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Feb 7th I had a letter from Jenny today to say Kate [Catherine]¹ is engaged to Mr Hall their partner, his friends do not approve of it as Kate is not a lady of fortune so she is going to leave, it is Shrove Tuesday but the “pan_cakes” were quite forgotten.

10th Mr Maynard has gone to see his family in Wales for the benefit of his health.

11th I went to Duxford for Edwin to go to Sawston & Hinxton for orders.

14th Mr Maynard arrived in Wales today Jane met him at the Newport station he wrote his note from Pontypool.

15th Have been marking the earthenware that came from Cambridge last week.

16th Sarah Ann and I have had a lovers_quarrel today about a letter I had from Miss Boyden. I don't suppose we will get the Dunmow Flicht, I have had ?? letter from Mr Chatterton to say they had

¹ William Farrington, son of John Farrington, married Sarah Ann Maynard 8 Jan 1861 Whittlesford.

1861 census [St Peters Street, Duxford](#): William Farrington, 24, general shopkeeper employing one man, b Buckden Hunts; Sarah Ann, wife, 25, b. Whittlesford; William Morton, servant, 19, shopman, b Tipsend Cambs

1871 census Market Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk: William Hall, 36, master draper employing 11, b Diss; Catherine, wife, 35, b Buckden; William Farrington, brother in law, 35, grocer and draper, b Buckden; Sarah Ann, sister in law, 35, wife, b Whittlesford; Matilda Jane Pollard, niece, 7, visitor, b Epping

1881 census William Farrington family in Hawkedon, Suffolk

1891/1901/1911 censuses William Farrington family in Henham, Essex

1851 census John Farrington, 47, master baker, b Bourn, and family, including son William, in [Church Street, Buckden](#).

1851 census [South Street, Whittlesford](#): Nathan Maynard, 46, general shopkeeper, b Whittlesford; Catherine, wife, 46, b Hartford; Henry, 18, shopman, b Whittlesford; Sarah A, 15, showman, b Whittlesford; Edwin, 13; Frederic, 10; Emily, 8.

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a daughter for a Valentine on the 14th.

17th Ash Wednesday have been busy marking goods from London.

18th Went to Duxford for Edwin to go for orders.

19th Started from Duxfd after I closed the shop to fetch Harriet from Whfd we got back about 11 O'clk.

20th I have had a letter from Louisa to say Sarah was confined on the 19th a fine son. I have been rather busy at Duxfd. did not get my tea till past 7 O'clk.

21st Have been down to Mr R Maynard's Annie has been to London and got quite grand had on a pair of coloured stocking and showed her legs awfully. Miss Sophia Markby died this morning. Mr Monk's son and daughter came to Whfd to fetch Mrs Stock to Elmdon. I took Harriet round the London Road from Duxfd and when I got to Whfd Sarah Ann and I went round the same road and enjoyed it very much in the

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evening a young man called upon me to say Elizabeth is living at Cambridge she went last Tuesday, I hope she will stay.

22nd A carpenter has been mending the shop floor at Duxfd. He was once shopman for Mr Chambers a predecessor of Mr Maynard.

23rd The carpenter gets on very slow with the shop floor. I have had a letter from Kate (at Buckden) to say dear mother has entirely lost the sight of her left eye and is fearful the other is going as it feels just as the other did, it is cataract, I am very sorry.

24th I have been to Whfd tonight and Edwin Maynard complains of having so much to do, got back about ½ past 10.

25th Mrs and Miss Knott have been up this evening for the first time for some months past. Mr Maynard returned from Wales today.

26th Mr M is looking much better than he did before he went to Wales he came

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to Duxford this morning, I have been to Whittlesford Sarah Ann has got the tooth-ache, she says I am cross. Harriet is not very well over worked herself I think and caught cold.

27th I received a note from Mr Maynard to say his brother has persuaded him to carry on the business at Duxfd they came to look over the premises this morning, Harriet don't exactly like it. H and I have bathed our feet with turpentine because they are chilled.

28th I went to Duxfd Church this morning and to Whittlesford this afternoon. Miss S Markby was buried yesterday. Mr Maynard proposed that Sarah Ann & I should manage the business at Duxfd. I have no objection and will do my best as I feel rather attached to the old place. I hope Mr Maynard will buy the premises.

March 1st Mrs Knott has been up tonight and has been a very good customer, Edwin has had a cold ride to Langley, have sent a

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note by him to Sarah Ann to tell her about the lecture tomorrow and I hope she will come and stay all night.

2nd Sarah Ann came to Duxfd to tea this afternoon Harriet went to hear the Revd Haviland's lecture at the School Room in the evening with S. Ann. Kate says mother's eyes are a little better and went to London yesterday.

3rd Sarah Ann went home this morning after breakfast, Mr M & Mr Jupp from London came to Duxfd this morning to look round the old house, old neighbour Prime and her grand daughter came over to tea.

4th There has been a few come to look over the shop previous to the sale £250 was bid for the house and garden and 60 guineas for the close it was bought in again. Sarah Ann & Mr Jupp have gone to Linton, they will return in the morning I hope the ride will do Sarah Ann good and if all's well I think I shall go & see her tomorrow

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March 5th I have been to Whfd tonight Sarah Ann came from Linton this afternoon and has got the headache We are still very unsettled about this business there is something goes wrong with Harriet, Mr Jupp is going home in the morning

6th I have been rather slack today in the shop have had a letter from Frank Elderton to know the reason I don't write.

7th I met mother and Edwin Pearl as I & Harriet were going to Whittlesford the wind was very cold. Mother's eyes are better than I expected to find them she came by the evening train last night from Epping have been to Whfd church and had a little talk with mother about home and my sisters.

8th Mother and I have had a very cold ride to Cambridge, Elizabeth is looking well and say she likes her situation very much I hope she will stay we unexpectedly met cousins Edmund, Charles & Stephen Whichello² they are all well. I called upon the Colbornes

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there was only Carry and her mother at home Miss Allen was there they asked me to stay dinner with them we had a walk with Elizabeth and started home about 20 minutes past 3 O'clock and I find I have increased my cold.

9th Mother left this morning by the ½ past 9 O'clock train I drove her to the station, and Father is to meet her at Huntingdon station. Edwin Pearl has been to Cambridge and did not get back until nearly 8 O'clock.

10th My cold is worse today, Mr Maynard has been to Linton upon parish business Mr E F Oslar came in this evening and stayed until 9 O'clock so I went for a walk with Geo Barker up the Duxford Road and then had some talk with Sarah Ann in the parlour after I got back. I don't feel very well tonight so SA gave me a stiff glass of brandy and water and started me off to bed she is a dear little girl.

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11th I came over to Duxford this morning Miss Robinson came up this afternoon and invited Harriet to go & see her, so I have been to fetch her home, my cold is not much better.

12th Harriet has been to Whfd to tea and brought Sarah Ann back with her she has a bad cold, I have been home with her and they thought us late.

² 1861 census [Short Street Bourn](#): Edmund Whichello, 34, grocer and draper, b Bourn

1861 census 1. [Butcher Row, Cambridge](#): William Bond, 42, grocer; Anne, 40; Anne, 14; Henry, 7; Thomas Hallack, brother in law, 45, grocer; Charles Whichello, 28, grocer's assistant, b Bourn; Walter Bennett, 26, grocer's assistant; George Havill, 24, grocer's assistant; Phebe Howell, 31, domestic servant; Susan Wright, 25, domestic servant; Melia Ridley, visitor, 19, governess.

13th I have not been very busy in the shop I can't account for it unless it be on account of the damp weather. Harriet says I am cross.

14th I have been to church twice Mr Hoskin came in this evening.

15th Emma Maynard has been here to tea today, Sarah Ann, Edwin Pearl & I went home with her. Mr Maynard has been to the Cambridge assizes he is on the jury. the anniversary of Fred's 17th birthday.

16th Mr M has been to the assizes again

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today, S. Ann and I have been for a walk it was rather showery so we went up the church balk.

17th Nothing of note has happened today.

18th I have been to Duxfd Edwin went for orders and returned to Duxfd again in the evening. sister Kate has gone to Norwich today, she wanted me to meet her at Camb. station.

19th I suppose Edwin M is settled at Duxfd for twelve months.

20th Mr M has been to Cambridge

21st I have been to church twice and heard the Revd C K Robinson preach a sermon on behalf of the Church Colonial Society it was very interesting a collection was made in aid of the above society. I went for a walk round the London road.

25th. Lady-day, I have been round for orders today for the first time since Edwin has been at Duxford.

26th We have been busy in the shop looking over

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the stock for Sarah Ann to go to London next week Mr E Pearl has been very saucy to S.A. I received a letter from Jenny this morning, Kate went to her situation at Yarmouth last Monday

27th Edwin Pearl has had the sulks all day, S.A. has the rheumatism in her arms and a cold, I feel rather hoarse.

28th I have been to church once today, Mrs M was not very well so I stayed at home with her in the afternoon, and been round the London road with S.A, Harriet, E.M. & E. Pearl for a walk. S Ann has a bad head ache.

29th Edwin and I have been to Langley and enjoyed the ride very much. We had tea at Mr Monks, Elmdon, I stayed at Duxford all night, we brought some violets home with us.

30th I came from Duxfd this morning and went down to the station to see Sarah Ann off to London, and this evening have been writing to Mrs Goddard.

31st I have been to Sawston and to fetch Sarah from the station she has a soar throat Mr Maynard has been to Linton. Kate is getting on nicely at Yarmouth, Mother's eyes are about the same

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April 1st Edwin Pearl has been to Lanley (sic) a cold wet day, and the twenty third anniversary of S. Ann's "birthday" I received two letters from Epping to say they hope we should not feel disappointed if we did not go tomorrow as they expected 6 or 8 strangers and they would rather us go another time.

2nd I have been to church once: in the morning Sarah Ann and I went for a walk, we were invited to Mr R Maynard to tea but we did not go until after tea, and I was surprised to see Annie looking so ill, she had four leaches on her forehead this morning, as she bruised it while chopping a piece of wood. it is twelve months today since I was walking through some gentlemans park near Horncastle, I remember it was a foggy day.

3rd I am sorry Mrs Maynard's head is bad again today. Mr M is not very well, I forgotten to say yesterday was good-friday.

4th I have been to church twice today and received the sacrament with Mr M, Harriet, S. Ann and Edwin in the evening we went for a walk, Annie, Emma & Helen came in after chapel, it is Easter Day and Sawston Feast, Mrs Maynard's head is better.

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5th Harriet and Edwin stayed allnight and left this morning about half past six O'clk. Annie and her mother have been to Linton about a servant and came up here this evening.

6th Mrs Briant came this afternoon and stayed tea. Sarah A has been gardening and thinks she has caught cold. Harriet and Edwin came over with Annie after the shop was closed from Duxford.

7th Mr Maynard has been making some shelves in the long warehouse for the stoves & fenders.

8th I have been to Sawston & Hinxton but met with poor success this is one of my sisters birth day Mr Maynard has been to Duxfd to set some Potatoes. S.A. has been dressing the window. Miss Jay came up this evening.

9th Mr M has been gardening at Duxfd today and I have been for a walk this evening as far as the handpost.

10th Edwin Pearl has been to Cambridge with Mr M we have been rather slack in the shop and I don't feel very well. Annie & Emma have been to Cambridge, poor Emma is very low spirited.

11th I have been to church twice and round the London road for a walk with Sarah Ann. Mr & Mrs R Maynard came in this evening, Edwin Pearl has been home. Mrs M I am sorry to say is very bad with her old complaint she went to church in the morning.

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18th Sunday. I was at Duxford until Thursday stock taking, on Friday I went to Mr Jays to take stock there yesterday I was repairing and sweeping the stove chimney and caught fresh cold. Mr M went to Linton and Cambridge. I have been back just twelve months today and settled with Mr M. I went to church this afternoon and for a walk with E Pearl, Harriet & Sarah Ann to see Mrs Gellatly we went through the park and came back by the Shelford road. Harriet & Edwin will go to Duxford in the morning. (I am unkind).

19 Mr M has been to Triplow & Linton today. E Pearl went with him to Triplow and walk'd back in the evening a party of us went up the Duxfd Road to meet Harriet, Miss Jay & Edwin

20 SA & H. have been busy washing. H has gone back to Duxfd. My cold is not much better. James Sheldrick is painting the front of the shop.

21 Annie, Emma, Helen, S.A., E Pearl & I have been up the Duxford road for a walk I heard the nightingale for the first time this year, Mrs Maynard's head was rather uneasy yesterday. Helen stayed tea with us today.

22. I have been walking to Sawston & Hinxton today but did not succeed so well as I should lik'd to have done

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and this evening Emma, Helen, S.A. & I & Edwin Pearl went round the back of Mr Headlys and Mr R Maynards closes for a walk. I have never been that way before we went in with Emma & Helen. Emma played us some music, Annie took a part in singing "I Know a bank"

23 This is the 31st anniversary of Mr & Mrs Maynard's wedding day and Triplow Feast. Sarah Ann and I have been for a walk across the crote Emma came up this afternoon and stayed the remainder of the evening. Edwin and Harriet came over from Duxfd they were rather late my cold is a little better.

24 Mr Hollick from Linton has been to Triplow Feast and call'd here as he was going. Mr M had gone to Cambridge. Mrs Maynard has a very bad tooth ache she went to bed before we came out of the shop.

25 Mrs M's face is swollen very much. I received a letter from Mother this morning they are well but had bad luck with their lambs am very glad mother could see to write herself, Elizabeth went home a week today and returned to Cambridge the following morning. I have been to little nine wells this afternoon it is twelve months last Sunday or yesterday since I was there. Mrs M's face is very bad indeed Mr Prince came this morning he says it is cold in the jaws. E Pearl and I have been to Sawston for some medicine we got back a little after 10 I heard the cuckoo today for the first time this year.

26 I am sorry to say Mrs M face is no better Dr Prince came this evening and says it will gather more yet. I have been to Langley today and find they are a queer lot to deal with my head aches but I have enjoyed the ride much.

27 Mrs Maynard's absess is broke and we hope she is easier yesterday was the 31st anniversary of mother & father's wedding day.

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28th We are afraid Mrs M face is gathering again. Harriet went to Duxford and Edwin came on this evening. Emma, E Pearl & I went part of the way back with him Emma came to tea and is sleeping with S.A.

29th Mr Blunson came over and stayed tea Helen and her mother was here this evening. EP & I went home with them. I have been to Sawston and got wet through. Mrs Maynard is a little better and thinks of getting up tomorrow.

30th Emma has been to tea. Mrs M is a little better. She got up about 3 O'clk this afternoon.

May 1st We have not been very busy in the shop. Dr Prince came this evening and says Mrs M's face will break again she does not seem much better, we have had the "Maydols" round. I have not seen any Maybush as there used to be at home.

2nd I have been to church twice today and took sacrament with Mr M, S.A. H & Edwin this afternoon. it has been a very wet day so none but me have been for a walk I went part the way home with Edwin. Mrs M got up to dinner she does not seem much better. Mr Hoskin came in after the afternoon service. S.A and I did not see him.

3rd Harriet stayed here today. Edwin came over for her this evening Joseph Gentle was with him, he has been here a week today, S.A. face has been very much chapped the last day or two. Mr Prince was here this afternoon he will send her some pills. Mrs M is a little better.

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4th E.P. and I have been for a walk as far as Mr *Paine's* this evening. Mrs M is a little better, S.A. is not very well I have been very queer all day.

5th They have been very busy cleaning up in the house. S.A. has a very bad headache Harriet and her have been to Miss Jays. E.P. and I went to fetch them, and then went up the Duxfd Road and happened to meet Annie, Emma, Helen Miss White Edwin and Gentle we went home with them.

6th I have been to Sawston & Hinxton, Edwin Pearl & I have been talking about going to Australia, Walter Maynard³ & Richard Allen have been gone nearly twelve months Mrs M face is about the same. S.A. is not very well.

7th I have up the Duxfd road for a walk and met the down street ladies so went home with them and stayed a little while with Helen.

8th S.A. is better, Mrs M face does not appear to get on very fast. we have been about the same in the shop. Mr Wm Grant and his housekeeper from Buntingford came to Mr R Maynard's this afternoon.

9th I have been to church once Mr & Mrs Hoskin are not here today. Mr Grant, Mrs Ross, Mr & Mrs R M came to tea and left about a ¼ to 6 in the evening, after that Harriet, S.A. Edwin and I went for a walk. Edwin & I got home first they went to Mr Oslar's and saw the baby.

³ Victoria Passenger Lists 1839 - notes for 1857: Walter Maynard, 22, engineer. Departure Gravesend, arrival 20.8.1857 Port Phillip Bay.

10th I have been for a walk with Edwin Pearl to Duxfd to fetch S.A. She went home with Harriet this evening. We have commenced stocktaking today.

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11th Mr M has been to Duxfd to do the garden and this is the third anniversary of little Kate Chatterton's birthday.

12th This is the anniversary of Louisa's birthday there has been a missionary meeting this evening. Harriet, Miss Robinson, Maria, Mr Donohoe a friend and Miss Holliday came over to tea. E.J.P. & I went part the way home with them S.A. with us it was rather wet but more people there than I expected there would be. Edwin and Joseph came over after the shop was closed but did not stay long.

13th We get on very slowly with stocktaking. I have been to Mrs Andrews the chair woman to night to see if she can come tomorrow. S.A. has a slight head ache, Mrs M face is better but not quite well yet. We have had two hogsheads of sugar in today and my back feels stiff through lifting. we rather expect Henry and Miss Allen from Camb next Sunday and George next Sunday week, the nightingale is singing very delightful not far distant.

14th Mr Maynard is not very well and is low spirited. S.A. has the back-ache am rather stiff myself have written home today.

15th It has been very wet and uncomfortable and Mr M has been to Cambridge, we were rather busy in the shop this evening. S.A. back aches. I think she must have hurt it cleaning up.

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16th I have been to Whittlesford church twice, and to Duxford church this evening with Harriet and S.A it is more than twelve months since I was there. The Revd Singleton of Babaram preached. Mr Margetts was out. Mr M and I went to the station this morning expecting to meet Henry but he did not come it was showery I think it is two years today since poor little Emily's first absess broke she very much frightened S.A. Miss Jay & myself as we were the only three at home, Harriet had just gone to Duxfd. shall I ever forget that day? Edwin Pearl's brother from Fowlmere came to tea. all the down street people came in when we were away.

17th Am happy to say we have nearly finished stocktaking. Harriet went to Duxford this morning, Emma & Helen came up this evening and I gave them a honeysuckle each. this

is the second year since Mr & Mrs Maynard came from Wales and found poor little Emily so ill.

18th Edwin Pearl & I have been for a walk round wiperty we have finished stocktaking. Joseph Gentle came over to stay a few days he amused us very much in the shop. Mr M had a letter from Henry this morning to say he hoped George and him would spend next Sunday with us. Mr M is not very well. Harriet came over this morning to assist washing. S.A. was up at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 5 O'clk. There has been a Missionary Meeting at Duxfd Chapel. Miss Jay has been to Edwin's and he came home with her.

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19th It is two years today since poor little Emily died yet still even now I think
I have a little sister dear
But her home it is not here
No! She has gone to her father above
Blessed with His eternal love

And the day I trust will come when we shall all meet to part not more. S.A. and I have been for a walk across the crote and after we got back I went part the way home with Edwin.

20th I have been to Sawston & Hinxton and enjoyed the ride very much. Helen and Emma came in this evening and went up the garden for a walk. S.A. & I were rather late up tonight. Little Gentle is asleep.

21st I received a letter from Polly this morning. they are all well Kate is very pleased with her little sister her name is Lydia Mary Anne some wished her to be named after her Mama and her father wished she should be named after her aunt Lydia so to please all parties they gave her both names. Mrs Maynard has been to tea at Mr Rayners she did not get home until past 11 o'clk. Mr M fetched her home. Mrs Bryant came this afternoon and was not satisfied at the price charged for

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a pair of gloves. E Pearl came from Duxfd this evening and we have been busy in the shop SA and I have been up in the summer house since supper.

22nd S.A. went to Camb with her father this morning and returned by train with Miss Allen this evening we expect George tomorrow morning, it has been very showery today and we have been busy.

23rd I have been to church once. this is Whitsunday. Miss Allen, S.A. & I and E Pearl went to meet the train this morn expecting George would be there. Met the Duxfd folk on

the top of the hill. we all went to the station again after we came from church this evening but George did not come. it is too bad of him I hope we shall see him tomorrow. I have been for a walk alone and went and sat on poor little Emily's grave stone and of course my thoughts were of her and poor Mary. It is two years tomorrow since Emily was buried. it has been very showery.

24th I have been to Langley tomorrow is their fair it began to rain as I was leaving there and continued until I got home, this is the day we expected George, he has disappointed us again it is two years to day since little Emily was buried the country looks very nice after so much rain.

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25th I think it is 4 years today since Mary Ann was married. George did not come this morning and no letter which made Mr & Mrs M very uneasy. Mr M started off to Chesterford to telegraph. he called at Duxfd and while he was there George & Miss Hopkins came in. They got here about 4 O'clk they are both well they have been in London since Saturday. Mr Pearl came this evening he has been to Fowlmire to bind his son to a shopkeeper. Edwin road (*sic*) part the way home with him.

26th George & Miss Hopkins went to Duxford this morning. Harriet & Miss Allen came over after dinner and Edwin after he closed his shop Mrs Hoskin came in today and brought S. Ann some tracks (*sic*) to distribute. Mrs Blackwell was confined of a son last Sunday afternoon. Mr R M and Emma have gone to Wades Mill.

27th George, Miss Hopkins & Miss Allen left for Crumlin this morning by the 20 minutes past 7 train. Miss H will leave them at Broxbourn station. Harriet & S.A walked to the station. E.P. drove them in the pony cart they have had a nice day. S.A. Miss Jay E.P. & I have been for a walk this evening.

28th Have been down the street to fetch S.A. then we went up the church balk and heard the nightingale. I have been writing to dear Jenny this evening. S.A. has been dressing the window. I have been cleaning the outside.

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29th Mr M has been to Camb and called upon the Revd Hoskin about a funeral that ought to have taken place today but there was some misunderstanding about it, which caused Mr M a great deal of trouble. E Pearl road (*sic*) over to see Mr Hollick at Linton Union about it the corpse was a Pauper from there. Mr Hoskin waited here until 5 O'clk and soon after he had gone home the corpse arrived, so they have taken it to the church for the night. We have been busy in the shop and I am very tired. S.A. has been gardening and is quite fatigued.

30th I have been to church twice today and in the morning took sacrament with Mr & Mrs M Harriet Sarah Ann & Edwin. Mr Hoskin buried the pauper from Linton Union before the morning service. Mr Blackwell has gone to be ordained so I took his class at school. Annie, Helen and their Father came in this evening we went into Duxfd village for a walk. E Pearl has been to see his brother at Fowlmire.

31st Mr M walked to Triplow the sun was very hot. I have been clearing the long warehouse and getting a ton of salt Arthur has gone to Camb. Annie came this evening to say Mrs M & Edwin could not have their horse to go to Wades Mill. They had made other

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arrangements. EP & I have been part the way to Duxford to meet SA & Annie. John Colborne was with them.

June 1st Mr & Mrs Maynard have been to Duxfd. Edwin has a swarm of bees over the shop door and can't get them out. John Colborne has been over today and stayed tea, Mrs M was not very pleased when she got home I suppose it was because SA & I were up the garden.

2nd E Pearl has been to Triplow and begun to paint the pony cart.

3rd I have been to Sawston & Hinxton. Mrs Wilson's daughter of Pampisford Mill is almost a maniac the Revd Haviland came in while I was there. Harriet came this evening and we went part the way home with her until we met Edwin it is very warm & I have had the head ache. this is Whfd trades mans club feast they have hitherto had a band but this year they have not neither have they been to church.

4th Harriet, J Colborne Edwin & Gentle came over today just as we were going to bed. Mrs Wilson at Pampisford Mill cut her throat this morning and the daughter that has been ill has gone out of her mind they have sent her away this afternoon, the

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woman has had a great deal of trouble and I should think done it under a fit of insanity I saw her yesterday she seemed fatigued but not more strange than usual she paid me her bill and gave me the order for the goods I have sent today. - SA dressed the window today.

5th We had a very heavy thunder storm this morning it began at 7 & lasted about two hours. Mr M got wet through going to Camb. I have been to Pampisford Mill & succeeded in getting the order to serve the funeral. it appears that while her husband was

upstairs with the invalid daughter his wife took his razor the other daughter about 14 years old saw her and followed her mother to the water closet and asked her what she was going to do with the razor. I don't know what answer she made but threw the razor case down & pushed the daughter back and shut to the door, the girl ran back to tell her father he was there just in time to see her go off and took the razor from her hand this happened about 20 minutes past 8 yesterday morning it is a very

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serious case and the poor man seems to feel it very much and the family seem to treat it very lightly, there is a younger daughter I should say she is about 6 or 7 years old ill with the typhus fever she was taken ill the same day as her poor mother but the mother they thought had recovered perhaps it was a return of the fever that caused her to commit so awful an act, the insane daughter they took to Linton yesterday afternoon she is unconscious of the death of her mother. Mr Margetts came in while I was there but I suppose he did not know me as he did not speak. I hear it is a tremendous cut completely severed the wind pipe, what a change took place in less than 24 hours after I left on Thursday. We have not been particularly busy this evening.

6th SA & I have been to Linton & enjoyed ourselves very much, we went to see Mr Wilson's daughter who is now quite insane we went about dinner time to see her she knew us then I went again about 8 o'clock & she called me Dr Bond it is very distressing to see her in such a state she is continually talking and says a very

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great deal about being deceived I was never in company with a poor maniac so long before it is a very serious affliction and a very heavy trial for her father she does not know of her poor Mother's death altho' she talks a great deal about the dead. We met Miss Haylock from March & one of the Mr Sheldricks from Triplow there in the afternoon we went to church & heard the Revd Cole preach a very nice sermon but the ride made us feel very sleepy. we got back about 9 O'clock. Edwin & his brother have gone to *?Farnam?* this morning to see his friends.

7th I have to attend poor Mrs Wilsons funeral she was taken in a miller's cart as far as Pampisford Village & then carried by four bearers. she was 44 years of age. the husband appears to feel her death most she was buried about 5 O'clock. Mrs M, Harriet & Annie have been to Camb this evening we have had a walk up the garden. Edwin & Gentle have been over I have not felt very well.

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8th This is Edwin Maynard's twenty first birthday Edwin Pearl came home this morning. Harriet went to Duxford. SA & I have been up the church balk for a walk.

9th Mrs White and Miss Jay came to tea and we have been busy in the shop preparing for the feast SA dressed the window. Mr Blackwell came to enquire whether the feast has a charter for two or three days, Mr M says it has none at all, 'tis only a custom.

10th Miss M A Wisby was married to a Mr Adcock (from Sawston) this morning about 8 O'clk and gone to London to spend the Honey moon. Mr Blackwell has been married twelve months today, part of the feast arrived today. Edwin was over this evening. Miss L A Barker stayed tea, she brought some holland jackets for SA to cut out. Edwin Smith has been in, he came from London yesterday.

11th I began to write home this morning but could not finish it they have been very busy at the feast Miss Holliday & Harriet came over after tea SA EP & I went part the way home with them & met Edwin and Gentle up the road. SA pretended

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to be affronted with me. We met Mr Smith & Miss Barker going to the station his brother was with him. Mr M was up at four O'clk this morning brewing.

12th I received a letter from father this morning they are all well Mother's eyes are not worse, Louisa is at home and they think of sending her to school for a short time. Mr Blackwell was in this evening I think he came to see who he could find at home we had a heavy thunderstorm this afternoon which lasted about 2 hours the lightning scorched the leaves of a tree at the Paper Mill and I hear there are several men killed one at Huntingdon & some at Cambridge it is not very surprising as it was very vivid.

13th SA & I went for a short walk before church this morning the birds were whistling beautifully we went to church again in the afternoon & after service Mr Hoskin came in to see us he is a very nice gentleman. in the evening instead of going for a walk I sat up in the summer house & smoked a cigar with SA & sister Chub. she went back to Duxfd with Edwin this night. Mr & Mrs R M came in after they came from Chapel the feast is all cleared off the green & altogether they have been very quiet.

14th Mr M walked to Triplow & fatigued himself very much, SA had to do the woman's work as she could not

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come. Edwin Smith came in this afternoon I walked part the way to Duxford with SA. Edwin P & I went to Duxford to fetch her Harriet came with her it is very warm.

15th SA & Harriet was up this morning about 4 O'clk washing they are both of them very tired Edwin Smith returned to Town this morning.

16th Harriet went home this morning about ½ past 6 Mr M has been to Cambridge to buy some lots of damaged drapery of Mr Lilly. The suers (*sic*) bursted the asphalt floor on Saturday during the thunderstorm & damaged about one thousand pounds of goods the cellar was flooded about two feet deep. Arthur & Edwin Pearl were gone about 7 hours to Triplow & Newton. Mr M went to meet them and started Arthur back with the horse & cart to Camb to fetch the goods. he was only gone about 4 hours, the goods are very wet & smell very unpleasant. Mr Pamphilon began to make a place for the coarse earthenware this morning up in the hay loft, it lightens tonight so Mrs M is in the room with Sarah Anne, it has been very sultry all day.

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17th S Ann has gone to London. Robert Maynard came home from school Mr M & I have been very busy drying the goods from Cambridge. It began to rain just as we were gathering the hessing (*sic*) & it has been showery ever since so the calicos are out now Arthur is watching them, I have been for orders and stayed tea at Duxford there was a very heavy storm while I was out, fortunately I was under shelter.

18th I went to the station to meet SA but she has not come at present, we have all the white calicos dry the others are damp & will have to be put out again. I received a letter from Frank Elderton the only school fellow that ever writes to me, he thinks of going to Buckden Feast & would like for me to meet him. I see no chance of going any where this summer E. Pearl and I were up at ½ past 3 O'clk this morning to take Arthur's place in the Lawn it was very damp & I could not see the sun rise.

19th S Ann came home this morning. She was too late for the train yesterday morning, so Mr Jupp persuaded her to stay

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until this morning. we have got all the calicos dry & begin selling on Monday. I received a letter from Kate this morning & she tells me Mr Hall has been ill & she thinks of going to Norwich tomorrow. Aunt Uriah wrote to her the other day and said cousin Frank was married, but he cannot love his wife as he ought for his purest love had been lavished upon Kate, father and mother were at Bourn last Sunday Uncle Whichello is very poorly.

Mr & Mrs Ilott are well. SA is very tired & has the tooth ache I am very glad to see her back again. she did not see Lydia. I am still very stiff.

20th Mrs M has not been out any where to day, I have been to church this afternoon & for a walk with SA to Middle-more. J Gentle has gone home, Edwin Pearl has been to Pampisford, EM & Harriet have not gone to Duxford. Mrs Backwell came to church this afternoon for the first time since the birth of her son. Alfred Allen came this morning & returned by the 5 O'clk train he is about to take a business at Histon.

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21st I have enjoyed a beautiful ride to Langley Mrs Stock was at Mr Monks they have had a cricket match at Elmton. Mrs Funston was ill in bed they have nearly finished the houses opposite the Bull inn. Edwin had just closed as we got to Duxfd Miss Jay went home with Harriet. Mr M has had the misfortune to break a carboy of Vitrol fortunately is has not done much damage. they have been very busy in the shop with the cheap calicos SA is very tired & so am I & have the head ache. I was late home. this is the longest day.

22 We have been rather busy in the shop, Miss Jay came to tea. SA, EP & I went home with her after supper. I have had the head ache most of the day. Annie & Miss Pleasance was here this afternoon but did not stay long. SA though not very well is sitting up to make a mantle.

23rd Mr Robt White came to spend the honey moon at Mr Allen Whites. Mr M has been to Midsummer Fair (instead of tomorrow) and coming home the Duxford carrier run him against a fence at Shelford & nearly threw him out of the cart he broke some part of the harness the carrier did not hear him going past

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consequently there was not sufficient room. SA has been dressing the window.

24th Elmton Fair EP has been to Langley Mr M has been to Duxfd twice. Mr RM has bought a horse at Midsummer Fair.

25th Harriet came this evening. SA, EJP & myself went part the way home with her, Mr R Sheldrick stayed tea. Annie & them have been to Ickleton dorcas meeting.

26th Miss Elizabeth Jay came this morning and called in with Mary tonight. We were not busy until 8 or 9 O'clk. Mrs M is rather cross tonight about something. it is twelve months today since SA & I scalded our faces bottling gooseberries. I have posted a letter to Frank Elderton. Mr Blackwell's son was christened this afternoon.

27th I have been to church once a Mr Browne that was here two or three years ago address the children after this afternoons service I suppose they were very much interested I should liked to have heard him, but I went to Duxfd after I came from school to be company for Harriet she was there alone to see if anyone came to trespass in the garden, as it appears to be a Sunday afternoon walk for the Duxfd ladies by and by they

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will claim a thoroughfare through the garden it is very pleasant now. *?Rands?* Wm & Fred Pearl came to see Edwin they drove to Duxfd & met Harriet & I coming to Whfd so we turned back & they stayed there till 9 o'clk. SA had a headache, it is a little better now. We expect Jane on Wednesday possibly Fred with her.

28th Mr M drove to Triplow it has been a beautiful day. I have been dressing the grocery windows & cleaning the outside. Mrs R M came up this evening. Arthur assisted Lofts to get his hay up. SA has a bad headache she has been with her mother for a walk. Miss Elizabeth Jay went to live at Bakers & Paines at Cambridge she is not very well.

29th Mrs R Maynard came to tea she had a letter from Wades Mill to say Mr Smith is very ill. SA dressed the window this morning. I had a letter from Elizabeth this morning she has found a companion in John Colborne & I am sorry to hear it. Miss & Mr Geo Barker have been up the garden this evening with SA.

30th Jane & Fred came this morning. SA went to meet them. Harriet came about 11 O'clk. Edwin & Joseph came this evening & stayed till nearly 12

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O'clk. Harriet went back with them. Mr M has been to Linton.

July 1st I have been to Sawston for orders & Flitton the shoemaker abused me because he owes Mr M some money and I asked him for it. I had dinner at Duxfd. Harriet is disappointed because Jane, her mother & Fred have gone to Cambridge instead of going to see her, the down street people have gone to the bat and trap party. Edwin came home with them but did not stay long with us, as H J Barker & Donohoe were waiting for him, Miss Jay spent the evening with SA. I received a letter from W Ilott this morning. they are expecting his mother & brother on Saturday to stay a week with them and perhaps uncle Whichello will go too they have invited SA and I but I don't think we can make it convenient. they expect Kate on Sunday there is to be a grand fete there on Monday business is very quiet now in Norwich, the East Norfolk election was on the 29 ??

2nd Jane SA & Fred have been to Duxford & I have been to fetch SA home Fred came with us. Jane is staying tonight with Harriet. Mr Donohoe & several others were there & Joseph has been amusing them all very much with his singing

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whistling and several other performances I was rather too late to hear them.

3rd Fred has been to Cambridge with his father and took a note for me to Elizabeth I think of going to see her tomorrow if it is fine Jane came from Duxfd with EJP this evening we have been about as usual in the shop.

4th I have been to Camb to see Elizabeth and met her going to the station we went for a walk & then to St Andrews Church and heard Langden Colborne play the organ in the afternoon we went round the backs of the colleges they are very pleasant walks then we went back to Mr Colborne's Cary and John were at home he came with Elizabeth to the station with me it has been a beautiful day but I have the head ache.

5th I drove Jane and Harriet to Duxford and left Miss Elizabeth Jay⁴ at the station. Mr Sheldrick came to put the glass case up in the show room he cracked the corner of one of the panes they don't slide so nice as I should like them, Mr M sent for Dr Prince he came this evening and sounded Fred there is nothing the matter with his

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lungs the cause of shortness of breath is for the want of exercise in the open air he is to walk out every day if he can get out and live well. Mr M went to Duxfd with Mr Barrett to look over Edwin's earthenware. E Pearl is painting the cart tilt and making new waterproof curtains.

6th I have been finishing the glass case Mr Sheldrick made yesterday, Miss Barker, SA, EP & I have been to Duxford this evening expecting to meet Jane & Harriet but when we got there they had gone out, they came home about 10 O'clk.

7th Fred returned to London this morning and talks of going to the crystal palace, Mr Jupp came to tea, he has been measuring the lead at the Lodge house, Jane is not very well neither am I.

8th Mr Jupp returned this morning, I have been fasting as he recommended me to do so not being very well. Edwin Pearl went to Mr Prince to have a tooth drawn, and if I don't

⁴ Elizabeth Jay married 1860 Cambridge Jul-Sep

get any better I am to go to him I received a letter from Mr Goddard to say Hannah and himself left Brighton for Buckden on

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Wednesday he has been ill for upwards of a week the rest are quite well, he would like for me to meet him at home, he returns again on Monday. Miss Barker has been in to see Jane.

9th Old Mr & Mrs Smith came from Wades Mill yesterday to live here, he is looking much older than he did last time I saw him Albert came here with him this morning his sight fails him very much. I asked leave of Mr M to go home tomorrow night to meet Hannah (it is 3 years nearly since I saw her last) and some of my other sisters he does not seem to like it much so I shall not go, I feel very queer tonight so I have done all day. Mr Gentle has been to have his son Joseph bound for 5 years to Edwin.

10th I have been persuaded to go home in the morning we were very slack in the shop.

11th I went ??? by Harston, Edwin Pearl drove me there, I met Wm Peck so we went together and arrived there about ½ past 10 (am). Frank and two of his sisters were at the Offord station to meet John there was quite a stream

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of Buckden people on the road for Buckden. Mother and father did not much expect me but of course they were glad to see me also Hannah and George they have a nice little boy and he appears to be fond of his uncle William he was always very willing to come to me from Hannah in the evening H and Geo cousin Edmund & Stephen, sister Elizabeth and I went round Diddington church for a walk, I went to church in the afternoon. Louisa was not well and was in bed nearly all the day before.

12th Edmund, George & I went to Huntingdon in the morning and called upon Mr Maddox he has lately taken the Crown Inn. after dinner Hannah went with me to drive George to Offord station and in the evening a party of us went for a walk through the Feast and at 10 O'clk (P.M.) we thought it very lonely for Edmund to go to Bourn alone so I went with him we got there in safety at 10 minutes past 12. they were all at bed except John.

13th I went to Cambridge station to meet Uncle Whichello, Mrs Custerson and her son Joseph

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all from Norwich, uncle thinks Wm & Mr Hall will get on nicely. we drove round to Eversden and spent the remainder of the day there. cousin Joyce went with Joe & I into the fields for a walk in the evening it was very pleasant we arrived at Bourn about 8 O'clock.

14th Elizabeth's birthday. Hannah, the baby and Stephen came in about ½ past twelve. I had been writing to SA and been for a ride with uncle up into his field. In the afternoon Mrs Wm Whichello her two little ones & Lizzie Whichello came to tea, in the evening two gentlemen came to see uncle. in the evening a party of us went to see aunt Uriah Farrington her conversation was nearly all about poor Frank and Australia, at night Uriah himself came up to Uncle Whichello's⁵ to see us in the afternoon I went to the church yard for grandfathers age .

William Farrington Died April 29th 1842 aged 76 years.

Your time's but short, lose not an hour
But be prepared for that great day;
Lest you like me be snatched away
Without the warning of an hour

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he died very suddenly in his chair, in the morning he had been to plough in the field as usual came home and had his dinner I think without complaining and after dinner he sat down to have a sleep and he slept to wake no more grandmother thought he was sleeping a long time and I believe went to call him, but alas he was gone.

Hannah Farrington (grandmother)
Died July 26th 1854 aged 86 years.

To die in Jesus Oh how sweet
You need not shed a tear:
Why do you wish me back again
You have not cause to fear

Repent of all you've done amiss
For you must surely come to this.

She gave me a silk handkerchief the last time I saw her (you will have this she said after I am gone) which I have now, cousin Frank left England a short time after her death.

⁵ 1851 census [Bourn](#): Richard Whichello, 59, builder employing 5 men, b London; Catherine, wife; William, 27, carpenter; Edmund, 25, grocer; John, baker, 23; Josie, 21; Stephen, 6; Hannah Farrington, 80, wife's mother, widow, b Bourn.

15th Hannah, uncle and I went to Mrs Wm W in the morning and had a roll (*sic*) in the orchard after dinner we started for Buckden we got home about 5 O'clock (pm) poor mother was

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very uneasy because we did not get home before as they expected us to dinner in the evening there was a very heavy tempest the lightning was very vivid and quite alarming. Mr Cope's Senr farm was sold at the George Inn father went the land was sold very dear.

16th About 8 o'clock (A.M.) there was another tempest and one very heavy clap of thunder which shook Colonel Linton's bailif's horse down, while standing in father's barn for shelter, I was dressing, and it appeared to bend the window from in and then spring back again I don't remember ever hearing such a clap before after that there was a great deal of rain. I did not go out any where, last Tuesday there was some sport going on in the old cricket ground, behind the George Inn, pony racing, men jumping in sacks, catching pigs with greasy tails, women, girls and boys racing &c. as I was at Bourn of course I did not see it. Sarah & Susan Usher came in to see us yesterday, Sarah is just about the same as she was when I lived at home, Susan looks well.

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One of the Miss Priestey's was married to Mr W Bowyer I think on Tuesday it is kept very quiet they were married in London.

17th Father drove Elizabeth and I to Huntingdon station this morning we left home about 7 o'clock. I went in to see Frank Elderton before I started but he was not down. we arrived at Cambridge about ½ past 9 and I got to Whittlesford about ½ past 10. Mr M and Jane had gone to Linton we were rather busy in the evening.

18th I went to church twice and for a walk to Duxford in the evening.

19th I went to Langly (*sic*) and enjoyed the ride very much, I stayed at Duxford a few minutes and gathered a few cherries, Mr, Mrs and Jane have been to hear the Primitive Methodists after their tea meeting.

20th The Duxford tea meeting was given in the Lodge house it is said that upwards of 300 people were there to tea it was a nice fine day they had Mr M's cups & saucers.

21st It was wet in the morning, in the afternoon SA and Jane went to Duxford to

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tea. EP and I went to fetch them home, Jane stayed there all night.

22nd E Pearl went to take the goods to Langley and stayed at Duxford all night as Harriet had a party. J Sheldrick and his friend Green were there. SA intended going and had started but it looked so much like rain so she turn back again, and we sat up till 12 O'clk expecting Jane & EP but they did not come.

23rd Jane and SA have been to Chesterford in the pony & gig, Carry Colborne came yesterday so she rode to Duxford with them and stayed till they came back they were rather late so EP & I went to meet them and found them at Duxford making arrangements with Mr Donohoe for a gipsy party next Friday we got home again about ½ past 10 O'clk.

24th Carry Colborne & Jane went with Mr M to Cambridge this morning, Jane will stay until Monday, we were not busy in the shop until about ½ past 8. it is much cooler than it was in the morning and rather inclined for wet.

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July 25th Old Mr Smith came up to dinner, Harriet and her mother went home with him in the evening I went to church this afternoon. SA went to the school this morning. E. Pearl & Arthur Prime have been to Shudy Camps. the wind has been very high.

26th It is four years today since grandmother died. SA & Harriet went to the station to meet Jane and drove down to Duxford to consult with Mr Donohoe about the gipsy party. EP and Jane have gone to Shudy Camps and hope to take Harriet with them from Duxfd they will return tomorrow. we have been rather busy in the shop this evening and the farmers are busy with the harvest.

27th Jane and Edwin Pearl arrived home about 12 O'clk. SA was up at 4 washing. I wrote home before I opened the shop there has been a party down the street, EP and I were not invited, we went to take some cloaks & umbrellas for Jane, Harriet and S Anne, we would not go in, so went and stayed with Miss Jay about half an hour till the girls put their things on. it was a selfish party and they have not enjoyed themselves.

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July 28th Mr Mrs Maynard Jane & Harriet have gone to Buntingford, Miss Jay came up in the evening and stayed supper, we had the "stocktaking" bottle of wine and cake. EP went home with her Mr White the tobacconist came today and gave me some cigars. I have had

an apology from Annie in Emma's writing for not inviting me to their party yesterday she says it was an oversight.

29th I have enjoyed the ride to Sawston & Hinxton they are getting on very fast with the harvest the corn looks very nice. I received a note from Sarah this morning to say that her and the baby and nurse are going to Buckden tomorrow and wishes me to see her at Whittlesford station as she passes. Mr M with the others arrived home from Buntingford safe at ¼ to 9 (P.M.). SA is not very well.

30th Jane, Harriet, S Ann and I drove down to the station to see Sarah pass she was quite proud to show us he (*sic*) baby he is a nice little fellow I hope she will be able to call and see us as she returns. Emma Maynard went with us four after we got back from the station

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to Linton fair we went by Hinxton we got there about 10 minutes past 2 and home again about 20 minutes past eleven, I walked home with Emma. we left Harriet at Duxford. the two Mr Siggs's were there the young one went to the fair with us in the evening. I bought SA a wedding ring and Mr Siggs bout (*sic*) Jane a whistle.

31st Jane went to Cambridge with Mr M we were very busy in the shop for about two hours.

August 1st. I have been to church and to school twice and took sacrament with Mr Mrs M and family in the evening we went for a walk round the lodge house and through the church yard. Mr Hoskin came in after the afternoon's service. Harriet went home with Edwin. SA has had a bad headache.

2nd Mr & Mrs Colborne, Mrs & Miss Allen have been spending the day with us Jane went to the station to meet them, SA & Jane walked to Duxford with Mrs & Miss Allen they have gone from there to Elmdon, SA rode home with Mr Blunson. EP has gone for

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Jane, we have been sitting up for them and they have not come, I have not seen Mrs Allen before. SA is not very well. Arthur Prime has a new sister.

August 3rd This is cousin Lizzie Farrington's 21st birthday I wish her much happiness and better health combined with every other blessing. Mr Josiah Jupp and his niece came this morning he has gone to Linton and Polly is to stay with SA while Mr & Mrs M are gone to Wales, EP has been to drive a gentleman from Mr RM to Cambridge in our Pony & chaise. Jane came from Duxford this morning. I have been writing to Sarah at home to

ask her when she is coming, I have also been writing to Mr Pollard to ask if he is going to Buckden. I hear Elizabeth left Mr Young very suddenly last Monday week. I wonder whether she has gone home.

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Augt 4th SA & Polly Jupp drove over to fetch Mrs Hollick from Linton ready for the morning Harriet came after tea & is staying all night. Edwin came about 10 O'clock. Jane is not very well. Mrs Robt Maynard is going with them.

5th Mr & Mrs Maynard and Jane, Mrs Hollick & Mrs Robt M left this morning about ¼ past 9 O'clock Annie drove them to the station in Rumbletumble. I hope they will have a pleasant holiday it was rather cloudy when they left. I have a fresh cold.

6th EP drove Miss Jupp to Duxford in the pony & chaise to go with Edwin & Harriet to the gipsy party we have been rather slack in the shop I received a letter from Mr Pollard to say he was not going to Buckden but was to meet Elizabeth at Harlow station tomorrow.

7th I have been to Cambridge and quite unexpectedly met mother in Mr Lilley's waiting for me, she went with me to do my business and to have some luncheon. I left about 1 O'clock she was well and was going by the excursion train to Norwich, Elizabeth came to Camb with her

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Augt 7th and has gone to Epping for a time, Father was not very well, I received a letter from Sarah to say she would spend a Sunday with me on her return to Epping she has such a nice little boy and so very quiet. Mr & Mrs Chatterton are going to Buckden next Friday. Sarah wants her to have her baby christened at Buckden with hers and me to be present but as I have been home so recently of course I cannot we have been rather busy tonight but not quite so busy as we were last Saturday.

8th I have been to church once Edwin was not at home in time to go to school. I have written to Mr Maynard and told him how we are getting on. this evening SA, Miss Jupp, Edwin & Joseph went for a walk round the lodge house & through the church yard home again then Edwin & I went to see Mr and Mrs Smith Senr this is the first time I have seen her since she has been to Whfd, Harriet is not very well today, they enjoyed themselves at the "Picnic"

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9th I have been to Triplow and Newton for orders Polly Jupp rode with me. Most of our customers were out gleaning. In the afternoon Mr Blunson (from Mr Lilley's Cambridge) came for an order he had tea with us also Mr Smith Senr. SA had a note from Jane just to say they arrived at Crumlin safe but very tired Mrs Hollick & Mrs Robt Maynard were quite delighted with the scenery. Harriet went to Duxford this morning.

10th Edwin sent a letter over that he received from his father they are all well and enjoying themselves very much the weather is beautifully fine, EP drove Polly Jupp to Duxford this morning.

11th Miss Lucy Jay came to tea and Mary & Annie Jay came in the evening. SA has a bad headache. the three Miss Pleasance from Cambridge called in, in the afternoon we have had a heavy storm.

12th We have had a very heavy thunder storm this evening. I have been for a warm ride to Sawston and Hinxton, we expected Harriet and Miss Jupp but suppose the rain prevented them. Mr Smith Snr came to dinner and tea. Have had a letter from Jane, they are all enjoying themselves.

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Augt 13th Harriet & Edwin came this evening I went part the way with Edwin home Harriet is staying all night. I received a letter from Sarah to know whether it is convenient to come next Sunday. She was going to Bourn so I have to her there, (*sic*) to say we shall be pleased to see her tomorrow night.

14th I have been to Cambridge and met Mr *Deely?* at the George we have had a nice heavy rain this afternoon, Sarah & the boy & nurse were very wet, Arthur went to the station with Tom and the tilted cart but the rain beat in the front and they had no umbrella, the water pipes were stopped up so I have cleaned them out, we have been busy considering there has been so much rain.

15th Sarah went to church with us this morning and for a walk with SA. E J Pearl and I round the lodge and through the church yard. I had a few lines from mother to say they were well. Sarah's is a nice quiet little boy and she is not a little proud of him.

16th I have been to Langley the wind was rather chilly and it was cloudy. Mrs Stock was at Mr Monks. Many of our customers were out gleaning, Edwin

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came over after he closed the shop. Emma Maynard was here to tea then Annie, Mr Donohoe & Horace Barker came in the evening and stayed supper. I have not seen much of sister Sarah not so much as I should liked to have done. Unfortunately I was obliged to be away.

17th Sarah left this morning for Epping Edwin Maynard⁶ drove them to the station and was only just in time for the train.

18th I received a note from Sarah to say she arrived home safe and Mr Pollard was at Harlow station to meet her. SA had a letter from Joseph Gentle complaining of her bad treatment of him on Monday night this is a copy.

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Miss Maynard

I write to say that I did not like being turnd out last night Mr Maynard told my father that he should make me one of is family but I dont call that being one of his family turning me out of the room but I suppose I was not Grand enough to be with you & William I like William very well. If Mr Donhoe (Donohoe) had not been there I whould have spokken a little more If you turn me out again I hall (*sic*) not come in no more I shall just

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walk home. I did not come here to be done about.

J Gentle

Sarah Ann has talked to him about it and made him cry but this evening Edwin Pearl has been encouraging him in it and pretending to be a great friend to him and had him in the parlour to sing and play the "Piano" because SA said they should not be there he is much worse than Joseph and old enough to know better.

19th I have talked to Joseph about this letter and questioned him it appears that it was through Edwin Pearl that he wrote after he finished it he showed it or told EP & Mrs Wisby what he had said & that deceitful woman said that would match them nicely (meaning SA & I). Joseph has told me this. Mr Jupp came last night and has been giving

⁶ 1861 census [Whittlesford](#): Nathan Maynard, 55, general shopkeeper, b Whittlesford; Catherine, 55; Harriett, 27; Edwin, 23; Arthur Meadows, shopman, 24; Joseph Gentle, apprentice, 17, b Orwell.

us all some good advice. EP was in the parlour alone. Joseph is sorry for what he has gone (*sic*) and wrote on a slip of paper an apology and begging SA pardon and promised not to take any notice of what EP says to him although he told Joseph if he kept the right side of him he would see that

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has not took advantage of, and leading the child to think he has something dreadful to go through. it shows EP's ignorance, last Thursday when at Duxford Joseph says he was talking to Mrs Wisby nearly all the morning and when Harriet went back from here, he began to abuse her shamefully before Mrs W. Joseph & Polly Jupp calling her all the most deceitful creatures he could think of and said he should never have the least respect for her nor any of the family again and I believe Mrs Wisby has been the root of all this disturbance he has sworn at SA too but I did not hear him I have no high opinion of E Pearl after this of course my name is not omitted in all this slander although he did not say any thing to me himself I shall mention it to Mrs Wisby when I see her.

20th Miss Haylock came from Linton to meet her aunt but she has not come. SA & I have been for a short walk Mr Jupp has gone to Linton. Mr Hollick is in disgrace and left the union I hope he will make all things right for them Miss H is in the house alone. Miss Jupp has been to Mr R Maynard's for tea & supper the ladies came home with her.

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Aug 21st I have been to Cambridge today and was wet to the skin when I came home it has been quite a wet day. Mr M and the others came from Crumlin to London last night and to Whfd by the 5 O'clk train this evening Mr Jupp brought Mr H to the Whfd toll gate this morning but Mrs Hollick did not come he was very much put out about it. Mr J came this evening and is to break all the disturbance to her going home I am very sorry for her, it will mar all her pleasure, I hope they will overcome their difficulty better than is expected but Mr Hollick is very much vexed with himself and threatens to do something awful.

22nd I have been to church once. Harriet is not very well. Mr and Mrs Maynard look much better after their holiday, SA and I have (*sic*) for a walk this evening as far as Shelford and very much we enjoyed the walk too we have seen a very pretty little cottage.

23rd Mr Maynard has been to Triplow and Newton Mr Jupp came in from Waldon just before tea time he is a great friend to Mr Hollick and trying to settle his foolishness for him, Mr Mould and a few more came from Cambridge to Mr R Maynard and the gents were here for a short time, SA

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said something to her mother about the cottage but they have something else in view.

24th Mr Jupp & Mr M went to the station this morning to meet Mr Hollick they heard he went home about 9 O'clock last night I hope this will relieve poor Mrs Hollick a little it is certainly very unpleasant for her and he is a very foolish man. Mrs R Maynard & Mrs Farnes came up this evening their family with them. Mrs F told SA she has bought the house Mr Mullet lives in and is coming next March to live herself this will be very annoying to Mr Mullet as they have got the garden in nice order and are very proud of it. Mr Monk & Mrs Stock called as they were passing from a journey homewards

25th Edwin Pearl went home to finish his holiday. Arthur drove him to Bartlow Sarah Ann has a bad headache. Polly Jupp came from Duxfd.

26th Mr Maynard has been to Histon to see Alfred Allen he as (*sic*) a nice business & premises and is very well satisfied with it at present. Mrs Farnes & Mrs R M have been to tea. Mr Benjamin Patterson have been this evening the first time I have seen

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Augt 26 him since his return from America he is not much alter it is 4 years next March since he left home, he likes England best his mother was with them. Edwin & Harriet came this evening Harriet is staying all night, SA's tooth aches. I have been walking to Pampisfd Mill & Sawston for orders, I received a letter from Mr Chatterton to say Polly himself and two little ones went to Buckden last Saturday & expect Lydia to meet them there today they would like for me to go for a day or two but of course I cannot it is about 12 months since George M left Duxford. Polly Jupp has had little Miss White & Miss Farnes to tea. Mr Horace Barker & Mr Donohoe went home with the down street ladies & called for Edwin and Joseph as they came back.

27th SA drove Harriet & Miss Jupp to Duxford this morning. Mr M is not very well. Mr Jupp came from Linton to here this evening and will return to London tomorrow morning.

28th Mr Jupp returned to London this morning.

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we have been rather busy in the shop this evening I wrote home to say I should not be there tomorrow.

29th I received a letter from Kate to ask me to meet Mr Hall and herself at Cambridge station on their way to Norwich they will have to wait there about an hour. Polly and Lydia expected to see me at Buckden to-day to stand Godfather for Lydia Mary Ann Chatterton but as Mr Hall and Kate are there Mr Hall must take my place. I walked to Duxford this morning and went to St Peters church with Harriet Polly Jupp and Joseph Gentle. James Spicer was published for the second time, we went up to the house after we came out of church it began to rain so we had dinner there and Joseph & I went to church again Mr Margetts preached the new Ceraphim is to be inaugurated a thanks giving sermon for the abundant harvest and a collection made for Addenbrook's hospital, after tea we all came to Whittlesford I shall not be able to meet Mr Hall and Kate at Cambridge in the morning.

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Aug 30th Mr Maynard drove Harriet & Polly Jupp to Duxford this morning. Mr M stayed and mended the fence next to Mr Patterson's close. S Anns face is a little swollen I think it is cold in her teeth I hope she will be better in the morning as they are going to be busy washing.

31st SA was down this morning by ½ past 4 O'clk washing she is very tired tonight and not very well, Mr M has not been well all day he had a letter from Mr Pearl to say he was surprised Edwin was not serving on the drapery side, I suppose from that since Edwin has been at home he has been complaining to his friends, he is very foolish and if he was in some shops as an apprentice he might have reasons to complain but now he has none if he could but think so, perhaps he will find it out some day. Mr M answered the letter this afternoon and told his Father he should not consent to Edwin devoting the whole of his attention to drapery exclusively neither

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was it ever thought he should, Mr Smith Senr came to tea. Annie Maynard has been up this evening and SA asked her if she could ride to Duxford with them tomorrow however she does not seem willing she should, but wants to know whether she can sleep at Harriets as her Father is unwilling for them to be home late this is very unkind of Annie, and perhaps some day she will be sorry for it.

September 1st The first day of shooting. E Pearl returned from his holiday he seems rather snuffy Harriet S Ann & Polly Jupp have been to Cambridge instead of going to Mr Barker' party it is so awfully grand they did not want to go Edwin came over this evening I went part the way back with him. I had a letter from Louisa she does not say how her health is she is very happy at St Neots but feels it so strange to be at school again she wants me to write to her Polly & Lydia were disappointed at not seeing me last Sunday.

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September 2nd Mr Maynard has been to Duddenhoeend with Edwin to look at his cottages we have not been very busy in the shop, SA has been writing to Jane and I have been writing home and it is now quite time all good folks were in bed.

3rd SA has been in bed some part of the day with a sick headache. Mr Headlys' men have had their harvest supper. Polly Jupp came from Duxford this evening with Arthur. The two shelves in the long warehouse gave way fortunately no one was under and not much damage done, Mr M and I have been mending them again I think this an anniversary of some great event of Oliver Cromwells. Lucy Jay came to see SA this evening, Miss Clara White has gone to London.

4th Henry Jupp came this morning to stay a few days and will take his sister back with him. Sarah Ann is not very well, we have not been very busy in the shop, there was an

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alarm about 9 o'clock Boffin was drunk and threw himself on his bed with a pipe in his mouth and set the bed on fire but with a pail of water it was soon extinguished I suppose Mr & Mrs Chatterton leave Buckden to-day.

5th ? 6th I went to church in the morning Edwin Maynard and I made up our minds to go to Buckden by the ½ past 4 O'clk (pm) train we walk'd from Huntingdon to Buckden and arrived there about ½ past 7 Father Mother and Lydia were very much surprised to see us at that time, we met Mr Maddox and Sarah Usher in Huntingdon, Polly & Mr Chatterton returned to Portsea on Saturday so of course we did not see them. They were all very pleased to see us at home we went to bed about ½ past 10 and Father called us up this morning at 5 O'clock I took Edwin for a walk round the village before breakfast he thinks Buckden a nice little village I had not time to talk to Father & Mother

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as we left Buckden at ¼ past 7 am Lydia drove us to "Hinchinbrook Hill", little Mercy Haly (Lydia's charge) came with us and we were just in time to catch the train although it was a short stay we enjoyed the trip I don't feel so tired tonight as I expected I should, the

Sebastopol Gun⁷ is removed from off the Market Hill at Huntingdon to the common close to the County hospital, I hope we shall have a longer stay next time we go together. SA, Ted Pearl & I have been part the way to Duxford with Harry Jupp & his sister, we closed the shop at 8 O'clk to night for the first time this year and had no one at the bell for a great wonder. Mr Barley was brewing for Father. Mother has lost the sight of one eye and the other is rather dim I hope it may be no worse.

Sept 7th I received a note from Mr Ilott to say dear Jenny presented them with a little girl at ¼ past

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11 O'clock yesterday (6th) morning when he wrote both mother and babe were as well as it was possible to be Kate was to be there by the night train. SA is not very well she has been to Duxford to have tea with Harriet I went for her after we closed the shop Harriet is in much better spirits this evening. Mr Pearl has made himself very disagreeable to Mrs Maynard and refused to do what she told him, because he said it was not in his place to do it and that his father said he should not do the dirty work he is very upstart and foolish. Miss Simmons and her niece were here to tea today. Mr M has been draining the tar that Edwin Pearl and Arthur Prime spilt in the gate-way.

8th Mr Jupp came from Linton to night Mr Hollick has got off very well and I hope this will be a lesson to him, SA is not well and had prepared to go to London with Mr Jupp, Harry & Polly, but Harry wrote home to say they should not go until Friday this will make SA holiday one day shorter. Mr Smith Senr came to tea. Henry Maynard's 25th birthday he was born between 12 & 1 o'clock one Saturday night or rather Sunday morning.

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Sept. Harry Jupp & Edwin Maynard came over from Duxford this evening about 10 O'clock and stayed about ½ an hour, we have been expecting Harriet all the afternoon but she has disappointed us.

9th Mr Smith Senr 89th birthday Sarah Ann sent him a bottle of wine and a cake Mr Jupp took it to him this afternoon SA, Polly Jupp and her Father started to walk to Epping & London. I think they will sleep at Audley end tonight Henry Jupp will go by rail in the morning we sent their luggage to Stratford this evening I have been to Sawston and Hinxton and stayed dinner with SA & Mr Jupp at Duxford I have been to Duxfd again since supper to take a box for Henry to take with him in the morning he and Edwin

⁷ Sevastopol Cannon: see <https://www.tracesofwar.com/sights/109601/Russian-Cannon-Huntingdon.htm>

Maynard came as far as the hand-post with me and just before we got Knotts the farmers we heard a great dog bark it alarmed us so I went and asked Mr Wisby the shepherd whether it was his it was not, so he very kindly brought his lantern as far as the end of the village with us but we see no

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more of the dog, Edwin and Henry went back by "Hunts-road" Harriet does not look at all well she seems very much fatigued with so much company I hope when they have all gone she will be better and have more rest, Mrs Maynard's head seem rather inclined to be bad Mr M has been cleaning the water tank out and stopping a crack up to prevent its running the water out I intended writing to Louisa if I had not went to Duxford tonight.

10th I wrote to Sarah to know whether it will be convenient for SA to spend a few days with her, on her return from London, tomorrow is my Mothers birthday, so I wrote a few lines to her and this evening I have been writing to Louisa Mr M is not very well he has a pain in his back. I have been dressing the drapery window. Mr M drove to Duxford this morning I think to take some wood to mend the fence with.

11th Mothers & Mr Geo Maynard's birthday. I have written to Harriet to know whether she will go to Langley with me on Monday if it is fine we have been rather busy in the shop as there was only Pearl & I to serve.

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Sept 12th Went to Duxford Church with Harriet and Joseph to hear the new harmonium in Revd Markby's church his son preached and made a nice sermon from the 20th chap of St Matthew and the 13 & 14th verses. Mr Smith Senr came to dinner and tea this afternoon I went to Whfd church, E Pearl & Joseph went to Duxford and did not say where they were going so when they came home we had done tea and cleared away. I like the harmonium and think it an improvement as well as a great assistance to the singing this evening I went round the lodge house they have pulled about half of it down and have now 918 lots ready for the sale. Mrs M had a letter from SA. they walked to Chesterford and then took the train to Harlow and then hired a cab to Epping the same day as they left here and called at "Harlow bush fair", and rose early next morning and went into the forest till dinner and gathered nearly a bushel sack of sloes, which

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Mrs Jupp is going to preserve, after dinner Polly & SA went to see Mrs Pollard they was very much surprised & pleased to see them, Mr Jupp went soon after they had cake and

wine, then by coach to Loughton they enjoyed the ride very much through the forest and reached London about 6 O'clock Friday evening.

Neither Mr nor Mrs M are very well. Harriet went for a walk down the street, Pearl is very disagreeable and has had Joseph Gentle out with him this afternoon & evening, the sun has been very warm to-day.

13th Harriet has been to Langley with me for a ride very much we have enjoyed it, it is about 10 years since Harriet was there, several people gave us Damsons, apples, pears & nuts, we gathered a few ourselves, also some sloes and blackberries, we had dinner about 4 o'clk in Langley Bull parlour, off boiled eggs, bread & butter cheese and porter after dinner we went for a walk I suppose they call it Langley Lee, while the pony was resting it is a very quiet place and not a vast many gentle

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mens' seats, Mrs Funston the landlady at the Bull died yesterday week rather sudden and was buried last Saturday her age I think was 57 years, we had a glass of wine and cake at Mr Monks, I stayed and had a cup of tea with Harriet at Duxford, we see the comet soon after we left Elmdon very distinctly until we got to Duxford, E Maynard came to Whfd with me, Mr Jay came in just as we did and had some supper. the clock struck 9 soon after we come in, Edwin got a ride with Mr Pilgrim of Chesterford from the Mill lane, I cannot see any thing of the Comet now.⁸ I received a note from Sarah to say SA called to see her and she would be pleased to see her on her return. I also received a Prospectus of the Borough of Portsmouth Building Society (Mutual Benefit) from Father which brother Richard sent to him.

14th Wrote to SA. Harriet came this evening and is staying all night have been writing to Mr Chatterton about the Building Society. George

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and Henry are keeping their birthdays with a few other gentlemen friends at Mr Kids in Wales

Sept 15th. Have been on the Duxfd road for a walk and saw the Comet, Harriet went back this morning, Mr M seem a little better to day.

16th The children have had their tea party in the lawn before the lodge house Mr & Mrs Maynard went in the evening and while they was there the Cupola fell down in the house and dashed it in pieces worth about £15. Mr Williams was nearly under it. I wrote to Mrs Goddard this morning & have been writing to SA this evening I heard from her this

⁸ Comet Donati in 1858: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comet_Donati

morning she has not been well since she has been in London, Mr & Mrs Jupp try all they can to make her feel quite at home and want her to stay 8 or 10 weeks to make her fat. Edwin M climbed (*sic*) up the pole in Miss Hollicks passage and startled me by tapping at this window Harriet & Joseph were with him they have been home with Miss Lucy Jay and it is now about 11 O'clock. Pearl has been to Langley and got home about 8 O'clock.

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Sept 17th Mr M said at breakfast he must in a few days give Mr Russell notice to leave the Duxford premises if he leaves them next March, he asked me whether I should like to have them if so he need not be in any hurry George thinks of coming home then. Harriet came this evening, Mrs M was obliged to go to bed about 6 O'clk with a bad head, I hope she will be better in the morning.

18th Harriet has been to Cambridge with her Father she went to see Mrs Colborne we have not been very busy in the shop I received a letter from Mr Chatterton giving his opinion of the "Building Society" but I think I shall decline having anything to do with it for the present.

19th I have been to church once Mr Smith Senior came to dinner and tea. Edwin Pearl's brother has been to see him, Edwin drove him part the way home as it is wet. I have written home to-day to ask Father whether he can let me have a little capital to take the Duxford business. Mr Maynard has very kindly offered to lend me the stock to begin with. I have also written to Sarah Ann to ask

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her opinion and whether she has any objection to live there. Edwin Pearl I am sorry to say has been looking into this "Diary" I missed it from my drawer they (he and his brother) being up stairs & bolted themselves in made me very suspicious, while I was looking my drawer over for it, Edwin said "come on Fred" and went down, after they had gone, I looked into the box they were sitting upon, and found it there. I felt very much vexed and annoyed, this evening I asked him what I had done to cause him to open my private affairs and did he think himself an honourable young man, he said I have acted very deceitfully towards him, but would not give me an instance when I had done so. I asked him why he opened it he said he wonder for some months past what I was writing, and so he thought he would look, this led me to suspect he has been guilty of the offence before, he confessed he opened it for the first time one day last week. he confessed he ought not to have done it & has promised he will not say any thing to any one about the contents, so I have forgave him.

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Sept 20th Mr Maynard is not very well, he has been to Triplow & Newton and to the sale at the lodge house this afternoon but only bought two lots. Mr Henry Maynard came this evening, he saw SA in London and says she does not look very well, I hope to have a letter from her tomorrow morning. Edwin & Joseph Gentle came this evening about 9 O'clk. Harriet went to the station to meet the 5-11 train this afternoon expecting Henry would be there but he come by the 6 o'clk train, Harriet is staying here tonight.

21st Mr Maynard and Henry have been to the sale at the lodge and bought several lots which I hope may prove worth the money. Mr M seems very unwell and low-spirited I cannot imagine what is the matter with him. I heard from SA this morning, she is quite agreeable to any thing her Parents think would be for the best. Henry & Harriet went down the street to tea. Mr R Maynard was quite a purchaser at the sale. I have been for a walk up the Duxford Road as far as the hand-post it is a delightful

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evening, but cannot see the "comet" I met Mr E F Oslar and Edwin Pearl he was going to Duxfd but altered his mind and came back with Mr Oslar & I. we have been busy, consequently are behind with the Newton & Triplow goods. Mr Oslar said he heard the two days sale together at the lodge house amounted to £1200. Mrs Gellatly has returned from Scotland and came in this afternoon Miss Gellatly⁹ is quite well. My back is rather stiff.

22nd Have been writing to Mrs Ilott & S Ann this evening Edwin Pearl took the pony to ride to Duxford without asking Mr Maynards consent When he came home Mr M told him he hoped he would never do such a thing again. Mr Henry Maynard went to Camb & Histon I drove him to the station & Harriet to Duxford this morning. Mr Horace Barker of Duxford last Monday morning (20th) by the 7-20 train to London, he is going for four years, his first voyage is to China he felt it very much the time he was at the station, his Mama went with him, tears were in his eyes. This clock has just struck 12 which means it is ½ past 11.

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Sept 23rd Have been to Sawston & Hinxton had luncheon with Harriet & Edwin at Duxford Mr Maynard has been busy getting the bricks &c home that he bought at the sale. Harriet had a letter from SA this morning, have had a short walk up the Duxfd road tonight. Mr M seems very dull and unwell. Mrs M has been relating her life & troubles

⁹ 1861 census [Sawston Mill Lane](#): James Gellatly, 34, engineer at paper factory, b Scotland; Emma, wife, 24, b Sawston

they had when first married, friends came to see them but God was their greatest friend, he supported them in all their afflictions. Mrs Brand of Sawston used to live at Ramsgate before she was married, she mentioned several places that I had almost forgot, but they now seem very familiar and remind me of happy days gone by. I should like to visit them once more.

24th Have dressed the drapery window, and went part the way to Duxford to meet Edwin, Mary & Lucy Jay was with him, Emma Helen & Miss Farnes came in this evening. Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge expecting Henry would meet him there but he came by this evenings train, Harriet came about 6 O'clock. Joseph Gentle accused

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me of saying things to Edwin Pearl respecting the letter he wrote to Sarah Ann which he said was not true, but E Pearl came out, and in some things Joseph then contradicted himself, so I fear to put much confidence in what he says. This is my sister Jenny's birthday. I hope she is happy and realises all the comforts we may expect in a married life.

25th Sturbridge (*sic*)¹⁰ Fair, Mr Maynard & Arthur Prime have been. Mr Henry M left for Crumlin by the 7.18 (am) train and expects to arrive at the end of his journey in time for school tomorrow morning. Mr M drove him to the station, Harriet went to Duxford after dinner, we have not been busy in the shop and I have caught a cold I expect through standing in the drafts, Mr Smith Senr came to tea. Harriet wrote to Sarah Ann for her mother.

26th Received a few lines from SA to say she has decided to leave London on Wednesday or Thursday next, I hope she's enjoyed herself. I wrote a note to her & sister Lydia this afternoon. I have been to church twice, and to Duxford this evening, and coming back I happened of Mrs Esther Wisbey and had some talk to

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her about this disturbance caused by herself and Edwin Pearl, but cannot gather much information only that some of them must tell lies, Joseph Gentle mixed himself up in it too, E Pearl says he has never said any thing about Mrs Wisby being extravagant but he was the first that ever said or mentioned it to me, She said Edwin first told her that we (I don't know who he includes) had said things against her, she then told him what has been said about him & his behaviour and that Harriet had said things most abominable (which I do not believe) about him, and I cannot help thinking she must be a good-for-nothing

¹⁰ Stourbridge Fair: <https://capturingcambridge.org/museum-of-cambridge/museum-exhibit-stories/stourbridge-sturbridge-fair/>

woman, she then told me that Mrs Knott said we were a bad lot and that was why she would not let Elizabeth acquaint with us, and that it was talked in the Village that the Miss Maynards were more like mill girls than what they really are, I should very much like to make her try

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to prove all she says, she is a very ignorant woman, and I suppose it is because she knows no better. My cold does not seem any better Master Robert Maynard came from school yesterday for his holiday, he came in the shop last evening, and just gave me a nod as though he did not know me, and went without saying goodnight which I think is funny boarding school behaviour.

Sept 27th Sister Lydia's birthday and I wish her many happy returns of the day. Mr M has been to Duxford & Linton. I have written to Mr Pollard & sister Kate. Mrs Maynard gave Edwin Pearl a good talking to about himself & Mrs Wisby but I don't suppose he will take much notice of it. The comet is brighter tonight than ever I saw it before. I have been sewing some buttons on my vest and writing to sister Kate tonight, I wrote a few lines home to ask Father for an answer to my last letter. I hope Topsy will enjoy herself at Epping.

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Sep 28th Have been marking goods from Lillies¹¹. Mr M has been making more room for the bricks from the Lodge house, Mr & Mrs Smith Senr have been to tea, Lucy & Mary Jay came in this evening, have been writing to S Ann, and must now go and join in with Edwin Pearl this clock has just struck 11, I hope to hear from home in the morning my cold is no better, if anything worse. it is about two years since I left Mr Maynard.

29th Mr M has been to Cambridge to meet the auditor and did not get home until nearly 8 O'clock, I received a few lines from Mother to say she thinks Father will advance me the sum I require, she expects Lydia left Norwich yesterday for Epping, I did not know she was at Norwich, Mr Donohoe, Emma & Helen came in this evening, the young gent that has been staying at Mr R Maynard's left this morning, Lucy Jay has gone to her situation I have been to the station tonight to enquire about

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the trains and Mr Arnold will send me a time table for next month as soon as he receives them E Pearls father is about leaving the farm at Shudy Camps & his brother Rands? is to have it. My cold does not seem any better, this is now "Michelmas" day.

¹¹ Eaden Lilley: <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/market/eaden-lilley/>

30th I received an answer to my letter from Father. He thinks he could hire the £100 I should require to take the Duxford business, at the same time thinks it would be as well to wait awhile before I go into business, he does not like the idea of me borrowing all the money as my expenses for interest and rent &c would then be very heavy, so I suppose we shall have to decline it. I also heard from Sarah to say they will meet me at Harlow on Sunday and take us back next morning, it is very kind of them to take all that trouble, Sarah Ann is expected there tonight I have been writing to say the time the train is due at Harlow, and enclosed a note for SA. Mr Maynard has been bottling the wine made a year or two ago, Mrs M told me the tale of the young man she was acquainted with, that

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went away in the night and enlisted for a soldier because her friends were very much against him, he sat by the road side and heard the church clock strike 2 and thought that would be the last time he should ever hear that clock strike, I think he was an officer and went to India and was shot there, about that time most singular Mrs M dreamed she saw him ascending into heaven with a ladies' necklace in his hand and a dove leading him by the necklace, which was Mrs M's the one he took with him, shortly after his death, his father died broken hearted and it was said caused by the death of this only son, I think his age was 19 or 20 when he died he used to write to her, but her friends stopp'd the letters whenever they had the chance, she dreamed there was a letter from him and it so convinced her it was true that in an indirect manner she asked her mother for it, her mother was very much surprised to think she knew there was one for her, and was very curious to know

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who told her, Mrs M would not say, but went one night after her * mother was asleep and found the letter belonging to her in her mothers pocket and thus got it after that the letters were sent to Norwich & from there to a neighbour opposite their house, who delivered them to Mrs M. What trouble some people meet with in this world, but if we bear them patiently God will give us our reward . The first anniversary of Jenny's wedding day.

October 1st I received a letter from Sarah Ann Mr & Mrs Jupp drove her over to Epping yesterday morning in their conveyance, she says she is quite fat & much better than when she left home, I shall be very glad to see her again. Sarah & Mr Pollard had gone to Ongar & left sister Lydia and SA housekeepers, Lydia wrote and asked cousin Edmund Whichello to go to Epping next Sunday, if he does perhaps I may meet him at Whittlesford station. Mr M has begun to make grape wine. E Pearl has been to Duxford

for Edwin's grapes and Esther Wisby told him things which she said I have been saying, but in truth

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they are abominable falsehoods, Edwin is much to blame to listen to her, she makes a brag of swearing at me last Sunday night, if she did I don't remember it. Harriet came to tea and I have been home with her, we met Edwin & Joseph Gentle about the mile stone but they did not come through, Esther talks of thumping and smashing me, she declared to Edwin Pearl with an oath that she has never said any thing against him, either to Mr or Mrs Maynard and says they are a good-for-nothing, lying, deceitful set. She must be a very bad and wicked woman, if what Edwin Pearl says is true, she contradicts almost all she says, and then accuses other people of being liars, she will have to repent of her sinfulness, for God hath said "the wicked shall not go unpunished." My cold is no better. Mr Donohoe had the pony & chaise to go his round with. The grand Duke Malakof from France has paid The Mr Kinnards a visit

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at Crumlin, the inhabitants made a great fuss at his visit, I think George had something to do with the decorations, the Duke was very much pleased with his visit there is a long account of it in the Monmouthshire paper which Henry or George sent to his father. I ought to have answered Fathers letter, but going to Duxford has prevented me. Mr Hollick sent word to Mr Maynard yesterday, that he is clear of the charge made against him.

Oct 2nd Mrs & Mr Maynard are very poorly tonight. Mr M went to bed before we left the shop. We have not been very busy tonight. I shall not write to father until I return from Epping Mr Smith (Miss Barker's intended) has been in this evening and bought two bottles of wine. He seems rather ?spreesh? tonight.

3rd Left Whfd for Epping about ½ past nine (am) met Harriet & Edwin on the road, arrived at Harlow station about 25 past 11 Mr Pollard, his son, Lydia & Sarah Ann came to meet me in the "dog-cart" the horse is a beautiful young creature, arrived at Epping about ½ past twelve.

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Oct 3rd and found Sarah well, Elizabeth left there last Sunday afternoon, they don't know where she has gone, she written to them once, and requested them to answer in the "Times" if they had any thing to say how very silly of her to act in this way, but perhaps

it may be a means of teaching her a lesson, of course Mother & Father will feel uncomfortable when they know it, we stayed at home in the afternoon and had some talk, in the evening Mr P, Lydia & SA & I went for a walk towards Loughton and enjoyed it very much, and before supper, I had some talk with Mr P about the Duxford business, he gave me advice & his opinion, I slept with Hills

4th and called SA & Lydia up this morning at 6 o'clock, Mr Pollard drove us to Harlow and fortunately was just in time to catch the train but I had not time to bid Lydia and little Mercy Haly goodbye they stayed to mind the house and I had to run and put the luggage in, and came off without the tickets, we got to Whittlesford about ½ past 9 and met Miss Farnes, Emma & Helen going to see Robert off to school again, Harriet was here

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and went to Duxford about 12, SA drove over for her this evening to wash tomorrow, it is very dull now but hope it won't rain. SA is looking very much better, we have been very busy in the shop this evening and did not get out until ½ past 8. my cold is not much better, have been writing a few lines to Father in answer to his last and must now go to bed.

5th Harriet and SA were up quite early this morning to wash, Harriet has gone home to Duxfd this evening. SA & I went part the way with her until we met Edwin and Joseph, we also met Mr Donohoe and the policeman in Mr Waldocks horse and cart, some one has stolen Mr Donohoes horse and he seems to know the party that took it he wanted to know who the "queen of Whfd" was and where her Father lived, she is about to be married to her sisters (who died about 12 months since) husband, possibly he may suspect him of having the horse, SA and I met them going towards Duxford again, just as we were coming into Whittlesford, I heard a horse going down the north road, so I followed the party and found

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it was Mr Williams from Shelford and his man going homewards, I hope they will catch the rogues. SA is very tired tonight. The comet we have seen with an immense tail, but not so clear as last Thursday night. Mr M has finished making his grape wine, we have been rather busy today. Mrs Hoskin came in to see Mrs Maynard, Emma & Miss Farnes have been to say "goodbye" Emma is going home with Miss F tomorrow morning. Mr M's back is rather painful tonight. SA thinks Henry and Mr Alfred Allen will be married both on one day some time next May (1859). Harriet and SA have been to cut the lining out (down at the church) for the new velvet table cover they are making for the table in the chancel of the church it is talked William Ilott's daughter is to be named Cloe. we had a slight thunder storm this afternoon, it lightens tonight and it is much colder.

Oct 6th SA has been ironing and cleaning the show-room up. Mr Austin put the chimney pot on the wash-house chimney Mr Maynard does not seem very well tonight Emma called in for some biscuits, as she was going to the station with Miss Farnes. I have been

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altering the green baize door in the shop. it is very cold and dark tonight, my cold I hope is a little better. Mr Donohoe found his horse in the stable when he got back to Duxford last night, Jack Churchman (Mrs Esther Wisby's son) was seen in Whfd riding the horse and I heard a horse galloping in the street, about 8 o'clock, the policeman would have taken him into custody had he seen him with the horse, and chanced whether he took the horse with the intention of stealing.

7th I walked to Sawston and Hinxton and had some bread and cheese at Edwin's. I see Esther Wisby and I am glad to say she did not speak to me, if she had no doubt I should have quarrelled with her; one of the Mr Kinnards was to be married today, Jane thinks it will be quite a gay day at Crumlin, she made some flags, the men in the works are to have beef and beer and a dance in the evening, the officials, no doubt, will make up a party among themselves, I hope it has been fine for them, the wind is very high and showery here, I wish them joy and happiness.

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Oct 8th I went down to the church with SA to fit the cover on the communion table, and went up into the belfry to look at the bells there are five and in very bad condition one is cracked, they look very unsafe the ropes to the two they use are tied on the clappers, so they can only toll them, the same as striking them with a hammer I don't know the weight of them but should not think they are considered large bells Harriet came this evening and assisted SA to finish the cover, I went nearly to the bottom of the hill to meet Edwin and Joseph, Harriet has gone back to Duxford with them, the air is quite frosty tonight, I could not see the "Comet" very distinctly. Edwin Pearl went part the way with me. I wonder how my sister Elizabeth is and where she is making her home, if Father and Mother knew it would make them feel very uncomfortable, I hope God will preserve her from the sinfulness of this world.

9th SA and I went to the church to put the velvet cover on the table before the wedding folks got there, it is Jenny Rayner's son Jack married to a girl from Triplow that was servant for Mr R Maynard, they had not been used to weddings I think, the people were laughing at them as they

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went to church the bride walk'd behind, and the bridegroom first, but they managed to come back alright. Edwin Pearl asked Mr M to let him have the pony tomorrow but as I am going to Langley on Monday he did not like to let him go, but said he might have him another time. We have been rather slack in the shop tonight. I received a letter from Father, he says he does not understand taking a shopkeepers business, he took Louisa back to school last Thursday. I think my cold is much better. Mr and Mrs Maynard are not very well.

10th. Have been to church once, I stayed at home with SA in the morning: old Mr Smith came to dinner and tea. Edwin Pearl has been out somewhere I suppose home he does not say where. we have had a heavy shower this evening, it rained a little all the afternoon, I'm afraid it will be a wet day tomorrow, Harriet lit a fire in the keeping room for the first time this autumn. Mrs Maynard's head has been very uneasy all day. I am mistaken about it being Mrs M Mother that had her letter she died when Mrs M was but an infant and she lived with an Aunt Sally after her mothers death. This is the day the "Comet" was to have been brightest, but it is so very dull that we cannot see it at all.

11th I have had a beautiful ride to Langley, Mr Monk said he thought Mrs Brand was going to leave her shop as she is too ill to attend to it. Mrs Stock is staying with Mr Monk it was rather cold coming from home, the comet was not so bright tonight. Mrs Knott rode from Edwin's shop to her house with me, she was very familiar and should be glad to see

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Mrs Maynard, she says she shall come and see her, I don't know whether she means it. They have been sweeping the "cobwebs" down since I have been out, Harriet is here still. I see Esther Wisbey but did not speak to her.

Oct 12th We have been very slack in the shop, Edwin and I have nearly finished the Langley orders. Harriet went to Duxford this morning. Revd P C M Hoskin came in this afternoon, Mrs Hoskin bought a Wos^d shawl. I began to write a letter to Mr Pollard but must finish it in the morning.

13th Miss Jay came in this evening and stayed supper. SA and I went home with her, to fetch Mrs Maynard, we went to Mr Smith's Senr, he is not very well and has a push at the back of his left hand, Mrs Smith is very unwell, we call'd at Mr R Maynards for Mrs N.M. and stayed about half an hour Annie and Helen came home from the "Dorcas" meeting, Albert fetched them in the sociable, while we were gone Edwin Pearl told Mr Maynard he should like to leave, his excuse for wishing to do so, was Mrs Maynard, Sarah Ann, and I behaved very disagreeably to him, the instance he gave Mr Maynard of my disagreeable behaviour was I took Arthur Prime away when he was filling sugar

cones for him, some time ago, S.A. told Arthur to take some pies to the bakehouse it was getting late so SA told him the second time, he did not take any notice of her so I went and asked him why he did not do as

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SA told him and I bid him go directly, and after he came back to go and pick the apples up that had fallen down, and which SA told him to do before breakfast, and it was then raining and about 12 o'clock so I suppose this is what Mr Pearl means by me taking Arthur away from filling sugar cones, he doesn't think he was disagreeable and inquisitive too, when he took this journal from my private drawer and read to his younger brother, no doubt he thinks himself honourable, I believe he has been listening and heard what Mrs M said.

14th I have been to Duxford twice with goods & met Mr Donohoe he asked me whether he could have the pony to go to Littlebury, I told him I thought he could have him tomorrow, if he can get any one he will send for him by 9 or 10 O'clock, Edwin Pearl went to Langly (*sic*) this morning and has sent Arthur home with the cart and he has gone to his aunts near Bishop Stortford, (*sic*) I'm afraid he will come home in the morning if he does, and he was my apprentice. I should send him back again. I'm sure it is much more comfortable without him. I would much rather do twice the work than be with him.

15th Mr Donohoe had the pony and gig and brought it back himself, he saw Esther Wisby this morning, he asked her whether she had seen her son, she began to cry and said she had not seen or heard any thing of him since

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he took Mr Donohoe's horse out, she said he took all she had away with him, and had no one but God to look to for assistance, whom she called to witness what she was saying, Mr D has not a very high opinion of her, she tells Harriet she expects her son Jack will soon leave, at the same time he has gone, this is another instance of her deceitfulness, a wicked old woman. Edwin Pearl has not come home, as he told Arthur Prime he should, I should hope he won't, but am afraid we shall see him tomorrow some time, SA and I have been a little way up the Duxford road, there is a new moon and we have enjoyed the walk. I told Mr Maynard if he thinks proper to let E Pearl keep away, I would ask Stephen Whichello to come and assist us a little while, until we get a bit more settled, I think we could manage so, if Mr M is agreeable, I should like it much better myself, we are all as comfortable again without E Pearl. Mrs Maynard heard this afternoon that Mr Smith the new shopkeeper has run away & Mr Richd Sheldrick says it is true, I think he went last Monday, the house Mr Sheldrick says is in a filthy state, he owes several people in the village money, and its supposed fetches his goods away in the night, the same as brought them to Whittlesford. this is no more than expected. Mr Maynard has been busy

collecting taxes to take to Linton in the morning, Mr Pearl will very likely come back while Mr M is away.

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October 16th Mrs Isaac Moule of Cambridge died last Thursday the 14th inst. She had a cup of tea and while her friends thought she was sleeping she quietly breathed her last. Mr Maynard has walked nearly all the way to Linton and back. S Ann has been to Cambridge instead of her Father. Edwin Pearl came home this morning, he said he intended coming yesterday but was too late for the train, after he made the Langley accounts right I gave him a note Mr Maynard left for him, requesting him to leave, and if he had any thing to complain of, he would meet him before a magistrate any day he pleases, Edwin seemed rather surprised at this and wondered what the 'douce' he meant by going on in that strain, he shown the note to me and asked whether Mr Maynard intended to start him off at once I told him I knew Mr M did not expect to see him here when he come home, Edwin took himself off some where for the day, but came in the gates about 8 O'clk and went up stairs in the dark and changed his clothing, then come down and set (*sic*) in the kitchen some time, at last he opened the keeping-room door and asked Mrs Maynard if he could see Mr M. she told him he could if he could find him he was some where about the house, Edwin stood in the passage some time and then come through the shop in Mr M study and was talking some time with Mr M trying to excuse himself, but am happy to say he could not prevail upon Mr M to keep him, to excuse himself he said he has been unsettled for some time past, and the girls (Harriet and SA) have been saying disagreeable things about him, Mr M said it was false and that he has always been treated with the greatest of kindness

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by every one in the house, he mentioned about us going into the parlour when my sister Sarah was here, Mr M told him if he had not been a fool he would have seen he was not wanted, I think he is afraid to go home to his Father so wants to stay. I don't think Mr M will keep him if he can possibly help it, he went through the shop without speaking either to SA or I. he says he shall bring his father over, he won't see that he has done anything wrong, in the morning he went to Mrs Lofts from here and told her Mr M left a note for him to say he would have nothing more to do with him, so he supposed he had got the sack Mrs Lofts had heard how he went away, so would not encourage him there. We have been about the same in the shop. I posted a letter to Mr Pearl this morning from Mr Maynard.

17th Have been to church twice, and for a walk as far as the Duxford brewhouse this morning. Mr Smith Senr came to dinner and tea, he is rather poorly and is (*sic*) hand is no

better, his eye is very much bloodshot through cold. Edwin Pearl's Father and Mother came this afternoon after they received Mr Maynard's letter, they have not seen Edwin and are very much surprised to hear of all this disturbance, they are very sorry and want Mr M to take him again, what Edwin has said about leaving and his Father consenting is quite false, his father scolded him some time not long ago for going home without saying where he 'waz?' going. I think that is what his Father said he scolded him for he says he shall not take Edwin's part because he believes it's all his own doings he thinks

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him a strange boy and can't make out what has come to him, they seem uncomfortable about him, his mother thinks he will not meet with a very pleasant reception from his Father, Edwin went home last Sunday and took his Brother Fred with him without Mr Johnsons consent, Mr J wrote to Mr Pearl about it and he says he will see that Fred shall not do the same as Edwin has been doing. Edwin will find he cant always do as he likes. Harriet gave me a book mark marked "Harriet 1858" with her hair, I shall keep this to commemorate the first Sunday after Edwin Pearl left Whittlesford.

18th I have been walking to Newton & Triplow for orders Mr Maynard has been to Linton, it is showery and the wind is getting up. Joseph Gentle come this morning and assisted me in putting the orders up this evening, SA dressed the drapery window, Mr Edward Smith came in to see Mr M but did not stay long. Harriet went to Duxford while I was gone to Triplow.

19th Joseph Gentle went back to Duxford after dinner Mr Maynard bought some pavements for the front of the shop, down at the lodge house. Mr Smith Senr came to tea and Mrs M went home with him. Miss Jay came for some shop things this afternoon and had a gossip with SA it rains now and I think likely to be a wet night. I think Mrs Moule was buried this afternoon, Mrs Farnes is expected at Mr R Maynards after the funeral. I think some of them went to the station to meet her. yesterday was Arthur Prime's 18th birthday.

20th Have been to Triplow & Newton to take the goods. Annie and Helen Maynard called for SA to go a little way up the

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Duxford road with them expecting to meet Mrs Farnes but she did not come, SA thinks I am affronted with her, I went up the Duxfd road for a walk after supper. Mrs Smith the shopkeepers wife was brought home from Cambridge in a fly with a nurse, it is reported that Mr Smith owes Mr Shead £20 I don't know how true it is, His shop is closed today. I don't suppose we shall see anything more of the "Comet". Mrs Maynard has been in to see Mrs White. We have not heard from Mr Pearl at present.

Oct 21st Mrs Farnes and another lady with her baby came in just before I went to Sawston and Hinxtton Harriet came after tea and Edwin and Joseph Gentle after supper to fetch her, H and SA went for Mrs M about ½ past 8 O'clock, she has been to tea at Mr R Maynards instead of Mrs Farnes coming here. Mr M had a letter from Henry containing important news about George coming home. SA says George may be at home in a few weeks, no doubt there will be some changes when he does come, they expect to be very slack at Crumlin in a few weeks until next February. Mrs Hoskin has bought some flannel for the poor people, the cover for the communion table is finished at last. Miss Jay teaed with Harriet at Duxford, they came to Whittlesford together. Miss Lois Ann Barker came to tea. SA has been writing a letter I think to Mrs Jupp this evening and I have been reading the murder of Wear by ?Thurtle? which he committed October 24th 1834. Mrs M knew some of the party. I read it in a book of Mr Sheppeard's

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22nd I received a few lines from dear Lydia to say she was that evening (the 21st) going to be with poor Hannah who is very ill with a "Slow fever", Lydia went last Sunday and returned next morning, Hannah was so much reduced that Lydia scarcely knew her, I am surprised I have not heard before that she was ill, but with Gods blessing I hope she will be restored, I think mother will feel very uneasy about her Elizabeth is one great trouble to them, and this is another William Teversham (Boffin's Father) died last night about ¼ past 9. Sarah Ann and Harriet must have passed by the house just about that time, when they went for their mother. I suppose he has been a very unsteady man in his young day, but not so much so of late years, he has been ill I think for more than twelve months and I hope repented of his sinfulness. Mrs R Maynard, Mrs Farnes and a Mrs Turner came to tea. I have been up the Duxford road for a walk, it is a delightful evening and the Sawston bells have been ringing very merrily, which increased the pleasures of my walk. SA gave me a piece of Annies "hoops" which she broke off in the church when doing something to the table cover SA has been making, and gave to her.

23rd I received a few lines from Lydia to say she found poor Hannah still very ill, but was decidedly better yesterday. Mrs Farnes and Mrs Turner returned to Greenwich this morning Annie drove them to the station in the sociable. A poor man from Royston (in Mr Gimson's employ) met with a sad accident about 10 O'clock this morning two or three other men and himself were pecking the bottom bricks of the green-house wall which was about 16 or 18 inches thick and about a rod in length, suddenly gave way and

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the whole mass fell on the man, he was of course killed on the spot, they conveyed him to the Wagon & Horses where he still lies in the club room Dr Prince has examined him and says both his legs are broken, one arm & his back broken and his head smashed, it is thought his age is over 60 years, he has a wife and eight children, the youngest 13 years

of age, what awful news for them. Mr Maynard has been to the lodge house and bought 8 wooden pillows (*sic*) for Mrs Bowman in Wales to support a Verander they talk of building, George is invited to spend a week with them before he leaves to be Architect for a new summer-house, he has promised to do so, so I don't suppose he will be home much before Xmas. Mr Sheppard and Mr R Maynard and Mr Geo Barker Jnr came in for a gossip, and Mr Smith and Miss Lois Ann Barker but they two did not stay long, we have been about the same as other Saturday nights in the shop, I was down stairs this morning at ¼ to 5 so am rather tired tonight, the new shop is closed but it does not make any perceptible difference to us at present, I hear he owes his Wine Merchant between 20 and £30 through Mr Sheppard's recommendation. Some stupid chap accused me of not giving him his full change for a shilling he said it was, but it was only a sixpence which I was positive of and refused to give him the sixpence. Mr Maynard talked to him and said he should be careful how he spoke to people, he considered he had called me a thief, Mr M cautioned the fellow and gave him 6d but he was not to say or think

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it was because I had a sixpence of his, the chap was very civil and humble when he went out of the shop, he sent some girl in for an ounce of tobacco and she asked for ½ oz which I gave her.

Oct 24th. SA had a letter from Mrs Jupp. Mr Smith Snr came to dinner and tea. I have been to church once, and written to Lydia, SA wrote a few lines to enclose with it, S Ann's head aches. I have heard Edwin Pearls letter to Edwin Maynard read, it is by no means a sensible letter. Revd P C M Hoskin was not at Whittlesford today, he is doing duty for some one in Cambridge. I am very sleepy.

25th Mr Maynard has been to London. Mr Wm Smith's sale was this afternoon, I hear the goods were nearly all spoilt and sold for mere nothing, the butter for about 3d and 4d per pound, there was a great quantity of bad pork, hams &c, and the house in a filthy state, the woman was in bed, perhaps because the bed should not be sold from under her, I hear he owes in all about £200, he is a nice man to run away and leave his wife and family in this mess but I should hardly think it is any thing fresh to her. SA and I have been up the Duxford road for a walk, and over took Matthew ?Willins?, he says some man was run over by a train near Chesterford and cut to pieces, he saw a train coming and moved on to the other rails to get out of the way and by so doing was run over by another train coming in the opposite direction. An inquest was held on the body of the man killed last Saturday at the lodge, the verdict was of course

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“accidental death” through great neglect in not shoring the wall up, they was undermining, which was about 10 feet high, SA and I saw him conveyed to Royston as

they passed by the shops, in a wagon, he lodged at Charlotte Thurnalls and assisted in building "stan-more hall" after it was burnt down, rather more than twelve months ago. Mrs Robt Maynard call'd in for a few minutes this evening. Harriet went to Duxford this morning.

Oct 26th Mrs Maynard's head is very bad, she went to bed after dinner, Mr Hoskin came to order clothing for some of the boys and girls in the school. Mr Maynard did not get up until after breakfast, he had a bad nights rest. Sarah Ann cut my hair after supper, no doubt I shall have a cold through it.

27th Mrs M is better today. Mr M has been brewing I received a few lines from Lydia to say they hoped Hannah was now out of danger, but is very weak. Harriet came this afternoon and brought an order from Edwin the Clothing Club at Duxford is to be served tomorrow and the next day. Mr White the Tobacconist gave Harriet and Topsy some grapes, I have been a little way up the Duxfd Road to meet Edwin & Joseph.

28th I drove Harriet and Sarah Ann to Duxford in the pony and gig as it was so very wet, Arthur says Edwin had not had any dinner when he was there at 4 O'clk this afternoon so I hope

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they have been busy with the Clothing Club I have been writing a letter home tonight, Mr M does not seem very well neither do I feel very well and my toe feels a little chilled the first I have felt it this winter. Mr & Mrs Maynard have got a new Alpaca Umbrella each.

29th We have been rather busy today, I have been to fetch SA from Duxford, since supper Edwin has had 24 Club tickets besides childrens I had my great coat on tonight for the first time this winter, there was a letter from Jane this morning she has had a bad cold, Mr Sheldrick's son Elliott of Triplow has been to see them and stayed allnight. The wind is cold tonight and it is rather dark. I have brought a pocket full of Harriet's Walnuts home with me. I hope Topsy & I shall have the pleasure of cracking them, these cold nights. Harriet gave me a pair of leather shoes, she says for my first, she guesses I shall want them.

30th We have been about as usual in the shop, Mr M does not seem very well. Mrs Maynard is sadly out of temper, I don't remember ever seeing her in such a passion before, she threatened to Kick poor Topsy out of the house, but her Father took her part, and said, she should not kick her out while he was here, she did strike at Topsy, but missed her after all the quarrelling, like Ted Pearl's it amounts to nothing.

"Let whatever brawls disturb the streets,
There should be peace at home,

People's hands were never made
To tear out each other's eyes."

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Oct 31st Mrs Maynard was very cross with SA when she got up, and would not answer her, but going to church in the morning seemed to have done her good as she has been a little better ever since, her cruel sayings (although unmeaning) hurt poor Topsy's feelings. I went to Church this afternoon, and for a walk with Chub & SA after tea and called to see their Grandfather as we came back from the road to Newton past Mr Hollicks houses, Mr Smith Senr was here to dinner and tea, Annie, Helen, Albert and their Father were here when we got back. Edwins Club tickets amount to £21 6d, just £4 less than last year. SA said that it was settled last Friday (29th) that Mr John Oslar is going to have his Father's farm at Duxford. Mr John P Sheldrick came yesterday morning to see his Father & Mother he has not been to see Mr Maynard and is going back tomorrow morning.

Nov 1st Harriet went to Duxford this morning. I have been putting the stove up in the shop. Mr Maynard walked to Triplow and Newton. Mrs Ms head is very uneasy, and as usual rather fidgety. We have been rather busy, Topsy & I did not leave the shop till ¼ to 9, we then sat down quietly and had our suppers alone, Mr & Mrs M went to bed it is wet or Harriet was to have come tonight to help them wash tomorrow.

2nd SA was up early to wash, her mother has been scolding her, for taking her nightdress to wash, which

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her mother said had only been worn once, she says SA was no longer a daughter of hers and that she hated her and her ways, too. Mrs Peters the chair woman said she would break poor Topsy's heart if she talked to her in that way, and her mother said that is what she wanted to do, this is a very unkind as well as improper way to talk to a child, and I can't help feeling very much annoyed with Mrs M. it is making SA quite a slave. I don't feel very well. Harriet came over after breakfast.

3rd I was very ill and sick in the night. I woke up about ½ past 1 and have not felt well since I went down about 2 O'clk and had some gin as I could not find brandy, which I think made my head ache. Topsy is not very well tonight. I have been to Triplow & Newton with the goods. Mrs Maynard has been to the lecture of Revd Blackwells. Mrs Hoskins had two whole pieces of Calico at 4½d a yard which I suppose is for charity purposes. Harriet returned to Duxford this morning, we were talking of the days gone by after Mr & Mrs Maynard had gone to bed last night, I have spent many happy days here.

4th I am much better today and have been to Sawston & Hinxton I called at Edwins and have enjoyed the ride. Mrs Ilott, Mrs Smiths Snr sister left here this morning I forget the name of the place where she comes from she come the night before last and had some tea here, it is cold and wet tonight I hope it will clear off in the night, Topsy is going to London in the morning.

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Nov 5th SA started to London this morning at 7 O'clock and got back at a $\frac{1}{4}$ to 7 tonight her father went to the station to meet her, She is tired and got the tooth ache. I was up this morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 O'clock, two years ago today I was staying with Uncle William Farrington in London looking out for a "crib" as John Colborne calls it, my cousins amused themselves in the evening with fireworks We have been very busy this evening and Topsy & I did not leave the shop till 10 minutes to 9, it is rather a rough night for "bon-fires", but we have heard very little of the boys noises for a wonder. Mrs Richd Sheldrick came in to see Mrs Maynard this afternoon. I remember driving mother home from Bourne some years ago on the 5th of November, I think it was a bandy leg'd pony. Horace Barkers brother called this afternoon, and told me they had heard from Horace and he likes his new occupation very much.

6th We have been busy in the shop and having no Ted Pearl to assist makes us more so. Mr Maynard had a letter from Henry and he thinks George had better stay at Crumlin until about Xmas, one of the Mr Kinnards have gone to America and will not return until January next which makes Henry very busy and he is going to have lodgings in London for a time Miss L A Barker and her Mr Smith came in this evening they have both got bad colds. I am sorry to hear Mr Foster the miller has failed. I have not heard how sister Hannah is this week, but I hope she is better. I have not had a walk in the evening since last Sunday, for a wonder.

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Nov 7th There was a letter from George this morning. Jane is a little better, the doctor says it is an attack of influenza. I have been to church twice, and took sacrament with Mr & Mrs M, Harriet SA & Edwin, Revd Hoskin preached a very nice sermon this afternoon, he called in after service to leave some papers to put in the window about the two sermons to be preached at Whittlesford church next Sunday. he gave SA a book "Abbotts Young Christian". SA and I have been for a walk up the Duxford road this evening it is very cold and dirty. Old Mr Smith was very ill this morning or else he would have come to dinner, Harriet & her mother have been to see him this evening, he is much better, Harriet is staying here with SA tonight.

8th I have had a cold and rather a damp ride to Langley, Harriet went to Duxford in the morning. I had a glass of wine there as I came from Langly (*sic*). I have had a nice hot mess and feel tired, I was up at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 this morning, Joseph Gentle is here, he come this

morning to weigh up some things in the shop and will assist in getting the orders up. Topsy says they have been busy in the shop. Mrs Maynard's head has been very uneasy.

9th Annie came up this morning and Miss Jay this afternoon and had a gossip, SA has been making mantles for the shop and cutting the dresses off for the school children, we are forwarder with the orders than I expected we should be.

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Nov 10th Mrs Maynard has been to the Cottage lecture, the Revd Blackwell was not at home so Revd Hoskin took his place. I heard from Louisa this morning, I think she improves in her writing and spelling, dear Mother went to see her about a fortnight ago she is quite well but frets very much about sister Elizabeth, she is at home now, and Father is very strick (*sic*) with her, I don't wonder at it, as she is very tiresome. Edwin Pearl came for his clothes this afternoon, we did not see much of him, but perhaps quite as much as we wanted, he cannot feel very comfortable leaving in this unpleasant way, he will find wherever he goes it is not all gold that glitters, and that he will have his share of "rainy days" as well as the rest of the world, although he said but little he did not seem offended when he went, he had ¼ ? Shag & 2oz Returns Tobacco. I was up in the warehouse with Mrs & Miss Headly when he left so that I did not see him. Arthur, Joseph & I did not finish packing the orders until 10 O'clock Arthur had supper with us.

11th I was up this morning about ½ past 5 and started Joseph Gentle off to Langley with the goods for the first time he has ever been there. I received a newspaper from Kate. SA & I have been up the Duxford Road for a walk it is very cold. Topsy had the tooth ache this

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morning, and dressed the Drapery Window. Harriet came over this afternoon, but went back to tea. Mr Smith Snr walk'd down this afternoon & Annie & Helen came while he was here, but his sight is so bad, he did not know who they were until after they had gone. Mrs M has been round with the tracts for Sarah Ann. I read in the paper the other evening, Colonel Linton of Buckden was thrown from his horse near Lady O. B. Sparrow's lodge at Brampton, coming from Huntingdon and was seriously injured. Mr Maynard gathered the last of the Grapes this morning. In a letter from Fred he says George had gone to the Scilly Island in Cornwall. I dare say he finds it rather cold down there, I suppose he has gone instead of Henry, it is very nice to travel about so.

12th Mr Maynard had a letter from George at Penzance he says it is very mild there, and the inhabitants say the snow never remains on the ground but a very few hours I think he said, the boat he intended going by was delayed a day or two on account of the wind being in a boisterous and contrary direction, he met with a gentleman he took a great deal

of trouble to shew him about, he has gathered some Fossils or some thing of the kind for his father, he visited a copper mine, the scenery is very rugged, no doubt Geo

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is enjoying himself. Mrs Maynard's head is very uneasy. Poor Topsy is not very well. There was quite a sharp frost when I went down this morning. Mr Maynard went to Duxford this morning, to take a coat to be altered for Fred.

Nov 13th In a note from Henry he says he thinks he shall be able to spend a few hours at Whittlesford tomorrow. Mr Smith and Miss Barker came in this evening. Mrs Maynard put herself out about Arthur and then as a matter of course Mr Maynard was worse than the boy. SA is not very well. I think she has caught cold, we have been busy in the shop and I am all behind with my work. Two police men called in and asked me whether I had sold any poison to any one at the Paper Mill within the last week or so, I don't remember having sold any, and hope there is nothing serious the matter. Topsy and I have had a glass of grog to keep the cold away.

14th I have been to church this afternoon and heard the Revd Thorpe of Cambridge preach a sermon for the aid of the Protestant Missionarys among the Roman Catholics in Ireland, and a very interesting discourse he made, he preached in the morning but I did not go to hear him, Harriet came over too late for church so Topsy and I left her to cook and we went for a walk in Mill Meadow. After we came from church Edwin Maynard

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and I went to the station to meet Henry, he came from Cambridge, he went there by a late train last night, after tea I went for a walk round Wiperty and across the Crote. Mr R Maynard and family called in when they came from Chapel. Mr Smith Senr come to dinner & tea, Edwin walked home with him in the evening, Henry sprained his foot about a week ago, but it feels better tonight he says, there was a letter from Jane and she is much better.

15th I received a letter from Kate, she tells me Hannah is better, but she heard from dear Mother last Thursday to say Elizabeth left home the Saturday previous the 6th instant for London, she packed her boxes, but Father & Mother would not allow her to take them, so to their surprise she went off in her old clothes, they have written to Uncle William and sister Lydia, but neither of them have seen or heard any thing of her, she is a great trouble to her Parents, and I wonder what will become of her, I wrote a few lines to dear Mother and I could not help shedding tears to think how unkind Elizabeth has behaved to her, and what a trouble she is to bother Mother & Father in their old days when we ought to be their greatest source of comfort & happiness to them. I drove Henry to the station

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to meet the 7.18 train this morning, the wind was very cold. Harriet went to Duxford about ½ past 11. SA is not very well she has caught cold and is afraid of the inflammation, so has got a Ginger plaister on her side, poor Tops I hope she will feel better in the morning. Mr Maynard walked to Triplow & Newton. I have a slight cold. Kate invites Topsy & I to Norwich for our Xmas hollidays (don't you wish you may get it?) Jenny & her husband and the baby Florence are quite well. Miss Burton is Milliner with Kate. Miss Burton used to live at Chipping Ongar with Charlotte before she was married, and was at her wedding, she is a nice quiet young lady.

Nov 16th. SA has a very bad headache, her side is a little better tonight. I have been to the station since supper to see whether my parcel from E Moses & Son is come, I expect it will be there tomorrow. Mrs Edward Smith & her Mother in law have had a few words. Mrs *Tinworth* came this afternoon and had a gossip with Mr Maynard.

17th I have walked to Newton and back from Triplow, we were behind with the orders. SA is better I am happy to say. It is a very sharp frost tonight. Mrs Maynard has been to see Mrs Overhill. It is 300 years today since the Protestant Religion was first suffered in

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England, there has been services in many churches today in commemoration of it.

Nov 18th Have had my ride to Hinxton and Sawston and very much enjoyed. I saw the first ice this morning for the first time this season. There has been a lecture on astronomy and desolving views in the meeting house next door, Mr & Mrs M have both been, they complain of the school children being very unruly and noisy. SA & Annie intended to have went but they could not get in, so Annie stayed with SA until they came out, then I walked home with her, and had a gossip with Mr Jay for nearly ½ an hour, then for a little walk, and it is freezing very sharp. Mr Smith Senr came to tea & to order some coals.

19th Nothing of importance has ocured today. I have been rather busy in the shop getting up orders, it has been very cold all day.

20th There has been no tidings of George so his Mother is rather uncomfortable about him. S Ann's tooth aches. Harriet is a naughty girl, she has not been over since last Monday, she said on Thursday perhaps she should come that day, or else on Friday. Adah Smith says her grandfather was very poorly in the morning. We have not been very busy in the shop.

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Nov 21 Have been to church twice, Revd Hoskin came in after the afternoon service to ask Mr Maynard to try and get Miss Hollicks permission to allow the Revd Isaacs to give a lecture on the Holy Law tomorrow week in the meeting house next door. Mr Smith Senr came to dinner and tea, Mrs M & Harriet went home with him. Harriet, SA and I went for a walk up the Duxford Road before tea, and met Annie and Helen coming home from the Duxford Chapel. Since tea SA & I went part of the way to Mrs Gellatly's with Edwin, came by Wiperty (as it is pronounced) back & called for Harriet & her mother at Mr Smith's. H is staying with Topsy tonight. Revd Blackwell has not returned yet. Mr Tinworth does not seem to have much control over the boys at school.

22 There was a letter from Fred; Jane is better, they have not heard from George. Miss & Mr George Barker came in this evening for a gossip. Miss B told SA that the Station Master at Shelford was run over by the express train will (*sic*) crossing over the line this morning and was of course killed on the spot. Harriet went to Duxford this morning. S Ann's tooth aches. Mr M is not very well today. I have been sewing straps on my *gaiter* ? since super & Topsy has been making a jacket. Mrs M went to Miss Hollicks this afternoon, she has very kindly consented to let Revd Isaacs lecture in the meeting house.

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23 There was a letter from George & Henry. George has arrived save (*sic*) back to Crumlin. I have had a very cold ride to Cambridge and accidentally met aunt Ratford, she says cousin Wm Farrington from London called to see her a short time ago he has been very ill & was staying at Bourne for the benefit of his health. Shephen Whichello has been living in Cambridge about a week, I don't know who he is living with. Uncle Whichello is better than he was. There was an engine driver killed yesterday at March, the train run over him, cut his arm off & both his legs above the knees, the poor man has left a wife & four children. the station master at Shelford was run over by the mid-day mail from London he has left a wife & one little girl, he was the son of Mr Barber, Georges school master at Camb.

24th Mr Maynard began to pick plums for Xmas. Some gentleman came to see him this evening to ask whether Mr M would go as witness to the character & circumstance of Mr Henry Headly a party is going to law with him for a debt & they want to see if they cannot make his Father pay the debt. I heard that Mr Fosters creditors were to have a meeting either yesterday or today. I also heard he has offered 10 shillings in the Pound. Mr M

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has a decided objection to have any thing to do with such an unpleasant case, particularly as Mr Headley is a good customer of his. SA has been reading an account of the accident which happened to two Collegians and two bad girls, the Collegians hired a dog-cart to go to a boat race, after the race was over these two girls went for a drive, one of the girls insisted upon driving, in going down the hill very fast from Cambridge to Fen Ditton the trap was turned over, the girl driving was thrown on to her head which caused a concussion of the brain, and she died about an hour afterwards, she was a fine girl and at the time of the accident was dressed in very costly apparel, with five rings on each of her hands besides other jewellery and a large some (*sic*) of money, the rest I think escaped uninjured, what an awful state to leave this world for eternity.

Nov 25th The frost has gone again, but it is very dull. There was a letter from Mr Pearl asking Mr M to refund part of Edwin's premium as he has not learnt the trade, I should hardly have thought he could expect such a thing after Edwin's behaviour, but his Father says he cannot think it is all Edwin's fault because Mr M said he would give him a character as a hardworking lad. I don't think for a minute he will get what he has

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wrote for. Edwin did not own himself wrong in a single thing to Mr Maynard, and I've no doubt he has been telling a nice tale to his Father. I was in hopes we had heard the last of this disturbance. Miss Jay came for a gossip with Topsy this evening. Mrs Maynard is not very well.

26th Mrs M's head has been very uneasy all day, SA is not very well tonight. I have been grating some ginger for a plaster to put on her side, she feels a pain there, she has been cleaning the shop windows & finishing the school bonnets, Miss Jay assisting her, I went as far as Mr Whites with her after supper. this morning Arthur & I went to put the curtains up in the church. Mr Maynard answered Mr Pearl's letter but I don't know what he said. Mr Henry Headly owes one tailor in Cambridge £400 for one years bill. His Father told Mr Maynard so tonight, his Father says he is not answerable for his son's debts, this must be a great trouble to his friends. Mrs Richd Sheldrick came in to see Mrs M this afternoon. There is a great change in the weather, it is now quite mild, rather unseasonable. I wonder where and how sister Elizabeth is, and what she is doing.

27th It is two years today since I went to live at Mr Heald's at Horncastle. I remember it was a very cold and foggy day, Father drove me to Offord station and I arrived at

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Horncastle just as they had finished dinner, the snow was on the ground, and altogether the town had a very miserable appearance, I had a very bad cold at that time, so I did not go to Louth to assist for a week or two, it was a very pleasant drive every Wednesday although at times very cold but those days have gone by and in all probability I shall never go there again. I received a few lines from Father, he says poor Mother is in great trouble about sister Elizabeth's bad conduct. Uncle William Farrington in London has been very kind and took a deal of trouble to get a situation for her and taken her to one in Aldersgate Street on the 22nd instant but am afraid she will not stay long, he invites me and Topsy or some part of Mr Maynard's family to go there this Xmas, and if all's well we hope to go. I think Mother will feel very dull if none of her family are with her. Mr Goddard says Hannah is quite well again. Mr Henry Cope of Buckden is very ill, not expected to live from one day to another, he has been a very excessive drinker, which I think has brought him to an early grave, his brother Charles died very sudden caused by a fall from his cart when intoxicated. Father complains of trade being very dull and not taking much cash. The intelligence of Miss Lois Ann Barker's marriage to Mr Smith on the 25th instant they were married in London, she is expected back to Whittlesford tomorrow to stay with her mother for a

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time. Up to late in the evening neither her Father nor her brother George knew any thing of it, Mr Smith and her left here Wednesday morning the 24th no doubt Mr Barker will be in a great rage when he knows it. but I hope they will live happy & comfortable as man and wife for many years to come, there's has been a very queer courtship. I think her intentions were not secret from her Mother. Mr Maynard has had a very wet ride to Cambridge. We seemed to be very slack in the shop, but have took about the same amount of money as other Saturdays. Topsy's side is a little better, but she is not quite well.

Nov 28th Have been to church once and for a walk up the Duxford Road with Harriet & Topsey. Mr Smith Senr came to dinner & tea. Sarah Ann is not very well she has the tooth & head ache and a pain in her side, have been reading to her in my bed room, I hope she will be better in the morning, there was a letter from Fred to say they received the package safe. Jane and George are well and Henry is in London.

29th SA drove Harriet to Duxford this morning. Mrs Lois Ann Smith came in this afternoon, and again this evening to go to hear the lecture in the meeting-house with Mr & Mrs Maynard Harriet & SA. Miss Jay & Mrs Shead called too. They have all enjoyed it very much, SA thinks it is 8 years since Mr Isaacs was here last, there was a great many people there to hear the Revd gentleman, I should like to have been one of the number.

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but of course some one must be at home. I have been writing to Father tonight, he is charged with Income-tax. Mr M advises him to ask the clerk to the commissioners to make out his return for him, and give the clerk about 10/- for his trouble. I'm sure I hope he may get off. Topsy has not been very well today.

Nov 30th Harriet & Sarah Ann were up this morning washing about ½ past 4 O'clock, I was up about ¼ past 6 and had my breakfast before I went to the shop. Mr Maynard has been to the sale at the lodge house and bought a few lots of building materials. I was very much surprised at seeing cousin Edmund Whichello going up to the "wagon and horses" just after we had done dinner, he saw me beckon him at the door so he came over and had some dinner after dinner he went back to the sale and fetched a few slab stones he had bought, then stayed tea, and left about 5 O'clock, he would not stay later as he had a load and a stranger to the road. he is very hard of hearing I'm sorry to say, they are all pretty well at Bourne, Cousin Stephen is in a branch establishment of Hallocks & Bonds in Camb where his brother Charles is living; Edmund has partly promised to meet SA and I at Buckden

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at Xmas. I hope we shall not be disappointed. Mrs Smith (late Miss Lois Ann Barker) came to tea she leaves Whittlesford next week, she has been telling Mrs Maynard Harriet & SA how unkind her Father has been to her since her engagement to Mr Smith, sometimes he does not speak to her for months together, he did not know she was married until today, and Mrs Richd Sheldrick let him into the secret when buying a piece of meat, he said he should not let such little things as that trouble him, I feel very sorry for poor Lois Ann because I think she is a nice girl, She was married at St George's Church, Hanover Square I think, I had the pleasure of walking home with her, and I think I may say I was the first that escorted her home (next to her husband) since she has been Mrs Smith, I'm sure I wish her much joy and happiness. she thinks she has set me a good example and want to know when my wedding is to take place.

December 1st I received a letter from Mrs Ilott, she has a bad cold the baby Florence grows charmingly. Mr Hall has been under medical treatment for nearly a fortnight too much blood flows to his head so it is rather serious and frequently feels a pain in his head. Kate & Miss Burton were there last Sunday, I am pleased to hear they have done pretty well in the business since they have had it, but just now they are rather flat.

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Harriet went to Duxford this morning. There was a long letter from George this morning giving an account of his journey to the Scilly Islands. Have been to Triplow and Newton

with the goods and had a beautiful walk over the fields back, but it is rather dirty. Mrs Maynard has been to the cottage lecture. Miss Tiny Simmons came in to see Topsy. Miss Hollick kindly sent in a £1 for the Revd Isaacs for the lecture given in the barn last Monday SA has a very bad cold and is busy looking over her old letters and burning some of them, there are two Valentines she received one in 1854 the other in 1855. I remember having a hearty laugh over them, but I suppose we are getting too old and steady for such nonsense now. Mr M is not very well.

Dec 2nd. Have been to Sawston & Hinxton called at Duxford coming home, it was rather showery, poor Topsy is not so well today, I called upon Dr Prince and asked him to call and see her, he came soon after dinner and examined her, and said nothing serious is the matter it is a bad cold, he thinks something is lodged at her side to cause the pain, he has sent her a bottle of medicine and a box of pills, I am thankful it is nothing worse and hope she will soon be quite well again. Mr Prince says she is to have a walk every day, she is very weak and nervous. Mr Maynard & John Peters have been setting the church stove in order.

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Dec 3rd Mrs Maynard went with Mrs R and Annie Maynard to Mr Fosters sale, Mr Maynard was not at all well so did not go till this afternoon. SA is no better at present, she feels very nervous. I have been very busy in the shop with Edwin's and Mr Jays orders, I had a game leg this morning and it is rather stiff tonight it feels very queer but I don't remember hurting it.

4th Mr Maynard came round by Linton from Cambridge to leave some cheese at the Union, he arrived home about 5, he bought some pork last Saturday at 6/6 per stone for 100 stones without bones; he has been salting part of it since he come from Cambridge. Mr Smith and his now brother George Barker came in this evening we wished him much joy with his new wife, he seems quite pleased and proud of her and will take her away next Monday, George & him seem very brotherly together this evening. Topsy and I have been very busy in the shop since about 4 O'clock this afternoon, Topsy seems a little better today I am happy to say. I think I have got the Rheumatism in my left leg It has felt very stiff all day. Mr Maynard's head is better. Mr Penfolds traveller called today he says Mr Smith (the late shopkeeper in Whfd) owes him £2-8. Smith treated him with Wine the last time he was here, and this £2-8 I suppose is to pay for it. it has been very wet this afternoon & evening.

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(No entries for 5th and 6th)

Dec 7th I went to church once last Sunday the 5th and took Sacrament with Mr Mrs Maynard, Harriet & Edwin, Mr Smith Senr came to dinner and tea, in the afternoon SA

and I went for a walk as far as the "hand post" and left Harriet at home with her grandfather. Mr & Mrs Smith came in the evening, he seems very proud of his new wife, Edwin and I went to Arthur Prime to tell him to come in good time in the morning. Yesterday 6th I went to Langley it was a cold and very dirty ride, I did not feel very well nor did Arthur but he is better tonight, I see Mrs Stock & Mr Monks, they are well, I called at Duxford and Chub gave me some Walnuts for Topsy and I. Joseph Gentle came to Whfd about dinner time, I had my feet in hot water and a mess for supper, which I think has prevented my taking cold. SA did not seem quite so well yesterday, and today she is about the same and has a very bad headache, her Mother is not very well neither. Mrs Smith came in this evening to buy a few necessaries for housekeeping. I hope she will be happy in her new home, she had a gossip with Mrs Maynard and SA. My leg feels rather better today.

8th Mr Prince has not been to see SA today and her side does not seem any better. There was a man from Australia in the shop this morning.

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he was four months coming to England, he left Ireland last week, he did not sleep in a house for 4 years, but slept under hedges, drays or where-ever he could, he had two rings on, one on each little finger, he says he is going back after Xmas, I don't know who he is nor yet where he comes from. We have been busy in the shop getting the goods ready for Langley and did not finish packing them till just upon 9 O'clock. There is a "Concert" in the National School Duxford, I expect Harriet will be there to hear it.

9th Arthur and Joseph have been to Langley they were rather late home, Joseph stopped at Duxford. Mr Smith Senr come to pay for some coals and had dinner here. Mr Prince called to see Topsy, he has promised to send her some medicine and stuff to rub on her side, if it does not soon get well he says it may be of consequence, I'm sure I hope she will soon be well again. I have got into a sad mess with Obediah Peter's girl. I went out with the wip (*sic*) to some impudent boys and happened to hit his girl her mother come and I don't know what she threatened to do to me because I made her girls arm bleed but it was something awful she was going to do.

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Dec 10th I received a newspaper from sister Kate so I hope she is well, but I suppose too busy to write. Mr Prince said yesterday that he thought Mr Maynards liver does not act properly is the cause of his feeling so lost and recommended a few warm baths, Topsy warmed my bed last night for the first time this winter. The church bells were ringing last night, and the Christmas singers have been very merry tonight, we had pea soup for dinner, and have all got the belly ache, excepting SA and she's got the tooth ache.

11th Miss Jay had tea and supper here on the 9th and I went home with her, it was very dirty. Mr Emery was in the shop this afternoon he told me he was coming to live in the house that Smith the Grocer occupied we have been busy in the shop but have not took more money the (*sic*) usual for Saturday. Mr Maynard has been salting the pork which Arthur brought from Cambridge. it is very cold although not near so cold as it was about 3 weeks ago, the Barometer was then 18 degrees below Freezing point, which is considerably lower than it has been known to be for some years at so early in the season, when I went to Cambridge about that time I met some young men with their skates so one may imagine how sharp it was. It was snowing 2 years ago last November about the 22 or 23rd as I was going from Epping to Harlow early in the morning

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and well I can remember coming over the bleak comon (*sic*) in an open conveyance and the wind boisterous. I am glad to say S Ann is better than she was a week ago tonight. She written to her sister Jane this morning. there was a letter from Fred and Henry this morning they are all well.

12th Have been to church once and for a walk a short distance up the Duxford Road with Harriet SA & Edwin before tea, Mr Smith has not been today, Harriet and Edwin called in Mr Sheppeards as we came home from our walk. The Revd P C M Hoskin has not been here to preach today. Harriet is staying all night with a bad cold to keep Topsy company.

13th Mrs Smith (formerly Lois Ann Barker) left Whittlesford finally last Saturday the 11th, she rode to Cambridge with her Mother and one or two of her Brothers, I wonder how "she likes by this time" as some folks say. Mr Maynard walked to Triplow & Newton, he was rather later than usual home. Mrs M and him have been cutting the lard up in the shop. Harriet went to Duxford about 11 O'clock. S Ann is not quite so well today. I don't feel quite the thing myself. have been writing to sister Elizabeth. Topsy and I have had a "stiff glass of grog" to cure her cold.

14th SA was sick this morning but thinks she feels a little better tonight. Mr Prince has been to see her and says she is better and is going to send her a change of medicine. Mr Maynard has been

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to the sale (the last that is to be I think) of the building materials of the lodge Mansion house. I believe he has bought some lots. I have been busy in the shop, Joseph Gentle came about ½ past twelve to assist me with the Triplow orders but we have not finished them yet. Some boby (*sic*) has been ringing the Whittlesford bells tonight but not a very merry peal. I forgot to post the letter I wrote to Elizabeth last night.

Dec 15th SA I hope is a little better today. Miss Jay came to see her this evening. I have been to Triplow & Newton with the goods and walked home across the fields, and have been up the Duxford Road walking since supper, Joseph Gentle went to Duxford this afternoon. Mrs Maynard has been to see Mrs Shead, John & Mr Benjamin Patterson have been to Royston Market together and complain of its being very cold. I feel better than I did last night, Annie Maynard came this morning and had a short gossip with Topsy.

16th Have been to Sawston & Hinxton. The wind was rather cold, I called at Duxford and asked Harriet to come over, so the dear little girl came to tea and I have been as far as the Brewhouse home with her since supper, we met Edwin and Joseph against the milestone or thereabouts, they have been busy making the "Mincemeat" since then I have written to cousin Edmund

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Whichello to ask him to meet Topsy and I at Buckden Xmas-day I heard there was a fire to be seen in the direction of Chesterford, but did not see any signs of it when I was out. I think Louisa commences her Xmas holidays today, Master Robt Maynard came home by Parly train this morning, I met him when I was going to Sawston he did just nod to me and that's all, he saw SA at the shop window, but of course did not condescend to come and speak to her, Annie and Helen & Albert were with him. Mrs Maynard's tooth aches, SA seems better I am glad to say.

17th I received a few lines from Louisa to say she is going to Epping tomorrow morning and would like to see me at Whfd station or else SA. Mr Prince came again today and says he will soon make a woman of Topsy, she is better and must have plenty of out doors exercise. I saw a Lamb yesterday, belonging to Mr Harvey of Hinxton. Have been to take the goods to Whfd bridge & Pampisford Mills the wind was very cold and coming back I saw a large fire in the direction of Chesterford Park, the fire seen last night was a farm at Chesterford. We were alarmed tonight at hearing the bricks that are stacked in the yard slip, Arthur has been to wood *cart??* and laid the brush wood on top of the brick so disturbed them fortunately nothing is injured.

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Dec 18th Sarah Ann went to the station to see Louisa pass on her way to Epping. SA says she looks taller and pretty well in her health, Mother and Father are quite well and expect Topsy, sister Kate, Mr Hall, cousin Edmund Whichello and myself there this Xmas. Kate and Mr Hall will stay a week, Mother sent me a Raised Pie, part of which Topsy and I have enjoyed for supper, I am sorry to hear from Louisa that sister Sarah is not very well, Louisa has promised to stay here on her way back. Mr Maynard has been salting some more pork, I hope this may be the last lot for some time to come, altogether I think he has salted about 164 stone, it has been very wet this afternoon and part of the evening so we

have not been very busy. There was a young man at Sawston died in a fit while at plough in the field. Alfred Allen wrote to Mr Maynard about a week ago to ask whether Mr M knew of a young man that would suite him as a Baker, Mr M has mentioned it to a Mr Lagden of Sawston (family baker for Mr John Tofts) and he is going to Histon on Monday. I should think he is a young man that will suit Alfred.

19th I received a letter of congratulations from Polly and her husband, as tomorrow is my birthday. Have been to church twice, and for a walk before tea up the Duxford Road with Harriet SA. Edwin and Miss Jay. Mr Smith Senr came to dinner and tea. Edwin went home with him. It is past 11 O'clock and Edwin has only just gone to Duxford. I have been writing to Mr Goddard tomorrow is his birthday.

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20th The anniversary of my 22nd Birthday I received letters from Sarah, Jenny and Kate. I am disappointed to think Kate and Mr Hall are not going to Buckden this Xmas, I have been writing home and to Jenny to thank her for her kind invitation, I told her SA & I are sorry Kate & Mr Hall are not going. I think it will be a disappointment to dear mother too. Sarah's boy is cutting his teeth. Jenny's Pet is quite well. She has a cold herself, Mr Hall is poorly the shops in Norwich will be closed the Monday after Christmas day, so it will afford a nice holiday for the shopmen. Miss Jay & Mrs Overhill have had a gossip with Mrs Maynard, her tooth is very painful tonight. SA is tired. Mr Maynard has been making brine for the pork. It is twelve months today since Sarah Ann and I went to Buckden to spend the anniversary of my 21st birthday.

21st The shortest day. We had candles in the shop at 4 O'clock which is not so soon as we have had them this winter I suppose it is owing to the Drapery window being much lighter, I have been dressing it for Christmas, it is twelve months today since I took Topsy to see Didington church a village about a mile from Buckden, the church joins Squire Thornhill's Park it was rather romantic but we enjoyed it very much, There was a letter from George this morning, he thinks he shall not be able to come to Whittlesford until about 9 or 10 days after Xmas. But thinks Jane & Henry will come

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for a few days. I received a letter from Father and Mother, Father seems very anxious for us to go to Buckden to spend Xmas, they are both well. I also received a letter from Lydia & Hannah, they are both quite well likewise Hannah's husband, one of the children (Helena) has been very ill, they did not expect her to live, she was confined to her bed a fortnight I think with a fever, it seems to be very prevalent at Brighton and a great many children died with it, but am thankful to say our friends are spared at present. SA & I went for a walk before supper up the Duxford Road and had part of a Mince-pie after we came back. Mrs M has a bad tooth-ache. SA is very tired.

Dec 22nd SA went for a walk part the way round the London Road in the morning. Mr Maynard has been picking Plums. Revd Hoskin & Mrs Hoskin came to give the school girls their bonnets, dresses and shalls (*sic*) and ¼ pound of Tea, 1lb sugar & 1lb of Raisins each to 25 different people, Mrs Gellatly came and had a short gossip, Mrs Shead has not been in the shop before for months. Mrs Robt Maynard has also been, she told Topsy that Emma came home last night and has been to the Dorcas meeting at Duxford this afternoon, we have not seen her at present, Mr and Mrs Simmonds from London are coming there to dinner, I think on Christmas day. SA felt the pain at her side tonight.

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Dec 27th I have not had time since the 22nd to write what has transpired each day. consequently shall in all probability omit many little circumstances that I cannot remember. on Friday 24th or Xmas eve, we were exceedingly busy in the shop, I think we taken about £19. the shop was crowded for about 4 hours. Mr Sheppard came to have a look at us, and was highly amused at hearing the old women chatter so much, he said he had heard a good deal of talk about such affairs, but never could have credited such a scene as that, Topsy was very much excited and had a rare rosy face, we managed to close the doors soon after 10 but it was past 11 before I finished clearing up after the rabble, I then had my supper and packed my bag ready to go by the 7 O'clock train next morning from Harston to Buckden. It was about 2 O'clock when I went to bed and was up again a little after 5, Topsy and I had a cup of coffee and some biscuits for breakfast, after I had put the pony in the chaise and was just about to start Mr Arthur come to drive us, however we were in good time for the train and arrived at Buckden just as the people were going to church, Cousin Charles Whichello was in the

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same carriage with us going to London, he spoke to me just before we changed trains at Hitchin I had a letter from cousin Edmund about the 23rd to say he was going to London Xmas day morning as he had a letter from sister Lydia. I guess he was going to meet her at Mr Halls' dinner party it was very fine until we got to Buckden, and then it rained nearly the remainder part of the day, so SA and I were unable to go out any where. We met Wm Peck at Hitchin, Stephen Clark too, and Frank Elderton on the Offord Road besides several other Buckden people I know Frank is out of his apprenticeship and is in want of a situation. Mother is in great trouble about Elizabeth, her conduct is too disgraceful to make a memorandum of, therefore I shall not waste my time in writing it out. Oh if she would forsake her evil course and walk in the paths of righteousness, what a happy relief it would be to her dear Parents, Sisters and Brother, I could hardly have thought she was so wicked, I cannot help thinking very much about her, and wonder where this wickedness will terminate. she has left Mr Purvisses with a scald'd hand and arm, and is now living with a Mrs Sykes [*a or as?*] milliner, Elizabeth went to her quite

in distress, so she engaged with her, not having the heart to turn her away. Uncle William is in

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great trouble about her, and is much kinder to her than she really deserves, he has wrote long and anxious letters to Father concerning her and seems to study her character and good morals as much as if she was his own child, dear Mother had not time to tell me all, I could not help shedding tears when she told me what she has done. Yesterday morning Father Sarah Ann and I went to Church, the Revd Daniel Hague preached a very good and appropriate sermon, after service we had a duck for dinner and left Buckden about ½ past 2 O'clk, it had been raining nearly all the morning, but it was then quite fine, Henry drove us to Huntingdon and we arrived home about ½ past 5 O'clock and found Henry with Miss Allen here, they came (Saturday) Xmas day morning, no I am mistaken it was Sunday (yesterday) morning today they went to Duxford with Harriet, and all three returned to dinner this evening they have been to Mr Robt Maynards, SA & her Father with them, they came back about 9 O'clock after making a tolerable noisy visit, since supper we have had a good romp ourselves. - - - Mrs Maynard has a ginger plaster on her face she is suffering very much with the tooth ache. Mr Maynard walked to Triplow and Newton.

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Dec 28th Miss Allen, Harriet and Sarah Ann went to the station with Henry this morning and from there to Duxford. SA came home about 4 Oclk (P.M.) Miss Allen went to Cambridge by this evening's train, at least she proposed doing so. Mrs Hoskin has been in to see Mrs M and bought three *?cobony??* dresses I should imagine to give away, Louisa Peters is to have one of them. Mrs Maynard has got her face tied up.

29th Have been to Triplow & Newton and walked from Triplow over the fields back. Mrs Ms face is a little better but it is very painful still; she has been to the Revd Blackwells lecture. Miss Jay came in this evening, I walked home with her after I closed the shop and had some hot 'Alder Wine' and a piece of seed cake.

30th There was a letter from Fred, he does not say when George is coming, they have not been very merry at Crumlin. I have walked to Sawston & Whittlesford Bridge for orders it was very dirty and rather wet. Mrs Maynard has been to tea with her Father, he had a shivering fit just before she got there, Mr Maynard went to fetch her home about ¼ to 8 O'clk, it is very dark and her tooth has been in great pain all the time she was there. I called upon Doctor Prince for some medicine for Topsy & her father have had a tart that mother gave me.

31st This is the last day in this year, and I thought of sitting up to see the New Years commencement, but Topsy has persuaded me to come to bed. When at Horncastle 2 years ago I remember lying in bed and hearing the clock strike 12 & the church bells ring. I think about ½ an hour, but it was very much colder then than it is now. Mrs Ann Sheldrick had a fit (I think a Paralytic) the day before yesterday. I heard tonight she is a little better and quite cheerful. It is twelve months either today or tomorrow, since poor Mr Eady the schoolmaster of Duxford was either buried or died. George Maynard and him caught cold both about the same time, and used to consult together about which was the best remedy for a cold and cough and since then her (*sic*) only child died, a poor delicate little boy, could just about run alone. Mrs Maynard's tooth is still very bad. Lydia promised to send me a letter on last Monday but I have not yet received it. I swept the shop stove pipe this morning.