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1st We have not been very busy in the shop but when I used to go out with “hot cross buns” on Good Fridays we used to say a bad beginning makes a good ending, and I hope this year we may each of us try to do more good both to ourselves and our neighbours in all spiritual things, and profit by reflecting on our past life. This morning SA received a few lines from sister Lydia she has spent a very happy Xmas about 20 of them sat down to dinner at Mr Halls, about 4 o’clock, and next day she met a few friends at Uncle Williams. She sent a parcel for me by cousin Charles Whichello¹ which I sent for today by Lofts, Mrs Maynards tooth is no better.

2nd Have been to church and to school twice. Edwin Maynard has been to Mr Allens² at Histon so I took his class in the morning and went to meet him this evening, and then went to tell Arthur Prime to come early in the morning to go to Langley, the roads are very dirty. SA has the headache. Harriet is staying with her tonight. Mr John P Sheldrick and the three Miss Maynards down the street came in after they came from

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meeting Master Robert with them.

3rd Have had a very cold and dirty ride to Langley, I bought two nice boughs of Mistletoe from Elmdon, I left the smallest for Harriet at Duxford she is quite pleased with it, and gave me a bottle of her alder wine, and I had the first “something” under the mistletoe, Topsy is pleased with her bunch. Joseph Gentle came up this morning to assist in getting the orders ready, I have had a cup of coffee, my feet in hot water and a warm bed, so hope I shall not take cold, Mrs M’s tooth is not well.

4th Nothing particular has happened today.

5th There was a letter from Henry to say Jane and George talked of leaving Crumlin as yesterday so was looking out for them until they arrived this evening about 6 o’clock they both have colds. Mrs Maynard has been to Cambridge to have a tooth drawn and she is now much easier. Miss Jay went with her, Sarah Ann went down last night to ask her, and whether Mr Maynard could spare the “Rumble-tumble” for them to go in, Arthur went to drive them with old Tom. S Anns head aches.

¹ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/guildhall-street/guildhall-street-east-side/>

² <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/histon/high-street-histon/>

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6th I went to the station to fetch the luggage from Crumlin, Arthur & Joseph have been to Langley and did not get home till 8 Oclk it is very dark cold & dirty. Joseph stopped at Duxford, George has been to the station and to the church twice with his father to measure the cushions for the chancel of the church I have been in the shop until late the last three nights.

7th George & Jane, Sarah Ann & Mr Isaac Mole³ [Moule](from Cambridge) have been to Duxford to dinner and brought Harriet back to tea this evening, Mr Mole, Jane and Harriet have been down the street George went in the morning before they went to Duxford. Mrs Farnes & her youngest child Oratio⁴ came this afternoon Annie Maynard with them to see Mrs Maynard she had gone out with the tracts Mrs Gellatley & Mrs Richd Sheldrick came too. It is very cold and been snowing this evening. Miss Jay came this evening and went away about ¼ past 8 o'clock. Mr Maynard has been painting the inside of the old chest in the church ready to put the new cushions (*sic*) in when finished.

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8th Mr George went to Cambridge with his Father. Jane & Harriet have gone to Duxford. We have not been very busy in the shop. George has a very bad cold which makes him very fidgity. Mr Mole returned to Cambridge this morning by train, but had not time to call as he went past.

9th Have been to church once. Jane & Harriet came after the morning service at Duxford. George & SA have bad colds. Mr Smith Snr came to dinner and tea, Edwin walked home with him. Miss White has been to invite us to her party on Wednesday next, Miss Jay came with her, and while they were here, Annie, Emma, Helen, Robert & their Father came in which made quite a large party of us, we had a fire in the parlour for the first time this winter, Mr Donohoe was expected to tea but he has not been. I wrote to Lydia this morning to thank her for the parcel she sent me.

10th Mr George walked to Triplow & Newton with his Father for orders, he seems all the better for it. SA has been very busy making Pastry for their party next Thursday she has a very bad cold I am sorry to say. I have been to Duxford to supper, had some of sister Chubs Alder wine, Edwin walked part the

³ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/market/2-market-street/>

⁴ <https://capturingcambridge.org/museum-of-cambridge/museum-exhibit-stories/whittlesford-scrapbook/>

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way back with me, Jane and Harriet went to Duxford in the morning, Jane came back to dinner. This is 'Plough Monday'⁵

Jany 11th George and I had a long talk last night after we were in bed. I fancy his cold seems better today, poor Topsy's is very bad, and her throat is very sore, with something like little Festus, which is very prevalent. I was rather alarmed this evening to hear her reaching, she had just took a dose of Turkey Rhubarb (*sic*) [rhubarb]⁶ which made her sick and it seemed difficult for her to breath and a terrible head ache, her mother has doctored her with all the best things she can think of for a cold, and now am glad to say she can breathe more freely, and is not quite so feverish, she came to bed about 7 o'clock. She was to have gone to tea at Miss Robinsons at Duxford with George & Jane but was not well enough. Revd PCM Hoskin came for the Missionary box, I hope it will satisfy him, the contents I mean. Mrs Smith from Burwell came to tea, her husband has gone to London to fetch his brother who is not expected

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to live long, he is about 24 years of age, SA & I met him up the Duxford Road some time ago with his brother and Miss Barker as was then. She is looking remarkable well. Mrs Richd Sheldrick was in this afternoon & Miss Hay this evening but neither of them stopped long. Mrs Smith says she was married on the 5th of November (1858.) she likes Burwell very well indeed.

12th Have been to Triplow & Newton and walked back. Since I was there last the Telegraph wires have been put up by the road side through Newton & Fowlmire from London, I think to go to Norwich. Edwin Maynard called for me to go to Mr Whites after I closed the shop, we enjoyed ourselves pretty well with "Charades"⁷ & dancing there was about 20 of us besides Mr White & family. Mr Chopping was there and played the Violin very nicely. Sarah Ann alarmed us in the night she woke up about 2 O'clock in a high fever, this morning her Father wrote for Mr Prince to come, he did so this afternoon and said it is Quinseys⁸, but thinks she will be all right in a few days if she does not take fresh cold, Mr M wrote for Jane too, to come from Duxford. George has been to meet Miss Hopkins at Cambridge, and were having their dinners when I came in from Triplow.

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plough_Monday

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rheum_palmatum

⁷ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charades>

⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peritonsillar_abscess

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SA was up and better than I expected to see her.

Jany 13th Have been to Sawston and called for Topsy's Medicine, am glad to say she is better today. Mr Allen from Histon & Mr Mole of Cambridge came to our party this evening there was about 20 altogether and amused themselves with "Charades" and dancing, they finished the "Charades" before I went in, Annie Maynard made believe she had great objections to kissing and had said no man on this earth should kiss her, however Mr Bowman⁹ from Duxford, succeed in doing so after a good skuffle. Mr Mole was very fond of this amusement so of course was very busy under the Mistletoe whenever he had the change (*sic*). The party broke up about 3 O'clock & Mr Whites about 1. I was very tired so only made one attempt to dance. Topsy did not dance at all (not that I know of). I went to bed about an hour before the party broke up. Edwin & Joseph went to Duxford.

14th Mr Allen returned this morning by parly train George walked to the station with him, he slept with me & Mr Mole with George. After tea George drove Mr Mole to the station in the pony cart & Harriet to Duxford, poor chub seemed very tired. This evening George, Miss Hopkins Jane & Sarah Ann have been to Mr Sheppard's party, they did not go to tea they came home about 3 O'clock, of course SA is

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much better or she could not have gone. Edwin Maynard was there. Mr Sheppard was rather "Mussy". Swann Wallis John Tofts and other "fast going" gents were there. I went to bed about ½ past 9 o'clock, so had a nice rest.

15th Mr Maynard walked to Linton and back (unless he happened of a ride). George has been to Cambridge and I have been very busy in the shop. George & Miss Hopkins came in, in the evening for a while. SA is a little better, but not all right by a long way. Jane is very tired, and went to bed before I came out of the shop. Mr Maynard too & has a blister behind each of his ears, I hope they will do him good. Emma Helena & Miss Jay came in to the shop to have a gossip with George & Bessy they went to the station to see Miss Elizabeth Jay pass on her way to Cheshunt (I think) it is nice and frosty. Georges cold I fancy seems better.

⁹ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/st-johns-street-duxford/>

16th Have been to church once, Revd & Mrs Hoskin¹⁰ came in after the afternoon service, Mr Smith Senr came to dinner and tea, Mr and Mrs R Maynard, Robert, Albert & Helen called in after they come out of chapel, Harriet is sleeping here tonight. Mr Maynard has not been out any where today.

17th Miss Hopkins returned to Chippenham, Jane & Harriet went to Histon, George of course went to the station with them. At night he went to Mr E F Oslar's and did not get home until nearly 1 o'clock.

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SA and I sat up until nearly 12 Oclk waiting for him the wind was very boisterous so I could not hear the bell, however he managed to get into the yard and woke me by throwing stones at the window.

18th Was very busy in the evening. About 9 O'clk I went to Mr R Maynards Xmas party. I enjoyed myself but was very tired, got home about 3 O'clk there was not quite so many there as at ours & Mr Whites last week, George and Sarah Ann went about 6, Jane & Harriet went about 8, Arthur Prime went with Tom & the Omnibus to Cambridge to fetch them, Mr Isaac Moul came with them. R Maynard Junr birth-day.

19th We were very tired after last nights entertainment, George did not get down until nearly 12, the ladies were down about 9 or 10 O'clock. Mrs Gellatly¹¹ came to tea and Miss Simmons too. George has persuaded Mr Moul to stay all night. Miss Jay came up this evening, Jane & Mr M went home with her, George went home with Mrs Gellatly, I was starting to meet him, just as I got outside the gate, I met him, & Edwin came from Duxford in the Sociable with Mr R

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Maynard, Annie & Emma, so George & I went down the street with them. after we came back Joseph & I went a little way up the Duxford Road it being such a beautiful Moon light night. this is Emma Maynard's 18th birthday. About 3 or 4 years ago she wrote a line to me on or about that day. Revd Hoskin called into see Mr Maynard.

20th Jane & Harriet went to London by the parly train, Jane I thing will go to Crumlin about Monday & Harriet come home again George went to the station with them. Mr

¹⁰ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/trumpington-street/4-scroope-terrace-trumpington-street/> Revd Philip Hoskin seems not to appear in the UK census after 1851.

¹¹ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/sawston/sawston-paper-factory-mill-lane/>

Moul returned to Cambridge this morning. Mr Maynard and glad to say looks better, but very little. George is busy making out the Xmas bills. him & his father fixed a small stove in Mr Maynard's study last Tuesday. Topsy is busy sorting & arranging my letters for 1858 for me, while I am writing this. George is asleep down stairs and Mr & Mrs M have gone to bed.

21st I rode the Pony to Cambridge in the morning to take my watch to Mr Reed's¹², called upon Mr Moule to enquire about the bottles of stout George bought which ought to have come by the E. C. Railway but is disappeared somehow or other, am rather doubtful if he will find it. I have enjoyed the ride very much. Mrs M's head is very bad.

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Jany 22nd Mrs Maynard's head is better this evening. She did not get up until after breakfast. Mr George has been to Cambridge, it has been rather an uncomfortable day, so we were not very busy in the shop. I think George's cough is better. Mr Maynard does not seem any better.

23 Have been to church twice, the wind is very high and has been raining nearly all day, when I got to church this afternoon there were several people, besides Revd Hoskin waiting to get in Wm Sheldrick the clerk was not there so we could not get in the church. Mr Hoskin seemed vexed and sent a man to look for him. Edwin Maynard went down the street before tea, and called to see his Grandfather & Grandmother Smith. Mr Smith was very ill in the morning with another shivering fit, consequently could not come up today, he is better than he was. It is very rough for Jane & Harriet in London, they talked of going to hear either Mr Spurgeon or Dr Cummings preach today, I hope they were not disappointed. Sarah Ann heard from Mrs Smith of Burwell on 21st she is quite well, and

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wants to hear all the Whittlesford News. The down street folks came in tonight, I don't know who they were because I did not see them.

24th SA went to the station this morning to meet Harriet but she did not come, this afternoon she went to Duxford to see how Edwin was getting on. I have been to fetch her home & it is rather showery. Mr M went to Triplow & Newton with George. Miss Jay came in this evening & had a gossip with Mrs Maynard. George & his mother have had a few words, which I'm afraid will too frequently be the case. It is 6 years tonight since I

¹² This seems likely to have been the silversmith Thomas Reed, <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/market/15-market-hill/>

went to hear a Blk Man preach in the Wesleyan Chapel at Buckden¹³. I don't think I have been there since.

25th The first anniversary of the Princess Royal's Wedding day¹⁴ I wish her much joy and happiness, I hear her sister is soon to follow her example. It is six years today since I first left home to live with Mr Geo Maynard at Duxford. I dare say Mother remembers it well. there has been many changes since then. twelve months ago today I was at Duxford shop, George had not long left there. Am not very

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well tonight, so Topsy gave me some Gin & Water, she was up this morning a little before five O'clock to wash. Some Man has been tuning the piano & new Muffling it, I like the tone of it much better.

Jany 26th I feel better today, have been to Triplow & Newton and walked home across the fields and enjoyed it much. Mrs Maynard am sorry to say has gone to bed with her head bad. SA went to the station to meet Harriet, she has come at last and is well, brought Topsy a Swiss Fork & Spoon combined like a pair of scissors to be used for chopped salad, when she goes housekeeping Harriet went to Duxford after dinner I told Mr Maynard this evening I thought of going into business after George is married, and asked him if he thought it advisable, he does not know which way to advise me for the best.

27th I walked to Sawston for orders and delivered a few small Xmas bills. It has been quite like a spring day, the birds seem very merry, the snowdrops, Violets & other spring flowers are now in bloom. Miss Jay and S Ann went for a walk this

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afternoon. Miss J stayed tea & supper. I went with her to Mr White's expecting to meet her father there, he came in soon after us. I then went a little way up the Duxford Road for a walk alone. Mrs Maynard's head is much better. S Ann is not at all well.

28th There was a letter from Jane & Henry this morning. Jane has arrived home safe, she stayed all night either at Pontypool or Newport. Sarah Ann does not seem any better, she went for a walk up the Shelford Road before dinner. Some of Mr Emery's furniture come today. Mrs Maynard has been to her father's for tea. I have been putting some Pegs up in Topsy's bed room.

¹³ <https://capturingcambridge.org/huntingdonshire/buckden/buckden-methodist-chapel/>

¹⁴ https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Marriage_of_Victoria,_Princess_Royal,_25_January_1858.jpg

29th George has been to Cambridge. Emma Maynard went to Duxford yesterday, stayed the night with Harriet, and called here as she was going home. We have been about as usual in the shop. I hear that Mr Richard Livermore¹⁵ of Duxford is insane, he went up to see his sister (Mrs John Holiday) in the evening, and talked very strange. so Mrs H went as far as the church home with him, he then left her and was not found until 10 or 11 O'clock at night, they then persuaded him to go to bed, he got up in the night and was found next morning at Royston. I hear he is very much against his daughter's marrying the school master (Mr Deadman)¹⁶. I saw him walking round "Wiperty" last Wednesday as I was going to Triplow. George has gone to Histon.

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Jan 30th I received a letter from dear Mother this morning she tells me sister Elizabeth is married to a Mr J Peach Mullege¹⁷, his income from 28 to 30/- a week. Uncle William, Aunt and sister Lydia, heard the bans were published once, so the next Sunday they went to the church (Old Lambeth Church) to be certain, and found the report to be quite true. On Tuesday the 25th instant, Elizabeth and Uncle took a cab from the Old Kent Road to the church where they met Mr Mullege & his sister (a married woman). Uncle says they look very respectable. I hope he is and that they will live happy and comfortable. I hope I shall hear more about it in a few days. Elizabeth wrote and asked Mother to make her a cake which she did and sent it with her clothes to Uncle William's. Mother tells me they have bad colds at Portsea, Charlotte & Kate are well Mr Hall is very poorly, only attends business 2 or 3 hours in the day. Death has been very busy at Buckden. dear Mother writes in great trouble. She thinks Father will go to London shortly. I have written to Mother to ask her to write and let me know so that I can meet him either there or at Epping. Mr Smith Senr came to dinner and tea. I have been to church once. Sarah Ann is not so well as I should like her to

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be but ventured out to the School and Church this afternoon. Harriet & Joseph did not get here until some of us had finished dinner. Edwin says Mr Richard Livermore was took to Fulbourn Asylum yesterday, poor man he said when they got him there he knew where they had brought him and that he should not stay long he should soon recover: and I hope he will. he generally used to attend Whittlesford Church once and sometimes twice every

¹⁵ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/fulbourn/fulbourn-asylum/>

¹⁶ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/duxford-school/>

¹⁷ In 1861 census Josph Milledge, 27, hackney carriage driver, b Buckden Hunts; Elizabeth, 23, b Buckden

or nearly every Sunday. Mr George has not returned yet. Annie, Robert & Albert Maynard called in after they came from Chapel. Edwin Maynard went home with them.

31st I received a letter from sister Kate and one enclosed from Lydia to Charlotte confirming the truth of Elizabeths marriage to a Mr Millage or Mullidge [Mullidge] (or else something else) Uncle William accompanied her from the Old Kent Road and she was married about a ¼ to 10 O'clock. Lydia is afraid the man is unsteady, Father writes very uncomfortably to Uncle, but does not wish for us to know it. They have lodgings at a furnished room at 5 Lorrimore Street, Lorrimore Road, Walworth. The mans brother is a bricklayer & furnace builder in Blackfriars.

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I am sorry I have such an undutiful & wicked sister. I trust she may be taught to forsake her evil ways, and ask her heavenly Father for forgiveness. I have had a very cold ride to Langley had tea with Mr Monk and a glass of hot Alder win with Chub at Duxford, she gave me a bottle to bring home with me. I heard read (*sic*) from the Illustrated London News Paper last night that the Princess Frederick of Prussia (the Queen Victoria's eldest daughter) gave birth to a son¹⁸ on the 21st instant, the Queen received the news by telegraph 6 minutes after the occurrence. Mr George has not returned yet. Joseph Gentle came up this morning.

February 1st. Have been busy with the Langley orders. Mr George came by Parly [parliamentary] Train¹⁹ this morning he went to Duxford this afternoon & returned after supper. Yesterday he went with Mr Allen to try to get orders, but they were unsuccessful. Mr Allen was quite disheartened. This evening I have been writing to Mr Pollard to say I should like for Father to meet me at his house, to consult about me taking a small business. Miss Jay came this evening & had a gossip with Topsy & her mother.

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Feb 2nd Mr Headly told Mr Maynard this morning Mrs Headly cold (*sic*) not bear to let her son Harry be locked up, so paid the money and have sent him to Polongue (*sic*) (France). Mr H says his foolish fellow has paid £2500 for £5. I suppose he means £5 ought to have lasted as long as his son has made £2500, this must be a great trouble to his friends. Mrs Maynard has been to the cottage lecture. I ought to write to some of my sisters but don't feel inclined for writing and rather tired & sleepy. we finished the Langley orders before dinner.

¹⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilhelm_II,_German_Emperor

¹⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliamentary_train

3rd There was a letter from Fred he has an idea of leaving Messrs Kinnards employ to go to Mr Bowmans in a few months, I don't know whether he has made any engagement with Mr Bowman or not. Sarah Ann went round with the tracts this afternoon and to Mr Robt Maynards to tea, she started to go to Miss Jays but she was not at home, I went to fetch her, and went for a walk up the east end of the village, it is very cold, Mr Maynard was at his brothers on parish business so we came home together. Joseph Gentle went to deliver the Langley goods, and had Stephen Loft's²⁰ cart as ours is being repaired; he has stopped at Duxford.

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Feb 4th The 22nd anniversary of Geo Priestleys birthday many happy hours have I spent with him on some of his birthdays, no doubt many times he has thought of those days-gone-by as well as myself. S Ann has been to Miss Jays to tea, I have been to fetch her home, Emma Maynard was there too. Helen came just before we left. I have been writing home to Father to say I think of going to London about next Monday or Tuesday week and should like for him to meet me if he can make it convenient. Sarah Ann has a cold. Jane Wakefield that married Charles Harding²¹ of Duxford was confined yesterday of a daughter.

5th George has been to Cambridge. We have not been very busy in the shop.

6th Sarah Ann, George & I were up rather late last night. Have been to church twice and took sacrament with Mr & Mrs Maynard George Harriet SA & Edwin after the afternoon service Mrs M & Harriet went down the street before tea to see how Mr Smith is, he was having tea at Mr R Maynards. Annie, Emma & Helen came in after they came from Chapel. I received a letter from Elizabeth to say she is married to a Mr

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J Milledge & is living in 16 Hanover Square, Walworth Road, he is the only son of a (retired, if ever you heard of such a thing) Carpenter, he himself is a carpenter, but his present occupation is an Omnibus Conductor, Uncle William was Father at the wedding, Father & Mother sent her a loin of Pork a Raisd Pie & her wedding cake, Elizabeth says Father wished her not to send cake to any one, but that it should be kept as quiet as possible for reasons best known to herself & husband this makes me very suspicious of there being something that ought not to be. At present she says he is very kind to her, I am not at all pleased with the letter, and I fear it will make Mother uncomfortable about

²⁰ <https://capturingcambridge.org/museum-of-cambridge/museum-exhibit-stories/whittlesford-scrapbook/>

²¹ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/moorfield-road-moor-lane-duxford/> in the 1861 census Charles harding's wife is named 'Eliza'.

her, as I have sent the letter to her (or intend doing so tomorrow) as she wished me to do so if I heard from her. I have written a few lines to enclose with it, have also written to Mr Pollard informing him of my intended visit. Sarah Ann was sick tonight while Annie & her sisters were here. I have had the head ache and feel sorry for my sister Elizabeth's foolishness, she asks me to write to her in a few days.

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Feb 7th Mr Barrett's man from Cambridge was here with a load of goods before 7 O'clock. I have been busy in the shop, Sarah Ann finished the Watch hooks poor little Emily begun for me. George has been to Triplow & Newton. Mr M has been marking the Earthenware. Old Austin came in about 8 O'clock quite intoxicated to settle his bill and George SA & I have had a good laugh at his foolishness, he bought his wife some tea, Plums, Brushes & a dust pan. Harriet went to Duxford this morning, SA went part the way with her. It was thought yesterday morning just as the people were going to church that Mr Headly was dying. while at breakfast he was suddenly struck with a violent pain in his inside and was some time before he could get any relief, he was a little easier went (*sic*) we came from church, and to day has been out shooting.

8th Mr Maynard has been gardening, Sarah Ann and Emma have been to Mrs Gellatley's to tea and went over the Mills with Mrs Gellatley, George & I went to fetch them home after 8 O'clock it was very dirty and rather damp. we had a glass of wine and a glass of Wiskey each, I think it was quite as much as either of us ought to have had, for

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it made us both feel as though we didn't care for much. I felt rather white and dissy (*sic*) after I had been in bed about a ¼ of an hour, I thought I should been obliged to get out again, however I managed to do without that and soon fell off to sleep, we both woke up with the head ache. SA & Emma had some too, enough to make them talk and to keep the cold out. I recd a letter from Father to say he did not think of going to London at present, neither did he think it necessary to meet me at Epping, but was expecting a letter from Mr Pollard to say whether it was worthwile (*sic*) for him to go, if so, he would go any day I please except his busy days Monday & Fridays. I also recd one from Mr Pollard to say he had written to ask father to meet me there, for nothing could be done unless we all meet, then I hope something will be proposed to my advantage, Mr P himself does not know what to say in the matter. At present he is not aware that I object to the Duxford business. Mrs Overhill had a long gossip with Mrs Maynard.

9th Have been to Triplow and Newton alone with Tom & Lofts cart as it was wet, and a miserable ride it was, Arthur Prime was too busy to go with me.

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it was 3 O'clock when I started and did not get back until 20 minutes to 7 O'clock, we were busy last night, which, hindered me in getting up the orders. George complained of his head being very queer this morning. Mr Headly was in the shop yesterday, he is pretty well again now, the pain struck him in an instant, it was the cramp in his bowels, and he thinks caused by eating too hearty off pea-soup the day before. he thought at the time he should not recover. Emma slept with Topsy and went home after breakfast.

10th Sarah Ann and Mrs Gellatley have been to Duxford to tea. Harriet came back with them it rained very fast all the way they came, we had sent Arthur to fetch the Sociable, they came in a few minutes before he got here with it. Mr Donohoe was at Mr R Maynard's so Arthur drove him home. Mr Gellatley came for his wife and smoked a Cigar with George. I have been to Sawston for orders.

11th Harriet went to Duxford before dinner. Miss Jay called in this afternoon and took Mrs M out for a walk, then had tea with us. George went home with her after 8 O'clock. Sarah Ann and I copied the goods wanted into the London order-book. I written a few lines to Father last night and posted them to-day.

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Feb 12th This is Mrs Chatterton's 31st birthday, I ought to have written to her, but have been too busy. nevertheless I wish her much joy and many happy returns of the day. I received a few lines from dear Mother to say she thought Father would meet me in London or Epping if I wrote to him, so have sent a few lines to say I would meet him at either place if he will let me know. Mr Maynard and George have both been to Cambridge, they have had a miserably wet ride, it has been raining nearly all day, so that we were not very busy this evening in the shop. Mr M received a rough estimate and a plan for the proposed addition to the house yesterday, it seems to be approved of if Mr M decides upon building at all.

13th I received a few lines from Father to say if I did not hear from him again, he would endeavour to meet me at Uncle William's in the Old Kent Rd next Tuesday afternoon about five O'clock. Have been to Church this afternoon and for a walk up the Duxford Road with Harriet and SA. met the three Miss Maynards coming from Duxford Chapel. Revd PCM Hoskin gave notice there is to be two sermons preached next Sunday, and a collection after each for the funds of the new

school about to be erected, and whatever sum is collected in the village, and I think for 4 miles around, Government will give the same amount for building it, so I hope they will make a good collections (*sic*) and meet with liberal subscriptions. Miss Elizabeth & Mary Jay came in this evening. Elizabeth is looking much better than she did before she went to Cambridge.

Sunday Feby 20th Last Monday the 14th was Valentines day, Harriet went with me to the station to see me off to London, Miss Jay had just been to see her sister Elizabeth off to Cambridge, so turned back again with Harriet, I arrived in Town about ¼ to 1 O'clock. nothing of any consequence occurred in going I saw a small foal just before I reached London which I think is very early. I had a beef stake (*sic*) for dinner at Mr John Bakers in Bishopsgate St then done what business I could in the afternoon and returned to Mr Bakers about ½ past 7 in the evening had my tea and read a book ("How I tam'd Mrs Cruiser")²² [by Benedict Cruiser] (which I purchased) until about ten. then had a little talk with Mr B & went to bed. got up next morning about 8 O'clk had my breakfast and started off to business about 9 and finished about ½ past 3 O'clk it rained yesterday which made it miserably dirty



in getting about. I went from St Paul's Church Yard to the Old Kent Road, when I got there cousin William and his Father were going to a dinner party at 6 O'clock, they started

²² <https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=AEVWAAAAcAAJ&pg=PA28&lpg=PA28&dq=benedict+cruiser&source=bl&ots=uahRNyAzDF&sig=ACfU3U0z0glybhm5Rk9QQiv6mYiklll-IQ&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwj036yxsoaAAxUIVKQEHUxeAyIQ6AF6BAgoEAM#v=onepage&q=benedict%20cruiser&f=false>

soon after Father & Sister Lydia came, I had been there about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour when they come in. after tea we three went to see if we could find Elizabeth Millege. Mother had sent her a few things in a basket. I thought it best for me not to see her so went round the corner, while Father and Lydia went to the house the landlady said Mrs M was not at home so they left the basket and came off. we see Lydia into a 'buss from the Elephant & Castle Father & I went into Sambrook's²³ in the Old K Road and had some talk in a room to ourselves about Elizabeth and myself until about 9 O'clock, we then went to uncles and had some supper, and a long chat with aunt we then went to bed. Joseph is clerk in an office in the City. We decided upon leaving London by the first train for Loughton next morning, Father & I were up about 7 & left uncles at 8. We arrived at Loughton by 10 O'clock the coach for Epping had altered and did not go till 11 O'clk so Father & I walked, fortunately it was a fine morning and we enjoyed the walk but after dinner I was very much fatigued, stiff and a terrible head ache, with a soar (*sic*) throat

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as well, Mr Pollard, Father & I had some talk, but could not decide what to do. Father said he had no doubt that he could borrow some money for me, but did not like to ask for it until he knew how much I should be likely to want. of course I don't know that until I see something to suit me. It was about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 when we arrived at Mr Pollards. Father was up next morning by 5 o'clock and left Mr P's 20 minutes after to walk to Harlow as he wanted to be home on Thursday, he bought Mother a dress and took home with him. I am very sorry to hear her sight is gradually getting worse. I felt quite ill the morning Father left and did not get up until 1 O'clock, I walked a few times round the garden but could eat nothing save a piece of sponge cake which Mother had sent for George's birthday. Mr Pollard went out Fox hunting and did not get home till about 4 O'clk in the afternoon. Mr & Mrs John Hind or Hine come to keep Georges first anniversary, & Mrs Rowland Snr too had tea with us, & Mr Rowland had supper. I had a Mustard Plaister²⁴ on my throat for five & twenty minutes, my feet in hot water and mustard and a bason (*sic*) of arrowroot or gruel with brandy in it, and

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a warm bed, this is Mrs Hine's prescription and I found relief from it. Hills, Barlow and Chandler went out the night before with Mr Pollards permission and came home intoxicated, and were Kissing the servants in the kitchen, and as a matter of course there was a nice mess in the bed next morning. Mr Pollard, Mr Rowland, Mr & Mrs Hine gave the young gent (Master George) 5/- each making £1 to put in the bank until he is 21 years of age. they are very fond of the child, Friday morning I was a little better. Mr P was very

²³ <https://pubshistory.com/LondonPubs/SouthwarkStGeorgeMartyr/BricklayersArms.shtml>

²⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mustard_plaster

stiff from hunting, I was in the shop greater part of the morning. Hills that morning went to the Bacon drying place and found a sack of Sawdust in flames and a *?tithe?* of Loaf sugar partly injured from it. It appears the Sawdust stood against the back of the Kitchen chimney where they had a very large fire the night before, and being only one substance of brick it ignited, and no doubt had there been any timber near the whole of the premises would have been destroyed, fortunately nothing very serious happened Mr Pollard borrowed a dog-cart and drove me to Harlow (his was undergoing alterations) to

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meet the 5 Oclk train. He has promised to go to Abridge & Cheshunt to make enquiries respecting an opening for me and will write to me in the course of a fortnight. I found when I got home that it was Mr Maynard's 54th birthday (the 18th February) Sarah Ann has been ill one day in my absence from Whfd, I had my feet in hot water & Mustard a warm bed, and retired about ½ past 9. Mr M went to Cambridge yesterday, I felt very queer & so I do now have not been out any where to-day. Mr Henry Maynard by this evenings train from Cambridge, I have scarcely seen him. Old Mr Smith came to dinner and tea. Mrs Maynard got up to tea but could not sit up long. Mr & Mrs R Maynard, Emma, Helen & Robert came in after they come from Chapel this evening.

Feb 27th Sunday again and I have not been able to write in the week. Mr Henry left here for Hereford George & Mr M went to the station with him. Monday & Tuesday Mrs Maynard and I were very ill, Dr Prince came Monday evening, we were very

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weak and our throats sore, he said it was not "Diptheory" [Diphtheria] (as we were afraid of) but approaching to it, Wednesday I felt a little better but was weak. Thursday my loins were painful, which Dr Prince says arose from weakness, on that day I think, old Simeon Wilson²⁵ of Duxford was crossing the Railway going from Whittlesford flour Mills to go to Dr Prince, and was run over by an up train and of course was killed on the spot, the driver reversed the engine picked him up & took him to Whfd station. I should think he is between 70 & 80 years of age. Friday I went in the shop for a few hours but was sorry for it afterwards at night I felt quite ill, Saturday I went in the shop a little while in the evening and went to bed about ½ past 9 O'clock. Sarah Ann was not at all well in the morning but got better after a cup of tea. Mrs Maynard is much better, but her eye is painful, I think it is inflammation she has had the rheumatism too in her hip and she is dreadfully fidgety. Harriet was here greater part of the week as nurse. Miss Jay & Miss White have been twice to see us, and old Mr Smith

²⁵ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/st-johns-street-duxford/> Simeon's family presumably

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came twice to tea. Today I feel much better but not strong. Mrs M seems better too. I think I shall go to church this afternoon if it is fine. Poor little Emily Maynard would have been 16 years old today if she had lived. From what Henry said, they rather expected him here again today, they have not heard from him, so I don't suppose he will come, he broke the bars off the fire-place when he was at Histon last Sunday. I have been to the School & to Church this afternoon. Revd PCM Hoskin and his wife came in after the service. Old Mr Smith came to dinner and tea. Harriet is staying with Topsy. Edwin went home with his Grandfather.

28th Sarah Ann has been t Langley with me and a delightful day is has been, the sun shining all day. I had a miserable ear ache went (*sic*) I left this morning, but it is much easier tonight. We had eggs for dinner at Langly Bull Inn²⁶ and tea'd with Mr Monk, his daughter was from home so Topsy made the tea, he talks of coming to see

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his uncle Smith tomorrow. We got home about ¼ to 8, Miss Jay and little Lizzie White were here with Harriet, Harriet took her Mother out for a walk and the wind has made her head ache so she was obliged to go to bed. Harriet & Joseph Gentle went home after supper to be with Edwin. Topsy has enjoyed the ride very much, this is the first time she ever was at Langly.

March 1 We have been very busy with the Langly orders. Mr Monk has not been. Mrs Maynard seem better today, My ear too is better. I have been writing a letter to Kate and one to Jenny and am now quite tired of writing. Joseph Gentle came up this morning.

9th I see I am getting very negligent, which I suppose is owing to the want of inclination for writing more than anything else. I went to Duxford last Monday night, and stayed all night came home next morning after breakfast. Sarah Ann went home to Duxford with Harriet Monday afternoon, and went again on Tuesday to tea.

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She rode with Mr Ulph of St Ives, I went to meet to meet her after 8 Oclck, I met her, Harriet & Edwin just the other side of the brewhouse the wind was very bleak, we had a very hasty snow storm in the afternoon, it only lasted a few minutes, it was the most winterly day we have had this year, I don't suppose any one hardly ever remembers, such a remarkable fine & mild winter as we have had this winter. I have had a letter from Kate, she seems quite alarmed because I told her I had been poorly. I have also received

²⁶ <https://capturingcambridge.org/further-afield/the-bull-langley-essex/>

Newspapers from Hannah & Elizabeth. Kate says Hannahs baby is not very well. Miss Elizabeth Barker (Mrs Westrope's niece) of Duxford died yesterday the 8th, she was 21 years of age, I think her aunt will make a great trouble of her loss, she seemed very much attached to her, her death has been long expected, and I hope she has gone to be with her

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Father in heaven. George has been printing her breast plate today. Yesterday was Shrove Tuesday & this Ash Wednesday have had Pan Cakes both days. I have been to Triplow and Newton and walked back over the fields. Last Friday, Revd J W Blackwell gave the Sunday School Children a treat with tea, Plum cake & bread & butter and amused them in the evening with a Magic Lantern. Sarah Ann went & came home with a bad headache. the room was so suffocating. there was 120 children packed in the Girls School Room. Miss Jay has been to tea today. Mr Maynard brewed yesterday Mr Pollard has not performed the promised (*sic*) he made when I was at Epping.

March 10th I have walked to Sawston & Whfd Bridge for orders & enjoyed it much, the sun being so cheerful. Joseph Gentle has been up for a few hours to assist in the shop. Mr Maynard has been doing Edwin's garden up at Duxford. Mr Donohoe called to see George, I walked from the hand post with him. Miss Jay came in this

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evening to ask Sarah Ann to go to the Station with her, but she thought it too cold so declined going. I saw in the Newspaper Hannah sent me yesterday some man at Brighton has had his bathing machines out, and people have been bathing, one may imagine what remarkable mild weather we have had for the time of year. I have been writing a few lines home and to sister Kate.

March 11th I received a letter from Mr Pollard with a sketch of a shop he has had offered to him at Chigwell, abut 9 miles from Epping, he seems to think it might answer very well for me, so have written to him for further particulars. Sarah is going to Norwich on Saturday, I hope the change will do her good and that she will enjoy her visit. I have caught cold some where which feels very uncomfortable. Revd Margetts²⁷ of Duxford has a daughter, I think it is about a week old. I hear Edwin Pearl went to see Esther Wisbey at Duxford last Sunday.

12th Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge, it has been a very uncomfortable day, have been about the same in the shop. Sarah Ann

²⁷ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/st-johns-vicarage-duxford/>

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borrowed a book of Mr Sheppard for me and I see by it, that Chigwell is about 6 miles from Epping & 10 miles from London, the population in 1841 was 1815 so it is a good large village. I have felt rather deaf since my throat was swelled, it does not seem any better.

13th Sarah Ann received a letter from Miss Gellatly in Scotland she is well and apologises for not writing for so long a time. I went to church in the morning and was housekeeper in the afternoon with a bad cold I got Edwin to go to school for me, have written a few lines to sister Elizabeth, I thought she would think me unkind if I did not write to her, have told her how wrong I think she has behaved so she may not be very well pleased with me, I was very brief. Harriet has been to tea with Miss Jay. Edwin & his mother went to see Mr Smith Senr after tea, he is better than he was yesterday. Sarah Ann went for a walk up the Duxford Road after they came from Church.

14th It was raining this morning so Sarah Ann drove Harriet to Duxford. Poor Lizzie Barker was

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buried today. Revd Perkins preached her funeral sermon yesterday, his text was "Run after that young man". it was rather a singular text but no doubt he made a nice sermon from it. We have not been very busy in the shop. I suppose it is on account of the dull weather. Old Richard Barnes I have been told died suddenly this afternoon. I saw in the Huntingdon Paper yesterday that old Mrs Mattin of Buckden is dead, her son Tom was an old favourite servant of Fathers when we were children at home, and we were fond of him, but poor fellow I think he enlisted for a soldier & died suddenly or else killed, I can't remember exactly his end. his father is a Malster-man. I have seen many changes since then and often recall to mind the happy days gone by. Have been writing a letter to Hannah. There was a letter from Jane in which she says Henry has sold one of his Anchors to Mr Jones of Newport Mon.

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March 15th Fred Maynard's 18th birthday his mother has sent him a book for a present. I have written for some paper from Parkins & Guttos, they have not sent it so have been obliged to take some of this after waiting three or four days. This is the 20th day of the month. I have been to church this morning & when I came home Sarah Anne was in bed very poorly, Harriet came over after we had gone to Church, so was cook instead of Topsy, am glad to say she is now much better. Mrs Maynard thinks it very strange Henry has not written since he was here, which is a month to-day. I written home a few days ago and sent the letter and sketch of the shop at Chigwell which I received from Mr Pollard.

Miss Jay came and spent Thursday evening with Sarah Ann and her mother. Mr Maynard & George went to a parish meeting which was adjourned from the church to the Exhibition public house, they did not get home until past 10 O'clock. Friday evening I went as far as the hand-post on the Duxford Road for a walk it was a beautiful moonlight night and I enjoyed the walk. Wm Knott²⁸ the Shoemaker of Duxford was married last Tuesday. My hearing doesn't seem to get any better. Mr R Maynard & his family came in after they came from Chapel. Emma has been to Cambridge for about a fortnight & returned yesterday. Mr Smith Senr

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came to dinner and tea, Edwin went home with him.

Mar 21st Harriet went to Duxford this morning it was a wet morning so George rode to Triplow and Newton. Sarah Ann was very poorly this morning but is better tonight, she is mending my coat sleeves for me, she finished Crocheting her bed quilt this afternoon at 10 minutes past 2 O'clock. Mrs Richd Sheldrick & Mrs R Maynard have been in to see Mrs Maynard, and Mr Sheldrick came in to see Mr M about something this evening but did not stay long.

22nd SA was up this morning a few minutes past 6 to wash, I had my breakfast with them before I opened shop, Harriet came over about 9 O'clock to assist, they have been very fortunate in getting all dry. Revd PCM Hoskin called in to see Mr Maynard about the new School which is about to be erected. Mr Smith of Cambridge the architect came over to examine the ground and finds there is no gravel to make the road to the school I received the letter of Mr Pollards which I sent home last week with the sketch of the shop at Chigwell and a short note from Father he says he does not understand it therefore

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cannot say any thing about it but has not doubt that Mr Pollard will do his best for me. Mother and himself are as well as usual. Miss Jay, Miss White & her little sister came for a gossip this evening. Mr Smith Senr came this afternoon, stayed tea. Harriet & her Mother went home with him. Sarah Ann is much better today, but can't cut the bread to please her Mother. I have been writing to Parkins & Gottos about my paper that I have ordered from them.

23rd Have been to Triplow and Newton and walked over the fields back. Mr Maynard has been to Linton upon business and drove to Balsham to look at a shop which Mr Brimley

²⁸ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/st-peters-street-duxford/>

of Cambridge offered him, Mr M says it is an old fashioned place and thinks the business has been neglected, but thinks the premises are good. there is baking as well as grocery. I don't suppose it will be any good to me. Mrs Maynard went to the cottage lecture and stayed at her Father's to tea. I have shown the sketch of the shop at Chigwell to Mr Maynard. he does not say much but thinks he remembers going past it years ago. I have not heard from Mr Pollard? since I answered his letter, so suppose he has not had time to attend to it.

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I road to Whittlesford Bridge & Sawston for orders, and from Sawston to Balsham to look at the shop Mr Maynard went to see yesterday, it is a filthy looking shop for the want of a little water and paint. I went in for a 1d of biscuits an old lady I should think upwards of 70 years of age was the only person I see, and she did not look particularly agreeable and quite unfit to serve in a shop, I don't suppose the stock in the shop was worth more than £30 at the most, the shop is square and rather larger than the one at Duxford and higher but every thing looks miserably dirty. I also went into the other shop (Mr Smart's) which is a nice looking shop and very long for a village, he seems to do more drapery than Grocery, there are several other smaller shops something like old Mrs Sheldrick's. I did not see any Ironmongers at all. I of course walked round the village, and met the Vicar's lady, who had seen me coming from the Church, so she stopped me and asked whether I should like to look over the Church, I said I should very much like to do so, so she took me through the garden up to the Vicarage for the keys and I followed there are two or three fine brass plates in the church

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which she says are often visited by Cambridge Gentlemen with their rolls of paper, a man came and uncover the commandments at the communion table which the old Lady seemed proud to show me as they were painted on zinc by her own daughter (Miss Chapman) and which she said, were considered to be very good, they certainly looked very nice, there is a carpet too which is used only on particular occasions for the altar worked (I think she said) by the young ladies. the Church is a large one and rather old fashioned looking, there is a small organ up the gallery, the "font" stands under-neath the gallery fronting the aisle. I was please with such unexpected kindness. I thanked her after a talk about Whittlesford and other things, I met her a second time, she asked my name again having forgotten it. then we parted. I don't know any one to compare her to in size better than Mrs Markby of Duxford or Mrs Priestly Senr of Buckden. she appears a nice old lady. I felt the effects of so long a ride on horseback. the Population of Balsham is about 1400, it appears to be a dirty village, but there are several good houses. I hardly know what to think of the shop as a business place. Sarah Ann says George has had a brief note from Mr Hatton (late school master of Duxford) he is quite offended about something, but George

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does not know what he has done to cause him to be so much offended. I have a slight headache.

Mar 25th Lady-day. George has been busy putting a shelf or two up in the shop. Mr Hollick of Linton came over this afternoon with the superintendant of the Police, he did not stay many minutes, just had a sup of tea and off again. Miss Simmons came in to Sarah Ann. I have a cold and feel rather sore from yesterday's ride.

26th Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge and enquired further of Mr Brimley about the business at Balsham, he says there is a very respectable trade done now but he has not the power to do as he pleases with it, he will think over it between now and next Saturday. The other shopkeeper Mr Smart is a very cutting trades-man. We have been about as usual in the shop. I have a very bad cold, and did not feel very well in the morning. Annie Maynard came up for her books this afternoon.

27th There was a letter from Jane this morning, the reason Henry has not written is because he is very busy, he talks of being married the latter end of May or the beginning of June next. I have been reading in the Cambridge Paper that cousin Edmund Whichello & another man from Bourn Hall have met with an accident, three men from the hall went to Edmunds shop to buy gunpowder

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with their lighted pipes, they shook the tobacco out of their pipes as they thought, but while Edmund was weighing the powder it exploded which burnt E and the other man very much the other man escaped unhurt, none of the three know the cause of its explosion but, suppose a spark from the pipes must have blown into the powder as it was a very windy day. I hope they will soon both recover. Mr Smith Senr came to dinner and tea. Mrs Maynard went home with him. Mr Donohoe from Duxford has been to tea and went home with Harriet Edwin & Joseph about ½ past 10 O'clock. I went to Duxford Church in the morning with Harriet & Edwin, some other old Gentleman was officiating for the Revd Markby, who reminded me very much of what I should think Frank Elderton will be if he lives to be as old as this gentleman. I mean his looks. George went to Duxford Chapel with Mr & Mrs Richd Sheldrick. I went to Whittlesford Church this afternoon. Mr Hoskin is preaching elsewhere. Mr Blackwell asked me to take his class at school the next two Sunday mornings as he is going out. Miss Jay came in with H & SA when they came from church but did not stop.

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March 28th I have been to Langley the wind was cold but have enjoyed the change. I over-took Harriet Sarah Ann and Miss Jay against Miss Robinsons coming back so got out and walked to Whittlesford with them, Harriet went back when we got to the hill. George received a letter from Miss Hopkins to say she intended to leaving Chippenham on Wednesday or Thursday next and asks whether she should call here before she goes to Barkway. George has written for her to come Wednesday morning but to send her luggage to Barkway, he does not know why she is leaving.

29th Have been very busy with the Langley orders. Mrs Gellatly and Annie Maynard came this afternoon. Sarah Anne has been busy gardening this morning & feels very tired tonight. Mrs Maynard has gone to Mrs Sheard's and has not returned yet, its about 9 O'clock. George is playing the Concertina & Topsy is sitting on the floor reading "Cassells Paper. There was a long letter from Henry this morning he is very busy. has made arrangements to be married the last week in May. he seems rather doubtful about his Anchor.

30th Mr Maynard has been to Linton and had a very cold ride Mrs Maynard has gone to Duxford to stay until Friday with Harriet & Edwin. We have been busy with the Langley orders and did not finish packing them till 9 O'clock.

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Mr Maynard says we are not to close till ½ past 8, but I suppose it will be generally 9. George expects Miss Hopkins tomorrow morning. I have been writing a few lines to Father, Friday being his birthday. My hearing is no better. Mr & Mrs Smith from Burwell were at Whittlesford last Sunday they promised to call before they returned but did not do so.

31st Mr Maynard was very ill last night he think he caught cold going to Linton. He has gone to Duxford this evening and will stay there all night with Mrs Maynard. Miss Hopkins came this morning, George went to the station to meet her. Joseph Gentle has been to Langley and stopped at Duxford on his return. It snowed when I was getting up this morning about 6 O'clock, the wind has been very cold all day. Miss Jay came up this evening and stayed a little while with Sarah Anne & Miss Hopkins. Topsy and I have had a gossip up stairs while George and his Bessie have been enjoying themselves by the fire side.

April 1st This is Sarah Anne's 24th Birthday and we look upon it as Fathers too, but are not certain whether his is the 1st or 30th of April. I wish them both much joy and happiness and many happy returns of the day. SA & Miss Hopkins went up the Duxford

Road for a walk expecting to meet Mrs Maynard (before tea) but she did not come until about 6 o'clock Helen Maynard with her.

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Harriet and Emma came nearly to Whittlesford they two went back. Mr Maynard came home just before dinner, he is better than he was but had a very poor night. Mr Headly has been to France, and arranged things very comfortably for his son, he went away to clear himself of a breach of promise of marriage that some young lady threatened to bring an action against him for he said she had not behaved well to him, he has a small farm of about 100 acres about 1 mile from the sea, a very pleasant spot too his Father says, who has allowed him a certain sum enough to travel all over the continent with very comfortably with but has no taste for any thing of the kind, I wish I had the chance. Am going down to drink Topsy's health with a glass of wine.

April 2nd I received a letter from Hannah she is quite well also her husband & children, she writes very fondly of her little boy and compares him to me in my infant days, the poor little mite (as she calls him) of a fellow is trouble with a bad cough, am afraid he will not live from what I have heard of him she tells me they had two old maids lodging at their house, and one of them was found dead in her bed she was down stairs in the yard at 11 o'clock at night and at 5 Oclck next morning she was quite dead

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and cold, her head hanging out on one side of the bed with her mouth open, the shocking sight seems to have affected Hannah's nerves very much. Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge and asked Mr Brimley about the business at Balsham, he says Mr Ewer has been there about 30 years and is an old man, and does not like to turn him out, he takes now about £700 a year of him, he cannot say more about it at present, but will mention it to Mr Ewer when he sees him. Sarah Ann & Miss Hopkins went out with the tracks this morning for a long walk over the park grounds. We have been rather busy in the shop. Arthur Prime had the "six quarter" tonight, he is a very foolish fellow and might have suited Mr Maynard well if he had conducted himself in a proper manner. Emma Maynard came home from Duxford with Mr Maynard (he took Edwin's goods down) stayed tea & George went home with her about 20 minutes past 9 Oclock. SA heard from Fred.

3rd I have been to church twice and took sacrament with Mr Maynard, George, Harriet, Sarah Ann, Edwin & Miss Hopkins after the afternoon service the Revd F Margett of Duxford preached this afternoon instead of Mr Blackwell he is away from home, I took his class at school this morning and Edwin in the afternoon. Mr Hoskin came in after the service, I was doing the horses so did not see him. Mr Smith Senr came to dinner & tea, he is not very well, Mr Maynard, Geo, Harriet, Edwin & Miss Hopkins

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went home with him & for a walk, met Mr & Mrs Gellatley round the Whittlesford church yard. Joseph Gentle has been to Chapel. Mrs Maynard has gone to bed with the head ache. SA & I have had a walk round the garden instead of going out with the others. I see in the Camb Paper the shop lately occupied by A J Challis of Sawston is to be sold on the 13th instant, I've no doubt its doing a very good business. Harriet returned to Duxford with Edwin and Joseph to-night it is much milder than it was, my hearing is no better.

April 4th Miss Hopkins has been to Triplow & Newton with George, SA & her have been to Mr Gellatleys to tea, they went round by Sawston to look at Mr Parson's shop they went in and bought something. George & I went for them after we closed the shop. Sarah Ann says the shop is rather large but very low, Mr P appears to have a large stock of drapery, not so much grocery, he was very attentive & polite to them, SA says his goods appear cheap, but thinks he has too great a variety for a village shop. The brick layers began to make the cellar in the gate way this morning. Mr Ames's son of Duxford is coming on trial tomorrow morning, he came up with his father this morning, he looks as though he would suit Mr Maynard. Mrs Maynard is better than she was yesterday and has been to see her Father this evening.

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April 5th George Ames our new man came this morning, he has been to Cambridge for a load of bricks and been very busy about home, I like the appearance of him, much better than Arthur Prime's. George & Miss Hopkins went to Duxford this afternoon & brought dear Chub back with them to tea it was nearly 6 O'clock. Miss H talks of going home tomorrow, I don't much think she will, Edwin & Joseph are here, I suppose they have come for Harriet if she means to return tonight. Mrs Gellatley came to tea & her husband came for her. Mr & Mrs Emery came in about ¼ past 8 & kept George and Sarah Ann in the shop until ½ past 9 or nearly that time, it generally happens so if company is here. Sarah Ann written a few lines to dear Hannah this afternoon for me, going out last night prevented me doing it myself. I have been busy with the Triplow orders & customers too, consequently am all behind, & am very tired. Annie Maynard came up this morning about 8 O'clock to ask Sarah Ann & Miss Hopkins there to tea with Miss Jackson from Duxford and her brother, as Mrs Gellatley was expected SA of course decline it on account of necessity, so Annie complimented her by saying perhaps they should enjoy themselves as well without her. This is the paper I received from Parkins & Gotto's this morning, enclosed in a hamper from Mr Goldsmiths. It's remarkable fine weather for the time of year, I hope it may continue as favourable until the bricklayers & carpenters have finished here. Mrs Gellatley says Mr Parsons the draper at

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Sawston was married at Sawston Chapel to a Miss Challis this morning at 8 O'clock. Mr Smith Senr was ill with another attack of his shivering fits.

April 6th This is dear Hannah's 30th birthday I wish her many happy returns of the day. Harriet went to Duxford in the morning, Mrs Maynard & Miss Hopkins went this afternoon to go to Revd Margetts church this evening George & his father went to fetch them home after we closed the shop, it is nearly ½ past 10 & they have just come in, Sarah Ann & I have been up the garden for a walk being such a beautiful mild & moonlight night, Topsy stood treat with a cigar to spend the leisure hour of Hannah's birthday. I have been to Triplow & Newton with the goods, and walked home over the fields, Ames at present is much quicker than Arthur Prime and met me at the gate with the pony & cart. Just before I went Mrs Maynard laid the first brick of the cellar in the gateway, Sarah Ann the second & laid her 6d under the brick, Miss Hopkins the 3rd I the 4th, George the 5th & Mr Maynard the 6th, of course Mr Austin had to club round then, and I think we all gave sixpence each. Sarah Ann & I were up this morning at 6 O'clock to dig the garden flower beds, I feel very awkward with garden tools, not having had any thing to do with them for so long. The first day without a fire in the keeping-room.

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7th I wrote a few lines to Kate before 7 O'clock and done a little digging in the garden for Sarah Ann. I walked to Sawston for orders & took patterns of ribbons & dresses with me. I succeed quite as well as I expected. I went into Mr Parson's to quiz his shop & bought a pair of braces for 7½ d the best they could find, and a neck ribbon, the shop is very low but large for a village, he appears to have more drapery than grocery, and almost everything in confusion. Mrs Brand says the business has fallen off very much lately, and does not think Mr P will remain there whether any one else takes it or not, I could not see any out-door conveniences, and but a very small garden. Annie, Emma & Helen Maynard came to tea, their father came in the evening so they went home with him about 8 O'clock. Mr R M'd would not object to buy the shop at Sawston if it is sold at a reasonable price.

8th Kates 23rd or 24th birthday I wish her joy and happiness. Sarah Ann and I done a little gardening before breakfast. I have been busy in the shop. Mrs Maynard, SA & Miss Hopkins have been over to Sawston, Mrs M seems to like the appearance of the shop, and thinks the premises will make more than Mr RM expects. George & Miss Hopkins went to the station this morning. Mr R Maynard has been over to Sawston and viewed the whole of the premises, he says they are awkwardly built a

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number of passages, and going through one room to get to another, they are mortgaged at £500 and the mortgagees think of making £700 I don't suppose they will though. SA & Miss H went to Mr RM's to tea, George & I went to fetch them home, we had supper there, then SA & Bessie went off without us, however we got home first. I don't know where they went to, but began to scold us for going without them. Mr M thinks of taking stock next week. Mr Smith Senr has been ill & not able to get up all day.

April 9th Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge and had some conversation with Mr Brimley about the shop at Sawston he thinks the purchaser would have nothing to do with the amount the places are mortgaged for, supposing they are mortgaged for more than they are sold for, Mr Wibley thinks there is an excellent opening for a good shop, Mr Brimley has one customer at Sawston so does not like to say much about it. We have been about as usual in the shop, the weather is more unsettled. SA went to see her Grandfather he is better.

10th I took Mr Blackwell's class at school in the morning & Edwin this afternoon. have been to church once, just after I got into Church there was a heavy hail storm which made several of the people very late. Mr Maynard & Edwin went to see old Mr Smith this evening he is better, we missed him at the dinner table, the poor old gentleman is low spirited and frets very much so Mrs Maynard says.

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Harriet did not get here until after we had all done dinner, just as they were leaving Duxford church there was a storm, so Harriet & Joseph went up to the house and had a little piece there & finished when they got here. Mrs Maynard has gone to bed with the headache. Miss Jay came to tea and supper. My earring (*sic*) is no better, Sarah Ann syringed it with hot water last night but it has not done it any good. Mr Dedman the National School Master at Duxford was married last Thursday to Miss Livermore, Harriet went to the wedding said they both cried at the altar.

11th Mr Maynard has been to Linton, we have had thunder & lightening hail & rain today. Joseph came to assist, we began stocktaking this morning. Mrs Maynard has been to see her father this evening, he is a little better, last night he had another attack of his shivering fits and was very poorly all night Harriet went to Duxford this morning. Mr Mrs Emery & his niece came in this evening to make some purchases so Mr Maynard had some conversation with him about the shop at Sawston, Mr E speaks very highly of it, and thinks it will make £600, he believes Sawston is a thriving place, and if there were cottages to let thinks the population might be increased at least 200 at once, house property is very valuable there, consequently rents are rather high.

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Charles Nunn²⁹ late foreman for Mr E F Oslar & a young man the name of Matthews were took up on suspicion of stealing wheat the property of Mr Geo Barker, the policeman, met them about 3 O'clock yesterday morning with Mr Goss's donkey & cart the policeman thought it looked suspicious so stopped them and found some wheat in the cart he took them in charge & searched their houses & found some more wheat in C Nunn's house (who was constable for Whittlesford last year) if they are found guilty no doubt they will be transported, Matthew's father is transported.

[Contemporary News: Cambridge Independent press 30.4.1859: Cambridge Division Saturday April 23. - Charles Nunn and John Matthews, remanded from Saturday last, on the charge of stealing wheat, the property of Mr Barker, butcher and farmer, were again brought up. committed them for trial at the Sessions. Bail allowed.]

April 12th I had a letter from Charlotte she tells me Sarah, her baby & nurse were with them a fortnight. Cousin Edmund has been to Norwich too, they all returned to Bourn last Wednesday, she does not say when Sarah returns to Epping. Charlotte hopes to go to Buckden in June or July next. She gave me her own & William's opinion about going into business, they think I am too young to take the care, weight and anxiety of a business upon myself and if I want a change they advise me to take a situation in a drapers or general shop if I prefer it and they have kindly invited me to go and stay with them until I meet with one & William will assist me all he can, they are very busy in the shop & home to remain so for some months to come. Kate & all their own family

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are well. SA tells me Henry is to be married on the 30th May at Histon, Harriet is to be bridesmaid. Mr & Mrs Maynard are to be present, after they are married they propose to tour the Isle of Wight and through South Wales to Crumlin, Alfred Allen is to be married at Manuden and meet them in London, but it is to be kept quiet until it is over. Mr R Maynard recd a letter from Mr Challis of Sawston. Mr C understands Mr M has an idea of buying the premises and that the sum of £700 is not expected for them, but they are to be sold & hope to make £500. Mr N Maynard has guaranteed to hire them of his brother if he gives £450. I don't much think he will buy them. We are getting on as well as we can stocktaking. Mr Walsingham³⁰ buried one of his children this afternoon. Mr Smith Snr is about the same as he was yesterday.

²⁹ <https://capturingcambridge.org/museum-of-cambridge/museum-exhibit-stories/whittlesford-scrapbook/>

³⁰ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/whittlesford/tickell-arms-waggon-and-horses-whittlesford/>

13th Mr Maynard & his brother R. Maynard & I have been to the sale at Sawston & bid £400 for the shop it was bought in for £475 guineas. I don't think there was any one there that thought of buying it besides ourselves. those that did bid, I think were only hired for the occasion. Mr Parsons was there, Mr RM asked him if he had the shop on a lease, he said no, and would be more likely to give notice to leave unless the rent was reduced £10 a year, we left him at the Kings Head smoking his pipe, with a glass of gin & water, in company with another gentleman. Mr R Maynard had some private
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conversation with the auctioner after the sale and from what passed between them it is very probable Mr R M will hear further about it, the selling price at the sale was to be £480 or guineas I'm not sure which. we got back about 7 O'clock the garden is larger than I thought it was. today we have been very slow with stock-taking. I received a few lines from Louisa to say if agreeable to myself Mr & Mrs Maynard she hopes to spend Good Friday with me at Whittlesford. Sarah is at Buckden, Mr Pollard is expected to fetch her home next Saturday and return on Monday, they are all well.

14th Today we have been quite busy, George is quite affronted with every-body, even with Bessie, I think she makes him sit up too long. Mr Maynard recd a letter from Mr Whibley with an answer he had to the enquiry he made of a business advertised to be disposed of in the Cambridge Paper, it belongs to a young man at Orwell who wishes either to let or sell it. the stock and fixtures probably 5 or £600 & the rent from £20 to £30 with immediate possession if required, Joseph Gentle seems to know the person & the shop well, it is the best in the place, & capital premises from what Joseph says. I

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don't know why he is leaving it. I should like to see it very well. Am going to write a few lines to Louisa to ask her to come.

Ap 15th George received a letter from Mr Allen of Histon he seems to be doing very well, is pushing the flour trade he sold 21 sacks in a fortnight & 6 sack of barley-meal. it has been a very uncomfortable day snowing raining thundering & lightening. George is not very well and has been croaking & grumbling with nearly every-body all day, his Father don't approve of his system of taking stock. I think it is the most correct, but perhaps not the most expeditious. We have had eggs for supper. Joseph Gentle returned to Duxford this evening.

16th Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge. Mr Whibley³¹ [grocer, 18 St Edward's Passage, Cambridge] has had another letter from Mr Mortlock he says the stock could be reduced to £100, Mr Whibley says he does a little wholesale, I suppose it is that, that makes the

³¹ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/st-edwards-passage/st-edwards-passage/>

weekly returns from £40 to £50. It has been dreadfully cold all day with some snow-storms. Sarah Ann and Bessie have been round with tracts. My hearing is no better, I can't think what is the matter with it. SA & Bessie talked of going to Cambridge but George thought they had better not as we wanted to finish stock-taking, we have not done so at present. Mr Maynard had a false tooth put in to day, we have been about the same in the shop. Mrs Maynard went down the street to see how her father is, and found him rather better.

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April 17th George & Bessie have been to Linton to see Mr & Mrs Hollick. I have been to Church once, Joseph Gentle stopped to give his name to be confirmed there were 3 or 4 girls besides. Annie Maynard went to church this afternoon, Harriet, SA & Edwin & I went round "Wiperty" home with Annie. Mr Smith Senr came to dinner & tea, the poor old gentleman looks very poorly, Edwin & his mother went home with him. Poor old John Harding the shoemaker at Duxford died last Sunday and was buried Friday, the Revd Margetts preached his funeral sermon this morning, Harriet went to hear it. Mr Blackwell has returned and preached at Whittlesford today.

18th I have been back to Whittlesford 2 years to-day. I received a letter from Father, he thinks my sisters opinions are that I am too young to settle in business, Cousin Edmund Whichello was at Buckden last Sunday week & he thinks so too and advises me to leave Mr Maynard and take a situation in a Wholesale house. Father has not asked Mr Bowyer to lend him money at present, but thinks I had better wait until I am likely to have a business he has no objection to do what he can for me, if I meet with one likely to bring in a comfortable living. Sarah (Mrs Pollard) returned to Epping on Saturday last Louisa is not to stay many days as Aunt Whichello wants her for a time. Sarah Ann and Miss Hopkins have been to Cambridge. They went by the ½ past 9 train in the morning and returned by the ½ past 7

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this evening. Topsy brought me a tie & Bessie one for George they have seen Miss Allen, she has bought the wedding dress, a green and pink shot silk. they are very tired. George has walked to Triplow and Newton. Harriet went to Duxford this afternoon and her mother part the way with her; the bricklayers have finished the new cellar. We finished stock-taking today.

19th There was a letter from Mr Mortlock of Orwell he says the shop has been established 30 or 40 years, the stock and fixtures at (*sic*) to be took at a valuation he says probably about 4 or £500. I should have thought he would have took stock to enable him to know the value of it nearer than £100 the population of Orwell in 1841 was from 500 to 600. Mr R Maynard has not heard any thing more from the owners of the Sawston business.

Sarah Ann was up at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 5 this morning for washing. I had my breakfast with her and Mrs Peters before I open'd shop. it was a very sharp-frost last night, but has been a beautiful day. Mr Pamphilon has finished the new loft and cellar all but one window which he will make at his convenience. George has been very grumpy all day which makes Bessie very low-spirited.

20th Sarah Ann and Bessie went to Duxford this afternoon. George and I went to meet them after we closed the shop, and met them against the poor-men's gardens at Duxford with Mr Bowman, Annie, Emma, Harriet & Edwin. Mr B, Annie, Emma and Edwin walked

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on first George and Bessie went back with the rest of the Duxford folks to assist Edwin stock-taking. Annie & Emma were some distance from SA & I consequently they had to walk alone. Mr B & Edwin thinking we should overtake them. SA received a letter from Louisa to say she is coming tomorrow.

Ap 21st I went to Mr Jays and took an account of his stock, then I went to Whfd bridge and Sawston for orders on the pony, since then have been very busy, George is away and his father has been serving in the shop. about 20 minutes past 9, Ames and I went to take the goods the (*sic*) were ordered of me in the morning with the pony & cart, it is very cold, a sharp frost Mrs Maynard and Harriet have (*sic*) to Cambridge in the sociable. Ames drove them. they did not get home until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8. they have bought a bonnet each for Harriet & SA and a new silk dress for Harriet. Louisa came by the parly-train, SA went to meet her. She is looking much better, but is very thin. I have written to Mr Custerson³² of Eversden and to Edmund Whichello asking them if they know any-thing of Mr Mortlock or his business at Orwell. I have also written to Mr Mortlock for further particulars. Harriet is to be one of Henry's bridesmaids, in a letter from him this morning he asked SA out of compliment.

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22nd Good Friday. It was a beautiful morning so Sarah Ann, Louisa and I went to nine wells over the fields and very much enjoyed ourselves. We took a piece of Plumb (*sic*) cake with us and a little pewter pot wet (*sic*) sat on the bank, drank some of the Water and picked some water cresses out of the springs and enjoyed them very much, we got back about 10 O'clock, Mrs Maynard & Harriet went to church and had just got home and lit the fires. Mr M was at home counting the stock books up and had let the fires out, so they were not very well pleased with us, but were all right after dinner we went to church in

³² <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/little-everdsden/everdsdens-scrapbook/>

the afternoon, the Revd Hoskin was not very well so did not come. Mr Isaac Moule from Cambridge came in the morning soon after they had gone to church, the engine boiler bursted at Shelford Station, consequently the train was very much behind time. After tea Mr Moule, Harriet, SA, Joseph Gentle & I went to "Hullshook" (behind the Flour Mills) for a walk. Miss Hopkins, George & Edwin went towards the Paper Mills thinking we had gone that way, they heard the Nightingale & Cuckoo but we did not. George is very cross and sulky still. They have not near finished stock taking at present at Duxford. We have had but very few customers for a great wonder. We met Mrs Robt Maynard coming from her mothers this morning, she scarcely noticed sister Louisa, but that don't signify much.

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April 23rd Mr Moule³³ rode to Cambridge with George this morning. Mr Maynard has walked to Linton and back to pay the tax money. We have been very busy in the shop all day. George seems a little more cheerful now Bessie is away, Louisa & her went to Duxford this morning. Bessie sent a note to SA asking her to let Ames call at the station for her boxes & take them to Duxford. Louisa came home alone after tea and says Bessie has had a sick headache and will stay at Duxford all night. George has not even asked how Bessie is or any thing about her I think theirs is the most curious courtship I ever saw, he appears not to want her from his behaviour, I should be quite offended and start off at once if I was in her place, poor Bessie is quite low spirited and frequently crying. George does not take any notice of her at least does not say any-thing to her I was very tired last night. I received a letter from cousin Edmund Whichello in answer to mine. he has never been to Orwell altho' its not more than 6 miles from Bourn, neither does he know much of Mr Mortlock or his business, but thinks Mr Custerson could give me more information as he knew Mr M's predecessor well. Edmund says Mr M commenced with a good capital about two years ago. drives round the adjoining villages, sells rather low and Edmund thinks he has lost money. there are two or three smaller shops than Mr Mortlocks in the village. Uncle Whichello is

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going to Godmanchester Fair on Tuesday next so it will not be convenient for them to meet Louisa at Cambridge so I propose driving her as far as Eversden, Cousin John goes there on that day, and will meet her at Mr Custersons.

24th I have been to church twice and took sacrament in the morning with Mr Mrs Maynard, George & Edwin this is Easter Sunday, it is dull and showery. I received Mr Mortlocks reply this morning the stock and fixtures could not be reduced to less than £400, the rent from £20 to £30. he does about £5 per week in the wholesale and about £2

³³ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/market/2-market-street/>

per week in Ironmongery & Earthenware & about £5 in Pollards. exclusive of these sums the returns would amount to £40 per week. I have written to decline it for the present. I was too late to post it at Whittlesford so met the Mail cart at the Hand Post. Coming back I met Mr Churcher with his lady Miss Lizzie Jay, Mary & Annie Jay with them they have called in to see Mrs & Mr Maynard since I have been writing here, I did not go down to see them. The Sawston bells are ringing I suppose because it is Easter even I hear Edwin Pearl has left Fulbourn and gone to Ely, he was over at Duxford on Good Friday & told old Esther Wisby³⁴ & she told Joseph. I met the old woman on the Duxfd road but did not speak to her. John P Sheldrick came to tea with George last night, but did not stay long as it was Saturday night. George is very comical again today, but is more friendly with Bessie. they have been up the garden together this evening.

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April 25th I went to Langley and a miserable cold and wet ride I had too it was raining nearly the whole of the day I called at Mr Monks, his married daughter & Mrs Stock was there, they were very anxious in telling me the two Miss Brands are decided to leave their shop, the premises belong to the Revd Fisk a gentleman of that name left a great deal of the property to him, whose name was then (before he changed) Revd Wilks this gentleman will not accept any one but a churchman as tenant he is very kind to favoured ones. I called at Duxford but did not get out as I was very wet, the wind broken the umbrella so it was useless. Louisa & Bessie were there waiting to go to the school rooms to hear a Mr Newman the Ventriloquist³⁵, his wife & daughter were to sing & play on the [a gap left here]. Mr R Maynards family went past here without calling to see whether any of their cousins were going. I went to bed about ¼ past 8 O'clock.

26th Louisa came over about 10 O'clock from Duxford, we had some luncheon and then left abt 11 for Eversden, the roads were dirty but it was fine. we had eggs & bacon for dinner & Jam tart at Mrs Custerson's. I asked her opinion of Mr Mortlocks shop, she gave me pretty well the whole history of but don't think its much of a chance, I drove round Orwell back and have seen quite as much or (*sic*) Orwell shop as I want to see. I got to Whittlesford at 5 O'clock. met Miss E Sprague & a friend with her at the shop door. I bought a pair of gloves at Mr Motlocks he had not any to fit me. Mother & Father have been married 32 years today.

³⁴ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/st-johns-street-duxford/>

³⁵ <https://www.bl.uk/catalogues/evanion/Record.aspx?EvanID=024-000001762&ImageIndex=0>

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Ap 27th Mrs Nunn brought SA foot stool home, Henry's wedding present. George went to see Mr J Sheldrick in the evening, John had been gone to Mr Sheppard's party about 10 minutes when George got there so he had a talk with Mr Sheldrick and came home about ½ past ten. SA & Mrs Peters have been very busy turning the house out of the windows.

28th George has gone to Duxford. Joseph has been with the goods to Langley. I have been busy in the shop. Sarah Ann has been busy in the house, and has had a very bad head ache every now & then. Mrs M is not at all well. Mr Maynard slept with me last night. they have been burning brimstone in his bedroom, so he could not sleep there.

29th Mrs R Sheldrick Miss Annie Jay & her sister Mary came in this afternoon, Annie leaves Whittlesford tomorrow morning. Miss Simmonds came into the shop & has been telling her troubles to Sarah Ann the down street Ladies have quite offended her about something, she hears two of them are going to visit her brother in London. Mrs M has been to see her father this evening & called at Mr Jays, Mary came home with her Sarah Ann & Mrs Peters finished cleaning the upstairs room today. Joseph Gentle returned to Duxford I think Harriet went to Histon yesterday to stay until Monday, I suppose to prepare for Henry's wedding & to

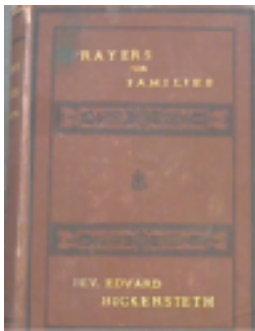
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assist Miss Allen. Sarah Ann will not be there. I expect George will manage Mr Allens business in his absence. Bessie Hopkins is housekeeper for Edwin at Duxford the first time she ever did keep house.

April 30th. Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge. George came from Duxford this Morning, him and his mother have had a terrible row since we came out of the shop. Mrs Maynard has been looking over Mr Jays accounts & when George came in, she asked him a question about it & Mrs M says George did not give her a civil answer and this soon rose to a great quarrel I don't think they ever will agree long together it is a great pity & I feel sorry for them. I think there is 6 of one & half a dozen of the other, they are both very queer tempers It has been a wet evening so we have not been very busy with customers. Miss Annie Jay left here this morning.

May 1st. There was a letter from Jane this morning & by what she says I expect she will be at home after Henry is married some of her boxes are now on the road to Whfd she says Mr Wilson had a daughter born the day before she wrote her letter. I suppose she wrote it on the 29th. Mr Wilson of course is very proud of her, so Jane says. I have bought Bickersteth's "Family Prayers" a large print for Mother which I intend sending her the first opportunity, and after she has done with it, it will do for me if I am spared to use it. Mr Monk & Mrs Stock came just before they went to church in the morning, they have been twice to church. I have been once and officiated for Mr Maynard in holding the

plate at the door, there has been a collection for the soldiers daughters home at Hamstead in Essex, morning & afternoon they



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collected £4.2.3 which was as much as could be expected for Whittlesford. Revd Hoskin³⁶ preached a very nice sermon in the afternoon, he came in after the service was over. It is also a thanks-giving day for the abatement of the late war & insurrection in India. he told us in his sermon that the population is 1 thousand eight hundred million people & that of England about 30 million God must have fought for us or how could we have been victorious over so many people. Mrs Stock & Mr M & Mrs Maynard went down to see Mr & Mrs Smith Senr before tea. Mr Smith came down to tea, he was not well enough to come to dinner. Bessie went to Duxfd with Edwin & George.

May 2nd I have been very busy in the shop. George came from Duxford about ½ past 9 & rode round Triplow & Newton for orders. I hear Mrs Arthur Challis³⁷ of Sawston died quite a maniac yesterday morning She has left two little children. Sarah Ann went to Duxford this afternoon, George & I went to fetch her home after we closed the shop, when we got there she was affronted, because we did not go before & had started to come home with Edwin. George is staying there, Harriet came home by the evening train from Cambridge. Henry is expected to be married in about a fortnight. Mr Allen wants to have his name entered (to be married) to-day. The wind is very cold. We heard two or three Nightingales coming home & listened to them on the road. we also heard the Sawston band playing.

³⁶ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/trumpington-street/4-scroope-terrace-trumpington-street/>

³⁷ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/sawston/high-street-sawston/>

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May 3rd George came from Duxford this morning & this afternoon he has been cutting the grass in the garden. I have been busy about the Triplow orders. One of the Miss Pleasances of Cambridge are visiting at Mr R Maynards, some of them went out water cressing & Emma sent some up for SA this evening. Joseph Gentle went home for a holiday last Sunday & is to return on Thursday or Friday next. he started to walk about 5 O'clock in the morning quite delighted with the idea of seeing his Mother & Father once more, it is 6 or 7 months since he was at home last, the longest time he ever was from home I should think. Mrs Maynard has been to see about having the wedding dress-body made that she is to wear at Henry's wedding. Mrs Hoskin called in this afternoon, Mr Hoskin has gone to London to attend the May Missionary meetings that take place yearly I thought of writing home tonight, but shall postpone it till another night.

4th Have been to Triplow and Newton & walked back over the fields went to little "nine wells & gathered some watercresses. Mrs White went to the cottage lecture with Mrs Maynard & stayed tea with us. A lot of the down street folks have been to Duxford called as they came back to leave a message to George from Bessie expecting him over there tonight.

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he has had his supper and gone for the night, his temper is very comical.

5th The 6th anniversary of sister Polly's wedding day I hope she is happy and never once repented of the step she has taken. I walked my Sawston round for orders & enjoyed it very much. George came from Duxford this morning. Harriet & Bessie came over to Mrs Whites this evening so George went home with them, I went as far as the hand-post on the Duxford road. we met Edwin just round Miss Hollicks corner, he did not come up to the house. Sarah Ann has been to Mrs Whites to tea, we were up early this morning & tied some lettuces up in the garden, & have been busy all day, so SA is tired.

6th There was a missionary meeting at Duxford, so SA went over to tea at Harriets, George went about ½ past 7 o'clock, I went after we closed & came home with Miss Pleasance, Emma, Helen, SA Edwin & Thos Holliday Jnr, Mr Donohoe, Harriet, George & Bessie came part of the way. I suppose there was a good meeting, Bessie goes away in the morning. Joseph Gentle returned today.

7th George went to see Bessie off and got home about ½ past 10 o'clock. Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge. I received a letter from sister Kate, she is quite well, also Norwich friends. Miss Burton has left Mr Parsons she went on the Sunday to see Jenny & was to return on Monday morning, however she was rather poorly so Jenny written to Mr P stating Miss B was poorly &

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declined returning to Yarmouth, I am very sorry for the poor girl, Kate thinks she is perfectly wretched, as Miss B has an idea that her "sweetheart" (who she is exceedingly fond of) is deceiving her. Miss Elderton is living only a few doors from Kate, she went last Monday they have been out for a walk together once. SA had a letter from Miss Gellatly a day or two ago she is quite well & the letter was rather seriously written, she desired her love to Edwin. There was also one from Henry this morning to SA the wedding is to take place on the 23rd instant he is giving his opinion of the Elmdon business. SA & I were up at ½ past 5 raking the garden paths we were both very tired when we went to bed, we have been about as usual in the shop, George is rather snuffy.

May 8th I have been to Church twice. Mr Hoskin came in just as we were at tea to see Mr Maynard about the burying of a Whittlesford woman who died in Linton Union yesterday. Mr & Mrs Smith from Burwell came in to see us before tea, they wanted to see SA but I think she had gone up the Duxford road for a walk, so they talked of coming in again, they both look remarkably well. Joseph Gentle has a new suit of clothes, he hardly knows how to walk, I suppose its because he feels grand (boy-like) he says it is reported that Mr Mortlock of Orwell has lost in the two years he has been in business £200 or £300, the business is let to a Mr Russell who takes possession next Thursday. Edwin & Harriet went for a walk with

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some of their down street cousins.

9th I have been sweeping the keeping-room chimney & taking the stove down in the shop, and a very dirty job it was too. Went to the Railway station to see Mr Arnold the master. Mrs Maynard has been to see her father he is better than he was yesterday. Mrs R Maynard her two eldest daughters & Miss Pleasance came in this evening Miss Jay & little Lizzie White too. George is still very "Mumpy" & quite offended with all the down street folks for their cool behaviour to him & his Bessie, they behave just about the same to them as they do to any one else particularly old acquaintances. Have been writing to my niece Kate Chatterton to congratulate her on her 4th anniversary. Topsy is sitting by my side very sleepy, she is tired, Mrs Peters & her have finished cleaning up for the summer. Harriet went to Duxford this morning. George has finished the Duxford stock accounts to-day, am afraid they have not gained much there this year.

10th Harriet brought Miss Robinson & Miss Holliday from Duxford to the Missionary meeting I have been at home alone this evening, Edwin came about ¼ past 7 O'clock they have had a very interesting meeting & some very good speakers, the collections

amounted to £5-12 which is £2 less than it was last year. there is a Missionary meeting at Barnwell today so Mrs Hoskin was afraid that

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would prevent some of their friends coming to Whfd. George has gone to Duxford with the other folks. Mr T Holliday Jnr came over just in time to go to Church with Mr Maynard, Emma & Helen came in as they came from Church. I received a letter from Louisa, she expects Father to fetch her from Bourn next week (Bourn Feast week) they are all well. She hears Mr Mortlock of Orwell has lost about £300 since he has been in business. she asks me whether she may be one of the bridesmaids at my Wedding, she would very much like to be. I have been writing a few lines of congratulation to her tonight and have given her my consent if its agreeable to other parties, when it takes place, but that I don't expect for some time to come.

May 11th Little Kate Chattertons 4th birthday. Sarah Ann went round with her tracts this morning & to Duxford to fetch Miss Allen & Harriet they came back about ½ past 4 Oclk. George come this morning. Miss Allen, Harriet & SA have been down the street this evening Emma & Miss Pleasance came up here a little before 8 Oclock. There was a letter from Henry yesterday morning, he is very vexed with George & advises his father not to build the proposed rooms, until George seems more decided & satisfied, he will write to George in a few days. I have been busy in the shop and have had two good customers. Miss Jay came up to see Mrs Maynard in the afternoon, Edwin

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and Joseph came up tonight to see Miss Allen.

12th Sister Louisa's birthday. Harriet went to Duxford this morning. Miss Allen & Sarah Ann with her, have gone to Cambridge & Histon I expect they will walk from Camb some time to day to Histon. I shall be glad to see Topsy back again I miss her very much. I hope she will enjoy the change and feel all the better for it.

13th Mr Maynard has been gardening at Duxford. he went out some where this morning at 6 Oclock to see if he could get some Salt for Mr E F Oslar, we have not sufficient to keep his men going until the truck ordered for him arrives. George & I had a walk over to Duxford after supper, Edwin came as far as the hill back with us, the nightingale was singing beautiful, we stood to listen to her for some time. George asked my opinion of Bessie, he seems to think no-one in Whittlesford likes her, and I suppose it is that what makes him so grumpy, it certainly is very unpleasant if he really does think so. he knows Bessie has left with an idea that she has been very coolly treated. George thinks his Mother & Father don't like her.

14th Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge. I received a few lines from dear Mother, she thought I might have had an invitation to Bourn feast tomorrow and have accepted it thinking either father or herself might be there to fetch Louisa, they are neither of them going tomorrow, but if Topsy & I have made up our minds to go she thinks if she were us she would embrace the opportunity for a change, their servant was to go today, and she thinks Father will bring her and Louisa back with him on Thursday. Henry (their

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lad) is going home to Southampton next Friday for a holiday. Father see Uncle Whichello at Godmanchester fair Uncle told Father I was after a business at Orwell, but they did not take much notice of it, as uncle seems quite lost at times. I should fancy something like Mr Maynard Father had some cattle at the fair, had several bids but did not sell, he intends taking them to St Neots fair the 2nd June, Colonel Linton wants the grass grounds father hires of him and now he does not know what to do with the cows &c so is obliged to sell them. He does not know Mother has written to me. We have been about as busy as usual. Topsy has disappointed me in not coming home to-night so her Father assisted in the shop. There was a fight with two drunken fellows outside, which caused quite a disturbance in the street.

May 15th A delightful morning for Bourn feast. I had some thoughts of going to fetch Sarah Ann from Histon, but as I don't know Mrs Allen sufficiently to make so free as to go without being asked I declined it. Mr Maynard says Mr Brimley and Mr Whibley told him, they heard that Alfred Allen's lady was very ill, and that her mother thinks she is in a decline his sister told Sarah Ann Alfred was going to Manuden to see her to-day. Mr Brimley always asks Mr Maynard whether he has heard any thing more of the business at Sawston & so does Mr Whibley, they seem to have a high opinion of that. I have been to Church twice I think Mr Blackwell looks very ill. After tea I went as far as Shelford for a walk. Miss Jay, Miss White & Harriet have been to Duxford Church this evening. I went to meet

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them. George went out this afternoon without saying where he was going while I was out for a walk he came in with Emma, Helen, Miss Pleasance, Mr Bowman the malster & Mr Donohoe, he says he went to Duxford Church expecting to hear Mr Markby but the poor old gentleman is too ill to preach I don't know what is the cause of his illness the curate from Walden was officiating for him. George had his tea with Mr Donohoe at Miss Robinsons. George and the young ladies went back with Mr B & Mr D until they met Harriet, there was a nice tribe of us coming back, we had a gossip at Mr Sheppeards gate. Old Mr Smith came to dinner and tea, his sight is very bad I don't know who went home with him. Miss Topsy has not returned yet, I have missed her very much today, I hope she is enjoying herself. Harriet is staying here tonight.

16th I was very pleased to see Ha Sarah Anne come home this morning, she has enjoyed herself very much, Alfred has altered his wedding day to Tuesday his sister wishes him to be father at her wedding, Harriet returned to Duxford this morning.

17th Have been busy in the shop. George is still very mumpy. S Ann was up this morning as early as ½ past 6 O'clock to wash. Henry is expected either Thursday or Friday. It has been a very wet day, a nice rain has been wanting for some time past. our pump was nearly dry we were obliged to draw the water with a rope and pail one day it was so very low.

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May 18th Have been to Triplow & Newton with the goods the rain has made it rather chilly. Harriet came up after tea and is staying all night. Poor George has been telling his Mother of his (imaginary) troubles. he does not have sufficient responsibility of the business upon himself he says, his Father does things he expected he was to do, his mother tells him, his father does it because he does not push himself forward to do it. George did not have any supper with us, but after the mother & father had gone to bed he fancied some arrowroot so Topsy made him some & some port wine in it, he felt sinking after going almost without food all day and now thinks he has every simtoms (*sic*) of a person in consumption.

19th Drove Harriet to Duxford in the pony cart, have been to Sawston on the pony, it has been finer to-day Mrs Maynard dried all the close (*sic*) in the garden that were washed on Tuesday. George has gone to Duxford to tea expecting to meet Miss M A Burleigh & her brother Charles there, SA & I went up the Duxfd Road after supper thinking we might meet him, he did not come I received a Newspaper from Kate this morning, this afternoon there was a letter from George directed to Messrs Hall & Ilott drapers Norwich & another to his Bessie, there is an advertisement cut out of my paper which makes me think it is their advertisement & George has answered it for Bessie I have not had the opportunity to look over the paper so cannot say whether it was theirs. I don't think Jenny & Wm

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would like to have George's "sweetheart" to live with them I don't suppose George would like for her to go there if he knew who they are related to. Topsy has the rheumatism in her hip. It is 3 years today since poor little Emily Maynard died.

20th George came from Duxford this morning, he went down to the station with Harriet & saw her off to Histon & rather expected to meet Henry there but he did not come until the 6 O'clock, the boy went down with the pony & gig to meet the 5 O'clock train, it has been very showery, Mrs Maynards clothes were hanging in the garden to air, they were caught

in one of the showers and are there still ready to be dried & mangled again. Messrs Hall & Ilott advertised for a young lady as assistant & also for an improver George answered the latter for Bessie not knowing the parties to whom he was writing. Henry is going to Cambridge tomorrow, Edwin came over about 9 O'clock & they have had a long consultation about business affairs, but I don't suppose any thing is finally settled.

21st Henry rode to Cambridge with his father. George went to Histon by the train & returned with Henry this evening. I suppose Henry has been to order the carriages for Monday. George took the wedding cake with him. As I was alone this morning of course I was busy. there has been some performance of some kind next door which drove our customers

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rather later to the shop. I did not feel very well this morning, but am better now. Harriet & Miss Allen met Henry in Cambridge.

May 22 George received Hall & Ilotts reply, they had engaged with a young lady previous to receiving his letter, or they would have been happy to have treated with Bessie. They are now planning for the new rooms which I suppose they have decided to build for George, where the old loft now stands. Alfred Allen is expected over today. Henry & his father went to the station to meet him but were too early so came without him, then George went & meet him just out of Whittlesford, just as we came from Church this afternoon George & Mr A were starting to go by train to Histon, Henry & Edwin went part the way to the station with them. After tea Henry & some of the others with him went to see their grandfather, the poor old gentleman had another attack of his shaking fits this morning which prevented him coming up to dinner. I went to Duxford for a walk & looked round the old house & garden, they are very pleasant. Topsy preferred staying at home alone, when I came back Mr R Maynard & his three daughters were here, they sung a hymn or two & left, they heard from Walter in Australia (Wellington) yesterday, he likes the country very much & was never better in his life, he wishes to be a farmer, this is all I heard about him except that he has had the Sand blight in his eyes caused by the brightness of the sun, he has been gone about 2 years. he saw Richard Allen whom he went with

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about the time he was writing his letter, they live about 100 miles from each other.

May 3th (*sic*) Henrys wedding day, Sarah Ann was up this morning about 4 O'clock to get the breakfast ready before they started for Histon. Mr & Mrs Maynard & Henry left here in the Sociable (Mr RM's) & a boy name Runham (Mrs T Pilgrims grandson) about ¼ to 7 O'clk poor Topsy did not like to see her brother leave her I wish them both, much

joy & happiness & every success. I started to Langley about ¼ past 7 & have thought a good deal about the wedding folks. I told Mr Monk of it when I came back, he seemed glad to hear it & said he would have a pipe over it, so he took it up at once & began to puff away at it. then another man came in to join him. Miss Monk has a bad cold. I had a little boy with me to hold the pony, because Ames was wanted at home. I got back to Whfd just as they drove in from Histon Mr Mrs M & Harriet it has been a beautiful day for them, they were married about 10 O'clock, they went to church @ ½ past 9 in two carriages but had to wait for the parson or more properly speaking the clergyman. Harriet says they got through it well. George was nearly being married instead of Henry, the clergyman asked him his name, he said Maynard so of course he thought it all right. the bride & bridegroom & the bridegroom that is to be tomorrow (Mr Allen) left Histon for London, to take train from Cambridge about 12 or 1 O'clock after they had done breakfast, when Mrs H N Maynard returned

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from church she went up stairs to have a cry, Harriet dressed her for the occasion & says she looked very nice. there was two other ladies present besides Mrs Allen, Mr & Mrs Maynard, George, Harriet & Mr Allen. I think Harriet says there was only one young lady & a little sister in the church to see them married every thing appeared perfectly quiet when they went to church but when coming back every (*sic*) seemed to be looking out their doors & windows. it was done so very quiet. I have had a glass of wine & a piece of Wedding Cake with Harriet & Sarah Ann after the others had gone to bed. SA has been busy in the shop. Joseph came up to assist he has a sore throat.

May 24th I suppose Mr Alfred Allen was married today at the chapel (I think Stanstead) his lady's name is or was Bentle of Manuden her father a farmer & dealer if he is not dead, Sarah Ann seems quite put out because he is married at the chapel, thinks it is very mean. I have been busy in the shop so has Topsy and her back aches to night Joseph has gone to Duxford for the pleasure of walking over her (*sic*) before breakfast. I asked Mr Maynard for some money, he says he will settle with me tomorrow. The down street ladies (Mr RM's daughters) are quite offended, or pretend to be so, about Henry's wedding perhaps it's because they were not invited. Mrs Maynard says Sarah Ann is as snuffy about it as the down street folks. I know it is not so, SA said something that did not quite please her Mother which made her say something displeasing in return. Old Mr Smith is a little better this evening. Mrs M has been to see him & to leave some of the wedding cards at different places.

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Harriet went to Duxford this morning, she went to see her grandfather first & to take some wedding cake for him. It is 3 years today since little Emily Maynard was buried. 25th It is 6 years today since Polly was married to Mr Chatterton. We received Mr Alfred U Allens wedding cards. I see the lady's name was Clara Bentall (& not Bentle) I wish

them joy and happiness. Have been busy with the Langley orders, I made the bills out, as George is at Histon. Sarah Ann talks of going to London on Friday next. Mr Maynard settled with me this morning Annie, Emma & Helen called in this evening they have been to Duxford & brought an order from Edwin.

26th Joseph took the goods to Langley & stayed at Duxford as they came back. Mr Maynard thought SA had better go to London on Friday so SA & I were busy looking over the stock. we did not leave the shop until ½ past nine.

27th Mr Maynard went to hoe the potatoes at Duxford they are very much concerned at finding the shop door standing wide open when they came down in the morning, they are all so very positive it was fastened over night, they were more particular than usual. Edwin & Harriet both had the nightmare Harriet dreamed she heard people going past with a maniac. I should think some of them came down in their sleep. Edwin also dreamed he heard a blundering noise. I drove Sarah Ann to the station to go by the 7 O'clock train to London. Mr John Shead was there he was going to Chelmsford. his mother drove him to the station. SA and I met her coming back.

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at dinner time or just after we were alarmed at hearing Mr Sheads Cart shed was on fire, fortunately it was extinguished before it got much hold, some man saw it first, coming past with a horse & cart, they were very short of water, but the neighbours sent what they could, had it gained the upper hand no doubt there would have been a deal of property destroyed there being several thatched houses close by. it was caused by firing a gun the paper was blown on to the thatch which was very dry as the sun was very bright young Tom Twinn fired the gun. Sarah Ann come from London by the 6 ½ O'clock train she was very tired & had no dinner.

May 28th I written to Mrs Ilott this morning before 7 Oclk Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge and brought some gooseberries home for tomorrows pudding. Mr Smith Senr has not been very well this week. I received a letter from Sarah and the one enclosed that Mr George wrote to Jenny or to Messrs Hall & Ilott. Sarah says they are in want of two young ladies & want to know whether I think this young lady George writes for would suit them. I advised them not to say any-thing about it perhaps it would not be pleasant & I don't think she would (Bessie) suit them. I told Sarah who she is and what experience Bessie has had, as far as I was able. We have been busy in the shop. Sarah Ann had no dinner, she has the back & head ache so went to bed in the morning, has been in the shop tonight, she is very tired & poorly, we both had a glass of gin and water to bed with us, I did not get out of the shop until

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a few minutes after 11 O'clock. Mr & Mrs M went to bed before I came in. I was very tired.

29th Sarah Ann is no better this morning, we were down rather later than usual. Edwin thinks it was Harriet that opened the shop door, she says she felt as though she must get up & see the maniac pass (as she dreamed). Joseph Gentle is such a queer boy I thought possibly it was him. I have been to church once. Sarah Ann did not go to school because her head aches very much. Miss Elizabeth Jay came this morning & intended to walk back to Cambridge, but there is thunder storms about. Harriet, SA & I went a little way up the Duxford road for a walk, it lightened very much & while we were watching it, there was gathering a storm behind us which we did not notice, consequently we had to run, to get home before it came on heavy, the running made Sarah Ann's head much worse. We met Miss S Holiday & her brother they were going to Mr R Maynards, Emma is not very well, which makes her low spirited, but she has been to chapel this evening. Mr Smith Senr has been to dinner & tea Edwin & his mother walked home with him, he seems rather worse I think than he did a fortnight ago. Harriet is staying with Topsy.

30th There was a very heavy thunder-storm last night about 11 or 12 O'clock. Mrs Maynard Harriet & Sarah Ann were awake, but it did not disturb me in the least, the lightening was very vivid when I went to bed. SA is no better I cannot account for it unless it is the heavy & sultry weather, it has

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been thundering nearly all day & tonight it is very foggy. There is a cricket match at Duxford between them & the Balsham. I went to Triplow & Newton for orders instead of George, the tempest was very heavy there, I hear the lightening set fire to a wheat stack at Ildersham (*sic*) Miss Jay came up this evening, also Annie she says Emma is a little better. Harriet went to Duxford in the morning. I received a few lines from Mrs Pollard to thank me for the information respecting Bessie, & want to know whether I know of any one to suite them, they want an apprentice & an assistant for the drapery & fancy department. They are all well.

May 31st I sent a note to Edwin this morning to ask him if he would spare Joseph to come & assist me as I am very busy, he was kind enough to send him about 11 O'clock. We have been busy this evening in the shop, I think we have sold more Drapery the last 2 or 3 weeks. Sarah Ann is much better & been marking the Drapery from London. Mrs Maynard went to see her father after tea. George returned from Histon about 7 O'clock, he has a bad head-ache, Mr and Mrs A U Allen went home to Histon last night, they of course have enjoyed their Wedding tour, they have been to Salisbury & to the Isle of Wight. Mr & Mrs H N Maynard are expected at Crumlin to night. Jane written to her new sister & told her they were firing canons all day on Tuesday in honour of the event

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George thinks Mr Allen takes in an average £30 or £35 per week, he sells a deal of flour & pollards, there was a man & I think George said a boy & some sheep struck by the

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lightening about two miles from Histon. there was a very heavy storm there on Monday afternoon, but we had none of it here. I am very tired

June 1st Mr Smith Senr went to Revd Blackwells lecture with Mrs Maynard then came up here to tea. Mrs M went home with him and for a walk up the Duxford road with Mrs Robt Maynard. Emma Maynard came to the shop in the afternoon, she is better than she was. Miss Jay came in the evening. George makes himself very miserable. Sarah Ann and I went up the Duxford Road for a walk after supper & when we came back, his mother was asking him what made him so. he would not say, but from what he said, she thinks Bessie is the bottom of it all, George thinks she was treated very coolly when she was visiting here. & he says every body is set against him. Topsy & I went to bed, but Topsy went down again, George was stomping & his Mother scolding. Joseph & Ames took the Triplow goods.

2nd We had a thunder storm in the morning after it was over I rode to Sawston for orders. George seems a little more cheerful this evening & has been describing the plan of Mr Allens house & premises to me. Sarah Ann & Miss Jay have been to Sawston church this evening, it being Ascension-day. it is very dull again this evening. Whittlesford tradesmen club feast day, they have not been to church neither has there been any music as they used to have since I have been here. they gave it up last year I think the society could not afford it.

3rd Mr Maynard brewed this morning & went to take some goods to Duxford this afternoon & to hoe Edwins potatoes. Miss Sarah Holiday from Duxford came up for some drapery this morning. SA made her a head-dress & bonnet front Mr Ulph Junr of St Ives was here this morning & says the

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thunder storms have been very heavy in fact unusually so and have done a deal of mischief. I heard a boy at Pampisford was struck down by the lightening yesterday morning. Mrs White had a few things in the shop, then spent an hour or two with Mrs M in the house. Sarah Ann went down the street to see her cousins in the afternoon & I suppose they persuaded her to stay tea & supper, she came home alone and I think not very well pleased with me because I did not go for her I have been very busy all day & was tired but should have gone if she had not come just as she did. George is much more cheerful today & has been talking about the building concern. Mr Maynard asked Mr G Barker whether he had any objection to his building a house by the side of his, where the

Malting used to be, he objects to have one built so near to his. There was a letter from Jane & one from Henry, they, I mean Henry & his wife, arrived at Crumlin either Tuesday or Wednesday night, the workmen were on the lookout for their arrival, so greeted him with several roars of cannons. Mr Maynard sent them a dozen of wine for a wedding present, they have received it safe. Jane will remain with them for a little while.

4th Mr Maynard went to Cambridge. the weather is very close & we have been rather busy in the shop. I written a few lines to Mrs Ilott to know if they sell clothing because I want some. George has an advertisement in both Cambridge Papers for a situation in a drapers shop for Bessie.

5th Have been to church twice. Mr Hoskin preached a very nice sermon in the afternoon. Mr Smith Snr came to dinner & tea. Edwin went home with him.

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George, Harriet, SA & I have been part of the way round the London Road for a walk, we hurried home for fear of a storm as it was thundering. Miss Farnes came to Mr R Maynards yesterday on a visit, I have not seen her yet. Sarah Ann's head aches; & Harriets tooth aches.

6th George & Harriet went to Duxford last night with Edwin & Joseph. Sarah Ann cut my hair for me before breakfast. I received a letter from Mrs Ilott they are all well and very busy, last Saturday week was by far the best day they have had since they have been in business, Jenny thinks it will be 5 or 6 weeks before she has her holiday, the season is rather backward, her husband will fetch her home again. they expect me to spend the first holiday I have with them. they have also written for Joseph Custerson to spend his school holiday at Norwich, Jenny wants Louisa to go there for a few months. I have been very queer all day I suppose it is because I took some medicine this morning, have also a terrible bad cold. have been up the garden with SA to catch snails before supper. George came home this morning & has been part the way to Duxford with Mr Donohoe this evening. Miss Jay went to Cambridge on Saturday & returned this morning. Sister Jenny says Miss Bannister spent the last Sunday week, with them, I am surprised to hear any thing of her again, she lives about 3 miles from them. Jenny thinks she is about to be married, her gent lives in Devonshire a draper has been in business once but did not succeed so well as he expected, so disposed of it & is again an assistant. Miss Bannister is a young lady who lived with sister Polly at Cambridge on the Market hill, she was present at Polly's wedding. I road (*sic*) home to Buckden with her from

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Cambridge in the carriers cart. this is more than 6 years ago & until to-day have not heard any thing of her since she returned from the wedding. Jenny expects Kate & Miss Elderton to spend next Sunday at Norwich.

June 7th Mr Maynard has been to Duxford to take goods & hoe the garden. I received a letter from Louisa she is still at Bourn. Father went on the feast Thursday & told Aunt he intends putting Louisa apprentice to a milliner, I don't see the utility of it myself, I don't think sitting would suit her if she has a taste for it, she may easily gain a knowledge of it, without being apprenticed. I written a few lines to Norwich, requesting Jenny to send me patterns of cloth. Louisa says Edmund & Lydia are going to Portsea on the 10th or 17th of this month by an excursion train, Cousin Edmund seems rather partial to sister Lydia I think, don't know whether there is any thing in it. Revd PCM Hoskin came in this afternoon, so Mr Maynard asked him to sell him a portion of ground intended for the Vicarage or clergyman's house, if the next incumbent feels disposed to build one. Mr Hoskin does not like to do so, as there is only just sufficient ground for a clergymans house & another objection is at some future time if Mr M built a house & was to dispose of it, the party who had it might build something very unpleasant and make things disagreeable with the minister. Mr Hoskin gave £260 for the piece he bought in addition to the piece that was left for a ministers

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house and lets the whole of it at the low rent of £3 per annum. Mrs Maynard has been to Mr Robt Maynards to tea, came home at 9 O'clock. The new National School was begun last Saturday the 4th instant, the ground was being dug ready, Mr Gimson of Saffron Walden is the contractor & thinks of beginning to build next Thursday. his tender I think was between £600 & £700 (the lowest but one) they have been fetching perforated white bricks from the station today. Louisa says they have had thieves at Epping on the 3rd instant. fortunately they were disturbed but she says it is a loss to Mr Pollard, I don't know the particulars.

8th Have been to Cambridge in the pony & gig to do business for myself principally. done a few errands for Mr Maynard. I saw Mrs & Miss Knott from Duxford there just as I was leaving Cambridge. Mrs Maynard has been to the cottage lecture. Sarah Ann & I went for a short walk down the Cambridge road after supper. My cold is better but am tired.

9th Have been very busy all day. Mrs Maynard went to bed just before dinner with her old complaint in her head but got up again after tea. Emma Maynard came up in the afternoon & says Miss Farnes came down for the benefit of her health as much as anything. some of them are going back with her I think when she returns. Edwin Maynard was 22 years old yesterday. Sarah Ann sent him a sponge cake.

10th Part of the feast has arrived and there is a terrible row next door in a booth there is erected. have been busy nearly all day. SA & I talked of walking over to Duxford

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after we came out of the shop, but Mrs Maynard did not seem to approve of it so we have not been George said we could not go any other time, then Mrs Mr said he was affronted,

they both seemed rather snuffy about it so George went out for a walk. I wanted to show Edwin some patterns of trousering which I received from Messrs Hall & Ilott this morning. Mr Winters traveller from Norwich was here today & I thought it would be a good opportunity of having a parcel enclosed it would then be only half the expense for carriage.

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at Abergavenny, she seemed quite in the way at Crumlin she thought. Sarah Ann written to her this afternoon also to Mrs H N Maynard, but I don't know what she said to them.

12th There was a letter from Fred to George he says they have received an order for 1000 Tons of Bridges (Spanish I think) which makes them very busy & is afraid it will deprive

him of his visit to Whittlesford this summer. Mr Wilson is in London on pleasure & business combined. I was very tired when I got up this morning. I have a cold. Have been to church twice & took sacrament in the morning with Mr & Mrs Maynard, Harriet SA & Edwin. Miss Jay came to tea & went for a walk up the Duxford road in the evening with Harriet, SA & myself. coming back we met George, Edwin, Annie, Emma, Helen & Miss Farnes & Joseph Gentle, so we went back with them as far as the hand-post then came home, George and Edwin went down the street with the young ladies. Harriet is staying all night with SA. they both have got the head-ache. Revd Blackwell preached at Duxford this evening.

13th Sarah Ann went part of the way to Duxford with Harriet before breakfast her mother was rather vexed with her because she did not say she was going but it was only $\frac{1}{4}$ past 7 when she came back, there has been a tremendous row in the house. Mr Maynard said the cabbage was not cooked enough at dinner time, Mrs Maynard then put herself in a great passion & called Mr M a brute & many names worse than that even & because SA did not sit in the room with her to listen to her, she was quite offended with her and very much abused her and wished she was out of her sight for she hated her. I am very sorry Mrs M does not control her temper more than she does for I believe it only wants the inclination & then she could to a great extent. George rode to Triplow & Newton and was gone 6 hours.

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June 14th The feast all cleared away this morning. Sarah Ann was up about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 to wash. I had breakfast with them before we opened shop. Mrs Maynard seems rather better tempered, but appears to want to quarrel with Sarah Ann. After they had finished washing SA went to Duxford feast to tea, have been to fetch her home since we closed the shop. when I got there, who should be there but Miss Jay, she went to tea, I had supper there and we got home about $\frac{1}{4}$ past 11 we went home with Miss Jay. Edwin came as far as the hill with us. Harriets cold does not seem much better. George went to bed just before 9 O'clock he is not very well, has a pain across his body.

15th George is a little better, I think it is indigestion. Joseph Gentle came up this morning to deliver the Triplow & Newton goods. There was a letter from Fred he says Mr Wilson has gone into Lincolnshire. There is Mrs Maynard in her horrible temper again, she has been abusing Sarah Ann again, her behaviour to SA would make any one think she was entirely set against SA. she trys (*sic*) all she can to make her miserable and says all manner of disagreeable things to aggravate her, tells her father she never does a stitch of needlework for any body but herself & says she knows SA is acting the hypocrite with her father, this is because SA will not find fault with her father or say the same as her mother does about him: I'm sure it makes herself and every one in the house miserable.

16th Mrs Maynard did not seem much better in the morning she has been to Duxford to dinner & tea Mr Maynard & Mr Smith Senr went with her in the sociable, when she came home

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she said her head had been very bad all day, she soon went to bed. I have been to Sawston for orders & called upon Dr Prince³⁸ to know what is the matter with my hear as I have partly lost the hearing ever since my throat was sore about 4 months ago. he says it is ulcerated & the drum of the hear (*sic*) has sunk very low down into the head, I am to have a mustard plaister at the back of my ear, every other night or day and if that does not do it any good I'm to go to him again. have had a plaister on tonight. George is a little better. Sarah Ann has been busy in the gardens. I received a few lines from Mrs Ilott with some patterns of cloth. She says Louisa talks of going home in a fortnight. Cousin Edmund & Lydia went to Portsea last Friday the 10th. Mr R Maynards sawyer (Prime) has been stealing 5 pieces of boards from Mr M's. 3 of the boards are 8 feet long & two other pieces, all of which he sold to Mark Runham³⁹ Junr he says he did not know what he was to give Prime for them, but has given him 1/6 on a/c. I don't know whether their tales will agree or not, the police took Prime to Linton in Mr R Maynards gig.

17th There was a letter from Henry, he says since he has been married they have been the happiest days of his life. Sarah Ann & George have been busy gardening. Misses Annie, Emma & Helen Maynard & Miss Farnes came to tea, Harriet came from Duxford after tea & Edwin about ½ past 8 (PM) after supper Sarah Ann, Edwin & I went home with them, we called for Harriet as we came back, then SA & I went part the way to Duxfd with them. George has been to Mr Oslar's this afternoon. I think to make a plan or sketch for additional rooms which they propose making. Mr M has been hoeing thistles in the park close. Lucy Jay has come.

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June 18th Mr Maynard went to Camb. Mr Oslars farm yard at Duxford was on fire the servant girl threw some hot cinders into the yard, fortunately they extinguished it before it reached the buildings, Edwin was over with a pail of water nearly first & turned the horses out into the street. After this was over Ogal the groom & gardener went out with Mr John Oslars horse & threw it down & broke both knees. Mr Oslar valued the horse very much. none of the family were at home at the time. I am mistaken about the Runham that received the stolen boards it is John⁴⁰ (that pays his addresses to Judith Peters) & not Mark. We have been busy in the shop, the customers came very late, it was 11 O'clock before I got out. I then had a mustard plaister behind my ear.

³⁸ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/sawston/high-street-sawston/>

³⁹ In the 1861 census there is a Mark Runham b Whittlesford aged 23 who is a police constable living in Middlesex

⁴⁰ <https://capturingcambridge.org/museum-of-cambridge/museum-exhibit-stories/whittlesford-scrapbook/>

19th I went to church twice. Revd Hoskin was away from home. Miss Farnes, Emma & Helen come in, in the evening Harriet & Edwin went for a walk with them. Mr Smith Senr was very ill yesterday they sent over for Dr Prince twice before he came. Miss Lucy Jay came in last evening. Harriet stayed all night with Topsy.

20th SA went with me to Langley unfortunately it rained nearly all the afternoon but we did not get wet we had a short gossip at Charles Monks as we came back Mrs Stock was there she looks very ill. we got home about 9 O'clock & I had a mustard plaister behind my ear, they don't seem to do me any good. Joseph came up in the morning.

21st We have been busy with the Langley orders. Little Mary

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Smith came to tea with Sarah Ann. Mr Smith Senr is a little better. Sarah Ann has been to see him & think he will not get up again. Mr M has been hay making in the park I received the cloth from Norwich. Mary & Lucy Jay called in to see SA. Adah fetched her little sister Polly. this is the shortest day.

22nd The Miss Maynards down the street sent an invitation for George SA & I to meet Harriet & Edwin from Duxford to their house to tea. SA went to tea. I went after we left the shop, we had supper there & a terrible chattering noise with it, after supper we had a sing or two at the piano & came home, Harriet stayed all night with SA. Edwin came as we were at supper I went home to Duxford with him & came back next morning we were up at ½ past 5 Edwin came as far as the hill with me, we gathered wild roses & sweetbrier.

23rd Harriet was about starting to Duxford just as I came home. Joseph Gentle has been to Langley with the goods. the Farmers are very busy in the hay fields, many of them have carted some. I written to Mr Ilott on the 22nd & expect to have an answer in a few days. I received a Newspaper from sister Kate this morning. George has been getting his orders for London. SA went to take her Grandfather some dinner he is about the same, doesn't get any better. We had Green peas & New potatoes for the first time this year, Green peas we have had before.

24th Midsummer fair. Mr Maynard has been to buy the Ely earthenware but could not get so much as he wanted. George went to London. Mr Gimson's horses run away

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from the Railway station partly loaded with bricks for the new school he is building, they came past the shop, fortunately no mischief was done.

June 25th Mr Smith Senr is not quite so well he is scarcely sensible. I don't suppose he will be alive much longer and I fancy he will go off suddenly. Mrs Maynard went down to see him this evening. George came home by the 6 O'clock train I did not expect he would be home quite so soon, as he said just before he went that very likely he should not

be at home before Sunday morning, we expected he was going to Hertford to see his Bessie. We have been about as usual in the shop. the mustard plaisters don't seem to do my earing (*sic*) any good, I feel the effects most on the skin or outwardly. it makes the back part of the ear very tender.

26th Mr Richard Sheldrick fell in a fit just opposite our gates, a little after 7 O'clock this morning, he came to the Meeting next door but was too soon & could not get in the little gate at the passage, I suppose he started to walk up the road past ??Cottages??, one of his dogs barked at Mr S & while he stood looking at the dogs he fell suddenly, Rickard & another man or two saw him lying, & Mrs Thompson saw him fall. Mr Maynard was getting up & saw him lying there, but did not know who he was, but came down & went to the gates. Mrs M & Sarah Ann too, I saw SA with a bowl of water going towards the gates, and wondering what was the matter I followed her & when I got there the men had got him into an arm chair, Mrs Sheldrick was there & the men carried him home, the sight had such an

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effect upon Mr M he could scarcely eat any breakfast it proves what helpless beings we are, when God afflicts us, he changes our vile bodies in the twinkle of an eye in a moment of time we pass from this world to eternity we flourish as it were for a day & then we are gone. each attack is a fresh warning to him, & should it please God to take him in one of these fits, I hope he will be found an acceptable (*sic*) servant, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of heaven. There was a letter from Jane, I heard Sarah Ann say, she talked of coming home in about 6 weeks. Have been to church twice. Mr Blackwell was not here this morning. SA Harriet & their Mother have been to see Mr Smith Senr he is about the same. Mrs Hoskin has also called upon him, some of them have been to look at the new school building, I was left at home, house keeper. I think the two Miss Jays came in I did not see them but SA thought she saw them going up the garden. Harriet is staying all night with Topsy. Mr R Sheldrick has been to Chapel this evening.

27th Sister Sarah's birthday. SA Harriet & their mother have been making Doe nuts – the stocktaking & house cleaning treat we are to have a bottle of wine with them. Sarah Ann went home with Harriet before dinner, since I came out of the shop I have been to fetch her, it began to rain just as we were coming in, George had been up the Duxfd road to meet us. I met the down street ladies against the ??Manurey?? they have been to Mr Jacksons to tea, there has been a cricket match at Duxford between them and the Royston the latter beat the

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Duxford by about 40 runs. Edwin has been on the ground but did not play in the match. Mrs Maynard has been to see her father, he seems a little better. George rode to Triplow & Newton, to-day is Newton Feast.

June 28th I had a letter from Mr Ilott yesterday, he advises me to have my holiday at once and not hazard being done out of it through waiting for Jenny's visit, if all's well she will come 3 Weeks to day, and will be away from home about 3 weeks. Joe Custerson (William's brother in law) is expected there the week before Jenny goes out. Excursion tickets are issued at Camb for Norwich every week available for the following Tuesday week for 7/- I hope I shall be able to go. I have this day written to the Revd Wilks of Elmdon, asking for the favour of an offer of the premises Miss Brand now has I like the outside appearance of the shop & house & it is the best shop in Elmdon. We finished the Triplow orders before Joseph Gentle came. This evening we have had the cleaning & stock taking treat, Joseph began to sing the months but could not finish, so to oblige us he went into the Kitchen to imitate the nightingale but it was not exactly like the birds beautiful shrill notes: since all this have had a mustard plaister behind my ear. Sarah Ann went down to see her grandfather this morning, her mother went in the afternoon he is about the same, this evening she went to see Mrs Shead she has got over her temper a little, she was scolding Mr M in the morning so George told her, she was

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like his Grandmother Smith, she has been affronted nearly ever since, not only with him but all in the house. George has been marking the goods from London. Mr R Maynard's have company. no doubt it is a very grand affair, I wonder how the company will get home to Duxford it is raining.

29th Mrs Maynard had a letter from her new daughter Mrs H N Maynard. Henry has been to Limerick (*sic*) & was in London when she wrote. Joseph has been to take the goods to Triplow & Newton. Miss Sarah Holiday came up this afternoon for shop things and said they got wet coming home last night. I have asked Mr M to let me go to Norwich on Saturday, I think he will, if George is agreeable. Joseph has gone to Duxford. Mr Smith Senr is not quite so well he is much weaker. Mrs Edward Smith went out for a walk with Mrs M & came in with her when they came back. Sarah Ann cut my hair before breakfast.

30th Have been my Sawston rounds for orders Edward Brand is at Home for a holiday but I did not see him he came over here on the 28th. I called at Dr Prince's about my ear, he gave me a lotion to syringe it with every night & morning. I asked him the cause of it. he says there has been inflammation brought on by a cold in the ear but he thinks it will come all right again the sore throat was not the cause of it, as I supposed. Sarah & the two Miss Jays have gone to Duxford. Lucy & SA will stay all night & go to Hinxton tomorrow, Lucy is going to be confirmed, Mary I think will return tonight.

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Mrs Maynard has been to see her father he is no better, and I should think gradually getting worse. I have been writing a few lines home, to Mr Ilot & sister Kate to tell them of my anticipated visit, I mentioned it to George to-day and he says they must do as well as they can in my absence.

July 1st Mr Maynard has had a very bad head-ache all-day he went to bed after dinner until tea nearly tea time, it was a little easier afterwards. Revd PCM Hoskin called in to see them this afternoon. Adah Smith came down to fetch Mrs Maynard to see Mr Smith Senr as he was suddenly took worse & could not speak. Mrs M went down again after tea, they can only now and then understand what he says she does not think he will be alive but a very little longer. Charles Nunn & young Matthews had their trial to-day for stealing wheat the former was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment & the latter to 12 months. Prime the sawyer for stealing boards from Mr R Maynards to 18 months & 1 month solitary confinement. Mr Jay was one of the witnesses, Louisa Peters her brother and 4 or 5 others have been to Hinxtton to be confirmed. Miss Headly & Miss Lucy Jay too Sarah Ann went with Lucy & Joseph Gentle from Duxford. Sarah Ann came home after tea & went down to see her Grandfather he knew her & asked how her father was Edwin came home with Lucy Jay he talked of going to see his Grandfather but thought it was too late. SA syringed my ear with the lotion Dr Prince gave me.

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2nd Mr Smith Senr was no better when I left. Mrs Richard Sheldrick road (*sic*) to Cambridge with the boy & me, I finished Mr Maynards business about 12 O'clock gave the boy his luncheon and started him home with the butter &c. just as I was starting to go to the station I met uncle Whichello, he is very lame and Aunt is not very well. I left Cambridge for Norwich abt 3 O'clock, the scenery in some places was very pretty there appears to be a great deal of uncultivated land I saw several acres if not miles of land covered with ??fernes?? & low shrubs the grass appears to be scorched up with the, sun in places the people seem very busy haymaking. The train did not stop more than 4 or 5 times all the way, we came much quicker than I expected, arrived at Norwich about 6 Oclk. Mr Ilott was at the station to meet me, we met Miss Florence & the nurse coming to meet us. Mr Ilott took me round the castle where we had a tolerable good view of the city, the convicts were in the cells underneath us, the castle stands on a hill nearly in the centre of the city. When we came in Jenny had the tea waiting for us after tea Mr Hall took me for a walk into the city, and shown me the new Chapel his Father was the instigator of. We also went into the Free Library, it is a large building and open to any one who thinks proper to go & see the Newspapers or any book. I suppose it is supported by the trades-people of the city. when we got back Mr Ilott & I went for another walk so altogether I enjoyed the day. They do not close the shop on Saturdays until 11 or 12 O'clock. I was introduced

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to Mr Robt Hall a Midship-man, he has just returned from Sydney in Australia, he likes it very much and hopes to go again very shortly. Mr Henry Hall another Brother ??or/&?? Grocer also called in.

July 3rd Mr & Mrs Ilott Kate & I went to chapel (Mr Hall went to the Station to meet Kate by the 10 O'clock train) they had a very strange preacher, I did not much admire his style of preaching, he got very much excited towards the close of the sermon. Mr & Mrs Ilott & I went for a walk before dinner, left Kate at home with Mr Hall & his brother Robt after dinner we had a sleep then Mr Ilott and I started to St Andrews Hall to hear a lecture but it so happened there was none that afternoon so we went to the Cathedral, it is a magnificent & very massive building, there was service in one part, we were late so did not get to hear it so walked about in the cloisters and had a nice view of the building. the coloured window I cannot describe as I should like to, but it is very splendid some gentleman the name (I think) of Petre who had a great deal to do with the cathedral was very much respected by all denominations of the city & by all classes the inhabitants therefore made a subscription to present to him, he would not accept of the present in money so this window was presented to him and placed in the cathedral the cost of which was several hundred Pounds we heard the Organ play & the chanting or singing this was also very Grand. the power of the organ vibrated my hat as I held it in my hand every thing appeared so solemn & Grand that I could hardly help shedding a tear.

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Mr Ilott has promised to take me to the weekday service before I go. They spare no expense in procuring the best singers that are to be had. I was highly delighted with this visit, from there we took a long walk by the side of the river and home again to tea. Mr Robt Hall came to tea Mr Wm Hall went to his Fathers to dinner to meet a party but of course came to tea with Kate. he seems very pleased to think his Friends have asked Kate to meet them at their lodgings in Yarmouth this day week. His Mother told him his cousins and relations had said more against Kate than they believe is true and they will be glad to see her next Sunday, they understand Kate is very regular at Chapel & they don't like to keep Mr Hall from a place of worship on a Sunday by going to Yarmouth, he is not to buy second-hand furniture, but is to furnish so that they can visit him. Mr Hall & I were going to see Kate to the station and meet Wm & Jenny coming from Chapel. Robt Hall came to us at the station I written home to Topsy.

4th Mr Ilott and I went by an excursion train to Lowestoft we arrived there about 11 O'clock, we both had a bathe in the sea and very much enjoyed it too, it is 7 or 8 years since I had that pleasure before. we amused ourselves with Mr Halls telescope for some time then walked a short distance up the beach & had our dinners off a rhubarb tart which

Jenny made, then went to a small village on the cliffs (*sic*) a little further along the beach & had a glass of porter each and a cigar came down again onto the beach, Wm had a sleep for an hour, I had a doze and amused myself with

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the Telescope then we both had a walk through Lowestoft town, at the further end of which are some downs where we had a nice view of the sea and could see for miles round, we returned by the back part of the town where the fishermen live, there is some acres of green where they spread their nets to dry, from there we went to the fish-Pier where all the Fish are landed they were very busy counting packing & loading herrings for London Billingsgate Market, they are sold by auction, the auctioneer (*sic*) has an office on the Pier and so soon as there is a parcel of fish for sale he comes out with his bell & the fish are sold of course to the highest bidder, I saw a lot of herrings sold for 8/8 per 100. after we left there we went some distance up into the town and had some beef patties & lemonade then came back on to the new passenger pier we had to pay 1d each before we were allowed to go on this 1d was for a day ticket. we went from the end of the pier for a sale (*sic*) about 3 miles on the sea and saw a fishing smack or boat wrecked, we were about 1 mile from it, there were other boats near it so we did not go, it struck on a former wreck, the men had time to escape & to get part of the goods away before she went down, it is very strange but all the seamen knew what was the matter with her before she went down, I could not see that any thing was amiss at first, except that she had only one sale, and the seamen on shore could see and tell what was the matter with her, I suppose it

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is because they are so much accustomed to it. we arrived back to Norwich about 9 O'clock. I received a note from Topsy with a letter enclosed from Father, I ought to have had it on Saturday morning before I left Whittlesford but it was missent to London, it was an invitation to Buckden feast next Monday, they had not then received my letter, but of course they know now where I am. SA says her Grandfather is about the same. they managed very well without me Saturday night. Harriet directed the letter and sent her love to me and hoped I should enjoy my visit.

July 5th Mr Ilott & I have been about 8 miles up the river in a sailing or oared boat fishing with Messrs Henry & Robert Hall we started about ½ past 9 O'clock (AM) and did not reach the place until ½ past 12, there was but very little wind so we could not sail far. Mr Ilott caught 5 fishes & Mr H Hall only one we other two did not catch any, after dinner Robt & I landed on some Hay and went to sleep for about an hour, we started homeward about 6 O'clock, we stopped at Withingham (a villiage (*sic*) about 2 ½ miles from Norwich) for about ½ and hour and I am sorry we did not spend the day there, there was a great deal of company there with boats, it is a very rural and pretty spot which very

much reminded me of the Isle of Wight the scenery is very romantic and a nice resort for a days recreation, there is a cave although not large is very pretty I went part the way into it, I dare not venture to the end for fear of the water if there should happen to be any. I saw Mr C

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Winters traveller there. on our way from the fishing place we passed I should think 2 or 3 hundred people at a Gispsey party in a very pleasant and retired spot they had two barges besides several small boats I know Topsy would have enjoyed the change. we had a capital view of Thorpe asylum as we came from Withingham up the river. arrived home about ½ past 9 (PM) and enjoyed the days pleasure, although the sun was very scorching.

July 6th I received a long letter from dear Topsy she says her grandfather has not taken any thing to eat or drink since I left and appears quite unconscious of all around him, his eyes are closed but is unable to close his mouth poor old gentleman I think he will not be alive if I am spared to reach Whittlesford again. I intended writing to her tonight but have been prevented, I spent this morning in writing in my journal after dinner. Mr Hall and I went to his father's house on the Ipswich road, the family having gone to Yarmouth for a week, I had a cigar in the summer house, after we had been there for about an hour we went round the garden and gathered strawberries and a bunch of roses for dear Jenny. I went into one room in the house the others were locked up, it is a very pretty garden. After tea Jenny and I went up the Muscle or Mussel hills and had a capital view of Norwich and witnessed a beautiful sunset I should imagine it is

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similar to the welch (*sic*) scenery perhaps not altogether so grand, we saw the extent of the City, the Castle and Cathedral were very prominent buildings. I gathered two or three pieces of heath such as I don't remember seeing before to send to Topsy, they may be very common in this neighbourhood, Jenny enjoyed the walk as much as myself and I intend taking her out again before I go, the weather permitting We had a beautiful breeze on the hill, which was very refreshing after the closeness of the city, we could see over the barracks and practicing grounds very distinctly there was an old church ruin not a very great distance from us and in all probability we shall go still nearer in our next walk. Mr Ilott is not very well, he has had the "Diorea" very bad nearly all day, which he attributes to the gooseberry tarts we had yesterday on the water. It is very hot tonight and I am writing in my bed room. I think of going to Yarmouth with Mr Hall tomorrow by the excursion train, Kate has written to Mr H to say she is to have the day with us. I hope it will be fine. They had a heavy tempest last Saturday night at Whittlesford which made them rather alarmed. Little Miss Florence Ilott is 10 months old to day. She is a very happy child and I hope she will be a blessing to her dear parents, her Papa is very fond of her.

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July 7th Mr Hall & I started to Yarmouth by the excursion train about 10 O'clock and arrived there about 11, met Robert at the station, Mr Hall Senr & Mrs Hall were at the station with their Pheaton⁴¹ expecting to meet an old gentleman, I don't know whether he came I did not speak to them. We then went to see Kate to appoint a place to meet her, she thought she could come about 1 O'clock so it was agreed that I was to meet her on the New Pier at that time and we two were to have the afternoon together. however I waited until 3 O'clock before she came, Mr Parsons very kindly gave her a months invoices to examine before she came which made her very vexed so she only looked at the easiest and left the remainder: but before Kate came Mr Hall, Robt a friend of his & I had a bathe in the sea. I tried to swim with a little of Roberts assistance and managed to get a mouth full of sea water which was by no means pleasant, but hope it done me good I enjoyed it very much after that happened. we four then went on to the new Brittanica Pier for which we had to pay 1d each, at the entrance to the Pier there stands a modle (sic) of the Yarmouth Roads showing the dangerous parts of the coast, where it is deep or shallow water and I believe it is considered to be a very nice model it appears to be made with sand and perhaps has something mixed with it to make it hard, we amused ourselves on there until about 1 O'clock then I was left alone, to enjoy the rays of a scorching sun and no where convenient for shelter, so I had to contend with it until Kate came, I had some ham sandwiges (*sic*) (which Jenny gave me) on the Pier.

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it is a nice Pier has been built about 12 months, it projects I should think about 200 yards into the sea. Mr Hall left his Telescope with me so I amused myself with it until Kate came, we both then had a walk on the beach as far as the old jetty, we did not go on it neither on the old Pier consequently did not see the fishing trade I not knowing where it was, but Mr Ilott says I ought to have gone there. We then had a sail, two ladies and a gentleman in the same boat. they took us round the head of the new Pier, and we heard the Malitia (*sic*) band which was then playing on the Pier, the music sounded very nice on the Water after we landed Kate and I walked up the beach and met Mr & Mrs Hall in the Pheaton, but of course we did not wish to know them. poor Kate seems to dread the day she is to meet them and I expect it will be next Sunday, it makes her feel quite wretched, but I hope they will treat her kindly and I have not the least doubt but what they will. We met Mr W Hall on the new Pier at 6 O'clock according to appointment, then all three of us walked up in to the town and called to see Miss Betsy Elderton, she is well and

⁴¹[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phaeton_\(carriage\)#:~:text=A%20phaeton%20\(also%20pha%C3%A9ton\)%20was,atop%20four%20extravagantly%20large%20wheels](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phaeton_(carriage)#:~:text=A%20phaeton%20(also%20pha%C3%A9ton)%20was,atop%20four%20extravagantly%20large%20wheels)

appears pretty comfortable, her brother Frank is living at Ballards⁴² in Petty Cury Cambridge I think of calling upon him. we then went into the Church yard which Mr Ilott says is the largest in England, it certainly is very extensive and seems to be quite full, the cemetary joind (*sic*) it, time would not allow us to walk over and see it. I saw the grave of a little boy 9 years of age who was unfortunately on the suspension Bridge when it was turned over and so many people drown, some

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celebrated clown passed under the bridge in a tub drawn by geese, the sudden rush of so many people from one side of the bridge to the other (as the geese were passing under) completely turned it over, consequently nearly all that were on were precipitated into the river and this poor little boy was one amongst the dead at the Head of the stone is represented the bridge turning over and the people falling into the water, the tubs & geese passing under I don't exactly remember the year it happened but I think 1842. The church porch is under repairs it is a large building. There is a new suspension bridge not many yards from the spot where the old one was; about 2 or 3 weeks since some wretched (for such she must be) woman of 22 or 23 years of age threw her child (of course it was not very old) over this bridge after she had stripped it quite naked and stunned the child by giving it a severe blow on the head, it was picked up some distance off floating on the water quite dead, it was sent to the union and made as public as possible each policeman having a portrait of the child, and the murderer was soon detected and I believe she is now in Norwich Castle waiting her trial. Some woman went to view the child and said it was hers, and that she believed her husband had drowned it, he did not like the child she said & that he took the child and told her he was going to

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take it to a relations, the policeman where (*sic*) soon at the place, and asked for the child and shown them the child alive and well. I should think he felt annoyed with his wife for this false accusation. I left Kate and Mr Hall at Yarmouth Station about 20 minutes to 8 & arrived at Norwich about nine, and was rather tired after being exposed to a boiling sun, nearly all day on an unshaded beach. –

July 8th I received a letter from dear Topsy informing me of the death of her Grandfather Smith which took place last Tuesday night at 12 O'clock the 5th instant. he is in his 90th year and yet we may call it

“A few short years”

A few short years – and then
Where is the sparkling joy

⁴² <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/petty-cury/25-petty-cury/>

That airy bubbles, upward blown,
And Butterflies and thistledown,
Wake in the laughing boy?
Gone! – like the first faint beams of grey
That wake the slumb'ring world,
When vapouring mists have roll'd away,
And o'er the mountains curl'd

A few short years – and then
Where is the pride of power
That blood, swift and coursing thro' the veins,
And health, and fame, and golden gains
Wake in man's noontide hour?
Gone! – like the shades of sable night
Before the rosy dawn
Gone! – like the blaze of noonday light
At dusky eve's return

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A few short years – and then
Where is the sad presage
That shattered nerves, and hoary hairs
And failing strength and life's long cares
Wake in the breast of age?
Gone! – like the shadowy phantom band
Our midnight dreams have known;
Gone! – like the writing on the sand
Where ocean's waves have flown.

1850 In People's Journal. By Wm Ilott.

And now he has done with this world, I trust he has passed from this world of sin and sorrow, to a home eternal in the Heavens.
In the morning Mrs Ilott & I walked over to Trowse a small village about 1 ½ or 2 miles from here, we passed by the church which looks very ancient, the clock was very much defaced and was undergoing repairs, it is a pretty walk and we both enjoyed it. after dinner Mr Ilott & I went to the Museum, I was very much delighted, there are some very nice, and I do not hesitate to say very valuable specimens of stuffed birds both foreign & british the principle contributor is – Gurney Esq, amongst the many curiosities I say (*sic*) an Egyptian Mummy in reality this was a very curious object and Mr Ilott says he should think it is at least 3 or 4 thousand years old. I could see the teeth very plainly which appeared to be as good as when

the person died, as far as any one can judge, and possibly it will remain as perfect as it is now for years or centuries to come, I could not stay so long as I should like to have done as they close at 5 O'clock. There are some very curious things from China. I think Mr Maynard would be highly amused if he could visit it, & see the Fossils &c. in the evening I had a walk into the market place to try and get a Blk Hat each for Topsy & her sister Chubb, but could not get what I wanted. I stood at the door with baby (Florence) she was highly delighted with an Harmonium some man was playing in the street, she looked so very serious and seemed to pay no attention to any one around her, and then she looked at me and laughed and shook her tiny hands and was then again very intently looking at the instrument the people as they passed by could not help noticing her, and some of them stood and looked at her for some minutes, but the little dear took no notice of them, she did not forget it for some time and wanted to go to the front door to see if it was gone.

July 9th After breakfast I went up into the market to have a look round before the buyers arrived, it was pretty full, but not so many as there is some times I suppose Mr Ilott went out with me a second time and took me round the cattle market they were then coming in the market. when we came back Jenny told us she had, had a letter to say Aunt Whichello of Bourne was not well and would be at Norwich