which Mrs. Borland junior showed us over the ancient chapel. We then all went over the pleasant cottage and grounds of Sir G. Houlton, and after a hearty supper reached home comfortably, the only drawback on our pleasure being the increasing indisposition of poor Emmy, who has not been well since she came home on the midsummer vacation from Bradley.

2337 30 June. Bill of health: All pretty well, with the above exception.

2338 1 July. Fetched Mr. Spragg to poor Emmy, who gradually recovered and returned to school at Bradley on the 14th. S. Strugnell condemned to three months' imprisonment [for stealing bricks].

2339 2 July. Rode to Bratton this bright evening with Dad, J. T. and I. Moore. Walked thence through cornfields with the two latter to Tinhead and ascended the hills above Edington. Supped at the Inn at Bratton.

2340 4 July. Forty sixth communion old church. Mrs. John C. Offer died (see May. fifteen, and twenty second 1846).

2341 6 July. To farmer Friar's haymaking field with the old farmer, Mrs. Williams, E. T. and children. Dad came up mounted.

2342 9 July. Took tea at Mrs. Newth's, Hilperton Marsh, with Mrs. Williams, E. T. and children, then walked to Holt and supped there on our return.

2343 10 July. A son and heir [John Frederick] born to J. P. Stancomb, Esq.

2344 12 July. Mrs. Williams went to Bristol.

2345 13 July. Went there myself, but lost the train and did but little business.

2346 15 July. Went to Bath, Very hot day. Trade bad. Cloth stolen from factory.

2347 17 July. Walked with J. T. on the unfinished railway to the new bridge across the Avon near Ladydown and thence into Bradford. Had a long chat with Jos Sparks, who has lost his wife. Hear Wilshere is no better. Supped at the Rose and Crown.

2348 18 July. Walked through fields with E. and Emmy to Wingfield church and unexpectedly heard the Revd. Mr. Hinton. Walked to poor Mrs. Berry's

lodgings and her husband went home to supper with us.

2349 19 July. Went to Church Missionary Meeting. Mr. Hastings named me on committee.

2350 23 July. Jacob Moore and Son taken into custody for stealing W. and J. S. cassimeres,.

2351 26 July. Walked with E. T. to new railway bridge over the Avon.

2352 27 July. To Warminster with E. per Arter. We walked thence through lane, field and wood beneath a scorching sky, to the cool waters of Sheerwater. Spent an hour or two in that lovely spot and saw the youthful Marquis of Bath pass by. Took tea at the lodge and walked back to Warminster, calling at Ford's. On our return strolled over Westbury, where a fiercely contested election is in progress. A most pleasant day.

2353 28 July. General election commences.

2354 30 July. Wilson the radical beats Higgins at Westbury, 170 to 149.

2355 31 July. Mrs. Williams returned from Bristol with splendid present for E. and a silver spoon each for Lucy and Emmy.

Bill of Health: all well, thank God!

Marriage: Post Office [David] Walker to Matilda Blake; William Stevens to Mrs. Edwards of London. Death: James Turner, clothier.

Harvest prospects most encouraging.

2356 2 Aug. North Wilts election. Long and Sotheran re-elected unopposed.

2357 5 Aug. J. T. and James H. off on a tour to Jersey and Guernsey.

2358 6 Aug. Went to tea at Dad's with Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Newth etc., then walked to Blackball and saw Miss Angle and others dancing. Then to fair with E. and the two girls and saw cork models of English castles etc.

2359 11 Aug. To Bradley school with E. and Mrs. Williams.

2360 12 Aug. Took tea with them at Mrs. Newth's, Hilperton Marsh.

2361 13 Aug. Walked from Yarnbrook with them into Rood Ashton park.

2362 17 Aug. Mrs. Williams' long visit terminated this day. I went to Bristol with Mr. Wickham, the fall trade now coming on after a long and dull interval. I bought a great many goods just now of S. Brown.

2363 23 Aug. To Bath by this afternoon boat, thence per rail through Bristol

and Gloucester to sleep at 39, Bull Street, Birmingham.

2364 24 Aug. After a busy day in Birmingham went to Worcester and slept at my old quarters, The Golden Lion.

2365 25 Aug. Found things dull in Worcester and Cheltenham, and felt very bilious and unwell. A cup of tea at Gloucester set me right and business there is more lively.

2366 26 Aug. Left Gloucester before noon per train through the beautiful scenery of Stroud and the neighbourhood to Swindon, where I did with both Lamb and Strange. Then on to Chippenham, from whence I had a pleasant ride home in Little's van through Melksham.

2367 27 Aug. New bridge to the back of Terrace first used.

2368 31 Aug. Bill of Health: All pretty well, thank God, though the bab Emma continues but weakly.

2369 1 Sept. Took our seventeenth and last summer walk, and afterwards we paid Miss Emmy a late visit at Bradley school.

2370 4 Sept. From the substance of a dialogue with J. P. S., my stay with the firm for a very protracted period seems improbable.

2371 5 Sept. Forty seventh communion with E. in National schoolroom. Mr. Hastings.

2372 8 Sept. At Bristol. Supped with young Olive's 'chere amie'. Slept badly.

2373 9 Sept. In Bath. Business not so good as it should be.

2374 12 Sept. Repeated our journey of 13th September 1835, to the same place and with the same party with the addition of Emmy. Heard a worse drone at Lullington church than before, and had the dose repeated at Orchardleigh church in the afternoon. A bread and cheese dinner at the mill, and a threatening cloudy sky did not prevent us from having a pleasant day.

2375 14 Sept. John Long in difficulties.

2376 19 Sept. Went to Keevil church solus.

2377 21 Sept. Had a bumping, unpleasant ride to Frome in the wet on Tom.

2378 26 Sept. To Melksham church through Whaddon. Dined at John Berry's, and walked home with him through Rood Ashton.

2379 28 Sept. Elizabeth T. married to J. G. Foley too soon, and yet not too soon. Henry T. married Ellen Hague [Helen Hague of The Woolpack Inn] at the same time. We all kept aloof on the occasion, and I went to Bristol. Mr. and Mrs. Woodfin in the boat going, and S. Gayton and Lucre on returning. Ceased to be member of the Reading Society after being in it for ten years.

2380 29 Sept. News received of the death of the widow of Samuel Tucker in America.

2381 31 Sept. Bill of Health: All well, thank God.
Marriages 7, Miss Eleanor Fryer to a Mr. Millett [Henry Millett of Shawford, Som. At St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol]; 14th, Revd T. Mann, Miss A. P. S.
Death: Revd Walmesley, Hilperton.

2382 3 Oct. To forty eighth communion, old church. Went to Rode church afternoon.

2383 5 Oct. Went with juvenile party to Biss, blackberrying.

2384 7 Oct. Emmy became a quarterly boarder at Bradley. J. H. H. woos Miss Roberts, but in vain (nay).

2385 14 Oct. To Bath by boat with W. H. Offer, Mr. Meech etc. etc.

2386 16 Oct. W. Wilkins of the N. W. Bank decamped, having made too free with other folks' money. A heavy blow this for Mr. Hastings, and for our church, now nearly completed.

2387 17 Oct. Thanksgiving Day. Forty ninth communion with E., old church. In the afternoon went to Bratton church and tead with Brent.

2388 18 Oct. Got some goods of Evans, he being involved in Wilkins' ruin. W. Willis's honour is also laid low. The money panic continues to increase.

2389 21 Oct. At Bristol till afternoon, thence to Gloucester, and found trade very bad. Spent the evening at theatre and slept at the Fleece.

2390 22 Oct. To Cheltenham early – trade awful. Home in the evening with T. Stevens, Nightingale and Knee. The latter is involved in ruin through railway speculation.

2391 30 Oct. Matravers and Overbury [clothiers of Westbury] suspend payment. Where will this end? Rumours of Sheppards afloat. Harry T. came home from Swindon, drunk and out of place.

2392 31 Oct. Walked to Westbury church and dined at Chadwick's. To Bradley church afternoon with Emmy and walked home with J. Carr.

Bill of Health: All well except Emma, teething.
 Deaths: Mrs. Lodge-Tenant and Mr. Huntley, Galley Farm.
 Trowbridge church restoration is nearly completed.

2393 2 Nov. Took fiftyeth and last walk to Blackball Hatches for the season. Assisted Miss Hamilton with her will and witnessed it.

2394 4 Nov. First walk to Studley fields this season. Fear E. is –. again.

2395 6 Nov. Heard from Langdon in London that he is in difficulties. Set off to his shop in Bath per Lucas, but failed after nearly succeeding to clear three ends of cloth. Saw Exell, Mrs. Lucas and Mr. Coxhead. Was very unwell all next day, fortunately Sunday.

2396 10 Nov. To Bristol per Burrough's bus with W. Newth. Trade bad and money awfully scarce everywhere.

2397 12 Nov. The new parish clock put on the church.

2398 16 Nov. To Bath per boat this drenching morning at Exell's summons and waited at his residence, 10 Prospect Place and dined there. Afterwards saw Longden and agreed to his proposal. Returned by Burrough's bus. Was awfully sick all the next day.

2399 20 Nov. Money market rather easier, but a continuation of failures. Vevers gone. W. and J. S. in five hundred and thirty eight pounds. Sheppards, Frome, two thousand seven hundred pounds.

2400 24 Nov. First transaction with Allen.

2401 30 Nov. Can get no money from Birmingham – they all send paper. Bill of Health: E. poorly and queer, but myself and the brats hardy as bricks. Marriage: 4, Mr. Hopkins to Miss Stainer.

2402 1 Dec. J. H. Webb chosen churchwarden in place of Wilkins.

2403 5 Dec. Fiftieth communion at parish church (school room).

2404 7 Dec. Went to Bristol. J. G. Foley's son and heir born (see Sept. twenty eight).

2405 14 Dec. Went to Bath. Business almost annihilate.

2406 17 Dec. Emmy home to her first Xmas vacation.

2407 18 Dec. Tremendous flood – obliged to ride through it to get home to dinner. Influenza extremely prevalent.

2408 19 Dec. Usual Christmas party – at Dad's the 25th, W. H. 's the 27th. Finished reading Jeremy Taylor; Guy Mannering; Last of the Mohicans; Godolphin; Doom of Deverpoil; Bath Guide; Byron's Deformed Reformed; Sand's Haunted Marsh. Begun Pollok; Chalmers on National Churches; Ritchie's Magician; Letters of Junius; Memoirs of a Physician; The Antiquary; Tales of the O'Hara family; Heman's Songs of the Affections.

2409 21 Dec. W. Wilkins's sale. Slater succeeds him at the N. W. Bank.

2410 25 Dec. To Bradford church, solus. Sat by the organ and heard a Christmas sermon from Mr. Harvey.

2411 26 Dec. To Whaddon church this afternoon.

2412 31 Dec. Bill of Health: E., Lucy, Alfred and Emma have had the influenza but are partially recovered. The rest of us are well.

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2413 1 Jan. Begun another year in W. and J. S. service, but trust that I may soon have enough business of my own to occupy all my time. This will probably be an eventful year in this respect.

2414 3 Jan. Caroline very ill in influenza. Her sister from Westwood came to Father's. Lucy consequently domesticated with us once more.

2415 5 Jan. Feel very unsettled with W. and J. S. The times are fast coming when my connection with them must be lessened, or cease entirely.

2416 7 Jan. W. and J. S. sent off goods this week on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

2417 9 Jan. Mrs. Foley churched today. (see Sept. 28 and Dec. 7 1847).

2418 11 Jan. To Frome on wool cart. Walked home. Emily had tooth extracted.

2419 13 Jan. Emmy's farewell party – Miss Offer, Perkins, Moore etc. etc.

2420 14 Jan. Mrs. Walter Newth died aged 40.

2421 16 Jan. To Semington church afternoon. Spent the evening with Mr. W. Newth.

2422 17 Jan. Took Emmy back to Bradley after her first Xmas vacation.

2423 18 Jan. To Bristol by boat and G. W. R. Went to St. James's church

evening and slept at Olive's. James Olive's lass there again. Trade very bad.

2424 19 Jan. On leaving for Bath had a bad fall near the terminus.

2425 20 Jan. E. ill in neuralgia and inflamed leg. Confined to her bed till the 31st. Lucy returned to Dad's after a sojourn of seventeen days. Henry Tucker's wife dangerously ill.

2426 21 Jan. Went to Mrs. Newth's funeral in the old church. Mr. Berry and Mr. Mann first, myself and Dr. Cary next. The day was bitterly cold.

2427 23 Jan. Called at Bradley and took Emmy to West Ashton church, then yielded to her prayers and took her home to see her mother, for which . . .

2428 24 Jan. I had cause to repent today, having much trouble to get her back. Opened account with John Stancomb and Son.

2429 26 Jan. Opened account and bought twelve pieces of John Dyer. Spent the evening and supped with W. Newth and helped him with his accounts.

2430 27 Jan. Emmy's canary died. Weather very severe.

2431 28 Jan. S. Brown's factory destroyed by fire [Most of the building destroyed. Six thousand pounds damages].

2432 31 Jan. Bill of Health: All well except the mother, who is fast recovering. Deaths: Mrs. Newth, 1; Israeli, the canary.

2433 6 Feb. Fifty first communion at parish church (school room).

2434 10 Feb. By boat to Bath with Porter etc. Thence to Bristol. Found trade bad. Finished reading Ritchie's Magician.

2435 13 Feb. Mr. Hastings says the church restoration fund is two thousand five hundred pounds deficient.

2436 15 Feb. By boat to Bath with W. Clark. Found the folks all gone steeple chasing. Opened account with Coxhead.

2437 16 Feb. Rossiters of Frome etc. and W. Clay stopped.

2438 18 Feb. Lord John Russell proposed rising the income tax to five per cent.

2439 22 Feb. Emma just able to cross the room alone.

2440 24 Feb. Another French Revolution. Louis Philippe abdicates, and France

declared a Republic. Great uproar and destruction of property at the Tuileries and Palais Royale, Paris. The throne burnt. The king and royal family obliged to make a precipitate retreat.

2441 26 Feb. Emmy had two teeth drawn by Mr. Spragg in Mr. Cary's surgery.

2442 29 Feb. Took her to Bradley school again.

Bill of Health: All pretty well.

Deaths: Dr. Howley, Archbishop of Canterbury, on the 11th, aged 83; D Heritage, aged 82, [Daniel Heritage, auctioneer].

2443 1 Mar. About this time many emigrants went to America, among them John Stokes, Miss Angle's Pearce etc.

2444 6 Mar. Spent the day in Bristol and left for Birmingham by five o'clock train.

2445 7 Mar. Trade dull in Birmingham. Opened the new accounts.

2446 8 Mar. Went to Wolverhampton for the first time – a nasty place. Could do no business there, but opened an account with Mr. Crosbie of Stafford in the evening. Slept at Worcester.

2447 9 Mar. Found C. Atkins very unwell – I shall see him no more. Got to Cheltenham, which I found dull as usual, got to my quarters at the Fleece, Gloucester, in the evening.

2448 10 Mar. Spent the day in Gloucester – things are bad.

2449 11 Mar. Went to Swindon, thence by rail to Chippenham. Home by R. Little's van.

2450 17 Mar. John Brent decamped.

2451 23 Mar. To Bath by boat. Had a busy day there.

2452 27 Mar. Lucy's education commenced under Miss Blake's auspices.

2453 29 Mar. Emma very ill, for several days dangerously.

Bill of Health: All besides middling.

Deaths: The Revd. F Skurray, Horningsham on the 10th; Jos. Stancomb, 28th.

2454 1 April. Fifty second communion old church with E.

2455 2 April. Went to Frome this prematurely fine day in a gig with Dad, E. T. and Emmy. Weather warm as June.

2456 4 April. Spent today in Bristol, and reached Birmingham by ten o'clock.

2457 5 April. In Birmingham all day and to Gloucester to bed.

2458 6 April. To Bristol on return home. Had a dreadful ride thence to Bath, being very indisposed. Got better in Bath and home safely by boat.

2459 7 April. Through press of business finally relinquished my Studley fields winter walks and Blackball summer walks, which I have taken for so many years.

2460 10 April. The contagion of French Republicanism and of ripening Irish rebellion having stimulated the English Chartists, a large meeting was held at Kennington Common, London, which, but for the spirited preparations of the government, might have terminated in a revolution.

2461 13 April. Father attacked with illness – left shop.

2462 17 April. Today his illness assumed a very alarming aspect, Spragg and Cary almost despairing of him. We all stayed up nearly through the night. He continued.

2463 18 April. in a very critical state all day, and the next.

2464 20 April. Hope the danger has passed by.

2465 21 April. A dull wet Good Friday. Prayers for fine weather and the national tranquillity read at church.

2466 24 April. Chosen churchwarden at Trinity church.

2467 25 April. We all went to Farley, except poor Mamma, the children in their coach, and took tea at Watercress Cottage as usual.

2468 29 April. First of our usual seventeen summer walks.

2469 2 May. In Bristol – trade bad. Lounged on Brandon Hill, slept at Olive's.

2470 3 May. In Bath – did rather better. Returned by boat.

2471 7 May. Fifty third communion old church (school room).

2472 9 May. J.T. drove out Dad for the first time since his illness.

2473 16 May. Dad's breath very tight – does not gain strength.

2474 17 May. Took annual walk as usual.

2475 23 May. To Bath by boat, by train to Bristol. Back to Bath at half past one. Walked on Claverton Hill to Freshford. Tead at Bailey's, walked home.

2476 24 May. Dad much better. Went to Bratton with J. T.

2477 28 May. Mr. and Mrs. Newth (of Marsh) to tea.

2478 29 May. Dad's first visit to shop since his illness.

Bill of Health: all middling.

Death :17, Nurse Bishop. Marriage: 18, Revd. Mr. Hinton to Miss Chetwode.

2479 4 June. Fifty fourth communion at old church (schoolroom). In the afternoon at Staverton church and took tea with W. Newth and his mother – also Emmy. Sparks called for the first time for many years.

2480 5 June. Sarah Brimson came.

2481 7 June. First saw our seat in the reformed church. Spoke to Mr. Hastings about Emmy, and he agreed to admit her into the Sunday Bible class.

2482 9 June. To Warminster by Arter, thence a hasty walk through Corsley to Frome late in the afternoon amid descending torrents. Opened account with H. Hams, and rode in the rain on mailcart to Wingfield. Got home very wet and was very sick next morning.

2483 11 June. Emmy went to Mr. Hastings' Bible class. Ruth Adams married. Father up to tea first time since his illness.

2484 12 June. Whit Monday. We all went to Hilperton Marsh to tea in the rain.

2485 17 June. A grand day in Emmy's history, for it first introduced her to the sea, and to railway travelling. We went to Bath by boat and to Bristol by eleven o'clock train, where I left her at Mr. Olive's till the afternoon, when we proceeded to Weston super Mare by railway, where, after taking tea at Mr. Newth's lodgings, I and his son had a toss on the sea in a sailing vessel while Emmy rode a donkey on the sands. Our party were in the evening increased by the arrival of Mr. Jac [Jacob Edward] Gayton and Mr. E. Dyer.

2486 18 June. Went with Emmy and Mr. Newth to Weston parish church in the morning and to Emmanuel church in the afternoon, and our other friends to chapel. In the evening we had a most delightful walk by Anchor Head just at the full tide.

2487 19 June. After a sail on the placid waters with Emmy, we had a long stroll in the woods that overtop Weston, from which we had an extensive view of the sea in all directions. Before three o'clock we left in the same

railway carriage with J. P. S. Esq. Reached Bath soon after four o'clock and home by the boat.

2488 23 June. Sanguinary insurrection at Paris.

2489 24 June. Locomotive engine first came down the railway to Trowbridge. Sent verses to Mr. Hastings for his book.

2490 25 June. Ford, his wife and sister spent this Sunday with us. In the afternoon we all went over the restored church.

2491 27 June. To Bath and back by boat. Trade bad – great fall in wool.

2492 30 June. Bill of Health: E. middling, considering her near accouchment. Emma very ill in the month, but now better. All the rest well.

2493 1 July. Saw a most splendid rainbow from the railway, overlooking Noke's mill at Yarnbrook with J. T.

2494 2 July. Fifty fifth communion, old church (last time in schoolroom). Went to Bradford church evening and called on Nurse Ricketts.

2495 5 July. Had a pleasant afternoon excursion to Farley with the children.

2496 10 July. To Edington fair with Dad, J. T. and John Moore. After admittance into the church, where is a beautiful monument by Chantrey, we walked over the hills to Bratton and supped at Brent's.

2497 18 July. Obligated to summon Nurse Ricketts at three o'clock. Father drove me over to Bradford in a gig, and we brought her back.

2498 19 July. Summoned Dr. Cary at three am, and soon after his arrival Mary was born. Suffered awful mental oppression.

2499 21 July. R. Scott Esq. today. He has had heavy losses.

2500 22 July. Rode with him per boat to Bath. Spent the day in Bristol and slept at Olive's.

2501 23 July. Walked to Clifton church this morning and heard an impressive sermon by the Revd W. Hensman, then bent my course across Durdham Down and from the Sea Walls obtained a glimpse of the Bristol Channel, which view was surpassed from the top of Cook's Folly, which is reached through some pleasant grounds which give fine glimpses of the Avon and Clifton. Attended church again in the afternoon. Tead at Olive's. By half past six train to Bath. Thence home on foot over Claverton Down etc.

- 2502** 24 July. Registered Mary's birth. Her mother is progressing favourably.
- 2503** 26 July. Attended the Bishop of Salisbury's visitation at Bradford as churchwarden of Trinity church. Heard his charge and a sermon by Mr. Crawley.
- 2504** 27 July. Heard Bishop Denison's sermon at the re-opening of the church after accompanying him with many others from the rectory. E. Ford came over in the evening and slept with me after attending church.
- 2505** 28 July. Suffered much about this time from mental oppression.
- 2506** 30 July. Heard the Rev F. Fulford in the morning at the parish church and in the afternoon at Trinity. Stood in the ludicrous position as plateholder at the church door. Mr. Fulford not much altered.
- 2507** 31 July. Bill of Health: All pretty well.
No death or marriage worth recording.
- 2508** 1 Aug. Our railway is now rapidly approaching completion.
- 2509** 2 Aug. This being Saturday, the fair is postponed to Monday.
- 2510** 6 Aug. Went to Tellisford church via Dillybrook Lane, and after an interval of nearly thirteen years, heard the same talented minister as at Lullington once. (See Sept. thirteen 1835) Mr. Baker, alias Salter. Had some heavy showers coming home. The prospect of an unfortunate harvest seems imminent.
- 2511** 7 Aug. Had a long conversation with J. P. S., from which it seems extremely probable that I must leave them eventually. Saw a balloon ascend in the evening from our factory windows, and afterwards went into a show with Emmy.
- 2512** 8 Aug. Very busy making preparations for my north journey. J. T. with James H. etc. gone today to Ilfracombe.
- 2513** 10 Aug. No goods to be got from S. Brown this season.
- 2514** 13 Aug. Visited poor cousin Harry, who is in a hopeless state.
- 2515** 15 Aug. Rode on a bus to Bradford with John Baily. After a heavy storm walked to Freshford, and thence home.
- 2516** 17 Aug. Drain opened in our back yard.
- 2517** 20 Aug. E. went out first time since her confinement.

2518 21 Aug. Started on my autumn journey with a desponding heart, saddened by the stormy weather which threatens the destruction of the harvest. Mr. Box, the Wesleyan parson distributed tracts among the passengers in the boat to Bath. It is probably the last I shall see of him. Spent the day in Bristol, and by five o'clock train to 39, Bull Street, Birmingham.

2519 22 Aug. Met with but indifferent success today in Birmingham. Went to the Town Hall in the evening and heard lecture on Cruikshanks Bottle. Heard Joseph Sturge speak.

2520 23 Aug. Left Birmingham early and spent the morning in Wolverhampton and the afternoon in Stafford, as on a former occasion. Then proceeded to Manchester and secured good lodging at Foulkes's Temperance Hotel in Piccadilly.

2521 24 Aug. Spent a dreary and unpropitious day in the vast city of Manchester. Mr. Kidson jr advised me to enter into some arrangement with S. Jackson to show my patterns. Went to the theatre in the evening.

2522 25 Aug. Left Manchester about noon for Liverpool by rail. Called on Borland at the Post Office and accompanied him to his house to tea, where I found his wife and mother. Had a tolerable good night in poor lodgings in Button St. Whitechapel. Business quite a blank.

2523 26 Aug. Sold five pieces to Phillips and Holme, and crossing the river Mersey in a steamer, spent the afternoon at Birkenhead, which seat of splendid poverty I quitted by rail for Chester, where after getting into comfortable quarters at 20 Nicholas St. I took an evening stroll on the ancient walls of the antique city and lingered by the Dee. Heard the base murmur of the water's fall.

2524 27 Aug. Attended morning service at St. John's church, Chester, one of the most ancient structures in the kingdom. In the afternoon walked with my host, Mr. W. Phillips, into Flintshire, North Wales, and returned in time for afternoon service at Chester cathedral, but the beautiful music was unenjoyed by W. H. T., who suffered all day from an attack of bilious headache.

2525 28 Aug. Being well this morning, I left Chester for Crewe by an early train. Spent an hour and took an order in Birmingham. Did my business in Worcester and reached my old lodgings at the Fleece Hotel, Gloucester, to bed.

2526 29 Aug. Met with pretty good luck in Gloucester today, and in the afternoon opened two new accounts in Cheltenham.

2527 30 Aug. From Gloucester to Swindon, thence home through the Box tunnel to Bath and thence per boat, our own line being all but open.

- 2528** 31 Aug. Bill of Health: All middling, except poor little sickly Emma. Death: James Gibson, 10 Wine Street, Bristol, on the 30th, aged 50.
- 2529** 2 Sept. The long deferred opening of the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth Railway took place this day, from Chippenham and through Melksham and Trowbridge to Westbury. The directors went the whole distance and returned to dine at Melksham, and the event was kept up there and at Westbury, but passed unnoticed here.
- 2530** 3 Sept. Fiftysixth communion today, and the first time at the restored church. Saw poor cousin Harry, probably for the last time, as he is sinking fast.
- 2531** 5 Sept. The railway fully opened for passengers and traffic.
- 2532** 6 Sept. Lucy ill in the mumps.
- 2533** 7 Sept. Determined ultimately to quit my situation at W. and J. S. Jr.
- 2534** 9 Sept. Had my first ride on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth to Chippenham and thence per G. W. R. to Bath. Toiled without taking food and was very sick next day.
- 2535** 11 Sept. Wrote to Steadman Jackson to offer a commission.
- 2536** 14 Sept. Took Alfred and his mother for their first ride on our railway. We went to Melksham and back in an hour etc.
- 2537** 16 Sept. Last walk for the season.
- 2538** 17 Sept. Saw poor cousin Harry on his deathbed – the last time.
- 2539** 19 Sept. Went to Westbury first time by rail with Alfred, Lucy, Caroline etc. From the station through the fields to Westbury Leigh. Left them there and got a lift in a gig to Frome. Walked back through the wood and cornfields, Chapmanslade, and rejoined them and took tea at old Eyres's. Then home by train.
- 2540** 20 Sept. Finished reading *The Antiquary*; Chalmers on National Churches; Pollok; Junius; Tales of the O'Hara family; Mrs. Heman, vol. six. Begun Cowley; Milton; Old Mortality; Eugene Aran; *The Black Prophet*.
- 2541** 21 Sept. Mr. Lawes ceased being our carrier. Stratton succeeded – then Norris.
- 2542** 23 Sept. Harry Tucker died (see Sept. seventeen, three, Aug. one 1848; 1847, Oct. thirty, Sept. twenty eight, June. one). He was born June. 23 1826.

2543 29 Sept. Attended poor Harry's corpse to the grave, after first hearing an address by Mr. Barnes in the Tabernacle. Prevented from dining afterwards in the Conigre by the receipt of a note from E. announcing S. Jackson's arrival, and went to Melksham by rail in the evening and had an interview with him at the Bear. Found he was engaged with Wanstall [another cloth merchant].

Bill of Health: All pretty well. Deaths: H. T., Lord George Bentinck.

2544 1 Oct. Declined attending the funeral party at the Baptist chapel.

2545 3 Oct. To Bath by rail with E., Emmy, Laura and Mrs. H. Took Emmy for the first time to dentist Parkinson.

2546 5 Oct. To Bristol by rail with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Foley.

2547 8 Oct. Took tea with E., Emmy, Lucy, A. Ward etc. at Bradley school.

2548 12 Oct. Took a second railway trip to the Westbury station with E. and Lucy, and again went through the fields to Westbury Leigh blackberrying, and had a pleasant walk back through Westbury to the station, returning by the six seventeen train.

2549 15 Oct. Mary baptised at Trinity church by Mr. Ryland. Sponsors, Mrs. J. G. Foley, Laura H. and Mr. Newth. They, with Mr. F., Father and J. T. afterwards to tea at ours.

2550 19 Oct. Received my first order through Steadman Jackson.

2551 20 Oct. The asiatic cholera in several parts of Great Britain.

2552 21 Oct. W. Newth informed me that J. T. and James K. are rivals for Miss G.

2553 24 Oct. Consulted J. S. T. about building storerooms and counting house, the time evidently approaching when I must give quit W. and J. S.'s service, and betake myself wholly to cloth dealing. Prevented from visiting Gloucester this week by an inflamed eye, and the heavy rains and floods.

2554 27 Oct. Second visit from Steadman Jackson. We seem likely to come to terms ultimately. Contracted with J. S. Tucker to build workshop. Coming events cast their shadows before.

2555 30 Oct. To Bath by boat – on by eleven o'clock. In Bristol all day and slept at the Fleece, Gloucester. My counting house etc. begun today.

2556 31 Oct. In Gloucester all the morning. In Cheltenham afternoon and returned to Gloucester and spent the evening in the smoking room as usual.

Last day of return tickets on the railway.

Bill of Health: All pretty well, considering this wet unhealthy season.

Deaths: 3rd, J. H. Taunton; 11 P. Anstie; old Mr. Evans; Sally Humphreys and Sally Oborn, burlers.

2557 1 Nov. Returned home from Gloucester by half past three via Bristol and Chippenham rail.

2558 5 Nov. Fifty seventh communion, old church, with E.

2559 7 Nov. To Bath by boat, home by rail. S. Brimson left. Sarah Francis came.

2560 8 Nov. Heard that Revd B. Kent died on the 4th.

2561 11 Nov. Sarah Francis became dangerously ill and was removed home.

2562 14 Nov. Maria Barnet came.

2563 15 Nov. To Westbury by rail. To Warminster by bus to consult E. Ford about F. Cooke of London, but did not take his advice ultimately.

2564 18 Nov. First visit to London. Arrived at the Paddington station by half past two pm, thence per bus to B. Moore's residence, 5 St James Place, Hampstead Road. Left my luggage, and off by bus into the city and called on L. Lewis, Basinghall Street, who invited me to his house, which I did not accept. Strolled all the evening, chiefly by the Bank, Cornhill, through St. Paul's churchyard, through Fleet Street and Holywell Street into the Strand, where I went to the Adelphi and saw Madam Celeste perform. Took bus from Hungerford market and returned to Ben Moore to lodge. Supped with them. They are in very low and declining circumstances with an increasing family.

2565 19 Nov. A grand day this in my history. Went by bus to Trafalgar Square, and walked down Whitehall and Parliament Street on to Westminster Bridge, whence I for the first time beheld the Thames. Thence I repaired to the precincts of Westminster Abbey, entering at the Poets Corner, and taking my seat for the morning service close to Camden's monument. Heard a good sermon on baptism, after which I wandered through this august edifice and surveyed its splendid adornments, and especially the monuments and statues. I then retraced my steps to the bridge and saw the new and unfinished Houses of Parliament, and then crossed over to the Surrey side and over again at the Hungerford suspension bridge whence I took a bus to my quarters. After dinner I set out again with Ben Moore and his son to St. Paul's cathedral, passing by and through some of the grandest squares and streets of this leviathan capital. My sensation on entering this were not equal to those of the morning, neither had I as complete and perfect view of it, service being

performed in the choir, the preacher being the Hon. and Rev Mr. Villiers. In the evening I heard the Revd T. Dale at St. Pancras chapel.

2566 20 Nov. This day must also be marked with a white stone. Set off early with B. Moore down Portland Square and Regent Street, passing by the Duke of York's column into St. James's Park. We followed the ornamental waters to Buckingham Palace, whence we crossed the Mall to St. James's Palace, from which we retraced our course by the Carlton and Reform Club houses to Trafalgar Square, where we went into the National Gallery, where we spent nearly an hour looking through the beautiful pictures. It was now dinner time, after which we embarked at Hungerford Bridge by steamer up the river to London Bridge, and strolled round the precincts of the Tower of London, after having previously taken a bird's eye view of this mighty city from the Monument. After a long and dirty walk by Billingsgate and Wapping we entered and passed to and fro through that great memorial of enterprise the Thames Tunnel. Taking a hasty and superficial glance at the docks, we again got on board a steamer and proceeded down the river with a very smart breeze to Greenwich, where we spent half an hour in the Painted Gallery of the Hospital, and then mounted Greenwich Hill, where in view of the grand spectacle stretched out before us, poor Ben detailed his unsuccessful efforts to advance in the world. We returned thence to London Bridge by the Greenwich Railway, and I afterwards saw Madame Vestris as Mrs. Ford in *The Merry Wives of Windsor* at the Lyceum Theatre.

2567 21 Nov. Commenced my last day in London by calling on L. Lewis at John Easton's: also on T. Gibbs Esq. about Father's American bonds. Then went down St. Paul's churchyard through Fleet Street, – then walked into Gracechurch Street and settled insurance money upon E. H. T. Took bus from the bank to Oxford Street which after perambulating I left for Hampstead Road, and after taking tea with Ben, he accompanied me to the Polytechnic Institution where we spent the evening.

2568 22 Nov. Set off before light with poor Ben towards Paddington and left by the seven o'clock train. Had a good view of Windsor Castle in the distance, but the journey to Chippenham was dull and tedious. Was detained there one and three quarter hours, and did not reach home till nearly four o'clock. Found the article above mentioned answer admirably, and also found a very satisfactory letter from S. J.

2569 27 Nov. Had an important chat with J. P. Stancomb, which I have been looking forward to for some time, and which will terminate my connexion with them in three month's time, and their cousin Alfred Stancomb will probably succeed me.

2570 28 Nov. Informed George Mundy of the [Wilts and Dorset] Bank of my intended secession from W. and J. S. Wrote R. Scott to the same effect.

2571 30 Nov. Sent Father's Illinois bonds to T. Gibbs to be changed. Bill of Health: Myself much troubled with weakness of the intestines till I went to London. E. T. and the two babes also very weakly through this unhealthy month.

Deaths: 4, Revd B. Kent, and Mr. Newth's youngest boy.

2572 1 Dec. My little warehouse is now in a forward state. J. T. regularly booked with Miss G.

2573 3 Dec. Fifty eighth communion, old church.

2574 4 Dec. Amid drenchy torrents went to Frome per van and did some good business with H. Hams. Maria Barnet left and Mary Ann Webb succeeded her.

2575 11 Dec. W. and J. S. came to terms with Alfred Stancomb.

2576 12 Dec. To Bath by boat. Took tea in High Street, Bristol. Slept at Olive's.

2577 13 Dec. In Bristol till four o'clock. Home by train.

2578 18 Dec. Alfred Cecil Stancomb first came as clerk to W. and J. S.

2579 23 Dec. Assisted to decorate Trinity church for Xmas.

2580 25 Dec. At Dad's as usual. Wife taken down in wheelchair on account of bad leg. To old church morning, Trinity evening.

2581 29 Dec. Went with Emmy to teaparty at National Trinity school – fine music. T. Clark jnr and A. P. S. present.

2582 31 Dec. Bill of Health: a most unhealthy month, but the children have kept up well, though their mother has been, and continues, unwell. Fever prevalent – cholera not yet here.

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2583 1 Jan. The last New Year that finds me in W. and J. S. 's service. This important change has not been rashly effected, and those of my friends most capable of forming a just judgement in the matter approve of the step. It is taken in humble dependence on his guidance and support who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind. Went to Missionary Meeting evening with Emmy at National school, Back Street.

2584 4 Jan. Steadman Jackson here – agreed to terms with him and gave him

patterns of my new singles.

2585 6 Jan. Ordered twenty eight pieces of S. Brown.

2586 7 Jan. Fifty ninth communion at old church. Miss Cotton of Glastonbury to tea.

2587 9 Jan. Took her and aunt Laura over the factory.

2588 16 Jan. To Bath by boat. Dined at the Seven Stars and went on to Bristol in the evening. Slept at Olive's as usual.

2589 17 Jan. Home from Bristol by four o'clock train. T. Cook of 10 Basinghall Street called.

2590 26 Jan. Ben Moore came to tea. At this visit he decided upon once more trying his luck in Trowbridge and bringing his family from London.

2591 31 Jan. By Edwards van to Frome with W. H. Messiter etc. Bill of Health: E. very poorly, but improving, Emma also in weakly state. The rest pretty well. Deaths: 8, George Burbidge, baker; 11, Mrs. Page.

2592 1 Feb. Alfred Stancomb now does most of the counting house work, and I begin to feel as an intruder, but my time is now drawing to a close.

2593 4 Feb. Sixtieth communion at old church with E.

2594 6 Feb. J. P. Stancomb to London.

2595 13 Feb. To Bristol by rail with W. T. C. By evening train to Gloucester.

2596 14 Feb. Spent this day in Gloucester tolerably satisfactorily.

2597 15 Feb. In Cheltenham morning. Afternoon first visit to Tewkesbury. Dull place. Fine old church. Sauntered by the riverside till sunset. Thence per rail to my old quarters, Birmingham.

3598 16 Feb. In Birmingham all day. Business no great shakes.

2599 17 Feb. By rail to Wolverhampton, thence to Stafford. Market Day unfavourable to business. Returned to Birmingham to bed.

2600 18 Feb. First Sunday in Birmingham. Went to St. Mary's church morning with fellow lodger, and heard Mr. Barrett. Had pleasant walk afternoon to Edgbaston church, and in the evening heard Mr. Miller at St. Martin's, Bull Ring.

- 2601** 19 Feb. Left early for Worcester. Slept at Gloucester.
- 2602** 20 Feb. Thence per rail to Swindon and thence home.
- 2603** 23 Feb. My new desk put up. Busy moving to my own counting house.
- 2604** 28 Feb. Sold a large parcel goods to young Parry.
Bill of Health: E. very weakly indeed. The rest of us well, myself full of confidence at my new prospects.
Deaths: 20, Stephen Doel; 21, Thomas Drinkwater.
- 2605** 1 Mar. Left W. and J. Stancomb's employ.
- 2606** 4 Mar. Sixty first communion old church with E.
- 2607** 5 Mar. Steadman Jackson himself communicated the astonishing intelligence that he had this day lost Phillips and Smith's [clothiers of Melksham] commission through being behind with his payments. Went with him to J. P. Stancomb's and he slept at our house. Felt very mortified and dejected indeed.
- 2608** 6 Mar. He left for Bath. Will this affair terminate the connection?
- 2609** 7 Mar. By J. W. Applegate's advice waited upon J. L. Phillips Esq., Melksham, who told me the amount of S. Jackson's deficiencies and asked if I should like to take the commission. I afterwards went to Bath and met S. Jackson in E. Shepherd's shop.
- 2610** 11 Mar. Took tea at Bradley school with Emily and Lucy.
- 2611** 12 Mar. Attended confirmation service at Trowbridge church.
- 2612** 17 Mar. Sent off four hundred and twenty seven pounds worth of goods this week.
- 2613** 19 Mar. Mary cut her first tooth.
- 2614** 20 Mar. Went by rail to Bath with Dad, and after long delay succeeded in effecting notarial business with H. Hayman, then proceeded to Bristol and in the evening to Birmingham.
- 2615** 21 Mar. Opened two new accounts in Birmingham.
- 2616** 22 Mar. Went thence with Mr. Seddon by canal to Tipton and by bus to Dudley where I opened one account. I strayed thence over the ruins of Dudley castle, but the fog completely hid the noble prospect thence. In the afternoon went on by canal to Wolverhampton and returned by rail to my quarters at Mr. Wall's, 39 Bull Street, Birmingham.

2617 23 Mar. To Walsall for the first time – a dull, singular place. Returned thence with Mrs. Oakley to Birmingham, and the same evening reached The Golden Lion, Worcester, to bed.

2618 24 Mar. Opened account with Sidney and Hanson, and left Worcester for Cheltenham, where I found things dull as usual. Being very tired, stopped there to sleep for the first time, at Smith's coffee house.

2619 25 Mar. Went to the new church of St. Peter, Cheltenham, it being the first Sunday of divine service there. Heard Dr. Francis Close. In the afternoon to St. Mary and evening St. Paul's.

2620 26 Mar. To Gloucester by an early train. Spent the day there and walked to the Severn in the evening. By the half past nine night train to Bristol, where I had the misfortune to sleep, or rather remain awake, with Mr. Olive.

2621 27 Mar. Returned home this evening by boat from Bath.

2622 31 Mar. Sent off upwards of seven hundred pounds worth of cloth, which had been much more but for Jackson's affair. Bill of Health: E. stronger, and the rest of us pretty well except Mary, poor by teething.

Death: 25, old Mr. W. Webb [aged 86]; Marriages: Mr. John Allen [of Trowbridge] to Miss [Matilda] Harris [of Frome]. Samuel Mundy to Sophia Henly,.

2623 1 April. All seems to be over between J. T. and the fair Joanna.

2624 8 April. Easter Sunday. Sixtysecond Communion old church.

2625 9 April. Attended Trinity meeting vestry as churchwarden. Nominated F. Webber as my successor in office.

2626 12 April. Commencing the disagreeable duty of begging for Trinity church. Called on Capt Lawson and others with Glover.

2627 16 April. Got all my orders executed up close.

2628 18 April. To Frome by Edwards, thence on foot to Warminster. Tead at Ford's, and returned home by Arter.

2629 19 April. Very heavy fall of snow.

2630 20 April. To Bath by boat with Mrs. Hall etc. Walter Newth has taken her brick business [at Cockhill, Trowbridge]. Returned per rail.

2631 23 April. Called on T. Clark Esq. for subscription to Trinity church.

2632 24 April. To Bath by boat with J. T., thence to Bristol all day. To Cheltenham in the evening and slept at Smith's.

2633 25 April. In Cheltenham and Gloucester all day. Slept at Fleece. In the evening walked over both branches of the Severn.

2634 26 April. At breakfast at the Fleece received Jackson's notice to quit me. Thence by rail to Stroud and on foot to Wise's of Woodchester. Found W. H.'s commission all humbug as expected. By rail back to Stonehouse and made an equally unsuccessful call on R. S. Davies and Co. Toiled all over Stroud and did no business, but nevertheless spent a pleasant evening with F. Wright at Melrose Academy. Slept at Flight's.

2635 27 April. From Stroud to Cirencester for the first time and opened one account. Thence to Swindon and home evening.

2636 28 April. Got paper into my ear – had it extracted. Gave another notice of vestry meeting, F. Webber refusing to serve as warden.

2637 29 April. Heard Mr. Ryland's farewell sermon.

2638 30 April. To Westbury third class train with Emmy and saw Mr. N. Overbury on ineffectual business. Walked back with Emmy through Hawkeridge to Bradley where we found her mother and we all tead at the school.

Marriages: 11, J. H. Norris; Miss Buckhill; H. Webb. Deaths: 3, Mrs. Eacott; 17 and 18, Mr. James Wickham and T. Jenkins.

Bill of Health: A very sickly time for E. and the children, but they are getting better.

2639 1 May. Day tickets resumed. Went to Melksham with E. and Emma to see Mr. Phillips. Going to call again as he was from home and my business important.

2640 4 May. Went to Webber's office with Dad to witness the final settlement of uncle's affairs, and afterwards to Foley's.

2641 5 May. Had a satisfactory interview with Phillips and Smith. Emmy with me in the train. Home to dinner.

2642 6 May. Sixty third communion old church. Mr. Wilson's first day Trinity church.

2643 7 May. Obligated to be churchwarden for one year more.

2644 8 May. Left home by one o'clock train. Got to Birmingham to bed.

- 2645** 9 May. In Birmingham all day.
- 2646** 10 May. Opened two new accounts at Wolverhampton, but could not sell a yard in Stafford. On to Chester to bed.
- 2647** 11 May. Opened two accounts in Chester and went on with Dr. John Smith to Birkenhead where I could do nothing but settle with Kirby. To Liverpool evening and saw Matilda Brown on the steamer. Slept at Campbell's.
- 2648** 12 May. Had a fair day in Liverpool. Crossed the water evening.
- 2649** 13 May. Went to St. Luke's church in the morning, St. Peter's afternoon and St. Paul's evening. Took tea at Borland's.
- 2650** 14 May. Had another partly successful day in Liverpool and reached Foulke's Hotel, Manchester, to bed.
- 2651** 15 May. Encountered S. Jackson in Market Street. Had a middling day and opened several new accounts.
- 2652** 16 May. Left Manchester by first train. Spent the afternoon Worcester and reached Olive's, Bristol, to bed.
- 2653** 17 May. Thence to Weston super Mare and took lodgings at Walnut Cottage at one pound per week. Reached home this evening. First year I missed annual Stowford walk since 1830.
- 2654** 22 May. We all set out by the one o'clock train for Weston super Mare. Poor Emma very ill. Installed at Walnut Cottage.
- 2655** 23 May. I went to Bath thence per first train. Walked home through Freshford. At five o'clock Mr. Smith came from Melksham for me to meet Mansell and I returned with him and had my first interview with him at Mr. Phillips.
- 2656** 24 May. To Melksham again by first train and settled preliminaries with Mansell. Breakfasted at the White Hart.
- 2657** 26 May. To Bristol with Emmy, thence by a boat to Clifton. We ascended the rocks, and she returned to Park Street on a donkey. Opened account with Mr. Dyer. Dad joined us at Olive's, but we had a most unpleasantly crowded ride to Weston super Mare.
- 2658** 27 May. Went to Weston parish church in the morning with Laura and Lucy. In the afternoon walked with E. to Uphill new church and heard the blundering parson preach a Christmas sermon at Whitsuntide.

2659 28 May. Whit Monday. The Foresters came from Bristol and had a tent off Anchorhead. Sailed in a smack with Lucy and Alfred, but Dad was afraid to venture.

2660 29 May. Opened two accounts at Weston super Mare.

2661 30 May. Left with Dad and Emmy for Bristol. Unpleasant interview with T. P. Collins. Marriages: Twenty nine, Edwin Rawlings. Death: Old Mrs. Poynton. Bill of Health: Emma very ill, and the other children, except Emmy, commencing whooping cough.

2662 2 June. To Bristol by one o'clock train, and in the evening to Weston super Mare by the third class. When there joined by J. T. and John Moore, and went for a long walk through the woods together.

2663 3 June. To Emmanuel church morning with Alfred. Watched the tide in afternoon.

2664 4 June. First order from Mansell. Spender came from Trowbridge to Weston for three weeks. I left in the evening on my first visit to Exeter. Had a bad night at the King Alfred Inn.

2665 5 June. Disappointed in Exeter – poor place, and the cathedral not equal to my expectation. Opened five little accounts. Encountered young Reddrop at Wylies. Had another bad night, at the Railway Inn.

2666 6 June. Got to Taunton early. Met with Nancy Tucker's brother. Could do no business. At the station met again with S. Jackson and rode with him to Weston super Mare. In the evening bathed in the sea, also Alfred and Lucy. Mrs. Hendy came.

2667 7 June. Last day in Weston. Walked from Anchorhead to an island by a path dry at low water. In the evening had a rough sail with W. Spender in a boat two and a half miles out.

2668 8 June. Our household left Walnut Cottage and reached home before dinner time, but Miss Rogers must go to jail.

2669 12 June. Attended Visitation and heard Archdeacon Macdonald's address. The poor to pay our fees to the apparitor.

2670 13 June. To Bath by the express. Marshall and Lord [tailors and drapers, Milsom Street] paid me off and were more insolent than ever. Returned by last train.

2671 20 June. Had a pleasant rural walk to Bradford with Emmy, reading about Little Nell by the way. Left her at Sparks's, who told me first about

Spackman's insolvency. Called on J.W.A.

2672 22 June. To Warminster by Arter. Had to wait more than an hour under the trees reading Lamartine's Raphael. Tead and dined at Ford's, went with him on Copheap at six o'clock, and slept there on the top.

2673 24 June. To Wingfield church this fine Sunday evening with E. and Emmy.

2674 26 June. To Farleigh with E, Emmy, Lucy and Alfred in donkey cart. Spent very pleasant evening as usual at Watercress Cottage.

2675 29 June. Obligated to have Dr. Spragg to poor little Emma. He says she has water in the head as well as whooping cough. Emmy, Alfred and Mary have likewise the whooping cough severely. Bill of Health: A general month of whooping cough not bearing very heavily on either child except poor Emma. E. and myself in middling health.

2676 1 July. Sixty fourth communion old church with E. Jos Sparks to dinner and tea. Recommended Miss J. G. as a wife to him. Emma leeched. Could not stop the bleeding and obliged to go to Spragg at three o'clock in the morning.

2677 2 July. Cross letter from G. Scott about Russell interfering.

2678 6 July. Poor Emma getting dangerously ill. Emmy's cough exceedingly troublesome.

2679 9 July. Had a pleasant afternoon in Bratton with J.T., Moore, Dad and Brents. Went on the hills.

2680 11 July. At Bristol today. Cholera increasing here as well as in South Wales and many parts of England.

2681 12 July. Mr. R. Scott composed differences and sold him a large parcel.

2682 13 July. To Bath with little Emmy. Took her to Sydney Gardens – probably my last visit there as I hate them. Dined and took tea with an old woman in New Bond Street and returned home by boat.

2682 14 July. Emma seems recovering.

2684 19 July. Went to Tyrleigh [Turley] with E. and Emmy. Took tea at Miss Newth's who walked back with us nearly to Bradford. Sent statement of Trinity church affairs to Miss Waldron and Mr. John Clark.

2685 23 July. Went to Frome and afterwards attacked by diarrhoea, which these times makes us afraid of cholera.

- 2686** 28 July. L. Lewis gave me a call. Emma very ill, apparently near death.
- 2687** 29 July. W. Spender and wife to tea. Emma rather revived.
- 2688** 30 July. To Gloucester per train via Swindon with J. Clark. Slept at The Fleece. Cholera almost gone from here.
- 2689** 31 July. On to Cheltenham. Spent afternoon mostly in Jessop's Gardens. At night reached 39, Bull Street, Birmingham.
Bill of Health: Whooping Cough abated – none of the children apparently injured by it, except Emma. E. and myself well. Marriages: old Billy Phillips. Aged 58 with parson Mann's servant, aged 26; July. 26; poor Harry Tucker's widow to Mr. Aust, Melksham, Death: E. Silcox, weaver.
- 2690** 1 Aug. In Birmingham all day. Did pretty well.
- 2691** 2 Aug. Saw Warriss before Wanstall, then started for Wolverhampton. Dined there and back to Birmingham to tea. Went by late train to Bristol, slept at Freemasons' Tavern.
- 2692** 3 Aug. Went over Bristol but could find none at home, so went home early myself and found Emma convalescent once more.
- 2693** 5 Aug. Sixty fifth communion old church with E. Dad and J.T. took tea with us and then the latter left for Clifton, Tintern, Ragland, Monmouth, Ross etc.
- 2694** 6 Aug. Trowbridge Fair. We all dined at Dad's as usual with Brents.
- 2695** 10 Aug. Public services here today on account of the prevalence of cholera.
- 2696** 12 Aug. To Rood Ashton [West Ashton] church with Emmy this morning. Dined at Mary's and thence across the park to Steeple Ashton church. Tead at the inn and got home without fatigue though Emmy walked eight miles.
- 2697** 15 Aug. Walked to Bratton and took rooms at the White Horse Inn.
- 2698** 20 Aug. Removed our household thither per van.
- 2699** 21 Aug. In Bath all day. Thence per third class with young Tanner to Exeter where we slept at the Globe Hotel.
- 2700** 22 Aug. Rose early and walked with Turner and his friend to Pennsylvania and Merrypolehead where we had a magnificent view of Devon scenery and the Exe making its exit into the sea. After proceeded to the Globe to breakfast, and then took my first ticket on the South Devon Railway

with Turner to Dawlish, where we bathed in the sea and walked on to the Teignmouth regatta, where after spending the afternoon with Turner I returned to the Globe, Exeter alone.

2701 23 Aug. Had a very good day in Exeter. Last night at the Globe, the charge being extortionate, and had a row with the waiter.

2702 24 Aug. Left by first six o'clock train for Bristol. Cholera very bad there. At Bath afternoon, thence to my solitary home.

2703 25 Aug. To Bratton at night and found wife and children improving.

2704 26 Aug. To Edington church morning with E. and Alfred. Walked home in the evening with J. T. Dogs at Dunge.

2705 31 Aug. Bill of Health: A month of general improvement, especially since the removal to Bratton. Cholera very prevalent through the land, but we mercifully escape hitherto.
Deaths: Farmer Manley, late of Hinton (see 1840); Mr. W. Lawes. Chippenham; Mrs. Willis; Jesse Newman.

2706 1 Sept To Westbury by Keats afternoon. Met Emmy at Bradley and walked to Bratton with her to bed.

2707 2 Sept. To Bratton church morning with E. and Emmy. After dinner walked to Erlestoke church. Then the rain came and we all were obliged to take refuge and tea at the inn. In the evening rode home with J. T., James H. and Mr. and Mrs. E. Rawlings.

2708 4 Sept. Walked to Bratton this evening and slept there.

2709 5 Sept. Bid them farewell and walked back early. Sold remnants to Player.

2710 6 Sept. Went by second class to Gloucester, and to Birmingham to bed.

2711 7 Sept. Left Birmingham at three o'clock and to bed at Piccadilly, Manchester.

2712 8 Sept. Two pleasant fellow lodgers at Foulke's Hotel—Charles Drake (Waterlow's traveller) and a Scotchman. Business dull. Cholera on the increase here – drank brandy consequently.

2713 9 Sept. Sunday. Attended morning service at Manchester cathedral. Dined with Drake and went to St. Paul's church afternoon. In the evening heard Mr. Stowell at St. Barnabas church.

2714 10 Sept. Third day in Manchester – made but small progress. Spent pleasant evening with Drake and two others.

2715 11 Sept. Left early for Campbell's Hotel, Liverpool. Cholera still very fatal there and business dull.

2716 12 Sept. Very wet in Liverpool. Obligated to buy new books. Spent the evening with R. Borland and young Sheperd.

2717 13 Sept. Crossed the Mersey to Birkenhead, thence by rail to Chester. Still doing but very little in the way of orders. Stayed at Phillips, and attended weekly meeting there of the Chester Young Men's Improvement Society.

2718 14 Sept. On my way southward encountered H. Chapman at Crewe. Left him at Stafford, and in the evening went to Lichfield in the wrong train by mistake. Returned to Stafford, and after a walk to the castle, slept at the Eagle.

2719 15 Sept. Left for Wolverhampton early. Death busy there. Felt very nervous, but did good business. At one o'clock proceeded by coach to Dudley, and in the evening reached Birmingham very poorly, but a cup of strong tea dispelled my headache. Slept at Walls as usual.

2720 16 Sept. Heard Bishop Wilberforce of Oxford preach at St. Philip's church Birmingham. In the afternoon went to the cemetery and then to St. George's church. In the evening to Trinity church.

2721 17 Sept. My first journey to Coventry, altogether unproductive. Cholera there. Left Birmingham in the evening and slept at the Golden Lion, Worcester.

2722 18 Sept. Thence to Cheltenham and to bed at Gloucester,.

2723 19 Sept. Second visit to Cirencester. Visited Swindon and coached home, where I found our household had returned from Bratton minus one of my watches, lost by Mrs. T.

2724 26 Sept. About this time John Milsom the new curate left on account of imputations affecting his moral conduct.

2725 30 Sept. Bill of Health: the children all the better for their Bratton trip, not so E. – I fear why.

Marriages: Betsy Bendall; Miss Welkins. Deaths: Mr. Joseph Slade, Market Place; James Wilkins on the nineteenth; Mrs. Jos. Berry [Maria Warne, born Brown] In London of the cholera, Aunt Barnett and Mr. Wicks Junior.

2726 9 Oct. Took afternoon stroll to Bradford, Farleigh and Westwood.

- 2727** 11 Oct. To Bristol by train with young F Friar.
- 2728** 12 Oct. To Bath by train with Isaac Besser. Dined with W. Hendy.
- 2729** 17 Oct. To Frome by van with W. H. and Mr. Stevens. Lecture on mesmerism. Walked to Corsley and stopped as usual. Took tea at Warminster with Ford.
- 2730** 19 Oct. Finished about this time Eugene Aram Old Mortality. Begun Bishop Hall; Mrs. Heman, Vol. 7; Colman's Broad Grins; The Black Dwarf and Lady Blessington's Confessions.
- 2731** 20 Oct. W. H. May. proposed partnership – no go.
- 2732** 24 Oct. Felt much relieved by the removal of a fear at home.
- 2733** 29 Oct. To Gloucester by train. Slept at Birmingham.
- 2734** 30 Oct. Left at ten o'clock per bus to Dudley, and back to dinner. Did business in Birmingham. In the evening went to picture exhibition.
- 2735** 31 Oct. In Birmingham all day. At night went to the Peace Society at the Town Hall. Jos. Strange in the chair. Heard speeches from the Revd J. A. James, Horace Say and other statesmen.
Bill of Health: All pretty well. Fever prevalent, but we are mercifully preserved. Cholera now almost gone from this country. Emma still very weakly.
- 2736** 1 Nov. By bus through West Bromwich, Wednesbury and Bilston to Wolverhampton. Returned by rail to Birmingham. Slept at Cheltenham.
- 2737** 2 Nov. Did not sell a yard in Cheltenham. To Swindon. Home.
- 2738** 4 Nov. Sixty sixth communion old church with E.
- 2739** 7 Nov. Stormy interview with parson Mansfield.
- 2740** 12 Nov. In Bath all day. In Exeter evening with Chiswick gardener, and put up at the Caledonia Coffee House, North Street, Mr. MacKenzie's.
- 2741** 13 Nov. In Exeter all day — trade dull.
- 2742** 14 Nov. Left before daybreak with Chiswick gardener. Spent the day in Bristol to little purpose. Very wet. Home to tea.
- 2743** 15 Nov. National thanksgiving day. At church three times.
- 2744** 17 Nov. Bad news about J. J. Kemp, Brighton. Forty four pounds bad debt.

- 2745** 20 Nov. Heard J.T. goes to Ladydown again.
- 2746** 21 Nov. W. H. Livett sold off again preparatory to his leaving.
- 2747** 28 Nov. C. C. D. Mansell here. Introduced me to W. and J. S. and to Brown's.
- 2748** 30 Nov. Bill of Health: Emma and her mother weakly. The rest well.
- 2749** 2 Dec. The Dowager Queen Adelaide died.
- 2750** 3 Dec. Went to Frome – to Sinkins and Wood [clothiers] first time.
- 2751** 8 Dec. Hung black cloth in Trinity church with Stephen and Amos Hillman.
- 2752** 9 Dec. J. T. keeps bad hours. E's leg getting bad again.
- 2753** 10 Dec. Left home for Bristol. Tempted to go on by excursion train to Birmingham and saw exhibition of arts, and went to the grand concert at Town Hall with H. and E. Applegate.
- 2754** 11 Dec. Had but poor day at Birmingham, left in the evening and did not reach Bristol until half past twelve. With some difficulty got bed at White Lion.
- 2755** 12 Dec. In Bristol morning, Bath afternoon, home evening.
- 2756** 13 Dec. Queen Adelaide's funeral.
- 2757** 15 Dec. E. very unwell – obliged to send for Dr. Cary again.
- 2758** 17 Dec. Finished my stocktaking – on the whole very satisfactory.
- 2759** 19 Dec. Walked to Farleigh with J. T. and Ben P. and saw ruins of the chapel and mill destroyed by fire last night.
- 2760** 20 Dec. Went to Melksham to see Phillips and Smith about J. J. Kemp, Brighton and agreed to take eight shillings and ninepence in the pound.
- 2761** 25 Dec. Spent Christmas Day as usual at Dad's. E. walked down, but had the chair to return in. J. T. gone to Boreham Villa with Bowyers, alas!
- 2762** 28 Dec. Miss Hamilton called to ask me to present a piece of plate to Mr. Mansfield, which I declined, and had a discussion with her on the merits and demerits of the reverend gentleman. About this time our new neighbour, the Revd Mr. Longman, succeeded W. H. Livett at no. 7.

2763 30 Dec. J. T. brought Augusta Bowyer to church evening.

2764 31 Dec. Agreed with John Shaw as to the Dublin agency.
Bill of Health: This month unfavourable to E. as usual, who is very lame and otherwise unwell. The children all right, including Emma.
Deaths: 26, G. Mizen; (Thomas Watson, America); young Gould; old John Gardner, Castle Street. Bristol; and old Wainwright, Bath.

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2765 1 Jan. The first new year's day that finds me master of my own time and motions, also finds me somewhat low on account of a considerable bad debt in Brighton, and from the probability of E's sixth addition to our already numerous household, but it will all be the same thing January 1900.

2766 4 Jan. Our servant Mary Ann Webb left and Sarah Watts came.

2767 6 Jan. Sixty seventh Communion old church.

2768 9 Jan. S. Brown purchased Mrs. Page's house.

2769 11 Jan. Went to dull teaparty old church with Emmy and Lucy.

2770 16 Jan. Took poor Emmy once more to Bradley school.

2771 17 Jan. Much trouble with F. Haskins's black doeskins. A month's hard frost broke up.

2772 21 Jan. To Bristol by train. Sold fourteen and a half pieces to J. Jones. Went to Phillips and Wearing evening for A. Newth and went with him to the Atheneum. Slept at Olive's first time since cholera.

2773 22 Jan. Spoken words to Shaw, Dublin, and then to Bath.

2774 24 Jan. Row with Wicks [James Wicks, clothier] about rotten Oxford cassimeres.

2775 25 Jan. Called on Miss Hamilton to explain away certain statements.

2776 26 Jan. F.T. Allen is fairly started as a rival. J. T. Junior is fairly booked at Ladydown. Miss Angle married.

2777 27 Jan. Walked to Bradford with Miss Munday to see Nurse's daughter.

2778 31 Jan. Bill of Health: Children all pretty fair, E. as well as can be expected, myself bonny.

Deaths: 26, Lord Jefferay, the Quarterly Reviewer. Marriages: 26, Miss Angle; Henry Bailey.

2779 3 Feb. Sixty eighth Communion old church with E.

2780 4 Jan. Alfred first sent to school (Miss Hale's).

2781 3 Feb. John had inflammation of the eyes.

2782 12 Feb. Left by eleven o'clock to Swindon. There all day and on to Gloucester in the evening. Found Haviland dead.

2783 13 Feb. In Gloucester all day. Dined with the widow and family.

2784 14 Feb. In Cheltenham all the morning. In Worcester afternoon. To Wall's to bed.

2785 15 Feb. In Birmingham all day – business bad.

2786 16 Feb. To Dudley by bus. Customers ill. Bought Emma a crib in Birmingham.

2787 17 Feb. To Christchurch Birmingham morning. In the afternoon to Aston church with young Wall. A pleasant old place.

2788 18 Feb. In Wolverhampton morning. Birmingham afternoon.

2789 19 Feb. Went to Coventry. Left Birmingham five. thirty. Reached Bristol to bed.

2790 20 Feb. In Bristol all day. Reached Exeter to bed.

2791 21 Feb. Tolerably comfortable at friend McKenzies. Trade bad.

2792 22 Feb. To Plymouth and Devonport first time. Laboured for nought.

2793 23 Feb. Left Exeter by first train. In Bath all day. Home to tea.

2794 24 Feb. Found John almost dark. Went down to see him afternoon and took Emma. Met Mr. Brown in the fields, who noticed her healthy appearance. She was quite lovely and playful all day.

2795 26 Feb. Alfred and Mary have the influenza – had Mr. Spragg to them.

2796 27 Feb. Emma likewise attacked towards night.

2797 28 Feb. Bill of Health: E. very weakly, but the children all well till the

influenza came. Emma much better this last month of her life than usual.
Death: Mr. James Hayward, Silver Street. Marriage: 21, Mr. Buckpitt; Miss Wickham.

2798 1 March. Alfred and Mary better, but Emma very ill.

2799 2 March. Mr. Spragg thinks her recovery doubtful.

2800 3 March. Attended Trinity church three times at collection. Emma's breathing being relieved by a blister. I slept with her and had a good night.

2801 4 March. She is apparently better. John's eyes improve slowly.

2802 5 March. Very busy executing orders.

2803 6 March. Emma very restless: never happier than when I can carry her about as she can then respire easier.

2804 7 March. Emma worse again – suffers much in breathing.

2805 8 March. Last day of Emma's life. Miss Ann Newth at work all day at ours. In the meal hours and evening carried about dear Emma constantly, not being able to resist her appeals of 'Carry please – I'se ready'. At night fetched Mrs. Smith to sleep with her, and carried her up to bed for the last time.

2806 9 March. The little angel after a painful and restless night fell asleep in Jesus at six fifty am. Her mother in a most sad and afflicted state indeed.

2807 10 March. A sad Sunday. Went to church evening.

2808 12 March. Lucre made a brick vault in Trinity churchyard.

2809 14 March. Went into Studley fields at eight thirty am with Emmy, and gathered the first violets this season. Could find but four, took them home, and placed them in dear Emma's cold fingers– she looks in her coffin what she really is, an angel.

2810 15 March. Kissed poor Emma's cold forehead for the last time at three fifteen pm, and at three forty five the funeral set out in the following order: Revd G. Mansfield; Mr. Spragg; Mr. Gane; Mr. John Moore. The coffin carried by W. Perkins; Newth; C. Woodward junior; Foley. Mourners: W. H. T.; A. H. T.; J. T. senr. and W. Hendy. She is the first occupant of a new brick grave in Trinity churchyard deep enough to receive ourselves and remaining children hereafter. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. H. and Father took tea with us. In the course of the evening I was the bearer to W. and J. S. the unwelcome tidings that their factory was on fire, but by dint of great human exertion attended by God's blessing, the fire was soon extinguished [An extensive blaze. The

fire engine from the barracks with the three engines in the town constrained the fire to the part in which it broke out]. So ended this eventful day.

2811 16 March. J.T's eyes improve but very slowly.

2812 19 March. Left with Lucy and her mother by one o'clock train to Cheltenham. Tarried an hour at New Swindon and reached Mr. Smith's, Clarence Street, Cheltenham, at five pm. After tea took a walk through High Street, where the gay lights set Lucy's tongue running finely.

2813 20 March. Spent this day in Cheltenham with E. and Lucy, and in the afternoon walked to the outskirts of the Pittville Spa.

2814 21 March. Left by six o'clock train for Birmingham. Breakfasted at 39, Bull Street. Sent over to the Lamp Tavern to bed but driven back by bugs.

2815 22 March. In Wolverhampton today, returning to Birmingham to bed.

2816 23 March. To Dudley and back per bus. Got to Cheltenham to bed, and found Lucy and her mother all the better for their trip.

2817 24 March. Sunday in Cheltenham. Went with wife and daughter to St. Mary church and heard Mr. Close. In the afternoon to Christchurch and in the evening to St. Peter's church (see March. twenty fifth 1849).

2818 25 March. We all left Cheltenham for an early train for Gloucester. Took them and left them in the cathedral. Dined, took tea etc. with Mr. Haviland and family. Snow all day. In the evening went to a memorable concert at the Greyhound with E.T., where we did not stay long, in spite of Miss Fitzharding's attractions, as we did not like the perfume of baccy.

2819 26 March. Left by first train and breakfasted at Mr. Olive's, Bristol. Very snowy again. Then into the Arcade and into College Green, and left them at H. Strugnell's. In the evening we all went home by last train with W. Hendy.

2820 27 March. Heavy fall of snow. J.T.'s eye worse again.

2821 31 March. Easter Sunday. Sixty ninth Communion old church. All of us to tea and supper at W. Hendy's.
Bill of Health: E. very weakly, as may be expected. The rest of us all well.
Death (see March. 9)

2822 1 April. Commenced my third year of Trinity churchwardenship.

2823 3 April. To Bath per rail – dined with W. H. at Brinkworth's, called on Mr. John Boden about John's eyes.

- 2824** 7 April. Went all of us to tea at Mr. Newth's, Cockhill.
- 2825** 14 April. Hendys all to tea and supper.
- 2826** 15 April. To Frome per van. Dined with James Hendy at Black Swan and tead with him at Ham's. Mr. Newth to supper.
- 2827** 16 April. In Bristol all morning. To Weston super Mare afternoon. Found Heathway all broken up. To Exeter to bed.
- 2828** 17 April. In Exeter all day. Had a very bad night at MacKenzie's.
- 2829** 18 April. Left Exeter at six thirty. Breakfasted at Olive's. Home to tea.
- 2830** 25 April. Went to Bath with J. T. to consult Boden respecting his eyes. He gives small hope of one. The result will probably be that he must go into a farm.
- 2831** 26 April. J. P. S. came in to consult me as to whether John's eyesight will ever allow him to resume his occupation.
- 2832** 29 April. To Swindon with Mr. and Mrs. Wickham. To Gloucester to bed.
- 2833** 30 April. In Cheltenham. Had a fine walk evening in the suburbs with W. B. Wearing. At night tormented by fleas. Bill of Health: As last month. Deaths; 7, the poet [William Lisle] Bowles', 23, Wordsworth, 25, Jane Porter.
- 2834** 1 May. Rose dispirited and took first train from Cheltenham to Birmingham. Breakfasted at Wall's. Trade bad. Slept there.
- 2835** 2 May. Went to Wolverhampton by train. Returned to bed at Birmingham.
- 2836** 3 May. Left Birmingham by evening train and slept at Gloucester.
- 2837** 4 May. In Stroud morning. Swindon afternoon. Home to tea.
- 2838** 12 May. Collections three times at Trinity church.
- 2839** 13 May. Published statement of Trinity church's affairs, with remarks.
- 2840** 14 May. Started with children to Farleigh, but rain drove us back.
- 2841** 16 May. Busy collecting church subscription. Row with Tarr.
- 2842** 17 May. Opened account with J. and T. Clark [clothiers of Trowbridge].

- 2843** 18 May. J. T. for a fortnight to Clifton.
- 2844** 19 May. E. T. first communicated at Trinity church.
- 2845** 20 May. Whit Monday. Took Emmy, Lucy and Alfred for walk afternoon.
- 2846** 22 May. Took them and Mary to Farleigh – more fatigue than pleasure.
- 2847** 24 May. Turned off baker Porter, and took on Mr. [James] Boucher.
- 2848** 27 May. E. went down street last time before confinement.
- 2849** 28 May. To Bristol. Went on Brandon Hill with J. T. His eyes are better.
- 2850** 29 May. Fetched nurse Deacon from Dilton on a false alarm.
- 2851** 31 May. Walked to Bradford with John Moore. Tea with Sparks, and arbitrated dispute with John Haden's wife. R. Cockrell present. Bill of Health: Mary fretful, teething, the other brats well. E. ailing, and near her time; Death: Miss [Dorcas] Sweet. Marriage: Miss Hurd and Mr. Rawlings.
- 2852** 1 June. J. T. returned from his fortnight's trip to Clifton with sight improved, but was only able to stick to work for a few days.
- 2853** 2 June. To Wingfield church evening with Emmy. Returned home with George Webb and Miss Gane.
- 2854** 3 June. J. T. resumed his work but his sight grew weak in a few days.
- 2855** 7 June. Laura Tucker born.
- 2856** 10 June. To Frome by van. Walked through Chapmanslade to Warminster. Took tea with Ford and home per Arter.
- 2857** 11 June. In Bath. Much annoyed by Hatheray's proceedings. Returned by boat.
- 2858** 12 June. Had row with S. Brown in consequence.
- 2859** 14 June. E's recovery retarded by inflammation of the kidneys.
- 2860** 15 June. Went by evening train to Bristol with Emmy. Slept at Olive's.
- 2861** 16 June. Took her to cathedral morning, by steamer to Clifton afternoon and to Clifton church. Thence walked to Cook's Folly and took tea.
- 2862** 17 June. We went by special train to Gloucester. Put her in the cathedral

and sold six ends to Mr. Flux. Thence to Pittville Spa, Cheltenham. Train detained at Gloucester on return, and did not reach Bristol till half past eleven o'clock.

2863 18 June. Went to Clevedon this afternoon and had some delightful marine walks with Emmy. Returned to Bristol by eight o'clock train.

2864 19 June. Left Bristol by express. Spent afternoon in Victoria Park, Bath, tead at Churchill and Smith's. and returned home by boat.

2865 22 June. E's complaint removed, but she is very weak and languid. Able to suckle the babe but little, who is consequently very troublesome.

2866 26 June. Alfred S. is to leave W. and J. S. J. Howell succeeds him. J. T. junr must inevitably also leave on account of bad sight.

2867 28 June. E. comes downstairs, but has no appetite and continues very weak.

2868 29 June. Sir R. Peel's fatal accident.

2869 30 June. Bill of Health: Children and myself well and E. slowly improving. Death: Mrs. Cuff, and many others in childbed.

2870 1 July. To Melksham this morning. Ordered Rodway to send copy of writ to Sewell, Brampton.

2871 2 July. Tea party at W. S. Esq.'s Emmy present.

2872 4 July. Cleared out John Stancomb's stock of odd things.

2873 5 July. Foundation of new Cradle Bridge laid.

2874 6 July. Laura Tucker registered.

2875 10 July. Beautifully refreshing day. Went to Westbury with J. T. per Burroughs and walked over the downs and Copheap into Warminster, and after baiting at the Bell, Warminster Common, walked through the lane and shrubbery to Crockerton Pond. Slept on the seat by the water. Returned per Arter.

2876 11 July. Tead at H. Marsh with E., Emmy, Lucy etc.

2877 12 July. Put Cuthbertson into court. Nurse Deacon left – good rid!

2878 15 July. James Howell into W. and J. S. countinghouse. Went to Melksham uselessly.

2879 16 July. Went to the opening of Wellow National school bazaar with Dad, Mr. Newth, Mr. Wickham. Plenty of strawberries and cream.

2880 18 July. To Farleigh with E., Lucy and Alfred. Tead at Borland's. Caught in rain.

2881 21 July. Went to Miss Stevens's about the teaparty.

2882 24 July. To Bath by train. In the evening to Bristol. Slept at Olive's.

2883 25 July. In Bristol all day – very wet. Reached Birmingham at night. Found Miss Walker at 39. Bull St. Walls gone.

2884 26 July. In Birmingham all day. E. Shepherd came at night.

2885 27 July. In Birmingham all day – business tolerably promising.

2886 28 July. Went to Bartholomew church morning, Bishop Ryden afternoon and St. Paul's evening.

2887 29 July. To Wolverhampton by ten o'clock train. To Stafford afternoon, Back to Birmingham.

2888 30 July. To Dudley by rail first time. Found T. Bowman dead. Back to Birmingham by boat. Bustling afternoon.

2889 31 July. To Coventry third and last time. Left Birmingham and slept at the Golden Lion, Worcester. J. T. left home to sojourn a time in London for advice and benefit respecting his eyes.

Bill of Health: E. gradually improving, Baby ill, the rest well.

Death: Sir R. Peel, Bart; Duke of Cambridge; Barber [John] Bosden; Sally Newman.

2890 1 Aug. Left Worcester at eleven thirty seven In Cheltenham all day That town and Gloucester in commotion with coroner election. Slept at Fleece.

2891 2 Aug. In Gloucester all day. French music at the Fleece evening.

2892 3 Aug. To Stroud, Cirencester and Swindon. Home evening.

2893 4 Aug. Found Alfred recovering from scarletina.

2894 5 Aug. J. T. in London throughout this month for the benefit of his eyes. We spent Trowbridge fair day at Dad's as usual.

2895 6 Aug. Mrs. Newth at Father's, visiting this week.

- 2896** 8 Aug. Attended Thomas Haskins's funeral at the Wesleyan chapel.
- 2897** 11 Aug. To Wesleyan chapel this Sunday morning with W. H.
- 2898** 14 Aug. To Bath with E. and Elizabeth Angel, and took Mary for Dr. Spender's inspection of knee. Fee ten shillings. Opinion somewhat discouraging. Returned by boat.
- 2899** 16 Aug. Sent copy of writ to George Rochester, Sunderland.
- 2900** 18 Aug. Teaparty fixed for Tuesday for liquidating Trinity church's debt.
- 2901** 19 Aug. To Exeter evening by rail. Slept at the Star hotel.
- 2902** 20 Aug. Did a very fair day's work there. Met Mr. Walker.
- 2903** 21 Aug. To Plymouth morning. Opened two accounts. Went to the races and on the Hoe.
- 2904** 22 Aug. To Torquay morning. Walked by the seaside in a storm. Arrived at Exeter evening and slept at Hurst's.
- 2905** 23 Aug. To Bristol morning. Attended prayers at St. James's church evening. Slept at Olive's.
- 2906** 24 Aug. In Bath. Home evening. Found Alfred recovering from scarletina.
- 2907** 28 Aug. Grand Flower Show at Trowbridge. Did not attend.
- 2908** 31 Aug. Bill of Health: Laura and Alfred recovering from scarletina, Mary just attacked, the rest well.
Deaths: T. Haskins; Mrs. Cook, Courts; the ex-King Louis Philippe; [John] Sargent, auctioneer.
- 2909** 1 Sept. Revd C. Mansfield refused the sacrament to J. B. [John Bayfield] Clark, Esq.
- 2910** 3 Sept. I and Emily paid wedding visit to Mr. and Mrs. Sparks, Bradford.
- 2911** 5 Sept. Mr. R. Scott here all day.
- 2912** 8 Sept. Walked to Heywood new church morning with Emmy and to Dilton church afternoon. Tead at Dilton Marsh and home.
- 2913** 9 Sept. To Warminster with E. and Alfred, taking up Emmy at Bradley. Tead at Ford's and went on Copheath. All by Arter.

2914 15 Sept. Laura Tucker baptized by Mr. Mansfield at Trinity church. Mr. Newth and her aunts sponsors. Henty's tea and supper. Ill.

2915 17 Sept. C. C. Mansell here.

2916 19 Sept. To Cooke's circus with Alfred and his mother.

2917 24 Sept. To Bath. Dined at Seven Stars. To Bristol to bed.

2918 26 Sept Bethel chapel reopened near my establishment.

2919 27 Sept. In Bristol all day. To Fleece, Gloucester to bed.

2920 28 Sept. Gloucester Barton Fair. Went to Cheltenham afternoon. Returned to Fleece to bed. One glass gin and water too much.

2921 29 Sept. Ill in bed all morning. To the cathedral afternoon, and to St. Michael's church evening. Supped with Mrs. Haviland and her family.

2922 30 Sept. To Worcester by early train. To 39, Bull St. Birmingham to tea and bed. Bill of Health: The mother and bab weakly, all the rest well. Death: 2, Revd W. Eacott, Southwick.

2923 1 Oct. In Birmingham all day. Lodging at Miss Walker's, 39, Bull St.

2924 2 Oct. About Birmingham all morning. To Dudley afternoon by rail.

2925 3 Oct. To Wolverhampton morning. Thence through Shrewsbury, Llangollen Vale and Denbighshire for first time en route to Liverpool. Went again to Campbell's, but for the last time.

2926 4 Oct. Bad lodgings and busy day in Liverpool. Mansell not popular.

2927 5 Oct. In Liverpool; all day. Several doubtful accounts there.

2928 6 Oct. To St. John's church there and heard the Revd Mr. Falloon. Went on to Foulkes's Hotel, Manchester by Sunday night train.

2929 7 Oct. Visited for the first time Bolton, Blackburn and Accrington.

2930 8 Oct. In Manchester all day. Comfortable at Foulkes's.

2931 9 Oct. In Manchester morning, Stockport afternoon. Went to Manchester evening and read letter from Mansell announcing dissolution of connexion.

2932 10 Oct. To Sheffield first time today, also Derby and Leicester. Slept at Iliffe's, Leicester, and saw Orame.

2933 11 Oct. To Rugby by E. Spriggs, thence to Euston station, London, where I found J. T. waiting, and went with him to Ben Moore's, and slept next door at Mrs. Black's, 32 Ernest Street, near Regent's Park. Found his eyesight very considerably improved.

2934 12 Oct. Attacked with diarrhoea. Went with J. T. to druggist, who cured it. Then went into the city and back to Regent's Park. After dinner attacked with dreadful faintness. Recovered by teatime and went to tea at Mrs. Mansell's, Camberwell, and stayed with her till ten.

2935 13 Oct. To Percy chapel morning with J. T. and heard the Revd. Robert Montgomery. In the afternoon to Westminster Abbey with J. T. and Ben Moore. J. T. troubled with toothache.

2936 14 Oct. Last day in London. Purchased picture evening.

2937 15 Oct. By third class to Swindon and home at night, being my longest absence from home hitherto.

2938 19 Oct. J. T. home on week's visit from London.

2939 20 Oct. Terrible row between Mansfields and Clarks.

2940 27 Oct. Heard the Jew Woolff preach at Trowbridge church.

2941 29 Oct. Walked to Farleigh. Tead at Moore's.

2942 31 Oct. J. T. to London again for the benefit of his eyes. Bill of Health: All middling. Death: 22, Matilda Brown.

2943 1 Nov. Began this gloomy month by receiving news of Calvert's assignment.

2944 2 Nov. John Stancomb Esq. dangerously ill.

2945 3 Nov. Sixty ninth Communion old church with E. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield waited us out about Miss Pearce's desertion of Trinity church.

2946 6 Nov. To Frome by train with Lucy, Alfred and their mother.

2947 8 Nov. To Bath by train with Allen. In the evening to Exeter to Mrs. Hurst. Joined old Pricker there and Collier, also M. Fisher of Manchester, M. Hobdale, London, Mr. and Mrs. Wells of Edinburgh, Miss Coomb of Teignmouth.

2948 9 Nov. Busy bustling day in Exeter.

2949 10 Nov. First Sunday in Exeter. Went to the cathedral morning and heard Canon Bull. Had a splendid walk with Marker afternoon, and went to St Mary's church evening.

2950 11 Nov. To Dawlish and Teignmouth with M. Fisher. Weather exceeding mild and beautiful for the season.

2951 12 Nov. Left Exeter after a night destitute of sleep. In Bristol all day. Trade dull. Home to bed.

2952 16 Nov. John Stancomb Esq. died. Buried 22nd. (see Dec. 31 1827).

2953 17 Nov. Three collections at Trinity church – present each.

2954 22 Nov. To Westbury by train morning. Walked to Farleigh evening. Wet.

2955 24 Nov. Accompanied E. to Tabernacle and heard Mr. Jay preach funeral sermon for John Stancomb Esq.

2956 28 Nov. Favourable accounts from London of J. T. 's eyes.

2957 30 Nov. Bill of Health: All well, thank God!
Deaths: Revd. W. Fernie, Frome, J. Stancomb Esq.; Miss Cadby.

2958 1 Dec. England in a fever with the old popery cry on account of the Pope having appointed English bishops.

2959 5 Dec. Wrote J. T. at J. P. S. 's wish to say they could not keep his place open longer than Christmas.

2960 6 Dec. Grand county meeting, Devizes, on papal aggression.

2961 7 Dec. With Mr. Mansell at the Lion and Fiddle, Hilperton.

2962 9 Dec. To Melksham with Alfred. Saw P. and S. [Phillips and Smith]. Wrote them same evening to allow Mansell to sell for me, but received a negative reply.

2963 13 Dec. Good letter from J. T.: he will be able to resume his situation.

2964 14 Dec. Finished my stocktaking. Went and saw Sally Plummer, dangerously ill of dropsy.

2965 18 Dec. To Bristol by first train. To St. James's evening. Slept at Olive's.

2966 19 Dec. In Bath all day. Returned home by last train.

- 2967** 22 Dec. J. T. junr. returned from London – his eyes nearly well.
- 2968** 25 Dec. At Dad's as usual. At old church morning, Trinity church evening.
- 2969** 27 Dec. S. Salter Esq. died, aged 74.
- 2970** 30 Dec. J. T. returned to his situation at W. and J. S. Last interview with old farmer Friar.
- 2971** 31 Dec. Our usual party. Stood on Emma's grave while Trinity church clock struck twelve at the close of the first half of the nineteenth century.

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