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by the Parly train today. Mr Ilott and I went to meet her at ¼ past 1 Oclk the train was rather behind but I was very much surprised to see her so very much altered, she has been ill for a fortnight and is very weak and complains of her legs aching, she thinks it is the rheumatism, but she looks very ill, and I fear her time is short, Wm & I walked home, Aunt rode in the Buss. We expect Joe Custerson by the excursion train, I intend going to meet him. Mr Hall came by the express train from Yarmouth this morning and will return tonight I think they are rather slack in the shop. I hope they will manage very well without me at Whfd until Tuesday Topsy says they talk of burying her Grandfather either today or Monday. I received a letter from Edwin Maynard this morning with the pattern of cloth. After tea I followed Mr Ilott to meet his brother Joe I met them just against the castle gates, they came home and I went round the castle walk and took a leisurely view of this great and ancient City, I saw inside the cell where Rush¹ the murderer was buried, he was hung at Norwich (I think) I could only see through a port-hole (I suppose they call it) in the castle wall, about ½ past 7 Oclock Mr I, Joe & I went to the Cemetery about a ¼ of a mile from the city it is a nice walk and when you arrive there it is a nice retired place extending over some 40 acres of land, it is a new place, has

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been open about 3 years, there is a small church one side and that side is consecrated ground, on the other side is a small chapel, the ground not consecrated and in one corner is a very small piece and a Jewish chapel separated from the rest by a brick wall if I remember right. in walking round I had a very pretty view of Norwich it is very pleasant to wander about in the cool of the evening and watch the graves of the unknown and think that we are travelling the same road that thousands and tens of thousands have gone before. "But above all,

Oh! Let us mark the place to which we go;

For where the heart is there will be our home." W. Ilott

While walking round I could not help noticing a lady who was sitting upon a grave stone under the shade of some large trees, she was doubtlessly weeping for some dear departed friend, most probably her father, she seemed to think that all will be over soon and then they would meet again.

"Where it not so what comfort were it now

That Jesus died to rescue me from Hell?

What need for sorrow on his heavenly brow -

For sufferings more than tongue can ever tell?

Look up my soul! While to its final doom

The world rolls on in tumult & in strife;

Thy comfort is that He anon will come

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murders_at_Stanford_Hall

Who is “the resurrection and the life.” Wm Ilott

We returned by another way, and every where seemed indeed very pleasant. When we got home again Mr Hall had gone to Yarmouth. they have not been very busy today in the shop.

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July 10th I received a few lines from dear Topsy, her Grandfather was buried yesterday, she attended the funeral but don't say who else. This morning I went to St Stephens church with Jos. Custerson and the apprentice I think Wm says the parishioners collected £1200 by voluntary contributions to have the church repaired the seats are made with varnished or polished oak they are very comfortable and look very nice & clean it is a fine building, and in it is a nice organ. the Minister read so fast that I could scarcely hear what he said. Mr Ilott, Jenny & Aunt went to the chapel (*sic*) in the afternoon (¼ to 4) Joe and I went to the Cathedral service, there was no sermon, I dare say there was upwards of a thousand people there. the singing was very beautiful and the organ was splendid, it sounded almost like thunder, as they left off playing the building is so massive that the ministers voice is almost lost, I did not see so much of the beauties as I should like to have done. Mr Ilott says after the service I ought to have gone up to the altar, there are some very ancient chairs there formerly used by the Romans, I did not know visitors were allowed to go or I should most decidedly have gone & Joe did not seem to take any interest in it or he would have said we could go, he having been before. there is service in it twice every day I think Wm told me, Topsy would be delighted with a visit here I know. after tea I written home to Topsy Mr & Mrs Ilott, Aunt & cousin Joe went to chapel. When they came home Wm Joe & I had a walk over to Latenham. It is a

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parish belonging to Norwich about 4 miles walk by the way we went round there & back, there is a large worsted dressing factory (Norwich is noted for worsted) we were to (*sic*) late to see the beauties of the distant scenery, but Wm says it is delightful in that part, the road was very pleasant & pretty, we enjoyed it much, Aunt & Jenny went a little way by themselves. Mr Henry Hall was expected there to sleep but suppose Mr Wm Hall made arrangements for him to be away as Jenny's beds were all occupied. my visit was then drawing to a close.

11th Jenny, Aunt, Joe & I went to Yarmouth by the excursion train, it was about 11 O'clock when we arrived there. Mr Robt Hall & a friend of his was there to meet us, his brother Wm was waiting for us on the beach and as Jenny wanted to call on Kate & some where else, Joe & I went with Robt & his friend to Mr Hall to have a bathe. I just called and asked Kate how she was and said I should see her again, there was a Miss Kendle with Mr Hall waiting for us & Jenny. we left her on the entrance to the Britannia Pier² to wait

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Britannia_Pier

for Jenny & Aunt. the tide was coming in & the waves were stronger than on Thursday. Mr H, Joe & I had a machine to ourselves, Joe was timid but ventured in about up to his knees, we others enjoyed it very much & I should like to be able to do it every day, this melting hot weather we then went on to the New Pier & took Jenny & Aunt to Miss Kendle, Mr Hall borrowed a large telescope in Kates name, some gentleman gave her ?? leafe?? to have it when she liked, we each of us had a look at the beauties around us, and while I was looking a transaction took place, which made them all laugh

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Joe could not keep his hat from blowing off, so being destitute of either string or elastic Aunt very coolly took her garter off, and gave him to tie it on with Miss Kendle sewn it to the hat with her embroidery cotton which was a famous substitute We then took aunt to an eating house to have a cup of tea &c for her dinner, Mr Hall had left us, so the rest of us, went on the sand & eat our Ham sandwiches under a boat, Joe preferred going out with the three ladies for a donkey ride while I went towards Gorleston on the beach, Nelsons Column³ is a short distance from Gorleston, the total height of which is 144 feet and to attain the top, I had to ascend a flight of 217 steps and by the time I accomplished that my legs began to ache for further particulars see the “Great Yarmouth Guide” which I purchased of the old man the keeper, who was on board the vessell Lord Nelson fell in, & assisted in putting him in his coffin, he lent me his large Telescope & visitors command a nice view from the top, I was very much pleased with this visit, and when I told Joe he was sorry he did not go with me, when coming back the band was playing on the Wellington Pier⁴, I enjoyed myself more than I did the first visit to Yarmouth, we then walked up into the town, I intended calling upon Kate but did not do so thinking we should come back again, Aunt, Miss Kendle & Jenny went round St Nicholas’ church yard & Joe & I walked down by the side of the Quay, there was not much going on. We

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saw several large vessells. We arrived back to Norwich about ½ past 9 Oclock, Mr Ilott just started to meet us, Aunt of course was more tired than the rest of us. Baby was to have gone with us but the nurse was ill & could not go. Mr Wm Hall was there to sleep that night, he had been out for orders.

July 12th I left Norwich about ¼ past 8 this morning Mr Ilott came to the station with me. I arrived at Cambridge about 11. it was an awful dusty ride & very hot. I had a wash at a water tap at the Station and shook some of the dust off my coat and then walked into

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Britannia_Monument

⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wellington_Pier

Camb, called at Sayles⁵ & bought SA & Harriet a black straw turban hat each and from there I called upon Frank Elderton at Ballards⁶ in Petty Cury, he was well & rather surprised to see me. I met Mr Donohoe going to the races and he told me a party was coming from Whfd to the races, he was to have rode with them, but could not wait for them as Edwin told him they would not start before 2 oclock, I had been to the Blk Bear⁷ to see if they had come, having seen the boy & he told me they were coming & would start abt 11. however I waited until about 2 O'clk they did not come, so I went on the race coarse (*sic*) thinking possibly they might be there, the races were over about 4, I saw a man knocked down by one of the horses that was running the man attempted to cross over two out of the three had passed & I suppose the man thought they had all passed he was a large man, I dare say the fall shook him very much, but he did not appear to be seriously

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injured, there were several Whfd & Duxford people on the ground (Midsummer Common) I then started to the Blk Bear again, two young ladies had been there, so I had some ginger beer & porter mixed and was having the pony put to, to go to the station for my carpet-bag, just as I was about to start I met Harriet & Topsy, I then drove Harriet to Mrs Allens to tea & left here to go home by the train, SA had a little business to do, after all this was done we drove home & arrived at Whfd about ½ past six. I rested myself the rest of the evening.

July 13th Sarah Ann went to Duxford in the afternoon. I went to meet her, met her Lucy Jay & Edwin on the road, George went back to Duxfd with Edwin.

14th Sister Elizabeth Milledges 21 birthday. SA went out with the tracts in the afternoon & then drove the pony & gig to Duxfd for Harriet & Mr Donohoe to go to Chesterford with to see the Burleigh's. SA came home after tea. Edwin drove the pony home about ¼ past 10. Ames was waiting for it, so they walked back to Duxfd together.

15th I rode to Sawston for orders and Mrs Brand told me Mr Parsons would like to dispose of his business if he could get any one to take it. it was very hot but nice and pleasant riding (Thursday).

23rd Having neglected to write much since my return I am sadly behind & cannot remember all that has transpired daily so will relate what I can. 16th Friday: I know it was very hot. 17th Saturday: Mr E F Oslar began reaping no I am mistaken it was Monday 19th. Mr M went to Cambridge, Mr Brimley I suppose did not say

⁵ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/st-andrews-street/12-17-st-andrews-street/>

⁶ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/petty-cury/25-petty-cury/>

⁷ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/market/black-bear-inn/>

any thing about the Sawston business. 18th Sunday, Topsy and I both went to Church twice, Mr Hoskin was not here. Joseph Gentle went with SA & I to the Sunday school in the afternoon to teach, he went last Sunday for the first time in the evening SA & I had just prepared to go to Duxford to see Harriet as she did not come to dinner & tea & as we were about to start she came in so went *(sic)* round the lodge ground & over the meadows to Mr Gellatly's. Miss Lucy Jay came just before we started but we were not polite enough to ask her to go with us. Mrs Smith (late Lois Ann Barker came in before tea & asked SA Edwin & I to go in there in the evening. Topsy told her she thought of going to Harriets at Duxford. SA & I went down the street to see your *(sic)* Grandmother Smith she was as well as usual, Mr RM & Albert were housekeepers with her. John Arnold Junr rode home from Duxford Chapel in their sociable in the morning unwell. Harriet stay allnight but Topsy and her both were glad to get up early in the morning for there was an awful smell of dead rats. Mr Maynard has laid some poison & I suppose this is the effects, they have not been able to sleep in there since. 19th Harriet went home before breakfast, I went to Langley & enjoyed the ride although it was very warm, went to Mr Monks just as they were at tea, so I joined them, he thinks the Miss Brands business is let, when I came back to Duxford, Edwin had gone to a cricket match between the Duxfd & Balsham, Joseph was busy in the shop so I stayed with him until he closed. Harriet & I

had a walk in the garden, it is quite a treat to have a stroll in the old pleasant spot. After supper I walked to Whfd met Mr Donohoe waiting for the cricketers & saw Miss Robinson outside enjoying the beautiful evening. after I got here we had a heavy thunder storm. Mrs Maynard came down stairs to sit wi⁸th George, SA & I it lasted about an hour & one very heavy clap which startled me and I think it did all of us. 20th Joseph came up to assist in getting the Langley orders. George & Mr Maynard went to a sale at the Mill and bought some old Barnes *(sic)* &c very cheap, Mr E F Oslar came to tea & after tea him & George went to see the new Schools & Mr John Shead who is very ill, they came back & went to a parish meeting at the church, afterwards George went to see Mr John Sheldrick & spent the evening with him. John Arnold Junr road home with Mr R Maynards sociable from Chapel on Sunday he was not very well, they thought he was very strange in his looks and now poor fellow he is out of his mind, his father was away from home last week so he had the management of the farm, and was very anxious about some seeds that wanted to get up before the weather was wet, so worked very hard from 3 or 4 Oclock in the morning until 9 & 10 at night the sun has been very hot, one morning he came in the yard before breakfast and asked to wash his hands at the pump, he talked

⁸ <https://capturingcambridge.org/museum-of-cambridge/museum-exhibit-stories/whittlesford-scrapbook/>

to me in such a strange way that I was frightened, he asked for a cup of coffee & then wanted Ames the boy to go home with him, so

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he went with him. About two years ago he was engaged for a short time to Judith Drury of Duxford, her friends (labourers) did not approve of him, & succeeded in persuading her to marry a labourer up at the farm in the fields, his name is Mansfield⁹ Since that time it seems to have been upon Mr Arnolds mind, his brothers laughed at him & made game of him which I have no doubt deepened the wound, last Sunday when going into the Chapel he saw this Mansfield the sight of him & the excitement last week I believe has been the cause of it, he declared one night he would go down to Duxford & murder the man, so sent out sly & borrowed a saddle and road one of the horses to Duxford to do it, Mr R M's sociable & two or three men were sent down after him, & I think persuaded him to return, he had been out for a ride in the evening, Annie Maynard went with him, and to her he told all his love affairs which I should think made him worse the next day Mr RM Annie & a man or two drove him to Fulbourn Asylum just as they got there he thought where he was & was rather obstinate but before they left he became calmer shook hands & bid them "goodbye". His father went before he did & met them there with a keeper or two at the gates waiting to receive him. Mr Maynard went to Walden to pay the licence money and in coming home got wet through. Saturday 23rd he went to Linton and George to Cambridge. Edwin has given up the Newspapers so we don't have the bother of them

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of them every Saturday afternoon, we have been rather busy in the shop. I heard from Mr & Mrs Ilott Jenny expects to see SA and I at Eversden on Sunday. I am sorry to hear Aunt Whichello was worse after I left Norwich she returned to Bourn on Saturday and has not left her room since.

July 24th Sarah Ann and I started for Eversden at 9 O'clock we got there at ¼ past 10 just in time for chapel after we came from Chapel Jenny, SA Joe Custerson & I went for a walk to the Bourn entrance to Eversden we had a boiled lef of pork although only killed last Monday night & well salted it just began to turn so that we could not enjoy it so much as we should have done. in the afternoon we went into the orchard & close, baby Florence was delighted with the turkeys and tried to imitate their gobling noise Mrs Custerson went to Chapel in the afternoon. after tea we all 5 went towards their Orwell field & took baby with us, at the top of the hill we had a nice view of Kings College Chapel Cambridge about 8 miles off. We started to come home at 8 & arrived here at ¼

⁹ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/duxford-scrapbook/>

past 9, Sarah Ann was very much pleased with the baby and says she is a “little beauty”. She made my arms stiff through carrying her, when out walking, I don’t know whether it had the same effect upon Topsy. Bessie Hopkins came by the evening train. Edwin is not very well. Joseph Gentle did not say much, I suppose he did not much like it because he did not have the pony & gig

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to go home with, we offered him a ride with us, but he did not accept it, we saw his Father at Eversden Chapel it was rather showery when we went but very pleasant coming home. Harriet sleeps with Topsy & Bessie the smell of the poisoned rat or rats not having quite gone. There is expected a large party at Bourn to-day, Uncle William Farrington from London, Lydia (my sister) cousins Charles & Stephen & others that I don’t know. Uncle Uriah Farrington and his wife have packed up & sold some of their goods preparing to go to Australia¹⁰, the sale was to take place tomorrow but they have written to the auctioneer (*sic*) to post-pone it, their son Francis has paid their passage money Aunt has written to the captain of the vessel to know whether he will allow them to wait 2 months longer, she written to him once before and he allowed her a fortnight and now I should think in all probability they will not go at all, poor Frank no doubt will be disappointed.

25th Bessie Hopkins went to Hertford by Parly train Harriet went to the station with her and from there to Duxford, George rode to Triplow & Newton.

26th Joseph Gentle came this morning and says his sister is at Duxford came yesterday walked all the way from Orwell, she came up to the shop in the evening with Miss Plaw and Miss Fish, we were busy so we did not speak to her, she did not go into the house Joseph went to Miss Plaws to fetch her after we closed, to walk home with her. Mr Maynard

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hurt his finger in getting a barrel of lard out of the cart, I am afraid he will lose his nail Mr Hatton was expected this evening, but he has not come SA went to the station to meet him he now lives at Dedham in Essex I think he went from the Duxford School to Dedham.

July 27th. Bessie surprised us by coming in this morning we did not expect her until the evening. Joseph & his sister came in soon afterwards, Miss Gentle went in and had a

¹⁰ New South Wales Immigration Deposit Journals records under refunded or declined deposits, Uriah and Elizabeth Farrington. Ref 58/319, aged 48 and 53 respectively, paid £8 and £12 towards passage. Note: unable to emigrate owing to ill health.

glass of wine waiting for her brother to take the Triplow goods, she was to ride as far as Newton with him. Sarah Ann & Bessie went to meet Mr Hatton he came by the ½ past 7 O'clock evening train. I think he is looking better than he did. Harriet came up about 7 or ½ past then Mr Donohoe and just as we were at supper Edwin came, Harriet stayed with Topsy.

28th George Mr Hatton & Harriet went to see Bessie off to Waterbeach to a new situation, then they went on to Duxford. George & Mr H came back about 1 O'clock. I rode to Sawston for orders, after tea Hatton & SA went to the 'Bat & Trap party at Duxford, after supper George & I went to meet them we met Mr & Mrs R Maynard & family. Mr Madgen with them. he returned with us as far as the top of the hill where, we met them, they said Edwin came part the way with them. I received a letter from sister Hannah

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Goddard she says they are all well and happy her little baby William is such a little chatterbox they had him weighed and measured the other day. His weight was 21 ½ lb & his height 2 feet 4 ½ inches so he is indeed a little fellow. She heard from sister Elizabeth Milledge she says she has been very ill. Susan Adams from Buckden is or was staying in Brighton & called to see Hannah 2 or 3 times. She complains of having so few letters. I must write to her.

29th George & Mr Hatton went to see Mr R Maynard & Mr E F Oslar in the morning and assisted in giving about 40 Bullocks of Mr Oslars on an average ½ ~~??lb??~~ Epsom salts each, and a nice job they had too in the afternoon they went to Duxford to meet some of the the Burleighs from Chesterford to tea at Harriets they played at cricket in the evening, we expected them home, but they sent Joseph Gentle up with a message to say they were going home with Miss Burleigh & another lady a cousin I think Joseph seemed frightened when he came in, it was about 20 minutes past 10 o'clock.

30th Sarah Ann received a letter from her sister Jane, she thinks of being at Whittlesford about the middle of this next week, she will leave Crumlin today with Mr & Mrs Wilson. Henry & his wife expect Mrs Allen from Cambridge there to see them next Tuesday. Miss Mary Jay has been out for a holiday & returned this morning. George & Mr Hatton came home about 11 this morn.

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they were caught in a storm coming back from Chesterford last night Edwin was with them & they were wet through to the skin, they came back by the fields & it was so dark they could scarcely see their way, they were very late, when they went they did not prepare for wet. We have been busy in the shop, it wanted a ¼ to 11 when I came out. Mr & Mrs E F Oslar came up to invite Sarah Ann & I to accompany George & Mr Hatton to

their house to tea tomorrow they stayed until past 12 O'clock. Mr & Mrs Maynard went to bed soon after 11. I think we were all very tired. it was about 1 o'clock when we came to bed. Annie, Emma & Helen called in for something in the evening, Mr Hatton has been to their house & heard them sing & play, he has been singing too. Joseph Gentle went to Duxford this morning about ½ past 6. Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge & took a box to Mrs Allen to take to Crumlin with her.

July 31st George & Mr Hatton went to Duxford Church in the morning, I began a letter to dear mother but did not finish it, I went to Church in the afternoon and then George Mr Hatton SA & I went to Mr E F Oslar. We had some Champaign a Pine Apple (*sic*) and other desert as soon as we got there then went into the close at the back of the house for about an hour, tea'd about ½ past 7, after tea Mrs Oslar & SA went for a drive (took the Page with them) we four gents went for a walk to see some Chinese Sugar canes that Mr Oslar is growing down in "Middlemore" Fields, we went into the quiet wood & sat down on some poles by the side of a little

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hut erected for the gamekeeper to watch in with our pipes listening with the greatest attention to Mr Oslars Marriage history. All his friends were away from home and the morning he was married he was up at 4 O'clock sent his vehicle with Mr Shead to Cambridge to go by the Express to London, met Mr & Mrs Oslar there just in time for them to be married, after the ceremony was over they went to the Bull Hotel and saw in the paper "Cheap trip to Jersey for 12/- (about 200 or 300 miles) so Ernest proposed this to Mr Shead & they decided to go there, Mrs Oslar & Shead were very ill on the water, they stayed at Jersey for a while then came home again as though nothing had happened. Mrs Oslar went home to her mother at Cambridge, things passed on quietly for a time, then Mr Shead had some broad hints about his trip to Jersey every thing was reported to Ernest at night (people supposing it was Mr Shead that was married) things went on so from June or July until September on the first of the latter month he went out shooting with a party of his friends at Duxford that day he shot first rate but fancied they had heard something however nothing was said to him, the next day he could not shoot at all straight, Mr Shead hears a report goes out into the fields to Ernest and his friends and as a blind took some beer for his men, called Ernest on one side & said he wanted to speak to him about some men he wanted to borrow. Ernest knew there was something afloat so Mr Shead said it was all over & he must be off directly, Mrs Asplin (I think) Ernest's sister was at Mrs Sheads talking to her about it, so John slipped

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out of the way as soon as he could left his mother & Mrs A still talking. Ernest only wanted 12 hours to get off in he said. When he went home to dinner he went to dress. While he was dressing one of his brothers in law came into his bed room, so E asked him

to order him some hot water to have a bath he did so & while E was washing his feet, his brother said to him “well old fellow I hear you are Married” & began to tell a parcel of falsehoods which Ernest could conscientiously contradict and of course did not want to talk on the subject so he told his Brother to hold his tongue or he would knock him down as sure as a man, so he left off talking & went down & left Ernest to finish dressing, he put his best clothes on thinking he might not come back again, he began to feel as though he cared for nobody and drank very freely at the Wine at dinner and was as cool & collected as possible so past the evening nothing more was said to him, his father coolly said good night when he went to bed, but said nothing to Ernest about it. Ernest went to bed the same time as the others, when he got into his bed room his Mother & sister George one after the other went to see him however he turned it off in some way or other and made them appear to think different they had false tails (*sic*) to tell which he could deny, they left him, he was then soon packing his carpet bag with every thing of the best he could lay his hands that belonged to himself and at 12 O'clock when all the others were

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quiet he came down stairs & let himself out & I think he must have said he came up to Whfd for his dog-cart, told his man (Charles Nunn) to meet him at this corner at 4 O'clock precisely as he had some very important business to do. Ernest must have drove over to Cambridge to tell his wife the news or else he met her in London at her uncles I almost forget how he said it was however Nunn met him at the corner at the time appointed to a minute. I don't think he took the man with him, but drove up to Bishopstortford (*sic*) to meet the express for London, left his vehicle at the Inn & told the landlord to take care of the horse & trap. as soon as he arrived in London, went to the Bank to withdraw his money as he had been planning all night, he saw the manager (I think he said) who told him he could have it in 2 hours time Ernest thanked him and said he would call again, meantime a Telegraph message was sent to Foster the banker at Cambridge to know whether all was right the answer came “All was right.” Foster could not have heard the report, or Ernest most likely would have had some difficulty in getting the cash, however he had the Cheque handed him when he called again, he thought he was all right then and took it to the “Bank of England” & had it cashed in £100 notes, bought a pocket book expressly to keep them in, numbered them all & at night kept them under his pillow, it was rather

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an anxious time with him until he got his money, fearing his friends would Telegraph up to the bank to stop the payment of it, however they did not think to do that, after he had done his business in London, he saw a vessell for Jersey & had just time for him & his wife to get ready to go by it, & of (*sic*) they started without telling his wife's Uncle where they were going, thinking if any of his friends called there, they had a good excuse to say they did not know where they were gone, Mrs Oslar was ill all the time going over to

Jersey, the sea does not agree with her. now the secret was to be divulged in the morning, Mrs Oslar went into Ernest room to call him, Ernest was no where to be seen & his bed had not been slept on that night, his wardrobe was cleared and almost all that belonged to him was gone, “he must be gone to Whittlesford but what has he got his cloths (*sic*) away for?” Mrs Oslar went back to her bed room & told Mr Oslar, of course he was soon up & in a great rage came posting up to Whittlesford I think he said before 8 O’clock went to Charles Nunn to know whether he knew where his master was, No Sir, have you seen him this morning? Yes sir. What time? about 4 or 5 O’ck sir”. Have you any idea where he’s gone to? No Sir. he then rides off to John Shead, and asks “Where’s Ernest or my son? Mr Shead said he did not know, then he asked him if he knew whether Ernest really was

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married or not? Mr Shead thought it was no use to conceal it any longer so told Mr Oslar Ernest was married, the old gentleman then went off in a giant rage to Duxford, then him & some others went to Cambridge to Mrs E F Oslar’s friends, they did not know where they had gone to, so they did not get any clue of him there however they managed to find out Mrs E F Oslar’s Uncles address in London, & I think the old gentleman & Mr Asplin (married Miss Oslar) went up to her uncles & made inquiries there, they told them they had been there, but had left & they did not say where they were going to, Mr Oslar of course knew it was no use then to look in London for them, so they came home again, no wiser than they was before they went on the search. After Ernest arrived at Jersey he written to John Shead to know how the case was working at Duxford, his answer was that they were in a dreadful rage and a report of all that had happened since he started (as I have previously written). Ernest then written to J Shead & to his Father the latter of course was a very civil one such as “I am very sorry for the unhappiness & anxiety he had caused them” & a good deal of “soft soap” I’ve no doubt, his letters were to be addressed to him at a post office about 4 miles from where he was staying fearing if they were directed to him some of them might go over to him, when Ernest went for the first parcel there was one from his father mother & sister Georgiana & one from a friend making 4 altogether, in going back he mustered

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nerve enough to open them, his heart beat very quickly, the first one was a “blowing up” the second & third like it, Ernest wondered what they all meant, but was determined not to write again no (*sic*) take any notice of them until he received a civil answer, the one from his friend was a little encouragement & cheered him up no doubt praising him for his bravado as soon as he got back to where he was staying the (*sic*) put the three letters into the fire in a rage & the poker after them, the second time he went to the post office there were several letters from different parties one from his father who seemed more reconciled & one a report from Mr Shead, he said the old gentleman was gradually

recovering from his passion, the people at the post office seemed suspicious of Ernest & asked for his handwriting however he talked them over so that it was all-right the next letter from his father was to say they should be glad to see him back again & all should be forgiven, if he would come back at once, however to let them see he was in no hurry to return he written to say he should not be back for a fortnight, until he received the last letter he was undecided about going to Newzeland (*sic*) to a friend who had written for him to go, & another objection was, the sea did not suite his wife. before he came home he written to Mr Shead to say the time & the day he should be at Whfd so

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at the day appointed Mr Shead was at the station to meet them with the same trap as Ernest took away with him (& many people supposed he had sold it & collared the cash until Mr Oslar heard it was at Bishopstortford I think the landlord of the house where he left is wrote to Mr Oslar at Duxford & he sent for it.) he was as delighted to see Ernest & his wife as any school boy they then drove up to Mrs Ann Sheldricks at the shop where Ernest & his wife lodged for some months Next day or the same night he saw his brother John & I supposed he was introduced to his wife, he told Ernest he was pleased with her & liked her, Ernest said he was glad of it, he next saw his father who behaved as usual to him the next Sunday the old gent & John went to Ernest's to tea & Mr O told Ernest he was pleased with his wife & he should not say any-thing more about it for he had heard so many tales he could not believe it was true what he had heard & ever since then there friendship I think has been gradually increasing. I hope they will be happy She is a nice lady-like person & I like her, she seems to be very suitable for Ernest & I have no doubt will make him a good wife, he fought well & bravely for her & I think she likes him all the better for they both appear to be very fond of each other it was 10 Oclock when we left the lonely retired spot where we heard this history, we had a chicken for supper & a pigs chap both were very nice, & we got home soon after 12 O'clock. Miss White Miss Marking & her married sister had been in & poor little Chubb was sitting up for us. This ends the interesting details of Ernest F Oslar's wedding.

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August 1st Mr Hatton & George went to Cambridge in the pony & gig, they called upon the Colbornes, they were all well, John of course is still at home, I think Mr Hatton was disappointed in not seeing Langdon Colborne unfortunately he was in London, Mr H wanted to try his Piano, they arrive home about 10 Oclock just as we were at supper.

2nd George & Mr H had the pony & Gig to go to Chesterford to see the Burleighs, Edwin Maynard was invited to go too, but suppose he could not leave his business. they did not get home to Whfd until past 12 O'clock Sarah Ann & I were sitting up for them.

3rd Mr Hatton went out fishing, but had not much sport, he caught one nice one for Mr M. SA cooked it next morning for his breakfast, in the afternoon Mr H & SA went to Mr R Maynards to tea, George & I went after supper, they did not have their supper until we got there, we then had some Music & singing which amused until past 11 O'clock.

4th Mr Hatton went down the street to tune their Piano for them, in the afternoon Annie Emma and Helen came early to tea & to hear some Music before tea. Mr H played his Violin. after tea, the three ladies Mr H & Sarah Ann went to the "bat & trap" at Duxford, came back a few minutes after 9 o'clock after supper was over we had Music until ½ past 11 O'clock. George & Mr H went home with the ladies.

5th Mr Hatton went down to Duxford to dinner at Edwins. George was expected too but did not go until tea time

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and just as he was ready to start there came on a heavy storm, which hindered him about ½ an hour, in the evening they went to see Mr Thos Holiday, went back to Supper at Edwins. SA & I were waiting until past 12 O'clock for them.

6th Mr Maynard went to Cambridge. Helen came up in the afternoon and stayed tea. Mr Hatton went home with her. Mr Madgin who is visiting at Duxford called in with Mr Hatton as he was going back to Duxford, for a pipe of Mr H's Tobacco, it was raining, we were rather busy in the shop up to the present the farmers have been very busy in the harvest the old women have been gleaning for the last 3 or 4 days. It was late when I came out of the shop & nearly all of them had done supper.

7th Have been to Church twice & took sacrament in the morning with Mr & Mrs M, Harriet, George, Edwin & Mr Hatton, we left Topsy at home not very well after tea she felt better & 6 of us walked over to Duxford, George, Mr H & Edwin went to Mr Margetts church, Harriet SA & I went up to the house & waited until they came, we had a walk up the garden but it was rather dull. Edwin & Harriet came part the way back with us. We met several Duxford people that we had to speak to. it began to rain just as we came in. after supper I went to bed & the others had some music.

8th George & Mr Hatton have been to Triplow & Newton for orders, I have been to Duxford this afternoon

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to keep shop for Edwin, while he was gone to Cambridge, with Swan Wallis, Donohoe & J Bowman he went to get measure (*sic*) for a Blk cloth coat & then to see the 11 of All England Cricketers play on Parkers Piece agains (*sic*) 22 of the Cambridge, Mr H says it costs £70 to have the 11 to play with, the match is to last 3 days. Edwin came back about 10 O'clk & I returned to Whittlesford, business is dreadfully dull there & Harriet says it is nearly always the same Edwin does not appear to be cut out for a shopkeeper I think.

the stock is very slovenly. They have begun to enlarge the Chapel at Duxford. Mr John Sheldrick the Butcher has been married about 3 weeks & now has a daughter, he was my predecessor when I went apprentice at Duxford, but he did not like the confinement.

Agt 9th Mr Hatton left by the Parly train, George went to the station with him. Joseph Gentle came up to assist in getting the Triplow orders & has gone back with Ames tonight. We were afraid we had lost a box containing a Hood, lace &c which Ames was to have taken to Duxford with other goods, Edwin sent a note to say he had not received it, so when Ames came back we sent him again to make enquiries about it & just before nine O'clock him & his father came over about it, fortunately we had found the box in a tub in the backshop with a basket on the top of it, we supposed Ames must have put it there when he fetched the goods out of the shop & forgotten were (*sic*) he set it down.

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I hear it is Mr Allen Whites brother who is going to have Miss Brands' shop at Elmdon, he has been in business twice before, he was married not long ago to quite a young person & his age is 40 to 50, Mrs White told Mrs Maynard the other night & asked her if she knew what sort of business it is. I am not sorry I did not get it, for I should not like to be compelled to do as the Revd Wilks would expect me to do. Sarah Ann has had the head ache nearly all day.

10th Mr Maynard has been to Linton on Parish business, it has been raining nearly all day, I hear the barley that is cut is beginning to grow Joseph has been with the Triplow goods & gone to Duxford tonight. Mr Donohoe called in to see if Jane had come home, Harriet asked him to do so for her. Mrs Maynard went out for a gossip tonight but don't know where she has been besides Mr R Maynard's & Mrs Smith Senr. Mrs Peters the chair (*sic*) woman went away for an hour or so this morning to lay a child out, the child died while she (Mrs P) was here, it belongs to Thos Creek¹¹ (Mr Toogood's foreman over the farm) it is about 10 months old, a very delicate little child.

11th I rode to Sawston for orders & heard that Mr Parsons business is advertised to be disposed of. George is rather snuffy & has been for some days. Sarah Ann went out with her tracts this morning & to Duxford this evening with Mary & Lucy Jays, Harriet had gone to the Miss Hills (Richd Hill farmer & miller)¹² of Ickleton

¹¹ <https://capturingcambridge.org/museum-of-cambridge/museum-exhibit-stories/whittlesford-scrapbook/>

¹² <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/ickleton/the-old-mill-abbey-street-ickleton/>

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to tea, they had a nice party at the "bat & trap" Sarah Ann says, Edwin came part the way home with them. Mr Donohoe & Annie Maynard have been at variance for the last week or so about a letter Mr Donohoe had from Horace Barker for Annie (his sweetheart), however they have had some conversation together & are now quite friends again. Mr Donohoe is engaged to Horace's sister, her friends are very much against it, consequently do not speak to him now, altho' before they were very intimate, but I don't suppose that will make much difference. Mrs Maynard has been in to see Mrs Shead. SA has been pretending to be offended with me, because without the least meaning for what I said, I called her a stupid donkey for forgetting to leave a note at Edwins it has been a fine day and the farmers very busy in the harvest fields.

Augt 12th It has been very close but a beautiful day for the harvest. Sarah Ann & her mother went down to the Butchers to-night & round the Church yard for a walk. Mr R M, Emma Helen & Robert have been in this evening. Mr R Maynard has been writing to – Nash Esqr Carleton Grange to ask him to sell Mr N Maynard part of the garden belonging to the public house next door, to build a house upon. I hope he will consent to sell it. SA cut my hair before breakfast.

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13th I written to Mr Parsons of Sawston to ask him to let me have the offer of his business if it is advertised as I have heard it is to be disposed of. George and his father have both been to Cambridge, George went to meet a traveller. I suppose George has had a letter from Mr Hatton, he arrived home safe, but owing to the beautiful management of the Eastern Counties Railway he lost his luggage but it was sent to him after he got home. Mr Ames (our boys father) has gone to Norwich he offered to take any thing if I wanted to send to my sister, but I had not. we have been rather busy in the shop I did not get out until ¼ past 11 O'clock. Mr & Mr Maynard had gone to bed, after supper Sarah Ann gave us a glass of wine each. George's Bessie seems to be very comfortable at Waterbeach.

14th Sarah Ann received a letter from her sister Jane she talks of coming home tomorrow being quite tired of holiday-making. I had a letter from my dear Mother yesterday. Father went to Bourn to fetch dear Jenny & her baby, the next Sunday Lydia, cousin Edmund & Aunt Parkins (from London) went to Buckden Aunt & Edmund returned to Bourn the same day, the next Tuesday, Mr Illott went to Buckden, and the next Wednesday Louisa returned from Portsea, on Thursday Miss Burton a friend of Jennys came to see her, next day (Friday) Lydia drove Mr & Mr Illott, Miss B & Louisa in the van to Huntingdon, Miss Burton stayed at Huntingdon, Louisa went to Cambridge and some one was to meet her there to take her on to Bourn Edmund wants her to assist him until Aunt is better, Lydia says she is better (Aunt I mean) & has written

up to London, so I don't suppose Louisa will stay long, Mother & Father as well as herself are anxious she should get into a shop & assist herself. they were all well at Portsea & Brighton when Louisa left, she saw Elizabeth & her husband, they are well. Father was very fortunate in getting his oats & wheat up before the rain came, labourers are very scarce, the farmers are glad of any one they can get, Father's lad (Henry) went to assist Augustin Priestley¹³ the day Mother written. I began to think the time long to hear from home again. Misses Annie & Elizabeth Jays came yesterday, Lucy went to meet them, Lucy & Elizabeth came shopping in the evening, Lucy has obtained another situation. SA thinks it is with her late Mistresses sister. Harriet came over just as we were at dinner, Joseph cld not come until tea time, he stayed to mind the apples at Duxford. Harriet her Mother, Father & Edwin went to see the new school & to see old Mrs Smith I hear Arthur Smith is in Whittlesford on a visit I went to Church this afternoon, Revd PCM Hoskin has not been today, this evening all four of the Miss Jays came in. SA Edwin & I went nearly to Duxford for a walk with them, coming back we met Miss Holiday and her Cousin & Walter Barker he is head & ears in love with Emma Maynard so of course is not very fond of Mr Magin, although Emma is not smitten with Magin he is such a stupid he cannot or will not see it, he has been

PAGE 140 (*There is a letter from William to his parents, January 31st 1853, between pages 139/140 – see Appendix ii*)

up to Whfd this evening & went out for a walk with Annie Emma, Harriet & most probably Helen too. George has been to tea with Mr Donohoe at Duxford so Mr Magin called in there on his return from Whfd & told Miss Robinson George & Donohoe all about his proceedings up here tonight, they finally laugh about him, poor fellow he seems to meet with many disappointments. S Anns tooth aches & she has had the head ache. Chubbs head aches too, she has gone to Duxford with Edwin.

Augt 15th I went to Langley & it was raining nearly all the way when going, just as we got through Elmdon it came down in torrents we stopped under some trees until it abated a little, then drove on to Pond-street and while I was in Mr Haydens it came down again as fast as ever so I waited there about ½ an hour but left before it ceased raining. I saw Mrs Stock at Langley, she was visiting at a small farm house near the church, she is as well as usual but complains of being very dull. I called at Mr Monks at Elmdon his daughter was away from home. when we got to Duxford it was 9 O'clock so I left Ames there, and Edwin & Joseph rode back to Whfd with me. Jane came by the evening train she is not very well & very tired. Harriet was here but went back with Edwin & Joseph. I hear Miss Brands goods are to be sold by auction, Mr White not being willing to take

¹³ <https://capturingcambridge.org/huntingdonshire/buckden/church-street-buckden/>

them. This letter is the first I written home, when I came to Duxford as apprentice having been there nearly a week.

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Augt 16th We were all woke up in the house this morning about 3 O'clock by a noise, which alarmed us, I was soon out of bed and was going to the window, but George said he thought it was in this little room so I very cautiously looked into the room & not seeing any one, I ventured further and found it was one of the hanging book shelves fell down, & broke two or three empty bottles that were on it, fortunately no further mischief was done. I received Mr Parsons¹⁴ reply this morning and a bill which he has had printed for circulation, he commences selling off his stock next Saturday & will leave Sawston as soon as possible, and wishes me to go over tomorrow night for particulars respecting the fixtures & any part of the stock I might wish to take, if I think of entering the premises; he is not aware that Mr A J Challis¹⁵ has advertised them to let.

17th We finished the Langley orders in good time and George & I went over to Sawston after tea. First of all we called upon Mr Challis to ask him whether the premises are to be let, he seems quite undecided at present what he is going to do with them, a person he says has offered to go into partnership with him if he likes & he will do so if this said party can raise sufficient capital and until he gets his reply, he cannot say any thing further about them, he has had two or the (*sic*) applications for

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them, one or two to buy or hire, whichever he feels disposed to do but in all probability he shall sell rather than let them, he has been bid 450 guineas he says, but wants 500 guineas the reason why they were bought in at the sale was owing to a rumour his father heard the day of the sale, the rumour was, the places must be sold if they realised only £350 which annoyed his father very much, so much that he said they should not be sold let the price bid be what it might, he (AJC) has been waiting the opportunity to explain this to Mr R Maynard because in his letter to Mr M, before the sale he said they were to be sold without reserve. He has promised to write to us as soon as he can, in a month at the latest, to let us know his intentions. After we left him we called upon Mr Parsons, who had just returned from Cambridge rather worse for drink, we told him Mr Challis seemed undecided about his intentions, so Mr P sent the servant to Mr Challis to know his meaning as this news thrown him in rather an awkward position, Mr P wishing to leave before November next at the latest and his term of holding the premises is not up

¹⁴ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/sawston/high-street-sawston/>

¹⁵ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/sawston/high-street-sawston/>

until Dec 24th. Mr C said he had no idea Mr P wished to go before that time so did not push his case forward, but should get an answer in the course of a month, he would rather occupy them himself if he can manage it. A Mr Welch (a former occupier) very much wishes to have the place again, Mr C says. Mrs Parsons took us

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over the house, the new part is all very well but the old part is very dull & low upstairs the windows nearly on the floor. We sit there talking until about 9 O'clock, had a glass of beer & a biscuit. Mr P said he certainly should not have troubled us to have gone over there had he have known what he does now but it is to remain so until we hear from Mr Challis. Mr Challis came through the Village as far as the fields home with us, he told us Mr P comes home about twice a week from Cambridge in the same state as we have seen him tonight. Mr P told us himself he has lost about £170 in the 18 months he has been at Sawston, he does not know how to account for it unless it is because he has had greater expenses than many people, when he first came his house keeper was in the habit of drinking spirits and where did the money come from? and since he first went into business (commencing with about 5 thousand pounds) he has been in the habit of spending £400 or £500 yearly so why he does not get on is easily accounted for in my opinion. George seems to like the shop & thinks there is a chance of a good living, there was some one in & out nearly all the time we were there. Sarah Ann is very nervous & has the head ache and is not at all well. Joseph Gentle has gone to Duxford.

Augt 18th SA is quite ill to day & has been to bed nearly all the afternoon with the head ache. she is a little

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better this evening and has been a little way up the Duxford road with Jane George & I to accompany Edwin, Harriet, one of the Miss Hills of Ickleton & Joseph they (Harriet & Miss Hill) came over after tea with the three Miss Jays. Edwin & Joseph came after supper. Mrs Maynard is not very well & went to bed early Mr M too. I have been making a shelf to the parlour window for Janes plants and assisting Jane in putting a new silk to the front of the Piano, SA helped us as much as she could. I hope she will be better in the morning. Joseph & Ames were late home from Langley. When we went out for a walk we locked the house up & shut the gate, quite forgot to take the latch Key, so George & I went the the back of Mr Sheppeards & through Mr Whites garden climbed, over the wall & came down the garden met Jane and SA at the gates. Miss Hill says her uncle Swan Wallis has gone to Ireland for a holiday or trip. There has been a Dorcas meeting at Mr R Maynards. Emma Helen Robert & Albert called in this evening. Jane & I spoke to Arthur Smith and his Father at the parlour window, they were going to Sawston. Nash Esq from Cartleton Grange has been over today, he says there is more garden to Gosses house than he thought there was, & he seems willing to sell the plot Mr M has chosen to build a

house upon, he will send his agent over to value the ground & let Mr M know the price of it he very much wanted to see Mr Goss, but he was unfortunately away from home. This is very slow harvest weather, it is very mild tonight, this morning was like a November morning very thick and heavy.

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Aug 14th George and his father have been very busy making sundry alterations in the warehouse to make room for the carpets & calicos. SA I am glad to say is much better today. Jane & her mother have been to see old Mrs Smith since tea. Emma Maynard has gone to Cambridge, Annie & Helen went to the station with her. Mr R Maynard called in to see Jane this evening. Misses Annie & Lucy Jays, came up to ask whether Mr M was going to Cambridge tomorrow, they wanted to go. SA said her father was going, but they could not ride home with him, if they rode there because he would have the butter to bring back they thought it dreadful to have to start at 8 O'clock if they went with Mr M but I think they are going by train.

20th Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge. Mrs Maynard was sadly out of temper all the morning and offended with nearly all in the house, it was through the boy he asked me yesterday when he was to leave as Mr M told him he was to look out for another place he said. so I mentioned to Mr M & he denies having said any such thing, he is very vexed with the boy, George said his mother was always talking to the boy which she immediately said was a lie & so increased to a great row, Jane & her mother of course don't agree, although Jane governs her temper & talks very calm to her mother, so it lasted until Mr M came back from Cambridge, & hearing them jangling he said he thought he should go back again, this even-

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ing I am glad to say has been more peaceable. Our customers were very late to the shop, I suppose they have been very busy it being such a beautiful day for the harvest, the corn is very much grown the gleaners say, & Mr Rayners land full of thistles so much so, that they were obliged to mow them down before they could plough the land. It was 11 O'clock when I came out of the shop & after supper Jane, George SA & I had a glass of wine, the old "Foxes" had gone to bed. My teeth seem very much inclined to ache & my ear feels rather tender. Jane & her mother have been out gossiping some where this evening. Mr Brimley told Mr Maynard that fruit is likely to be very dear this Xmas, the average crop of currants is estimated at 18000 Tons but this years not more than about 6000 tons is expected there being a deficiency in the crops, which will of course tend to increase their value, the present price for the best is 7d per lb & Mr M bought a parcel of them at 56/- per cwt a week ago & two others at 48/- so we have a supply for Xmas.

21st The Primitive Methodists have a Camp meeting today. I went to Church this afternoon, Jane went to Duxford after dinner to keep Harriet company she stayed to mind the apples, after tea George went & Joseph went before tea. SA & I went towards Duxford for a walk thinking we might meet them, but they did not come until after supper, we met Miss Louisa Burgess, Annie, Emma, Helen & Robt Maynard Mr Majin & Walter Barker of Highfield House. Edwin was with them going for a walk. Mr Majin & Walter called for Edwin after they had been home with the ladies

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Walter is going back to his situation in London tomorrow. Majin is quite jealous of him & of course don't like him at all. Annie Jay & her two sisters Mary & Lucy with Miss Clara White went to Duxford Church this evening & came home with George & his sisters. Mrs Maynard has been down the street to see Mrs Smith Senr.

Augt 22. Harriet went to Duxford before breakfast Jane went part the way with her. Ames left this morning of his own accord, he was very indifferent last week, I suppose its because his father is away from home. George rode to Triplow & Newton for orders. Mr Thos Pilgrims grandson went with him. Mr E F Oslar has not yet returned from France, his wheat is now standing in the fields some of it, & has been cut 3 weeks the Triplow people wanted to know who it belongs to, the people at home here make quite a talk of his being from home all the harvest and leaving his farm at this time of year. I am rather surprised at it myself. Mrs Richard Sheldrick has bought the trimmings for two bonnets, and SA has been busy trimming them for her.

23rd. Jane has had the dress maker here all day for the second time since she has been at home. Annie Emma & Helen have been to Davd Creeks to have their likenesses done, but he is in London. Mr Ames returned from Norwich & called in here this afternoon, his son told him Mr George Maynard told him to go last Sunday morning which is false.

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Joseph Gentle came up this morning & says Esther Wisby told him as a secret that Edwin Pearl was at Duxford Sunday or Monday morning he called her about 3 or 4 Oclock, she got up & made him some breakfast, & he is going again on Friday next, he told Esther he threw some stones up at Joseph's bed room window but could not wake him. Esther says he has got such a nice place & likes it very much. Jane & George have gone to Duxford, Jane is quite offended with Mr Donohoe because he calls her Jane instead of Miss Maynard, she would not bid him good night the other night because he called her Jane Mr Moyse the miller at Duxford called at the door & had a gossip with George. Mr Majin was over here again tonight, am afraid his are fruitless errands, they only make game of him down the street. SA had the tooth ache nearly all last night. I am tired tonight and have a pain in my hip.

Wednesday Augt 24th I received a letter from Catharine, she left Yarmouth last Thursday & is now staying with Mr Halls friends at Norwich. Mr & Mrs Hall took her for a nice drive last Monday she enjoyed it very much, she is going to Buckden next Tuesday will stay about a fortnight & go from there to Portsea. Mr Wm Hall & Father will meet her there the day appointed for the wedding is Wednesday Sept 28th Kate intends inviting Lydia to officiate as Bridesmaid little Amelia Kate Chatterton is expected to accompany

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them to Chapel & Father to be Father. Kate says Mr & Mrs Hall are exceedingly kind to her & have made them some very handsome presents, they have hired a house very near the shop. I wish them much joy happiness & prosperity. SA has written an invitation for Kate to come & spend a day or so at Whfd on her way home to Buckden, I have also been writing a few lines to her. George did not get back from Duxford until about 8 O'clock this evening, Emma Maynard came in with him, he had a letter from Alfred Allen of Histon, asking Jane to go over to see him next week. Joseph went to Triplow & Newton with the goods & has gone to Duxford tonight, he happened of a ride at the door with a man who was going to the station. Mrs M has gone to bed affronted with SA because we had a tart for supper & there was something tasted like Resin in the crust, her mother had some of it & said there was nothing the matter with that piece, so jokingly SA said she had no taste & it is that, that has so much offended her. What a pitty it is people do not try to govern their horrible tempers more than they do but perhaps I should be as bad so we ought not to complain too much one of another. Topsy is now marking my stockings for me. Mr Maynard has been painting the heavy cart. Now it is about bed-time.

Thursday Aug 25th Have had a very hot ride to Sawston for orders. Mr & Mrs Maynard have been to Duxford to tea, Jane came home with them. Mr Maynard had a game at "Bat & Trap".¹⁶ Mrs M looked on. George has been fixing

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shelves up in the warehouse, he seems very much annoyed with his mother being so hasty, he says they had a jolly row while SA & I were up here last night & his mother he says has not spoken civil to him since. SA is very tired & has gone to bed with tooth ache. I am very tired. Mr Maynard went & gathered some "Water cresses" for breakfast. Helen Miss Lucy Jay & Miss Clara White have been to the "bat & trap" party at Duxford they got a little wet coming home as it was raining. I think Miss Farnes has come to night. Mr Mullet has left his house ready for Mrs Farnes & gone to live at Shelford.

¹⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bat_and_trap

Friday 26th Mr M received a letter from Henry's wife, she says Henry has gone to Dublin in Ireland about the same bridge he has been over about several times before. Edwin Pearl has been to Whfd & called to see Mr Thos Pilgrim about 1 O'clock, he came from Foulmire, he has been to see his Brother at Mr Johnsons & stayed all night, he was then going on to Duxford & from there to see his Father, is to be at his situation tomorrow night. I have been busy in the shop. There was a thunder storm in the night but not a very heavy one. Jane & Sarah Ann have been home with Mrs Robt Maynard. I think Miss Annie Jay left Whfd this morning, Mary & Lucy

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went to the station with her. Miss Farnes called in this morning with Annie & Emma Maynard. I have been writing to Mother & telling her about the Sawston business I have in view, I don't at all think I shall have it. SA & Jane have been gardening & are now tired.

Saturday Augt 27th SA received a letter from sister Kate to decline her invitation thinking she could not get to Buckden the same day if she came here too. There was a few lines enclosed for me. Jane went to Sawston with Annie Maynard in the morning. Mr M went to Cambridge. Revd Mr Blackwell's youngest child the little girl died of Diorea the poor little thing has been a great sufferer the last few days. A man who was with Edwin Pearl at Duxford yesterday, says he went into the Plough Inn with his Father's late housekeeper who is now working for S Jonas Esq up at the Grange Farm he has finished Harvest & the men were having a drinking day at the Plough, so of course Edwin had to "stand-treat" and after drinking a few glasses of Beer he was quite intoxicated, one of the men took him to his home & laid Edwin on the bricks for a few hours until he come round a little, then he went off to Charles Knotts¹⁷ in More lane & left Duxford this morning, he had been to Fowlmire to see his Brother but when he got there his Brother had gone home too, so he did not see him, we have been rather busy in the shop. Mrs M has been to see her mother in law.

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Miss Lucy Jay has gone to her new situation. Mr & Mrs E F Oslar returned from Paris this morn or evening.

Sunday, Augt 28th Have been to Church twice, the Revd Mr ??Perowne?? read the prayers at Church this afternoon instead of Mr Blackwell. Mr Majin has been to tea & supper. we went out for a walk about ½ past 7, met Mr R M's family & Miss Farnes they went with us making altogether in number 12 George was ashamed to go with so many, so did not

¹⁷ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/moorfield-road-moor-lane-duxford/>

go, he met Mr & Mrs Osler & had some conversation with them instead of going round "Wiperty" & across the "Crote" with us. Mr & Mrs Osler have seen the late Grande Fete in Paris & highly gratified they must have been, they saw the regiment of soldiers pass by some where, just as they leave the battle field after an engagement with their Tents, Guns &c &c. they marched 10 abreast and were 6 hours passing the place where he was. it must indeed have been a grand sight, about 2 ½ Miles distance was one mass of flames with illuminations, of course it was as light as day, the gardens & every building was illuminated I should very much liked to have seen it. Edwin Maynard has a new Watch on approbation Harriet came over just after we had done dinner. Edwin Pearl was quite intoxicated last Friday at Duxford.

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he went to Edwin's shop for two ounces of the best Tobacco, he told Joseph he came out for a spree & had had one too after he left the shop. He made an ??? to run & run up against Mr Osler's brick wall opposite, when going past he called out "that's Mr Maynard's shop" the boys in the street were following & calling after him, asking him whether he did not live there once. I am sorry Edwin does not know better I was afraid he would come to something bad. Harriet is staying all night with Jane & SA. I have had a pain in my forehead & eyes all day. Mr Blackwell has not been to the school today his child died last Tuesday. Jane & SA talk of going to Hixton this next week & Edwin wants to go to Cambridge with them if I can go over to Duxford while he is gone. The Revd PCM Hoskin preached both morning & afternoon.

Monday Augt 29th George went to the station to see Mr Arnold about the Railway a/c we cannot make it out. Harriet went to Duxford after breakfast. Mr Donohoe has left Duxford, he is coming again tomorrow to fetch his goods, & is stationed a short distance from Norwich, I suppose he is to be married to Miss Barker from Highfield House ??? is now living in London. Mr Magin came up this evening to fetch a book he left here last night he went from here to the Miss Maynards at Mrs Farnes house they were doing something while he was talking to George in the shop. Jane & SA went

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through the gates to Annie & them & told them Mr Magin was coming to see them, while they were there it began to rain fast so Mr M came back with them to borrow an umbrella, he expected Edwin to meet him, about 5 minutes after Magin had gone Edwin came in, he met two somebodies but did not know who they were no doubt one was Magin, Edwin will stay allnight he talks of going to Cambridge with Jane & SA in the morning by the Parly train & come back by the evening train from Histon. Mr Maynard walked over to Shelford to see Mr Mullett on Parish business, it was raining when he come home. SA has had the head & tooth ache. There was a letter from Henry this morning, he is still in Ireland settling the dispute about the Shannon Bridge by arbitration

the expenses daily are about £80 & not half the witnesses have been examined yet he expects his evidence will be heard about October next, so altogether it will cost somebody a nice sum of money. I suppose the Bridge is not what it ought to be.

Wednesday Augt 31st. Edwin went to Duxford yesterday morning after breakfast. I went to the station with Jane & SA & met Edwin there to go to Histon with them, after they had gone I waited until the up train came in from Norwich

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thinking possibly that sister Kate might come for the day however she did not. I ??then?? to keep shop for Edwin expecting him by the evening train but Mr Allen ??persuaded?? him to stay until this morning. After ??supper?? Harriet & I went out for a little walk as it was quite chilly in the house. Edwin came home by the Parly train this morning ??? at Duxford until after dinner, it was raining nearly all the time I came to Whittlesford, Emma Maynard & Miss Farnes came over to Duxford in the morning, I think Edwin neglects his shop very much, the goods seem very much out of order & while I was there I don't think he was in the shop 10 minutes. Harriet went to the station to meet Jane & SA by the ??? past 7 O'clock train it was past 8 when they came in. SA saw sister Kate at the Railway station at Cambridge & had about ?? minutes conversation with her. Kate has arranged to be married about 2 or 3 months earlier than was expected on account of Mrs Illott who is expected to have a little one in a few months & Kate is to be in the shop until Mrs Illott is better she will go to Portsea about Wednesday next, where she must live (or reside) for 3 weeks before she can be married, Lydia is to be present at ??

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wedding. Kate wants SA & I to go to Buckden next Sunday. SA thinks she will not go, possibly I may. Mr & Mrs Allen are well at Histon. Mr & Mrs N Maynard have been down the street this evening. Edwin has come up for Harriet Joseph is with him. SA had a letter from Miss Gellatly in Scotland yesterday she is well & has just returned from a visit, SA had a letter and a book of music for her to learn singing it is a present & the price it is marked is 5/-, there was another piece for Helen Maynard marked 4/- it is very kind of him to put himself to such trouble & expense, it shows he does not forget his Whittlesford friends, he has an idea he should like to come to Whfd at Xmas, if George can engage two rooms for him I am speaking of Mr Hatton. I see I have not mentioned his name before in this address. trade seems awfully dull at Duxford shop. Mr Donohoe expects to be stationed at Ludham near Norwich he went last Sunday to see the inspector who lives at Norwich & talked of returning to Duxford yesterday if he could but he did

not. When I was going there I met Mr Waldocks¹⁸ pony & assisted two other men in stopping it, it had run-away from some where, the poor pony seemed frightened. Edwin has returned the Watch he had on

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approbation & taken his Father's to Mr Reeds of Cambs & he is going to put & (*sic*) modern face & case to it the works are very good, but in its present state it is a very old fashioned & Large one.

Thursday Sept 1st Jane & SA went with Miss Farnes & Emma Maynard to the station to meet Mrs Farnes after dinner Jane & SA went with Miss Mary Jay & Miss Clara White & her mother to see Squire Huddlestons house, when they came back they had tea at Mrs Whites, while they were there, & Mrs M was out gossiping Mr and Mrs Edwin R Ransome, one of the partners of "Long's "sheep wash" agents in London, I fetch SA & she made tea for them we sent to Mrs Richard Sheldricks for Mrs M but she did not come until they had gone about ½ an hour on the road to Saffron Walden. Mr M asked them to stay all night but they could not, he has persuaded Mr M to have a fire-proof safe for his books and a new Washing Machine.¹⁹ Mr R seems a very pleasant gentleman Jane & SA are very well satisfied with their visit to the house at Sawston, there is some very ancient curiosities, a very great many old fashioned pictures & ancient needle-work the furniture too is very old, the most modern furniture is covered up. Huddleston Esq makes his home chiefly in Florence, he has not been

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to Sawston for 3 years, he generally stays abt a month but the next time he comes he is expected to stay 3 months. I feel quite undecided what to do about going to Buckden next Sunday I should like to hear a little more about the business at Sawston before I went but I don't suppose I shall if I go on Sunday. George has been painting the pony cart. The sportsmen have been very busy shooting today. Edwin & Mr Magin just called at the door they have been home with the ladies from the "Bat & Trap" party. We closed the shop at half past 8 O'clock to night for the first time this Autumn, it is quite chilly tonight.

Friday Sept 2nd Mr E F Oslar has had his Harvest load round the Village this afternoon, the men are to have supper in his barn as it is too wet to be out-doors. Mrs Farnes's furniture came down today & she has been very busy arranging it. Mrs Maynard has gone

¹⁸ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/duxford/st-johns-street-duxford/>

¹⁹ It is not clear what kind of washing machine this could have been. In 1862 a patented machine was shown at the London Exhibition. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washing_machine

to bed with a bad head ache this evening. Nearly all Mr Robt Maynards family have been in this evening. I am going to wash my feet up in the wash house after supper.

Saturday Sep 3rd Mr Maynard has been to Cambridge Mrs Maynard is better than she was last night, she got up after breakfast. George is rather snuffy.

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he began to paint the pony gig this morning. Jane has been helping Mrs Farnes this afternoon & evening. Mr Maynard had a letter from Joseph Gentle complaining of Edwin's treatment of him, he says he shall leave, he thinks he has learnt all he can there for he don't ask Edwin questions that he would, to avoid an unpleasant answer, he complains of Edwin's ill temper & not giving him a civil answer so he shall leave if he is punished for it & then signs himself Mr M's apprentice. I will get a copy of the letter if I can. I have decided to go to Buckden tomorrow if all's well for the day. the boy will drive me to Harston. George is going to Waterbeach to see his Bessie. I have been shaving since supper. Mr Headly sent Mr M a hare for a present tonight. We have been about as usual in the shop. George almost picked a quarrel with his mother at dinner time, am glad to say it has passed off.

Sunday Sept 4th I was up about $\frac{1}{4}$ past 5 O'clock & called SA soon afterwards, the boy drove me to Harston and I got to Buckden about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 O'clock, they were not much surprised to see me, Kate would have been at Offord station to meet me had she not been almost obliged to answer a letter she received

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that morning, the letter was from Mr Ilott in-forming them of the birth of a fine son, Jenny took them quite by surprise yesterday morning about $\frac{1}{4}$ past 8 O'clock. Wm says mother & babe are going on nicely, it was all over in about half an hour. I saw cousin Charles Whichello at Hitchin Station he was going up to London I suppose to see his dearest (cousin Hannah Farrington). Kate and I went to Buckden church in the morning they are making some alterations, pulling down the gallery to increase the size of the church. George Priestly my old school fellow has enlisted for a soldier in the "Marines" I think mother says. he was at Buckden about a fortnight ago in his soldiers dress. he is still very unsteady. Last Thursday poor ??Bruce?? fell off a stack of corn about 14 feet high which he was thatching, Kate and I called to see him & he told us how it happened, it appears that the stacks of corn stood so close to each other that there was not room enough to stand on a ladder so he hung the ladder from the top of the stack & while working towards the bottom of the ladder without thinking how near he was to the bottom he made the attempt to step on to another step as he supposed there was, he of course slipped & came on to the bare ground underneath, he has broken his collar bone in

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two places, some of his ribs and the spine of his back is effected and I am afraid he will never recover, he lied in bed just as he was laid when he was brought home, Dr Woolly has bound him up, his right arm is in a sling to keep the collar bone in its proper place, he has no shirt on but lies there bandaged up & as helpless as a child, but in dreadful pain, he seemed quite pleased to see us & a tear rolled down his cheek when we went in he kept hold of my hand until I came over so faint & was obliged to sit down for a little while, Kate gave me a smelling bottle and Mrs ??Bruce?? fetched me a little water. Kate & I then went round the village for a walk, father was baking dinners which made us late at dinner. we none of us went to Church in the afternoon. Fathers cow is very lame she run a nail in her foot & it was in a fortnight before they knew it, Father is obliged night & morning to milk her in the field, Mother Kate & I went after him in the evening, we saw the cow & then went back round the Village past Mr Robinson & met Mrs Elderton talking to Mrs Bruce at the door so of course we had a gossip too, & another against, Mrs Elistons, Mrs Wm Usher then came up and joined us, we had a little talk over family affairs then had our supper & went

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to bed about ½ past 10 oclock. I am sorry dear Mothers eyes are gradually getting worse, she cannot see at all with glasses or spectacles & is quite blind with one eye. Monday morning Kate drove me as far as the first Railway station then Mr Elderton and his son John overtook us so I rode as far as the next station with them. When I arrived at Cambridge I saw Mr Alfred Allen of Histon he seems to be doing pretty well and from what he says I think he rather likes the flour trade, he has invited me to go over & see him, he waited on the Platform with me to see George, George was not very well when he left Waterbeach he had an attack of Diorhea but is now better. We met Mr Donohoe at Whittlesford Station he was quite pleased to see us, as he was then leaving Duxford (by the same train as we came in) for good, he told us he was going to (*sic*) married tomorrow (Tuesday) in London, he was at Whittlesford last night, he has introduced his successor Mr Kettle to SA & others. Mr Magin was at the station, he told us he was going away next week, he was then going to have a days shooting at Hinxton. There was a letter from Norwich to inform me of the birth of a fine son. George went to Triplow & Newton for orders in the pony & cart, which was at the station to meet us. There was a meeting at the present girls school room, to make arrangements for the new one that is now being built. Mr Maynard was there. Revd PCM Hoskin left his dog in the care of Jane until he came back from the school.

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they talk of having a tea party to defray the expense of the new school or rather to help, they have also agreed to have a-nother (*sic*) school mistress & Mrs Overhill is to be under her. George says Bessie seems very comfortable & they appear very nice sort of people, they have invited George to go again on the 28th inst & take one of his sisters to hear Mr Spurgeon.²⁰ I helped Jane skin & hulk a Hare for the first time.

Tuesday Sept 5th Have been busy with the Triplow orders. Jane & SA were going to their Uncle Robts for tea but it has been a wet afternoon which prevented them. Joseph Gentle came in about 8 O'clock, he has been round Whfd with some bills for Edwin.

Wednesday Sep 7th I received a newspaper from Hannah Goddard this morning but have not opened it yet. Joseph has been to deliver the Triplow & Newton goods. George has been recovering & painting the pony-gig. Jane & SA have gone to their uncles to tea. Emma just said when she was up this morning, they should be glad to see George & me to tea if we could go. Harriet & Mr Magin came up about 6 O'clock they were going down the street. her mother had gone out some where. She went to see Mrs Farnes last night. Mr Maynard has been down in the park spudding up thistles, I suppose

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Mr & Mrs Maynard both gave Joseph a talking to last Sunday & told him as Edwin was not cruel nor unkind to him, he must put up with his temper. The mornings & evenings are quite chilly now. I dare say SA will think it strange of me not going down the street tonight, am tired and haven't the least inclination. I hear Mr Sheppard is going to leave Whittlesford & take the management of one of Mr John Oslars Junr farms or something of the kind.

Thursday 8th Mr Donohoe was married last Tuesday. Miss Robinson took him something to the Whfd station & gave it to him as he was passing yesterday morning, that he had left behind. Miss Robinson never saw him looking so ill before in her life and his wife looks very ill too: her friends think she is in a decline, her father (Mr Barker) is very ill too, and her mother is at home alone fretting about her marriage she said she has not heard a word about it from them, only by reports. Miss Robinson says Mr Donohoe was crying most bitterly last Sunday night, he said it was a very serious thing for her to go away from all her friends but he was afraid that she (Miss B) did not think seriously enough of it. I wish them every joy & happiness, they were obliged to be up next morning after the wedding

²⁰ <https://capturingcambridge.org/centre/st-andrews-street/st-andrews-street-baptist-church/>

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at 6 O'clock to come by the train. Joseph went to Duxford after tea, I have been to Sawston for orders. Mr Parsons has gone to London today, he is making a great show of Mantles & shawls. Mr Elliot Sheldrick from Triplow came over to tea and went to the bat & trap party at Duxford with Jane & SA. this was to be the last time of playing this season, but to conclude I think they are going to have a tea party some time next week, they have been singing, dancing & having some music since supper.

Friday Sept 9th Edwin came to breakfast this morning. I think he has been for a walk with Miss Farnes, Emma & Helen Maynard if so they must have met him by appointment on the road some-where. I received a few lines from Mrs Pollard wishing me to meet her at Whfd station tomorrow morning. I suppose she is going to Buckden. Jane & her mother have had a quarrel this evening. Miss Farnes' brother came home today, he was apprentice to a midshipman, but has got his indentures canceled (*sic*) & left. SA & I have been as far as the gravel pits for a walk since supper & very much enjoyed it, it is a beautiful moonlight night, I think it is 3 weeks since we went out together alone before. It is reported about

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the village that Miss Headly has gone to get married her mother & father, Mr Perowne & Lord Wm Osborne the bridegroom, have all gone from Whittlesford to France, there was a parcel from the confectioners at Norwich last week, supposed to be the Wedding cake Miss Headly is not yet 20 years of age, & he (the bridegroom) is rather a gay young man, a friend of Mr Harry Headly's who was obliged to leave England for debt while at College at Cambridge & is now living in France. I hope they will live happy & comfortable together. Mr Headly's harvest men are having their "hawky" supper tonight at the Waggon & horses public house. Mrs Maynard & Jane have both been out some where this evening. SA has had a bad head-ache all-day.

Saturday 10th I went to the station in the morning expecting to see Mrs Pollard but did not. I suppose she could not get to the window or else she looked out on the wrong side. George has been awfully cross all day about something. Mr Maynard went to Cambridge, he said he mentioned Edwin to Mr Brimley from what I heard Mr Maynard say I suppose they want to get Edwin into a booksellers shop, & Mr Brimley has a son-in-law doing a very good trade in Cambridge. this is the first I have heard about it, no doubt Sarah Ann knows a little, but keeps it a secret from me. Miss Headly is of a truth married to

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Lord Wm Osbourne, Mr & Mrs Headly & Mr Perowne came home this morning, tonight the bells have been ringing about two hours, I wish her every joy & happiness. We have been about as usual in the shop. I went up the garden about ½ past 10 & it is really a delightful night, if mens hearts were free from guilt, oh what a beautiful world it would be. God has created every thing for the happiness of man, and yet how dissatisfied & unthankful we are. Mrs Farnes & her son Jack have been to Cambridge with Mrs R Maynard.

Sunday Sep 11th I have been to church twice, the Revd J W Blackwell preached a very nice sermon in the morning. George went to Duxford he is very snuffy still. Jane & Harriet came in just as we were done dinner. Mr Madgen came to tea, he shown us Mr Robt J Donohoe's Wedding cards which were sent to him. This is Georges birthday & I believe my mothers too, I don't suppose she will live to see many more anniversaries, but hope she is looking forward to another & her eternal home I trust that God will bless her & receive her into His heavenly Kingdom. Miss Georgi Farnes her youngest brother & sister sat with Mr Maynard at Church. I hear Miss Tickle who came home from London a week or so ago with the small-pox is a little better today. I am sorry I have wrongfully suspected SA of keeping secrets from me. I asked her tonight whether it was so. I am glad it is not it was a very

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unpleasant feeling for me to harbour. she knows nothing more about the subject Mr Maynard mentioned yesterday than I do. I hope I shall never have cause to suspect this again. My reasons before were quite sufficient to lead me to think there was some thing I did not know. We have explained ourselves to each other & now I hope we shall have more confidence in each other and be more happy. They have all been out for a walk some where except Topsy her Father & myself. George went part the way to Duxford with Edwin, Madgen & Joseph.

Monday 12th Mr Maynard rode as far as Dudenhoeend with me as I was going to Langley, we had the pony cart and pretty good shaking I have had. George painted the gig last week & this morning he said it was not dry enough to be used so we had a little fall out about it & then he said we should had (*sic*) the gig & he helped the boy put the pony to, but we took him out again & had him in the cart, it has been a beautiful day, Mr M walked back from Dudenhoeend he went to look at his cottages. I called at Mr Monks of Elmdon, he was not at home, but I met him just as I was coming away. I called at Duxford, they had a committee meeting of ladies connected with the bat & trap affair I suppose they are about giving up for this season. Edwin came home with them, Jane was one of them. George has gone back

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to Duxford with Edwin, he is still very snuffy and would not bid me goodnight, but that is of no consequence, something has given me the headache I blame the shaking of the cart for it. Poor old George has been telling SA how unsettled & miserable he feels, but I believe it is his own fault in a great measure, perhaps he would be better if he was married.

Tuesday Sep 13th Jane & SA were up at 6 O'clock to wash. SA was rather poorly & after breakfast she was obliged to go to bed again with a pain in her side since tea she has been a little better, her head aches too. George & Joseph came over about 11 O'clock George was rather cross before dinner, since then he has been a little better. Fred Maynard came from Cambridge with the boy we were rather surprised to see him, he has been home with Mrs Allen to Cambridge, he looks well, but has altered very much in his appearance since I saw him last. after tea he went down the street to see his cousins he was too late to see his Grandmother Smith tonight. Jane is quite knocked up at washing, not being used to it, I suppose it is too much for her. Joe has gone over to Duxford and is coming in the morning again. Mrs Hoskin came in to see Mrs Maynard this afternoon.

Wednesday 14th SA does not seem much if any better, she has gone to Duxford in the sociable at Janes request with her cousins to the Trap & Bat tea-party am expecting them back every minute.

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Jane & Fred went over in the morning, they have erected a tent in Edwin's yard the close being too damp, they have laid boards down in the tent, they are also going to have Harriets room & Georges Photographic concern. Joseph did not come over until after dinner, Edwin was too busy preparing for this grand party, to spare him & wanted him to be back again by 5 O'clock, he left here about ½ past. Fred came back in the pony & cart with Joe & has gone to Duxford again with SA. The boy & I have packed the Langley goods alone. Jane still feels the effect of yesterday's fatigue. SA has been ironing this morning. It is a month today since I went over to Sawston about the shop & premises to Mr Challis, he promised to write to me & give an answer that-day month, but he has not done so. Fred slept with me last night. Mr Headly gave his men a supper last night in commemoration of his daughters marriage to Lord William Osborne²¹.

²¹ Lord William Osborne (1835-1885) married Mary Catherine Headley (1839-1920). They had two children William D'arcy Godolphon-Osborne (1860-1887) and Charlotte Mary Godolphin-Osborne (1863-1920) (Source Ancestry) <https://capturingcambridge.org/museum-of-cambridge/museum-exhibit-stories/whittlesford-scrapbook/>

Thursday Sep 15th Mr Elliot Sheldrick from Triplow went to Duxford last night, came home with SA Helen & Annie Maynard in their Sociable. George persuaded him to stay all night & sleep with him, after they had their suppers George & Mr S had a pipe & Topsy treated me with a

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cigar. Fred walked home with Miss Jay & Miss White. SA was better when she came home, there was about 8 to tea & spend the evening. I received a letter from Mr Ilott with some patterns of cloth enclosed, he says dear Jenny is getting on nicely likewise his two little ones nos 1 & 2. No 1 run alone last Tuesday night for the first time. he speaks very favourably of their business & says their wholesale is fast increasing. Fred & Helen Maynard went nearly to Triplow for a walk with Mr Elliot Sheldrick this morning; after dinner Fred rode the pony to Duxford, Jane came home in the cart as it was coming from Langley & says their teas cost about 1/- a head yesterday. SA has been ironing nearly all day, after tea her mother went to see Mrs Overhill & while she was gone SA hung her mothers old print-dress on the guard before the fire, & the sleeve of the dress caught fire & was completely burnt out. SA had not left it 5 minutes; she has gone to bed with a bad head ache & so has her mother. There was no less than 6 men beat their wives in Whittlesford last Saturday so Mrs Peters the chairwoman told us today. The Revd Blackwell leave Shelford next Tuesday week, he has no where to put his furniture & no house in view at present: he would have

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had Mr Shepeards house but it is too small for them. I think many of the poor people will miss him very much in Whittlesford. this lock of hair I found in my writing desk, but I don't know where it came from. Have sent an order to Mr Ilott for a coat for myself & a suite for Fred Maynard.

Friday Sep 16th Mr M George & Fred went to Cambridge together in the pony cart. Mr M went on Parish business. George went to buy Drapery, Fred went to see Mrs Allen, will stay all night for Harriet to meet him there tomorrow to go to Histon together. Mr Maynard Jane & SA have been to the Church with Mrs Farnes & her daughter to chose a seat in the church I walked home with Miss Farnes & after supper SA & I went for a walk to the station to see if my parcel from Norwich had come. We brought it home with us. Mr Ilott has enclosed patterns with them. George drove Jane to Duxford to keep house for Edwin while Harriet goes to Histon, George brought Harriet back with him. I this day commenced taking a Family bible, it is to be complete in about 60 parts at 1/- each.

Saturday 17th Harriet went to Cambridge with her Father, he met Fred & Mrs A in Camb. I have been recovering the foot form in the church. Mr M brought it home with him last night, have also been stuffing the cushion Mr Hoskin gave Mr M for the small pew.

We have been rather busy in the shop. Mrs Sheppard came in to pay her bill & is quite offended with George about something the servant has been telling her, the girl went home & told her Mistress, George would not serve her, & told her she was nobody, it does not sound to me like the truth, it is some falsehood the girl has been home with. The largest vessel in the world which has just launched out on her first voyage (the Great Eastern) has met with an accident one of the boilers having bursted & blown the chimney up into the air, it fell into the grand saloon & dashed every thing near it to atoms, fortunately the gentlemen had left the saloon, two men that were employed at the boiler were killed on the spot & 3 more have died since, scolded to death, she was bound for Portland although she sustained such an accident she arrived at Portland at the hour appointed, the people on the shore were anxiously waiting for her arrival & to welcome so noble a structure but they soon heard the sorrowful news & every one was sorry to hear it, a smaller vessel crossed her path & was as near as possible being capsized into a watery grave. I should very much liked to have seen her. The engineer of the Gt Eastern Mr Brunell [Brunel]²² died yesterday, the anxiety trouble & expense & the doubtful feeling of the people drove him insane one time & now this accident has been the cause of his death in a great measure so many people suppose.

George received a letter from A J Challis of Sawston respecting the shop now occupied by Mr Parsons & he thinks he shall be able to manage to take them himself, should any thing transpire to prevent him doing so, he will make us the first offer. Mrs Robert Maynard has been ill nearly all the week, with the ‘Diphthery’ fortunately Dr Prince was successful in brushing the disease out of her throat with a Camels hair brush & I think “Sulphate or Nitrate of Silver” I believe it was the latter. I am glad to say she is now much better, Dr Prince was rather doubtful at first but did not say so to them until afterwards.

Sunday 18th I have been to Church once, Mr Blackwell told me next Sunday it to be his last in Whfd at present. Mr Isaac Mole from Camb came to visit Mrs Farnes but had dinner & tea here & slept with George, he is a rare one for the good things. Mr & Mrs Hollick from Linton drove over to tea, they came in just as we were coming from Church, they are both well. Harriet stayed all night. Mr Walsinghams youngest child died yesterday. Mr Blackwell tells me Mr Charles Thurnall is again the proprietor of the house Mr Sheppard now lives in, at Mr Thurnall’s sale the house &c was sold for £160 & now he has given £300 for it & will live there himself, it is a pretty little

²² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isambard_Kingdom_Brunel

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house, but too small for Mr Blackwell.

Monday Sept 19th Mr Maynard walked part the way to Duxford with Harriet in the morning Fred went to Triplow & Newton with George. I have been busy in the shop. Jane & SA have been to Duxford with a party of others to tea, Mr Mole was amongst them, Fred drove down in the pony & gig afterwards & brought Mrs Farnes home with him, this is the first time Mrs Farnes has been to Duxford. Mr Mole was to have gone back to Cambridge tonight but I suppose he was so very comfortable at Duxford he did not like to leave the ladies, so has come back to Mrs Farnes'. SA says they have had a game at bat & trap & passed a pleasant evening, their's seems a "frollicking" business at Duxford & think there is far more play than work, & a great deal too much company & visitors. I have been writing a few lines home to Buckden. I have the rheumatism in my left arm it feels very stiff & uncomfortable. Fred clean the bed-room clock this morning. Annie Emma & Helen Maynard came in yesterday morning while SA was cooking.

Thursday Sept 22nd Last Tuesday SA cut my hair before I opened the shop. Mr Maynard received a letter from Mr Brimley of Cambridge stating he had seen Mr Mc'Millen (or some such name) & he would like to see Edwin, Mr Mc' - seemes willing to make some arrangements if they can after break-

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fast Fred & his Father went to see Edwin & he thinks he should like to have something to do of the sort in preference to being a shopkeeper, he has decided to go over to Cambridge with his Father next Saturday to see Mr Mc'-. Yesterday I received a Newspaper from dear Hannah, I have scarcely look'd at it yet. There was a party of them came to tea yesterday. Mr Jack Farnes & Miss Georgi his sister Annie Emma Helen & Robert Maynard & Mr Thos Holliday Junr from Duxford, they left about ½ past 10 O'clock, there was a good deal of nonsense as usual going on. Jane & Fred went to Chesterford last Tuesday in the pony & gig, they had tea at Duxford first, & did not get home until about 10 O'clock. Fred had a narrow escape of doing himself an injury in the morning. he had got the sadle on the pony & was going for a ride. the cart was standing in the middle of the yard, so he led the pony over the stones & in leading him through the porch (made with crooked oak branches) I suppose the stirrups of the saddle caught some part of the wood & pulled the whole concern down & was as near as possible being on the top of them both, however they escape with only breaking the crupper & frightening the pony very much, he has not forgotten it yet, I have rode him to Sawston today & he is very

timid & requires a deal of care. I received a letter from Mrs Pollard who is at Buckden on a visit, it is as I expected why I did not see her at the station, she was looking from the wrong side of the carriage, she would like for me to go when she returns to Epping. Cousin Edmund Whichello drove sister Louisa from Bourn to Buckden last Sunday week. Kate left Buckden for Portsea last Monday week she stayed longer than she intended on Sarah's account. They had the robbers at Epping about a month ago; making the fourth time, they think they have lost £10 or £12 by them. Poor old Bruce I am glad to hear is a little better is able to sit up in his chair. Sarah says they have heard from Brighton & Hannah's little boy has been ill for some time am afraid she will never be able to rear him, he can only fancy Bread & Honey for his food, Honey in Brighton is 2/- lb so dear Mother is going to send her some by Father & Sarah will make a plain cake for the dear little fellow. Am sorry to hear Father's cow is not likely to recover from her accident, they are afraid the hoof is poisoned & will turn to inflammation & death will be the result, Father was bit (*sic*) £18 for her not long since, if such is the case it will be a great loss to dear Father. The Revd & Mrs J W Blackwell came to bit (*sic*) us "Good bye" to-day, they brought Sarah Ann, Edwin & myself a little

book each in remembrance of their thanks to us, for our assistance in the Sunday schools, he hoped I would still go, as they are likely to want more assistance when the new schools are open'd, he is sorry he cannot be here to attend them, I am much obliged for his kindness. Mr M told Mr Blackwell Edwin's intentions & he speaks very highly of Mr Mc'Millen or whatever his name is. I believe Jane & Joseph Gentle will have the management of the Duxford shop until Lady-day next, if Edwin goes to Cambridge. Jane SA Fred & their mother Mrs Farnes & her son Jack have gone to Cambridge to-day in the sociable (Mr Robt Maynards) they went about 11 O'clock in the morning, it is now ¼ to 10 (PM) & they have not yet arrived, they will bring one of Mr Whibley's daughters home with them, to stay here for a few days. Harriet came over after dinner & is still here. Here they are then just arrived, it is very dark. I written a few lines to Mr Ilott yesterday enclosed in a small order to him. SA had a nasty head ache nearly all day yesterday. Emma Maynard had the face ache. Joseph Gentle went with the Triplow goods & returned to Duxford with Tom Holliday, in the evening. He anticipates going home to Orwell next week for a holiday. I called upon Dr Prince today about my ear, he says it is better & gave me a lotion to be used with a Camels hair brush 3 or 4 times a day. I don't perceive that it is any better. SA recd a letter from Mr Hatton he rather thinks of spending Xmas at Whittlesford.

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Friday Sept 23rd I received a few lines from Mr Ilott just to say Mr Maynards order would be sent in a day or two, he had been engaged all day about some troublesome business. I don't know what it was. Fred drove Harriet to Duxford after breakfast. Mrs Farnes is going to get a seat made in the Church for her own use against the little seat we sit in. Jane & her mother have been down the street this evening, Jane did not get back until ½ past 10. Fred went to Duxford & came back with Edwin at 20 minutes to 11. SA & I have been up the Duxford Road for a walk to get away from the grumbling of Mrs M. Alice Farnes came to tea with little Annie Whibley. Mr M is not very well, he lost his rest last night. Mr Parsons of Sawston came over in the evening to ask Mr Maynard if he would take a portion of his (*sic*) stock. He had about £50 or £60 that he could not sell which consisted principally of ready-made clothes. Mr M refused to have it, we were very busy at the time so could not have any conversation with him, they did not ask him in the house, I was out in the yard at the time consequently did not see him.

Saturday 24th I received a few lines from Mrs Pollard to say she should return to Epping to-day & would like me to meet her at the station, I went but was not disappointed this time, I saw both Sarah & her son Master George, he is such a nice little fellow & looks so happy he waved his tiny hand to me & laughed.

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Sarah gave me some of Mr Pollards A.I. Cigars. She says they are all well at home, Father will go to Portsea next Tuesday & return on Thursday. Jane went to manage the shop at Duxford for Edwin this morning while he was gone to Cambridge with his father, he went to see Mr Mc'Millen but Mrs Mc' forgotten to tell her husband the day Edwin would call so he had gone out for the day but Edwin is to go again on Monday. Mr Brimley seems to think his son-in-law will find some employment for Edwin & if so he thinks perhaps it will be a good thing for Edwin. Annie Whibley & Fred went to Duxford after dinner with Edwin in the pony & cart. We have been busy in the shop & I was very tired when I went to bed. Miss Jay went out some where this morning by train, I suppose to Cambridge. Mrs Robt Maynard came up this morning of course she is much better but looks very weak & ill. Mr Prince says she is to be very careful not to take cold. I sent for some tracts from London for dear Mother.

Sunday Sep 25th I received the tracts I sent for from London. Fred I think has woke up with the headache, Mr Hoskin preached in the morning, & Mr Blackwell preached his farewell sermon this afternoon his text was from the last Chapter of St Matthew & the latter part of the last verse "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" & a very nice sermon he made, I think many people felt it much, I believe he did himself & more so perhaps

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than he would have done, had it not been the first place he had the privilege of addressing a congregation, he hoped we should all meet again in heaven, he also mentioned the death of his dear little baby whose remains will ever endear that sacred spot to them, I trust God will bless him & instruct him in the work he had committed to his charge. I think I never saw the Church so full before as it was last Sunday, unless at a Missionary meeting I was very pleased to see it for Mr Blackwells sake, Sarah Ann & I went up the Duxford road for a walk, the others all went out somewhere. After supper I went to Duxford with Harriet to keep shop for Edwin while he went to Cambridge, we saw a large (to all appearance) fire when we were going I think it was some distance off.

Monday Sep 26th Cambridge Fair, Mr Maynard went & Edwin with him to see Mr Mc'Millen, who has agreed with Edwin for 3 months at 15/- per week. Edwin seems to think he shall like it, he is to go a fortnight today, Mr Brimley says many gentle (*sic*) would not mind giving £200 or £300 for the same chance, Mr Mc'Millen thinks Edwin is too good for the place. Edwin drove over to Duxford about 7 O'clock, I came back with the cart it was raining fast all the way. In the morning I moulded the Cilery (*sic*) up at Duxford. We were not very busy in the shop but I managed to

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find a few jobs to do. Joseph went home to Orwell yesterday for a holiday, so I was alone in the shop. Fred returned to Wales this morning, his father took his luggage to the station before he went to the fair.

Tuesday Sep 27th We received the parcel from Norwich to-day. This is the day Mr Blackwell goes away, it has been a nice fine day, I went to take two boxes to the Church this afternoon for Mr Alfred Sheldrick to nail against the wall to correspond with the pew Mrs Farnes is having built so when I came out I went to look at Mr Blackwells childs gravestone it is a pretty little stone & the name seems very familiar, it being only a few weeks old there is no age on the stone.

“Minna Ellen Blackwell Died August 26th 1859” While in the Church I nailed two boards down for Mrs M to stand her feet on at the end of the pew. Jane went down the street in the evening & did not get back until after we had done supper. Sarah Ann presented me with a pair of Berlin Wool worked slippers last night of her own make, they fit me very nicely & look very nice & I am much obliged for them.

Wednesday 28th. Sister Kate I expect is Married to Mr Wm Hall of Norwich today at Portsea from Mrs Chaterton's house. I wish her health, joy & happiness. George & Jane have gone to Waterbeach

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in the pony & gig to see Miss Hopkins & to hear Mr Spurgeon preach, he was preaching at Melbourne yesterday, old Stephen Lofts took a cart load from here, instead of going to Cambridge. Mr Maynard rode to Linton & back with old Mr John Holiday from Duxford. Mr Carter Jonas has been expected to day to see about the plot of ground Mr M is about buying but he has not been. Mr M thinks of building a wall round it for the first step & then commencing building the house next year. Annie Whibley has been to Mr Robt Maynards to tea, with Alice & Horatio Farnes. Mrs M has been out somewhere all the evening. Miss Siggs (Mrs Hollicks acquaintance at Linton) was married I think on the 25th or 27th instant. Mrs Hollicks niece is appointed School Mistress at the Linton Union. Mr Gibson (late curate at Whittlesford) called to see us this afternoon, he did not stay long as there was scarcely any one at home to speak to him.

Thursday 29th Jane & George got back from Waterbeach about 12 O'clock just as Mr H J Thurnall & his family were passing in two flies to go to Ditton near Cambridge. they were all crying when they went past here. Mr T just look'd from the Window but I only saw his hat. I should hardly have thought he would have left Whittlesford after living here so many years & afflicted as he is – I suppose they all felt it very much. they had Mr Maynards cart to carry some of the goods away in, his sale is to be one day next week.

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After that is over I suspect Mr Ernest F Oslar will remove into the house. Sarah Ann went out with her tracts in the morning, & in the afternoon she went to Duxford with Annie Whibley, Alice & Horatio Farnes, Lizzie White & Frances & Mary Smith. they came home in Mr Robt M's Sociable, as our cart was out. they enjoyed themselves very much. SA was tired. I went up the Duxford road for a walk alone. Mr Maynard & George went to the parish meeting at the "Waggon & Horses". Mr Prince was there with a predetermination to quarrel with Mr Headly they managed to keep from blows & that was all, it was about 10 O'clock when they got home. Mrs M had gone to bed with the head-ache. George went to nail some Green Baize up in the little pew at church. Miss Mary Jay & Miss White went with him. Jane had the tooth-ache.

Friday Sept 30th. I received the wedding card of Mr & Mrs William Hall so I suppose Kate was married on the 28th. Father in all probability returned to Buckden yesterday Jane & Sarah Ann & Annie Whibley went to Mrs Farnes to tea. Annie Emma & Helen were there too. it was about 10 Oc'lk when they came home, I had just been writing to Mr Ilott. Emma Maynard was up stairs with Jane & SA the greater part of the morning. Jane was packing her boxes for Duxford I think. There was a few lines from Fred just to say he got to Crumlin safe, he stayed in London all day on Tuesday.

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Saturday October 1st George has had the “Diorea” very bad all night. Mrs Farnes has been to Cambridge & back with Mr Maynard. Edwin came over while we were at breakfast & went with his Father to Cambridge to seek for lodgings but was too late to come home with Mr M so he rode with Mr Sheppard. he has two lodgings in view & is to have an answer in a few days. at the one he thinks of going he will have to pay 7/- per week for lodgings only for two rooms. Mrs Allen recommended him to them, the lady is a friend of Mrs Allens. I had plenty to do all the morning being alone in the shop, George was to ill to assist & SA could not. Jane has been to Mrs Farnes. We had been pretty busy in the shop & at night I was very tired & a slight head-ache. I (*sic*) has rained a good deal to day or we should very likely had more to do.

Sunday Oct 2nd George is a little better but in a good deal of pain. this letter I found among some others that were intended to light the fire with so I have taken the liberty to reserve it as it is concerning me. In the morning I took Sacrament with Mr Maynard Harriet Sarah Ann & Edwin. Jane & her mother stayed at home with George. I went to Church twice. Dr Prince came to see George in the afternoon, the boy went for some medicine for him. Mrs M has not been out any where today. I went to Church twice. Harriet went to Duxford with Edwin & Joseph. Mr Moule from Cambridge came to see Mrs Farnes in the morning.

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Monday Oct 3rd George is a little better. I drove Annie Whibley to Duxford & brought Joseph Gentle back with me & then went to Triplow & Newton for orders. I enjoyed the ride very much it was such & (*sic*) beautiful breeze. Jane had two old stumps of teeth drawn & called on Mrs Gellatly at the Paper Mills to apologise for not going to see her last night as Sarah Ann had promised to go. In the evening SA & I went for a walk up the Duxford Road as there was such a row at home, Mrs Maynard was affronted with Mr M & every one else nearly.

Tuesday 4th We have been busy with the Triplow orders. George is better but very weak & queer. Dr Prince came in to night to see him. H J Thurnalls Esq goods they left behind were sold today. Mrs Maynard & Jane went with Mrs Richd Sheldrick I suppose the goods made a fare (*sic*) price. Jack Farnes came in to see George. He was at the sale with Annie Maynard. Mr Isaac Moule call'd in yesterday morning before he returned to Cambridge. Miss Lizzie Jay was over on Sunday, went back to Camb yesterday morn. Mary went to the station with her. Mr Maynard gathered the grapes & began to make wine, he went to Duxford in the morning for Edwins. Jane has been to Mrs Richd Sheldricks to tea. went to Dr Prince again this morning & had a tooth drawn.

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there is a man on the green opposite the "Waggon and Horses" selling earthenware in the "Cheap Jack" style so Joseph must go & spend about ½ an hour with him. SA was up a little before 6 O'clk to wash. I had my breakfast with them before I went into the shop. I am glad to see Mrs Maynard in much better temper tonight. She had a good deal of talk with SA in the wash-house they scarcely kept from quarreling. Mr and Mrs Hoskin called in to see us, & left their little dog with SA while they went round the village.

Wednesday Oct 5th Joseph went to Duxford after breakfast. Mr Maynard went with the Triplow goods. Edwin was to come over early to go to Cambridge with Jane. She waited until 2 O'clk then her & SA started to fetch him in the pony & gig & met him about against the mile stone, they did not get home again until past 9 O'clk. Edwin has secured lodgings with a young man employed by Mr Macmillan it will be much more pleasant than if he was lodging with strangers, he is to pay 5/- per week for lodgings they are to have a parlour between them & a bed-room each. Mr Elliot Sheldrick came over to see George after tea & stayed all night George is not much better. Sarah Ann went to the Church yard for a walk as she had the headache. We had roasted onions for supper.

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Thursday 6th. Jane & Edwin went to Duxford before dinner I think George drove them down in the pony cart. Mr Shedrick went home before breakfast. I walked to Sawston for orders it was very warm but a beautiful day. Mr Parsons leaves Sawston tomorrow. Mr Challis will take possession at once. the shop was closed today. Mr P gave Challis near upon £100 for the fixtures & shop utensils & Challis had the conscience to bid him only £30 some of the Sawston people don't seem to have a very high opinion of Mr Challis. Mrs Farnes & a Mrs Belton came in for a few minutes as we were closing, they had just come from Duxford themselves, Annie, Emma, Helen Maynard & Jack Farnes have been to tea at Edwins. Mr Kettle the exciseman at Duxfd borrow Mr M's gig to go to Cambridge he wants to buy one, but cannot get one to suite him at present, some one is going to send him one on Sturday next to use until he gets another. George does not seem much better. I am very tired. Mr Headly came in about parish business, about ½ past 7 this evening & stayed I dare say ½ and hour in the house.

Friday 7th I received a letter from Mr Ilott he seems to think if Mr Maynard could not succeed at Duxford with a large stock, I should stand but a poor chance with a smaller stock & heavier expenses. I shall not think anything more about it. Mrs Maynard went to Duxford after

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dinner, the boy fetched her home in the horse & cart about 7 O'clock Annie Whibley came back with her, they got home just before the thunder storm it rained very fast for a little while & the lightening was vivid. George went to Sawston in the morning he seems better but very weak. Mrs Robt Maynard took Albert up to London to school I think it was Wednesday morning, it is the same school his brother Robert went to. Mr M brewed 100 Gals Beer.

Saturday Oct 8th Annie Whibley went home to Cambridge with Mr Maynard. it was wet in the morning so Mr M got wet through. I received a letter from sister Kate Hall from Buckden, she went there Thursday & returns to Norwich today, she wished me to send to the Camb station if I could not go myself for a parcel she intended leaving. Mr M sent a man for the parcel which cost me 6d and went (*sic*) it came it was nothing more than a piece of their Wedding Cake. SA & I tasted it & I think it has been tied up from the air too long. Father is very poorly I am sorry to say, the rest at home are well. George is very snuffy & disagreeable, it was very short to one or two customers in the shop & would not serve one of them. We have been rather busy in the evening, it wanted 20 minutes to 11 O'clock when I came out of the shop. Mrs Smith of Burwell & her brother George Barker Junr came into the shop this evening SA says she looks well. Annie Maynard has undertook to circulate the Periodicals now Edwin is going away.

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Sunday Oct 9th Mr M had a letter from Mrs H N Maynard her husband is very busy & cannot write. they are pleased to hear Edwin is about to make a change & hope he will be successful. George went to the station to meet his Bessie she looks remarkably well. I went to the Sunday school in the morning but really think I shall not go again, for without Mr Blackwell the boys are so impudent & unruly it is quite disheartening, the (*sic*) don't seem to take the least notice what is said to them, & do just as they like, throw books at each other across the school, play & talk just as they would in the street. ½ dozen at least go out of the school together & mind not in the least what the master says to them & he says but very little. they throw each other down in the school & pretend to go to sleep & drop their books on to the floor, I consider it useless going until there is discipline taught. I went to Church in the afternoon & heard the Revd Isaac's peach a very nice sermon, he also preached in the morning but I did not go, as there were nearly all our family there & Bessie too. In the afternoon Mr Kettle the exciseman from Duxford was there, he came to tea & went home with Jane, Harriet Edwin & Joseph. Jack Farnes came & spent the evening with George. Revd PCM Hoskin and Revd Isaacs came in after the service was over to see Mr M

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and have some talk, Mr Isaacs is going home to see his friends in Jamaica, it is 19 or 20 years since he saw them. he is a converted Jew & a very nice gentleman too. Mr Hoskin made a short prayer. Miss Jay called in to see Bessie this evening. Bessie brought us a bunch of wheat that was burnt last Friday night & yesterday morning at Waterbeach belonging to a farmer nearby close to Mr Piggot's shop. Bessie was very much alarmed.

Monday Octr 10th Bessie left this morning by the ½ past 9 train, Edwin Maynard too on his new employment at Cambridge as a book seller & publishing business & I hear tonight he has lost his Carpet Bag containing Collars, Night Shirt, new Cloth cap, Brush & Comb &c. Jane says she thinks altogether worth about £1 there is some Horse racing some where down by Cambridge & the thief is supposed to be a London sharper, Edwin saw the man with the bag, the policeman soon pursued the thief, but could not see any thing of him. I have been to Langley & a very uncomfortable damp day it has been I corded Edwin's box as I came back, it was 9 O'clock when I got home, & 20 minutes past 5 when

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I had my dinner. I took patterns &c with me which made me rather longer & it was ½ an hour later than usual when I started.

Tuesday 11th We sent Edwin's boxes to Cambridge today. We have been busy with Langley orders. SA has been very busy cleaning up for the winter. George & his mother have had a slight quarrel tonight, he has been very cross for the last 3 or 4 days I can't make out what is the matter with him, he is nearly continually stamping his feet on the ground & swearing to himself. Mrs Farnes & her daughter Kate came in this evening. Mrs Maynard went to bed with her old complaint last evening quite early. SA says Mrs Smith of Burwell called in to see them yesterday. I heard that some woman died very suddenly yesterday at Ickleton. Mrs Hayden of Pond Street has another (Son I think).

Wednesday 12th I received a letter from sister Polly Chatterton a nice long one, one of the ancient sort, am glad to hear they are all well. Sister Lydia & my Neice (*sic*) Kate Chatterton (4 ½ years old) were the Bridesmaids at Kates Wedding, little Kate was quite proud of the honour & Polly says she looked very nice dressed all in white from top to toe, with the

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exception of her boots which were drab. I should very much liked to have seen the little dear, she sent her love to her uncle William (myself) & a message to say she should like to be Bridesmaid for me, her clothes would do very nicely as they were not tumbled in the least & her bonnet she was sure is a very pretty one & they have some flowers that would do for it. She was I suppose quite an attraction inside as well as outside the chapel, everything went off very quiet. Father, Lydia & Mr Hall were all poorly the day after the wedding. Polly did not send particulars as she supposes I have heard them. Elizabeth Milledge & her husband are jogging along better than Polly expected. Lydia Mary Ann Chatterton (no 2) is growing nicely & very much like her sister No 1. Mr C's mother is still with them. George is still very comical. Mr Maynard & I packed the Langley orders. Mrs Robt M has returned from London. Mr Edwin Smith Junr called in to see us this afternoon, he is down for a fortnights holiday, came last Sunday & is quite a swell with his ring &c. Violet Kids and so forth.

Thursday Oct 13th Sarah Ann was very poorly before breakfast, but is better tonight, she is now at the

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“Dorcas” meeting at Mrs Robt Maynards. Mr M went with the Langley goods it has been rather dull but a fine day, he stayed tea at Duxford & walked home. Jane has heard from Edwin, he has not seen any thing more of his Carpet bag. He Telegraphed to Whfd station to ascertain whether he left it there. Jack Farnes came & had a gossip in the shop with George this evening he is going if not gone to fetch his sister home from the “Dorcas” meeting. The Revd PCM Hoskin called to see Sarah Ann & her mother about the tea party at the opening of the New Schools I believe they have arranged to boil all the water here about 20 moderate sized pails full, the day fixed is the 2nd of November next. Mrs Hoskin came & bought 145 yards calico at 4 ½d to make into shirts for the poor. They have nearly finished cleaning the house up for the Winter. George has been dressing the drapery Window; he is rather feasy (*sic*) tonight.

Friday Oct 14th We have not been particular busy Old neighbour Prime came to help Mrs Maynard & Mrs Peters clean the kitchen up for the Winter it reminded us of old times seeing Prime toddling about the yard amongst the pots & kettles. George is cross again today about something. Sarah Anne has had the head ache & is not at all well. I have been writing a long letter home to my dear Mother. I don't suppose I shall write many more to her, Father says she alters very fast, she is now getting to be an aged woman therefore we cannot expect

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her to be with us many more years. I hope God will bless her in her declining years and at last receive her into His heavenly Kingdom. Miss Storey Mr E Towgoods Junr housekeeper came to the shop this afternoon, & told me she saw the account of Kates Wedding in the Cambridge Paper. Mr Jack Farnes called for George to go for a walk with him this morning, they went out somewhere together. Mrs M has been obliged to bury a whole Ham in the garden today it has been in pickle about 10 days & now not eatable. Mrs Robt Maynards birthday. I don't know her age.

Saturday Oct 15th Mr Maynard went to Camb. George has been dreadfully cross all day. Mr Penfold the paper merchant from London came this morning his traveller a young man is in a decline. Mr P is expecting every day to hear of his death. George gave him a box to put a fowl & some grapes in to send up to London for him, Mr Penfold got them some where in his round. George went to the station for Edwins carpet bag which he left there after all last Monday morning, Mr Arnold did not know who it belonged to. We have not been very busy in the shop, it was a wet night. I posted my letter & 4 tracts to dear Mother I hear some poor man at Shelford station had both his feet cut off by a train yesterday.

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Sunday 16th Miss Bilton is at Mrs Farnes'. Edwin came over from Duxford this morning to dinner, he went there last night. He likes his new situation much better than being at Duxfd he has been engaged principally at Book Keeping this week as they are now very busy, he goes to business at ½ past 8 (am) dines at ½ past 2 is allowed an hour & ½ an hour at tea from ½ past 5 to 6 (pm) & they close at 7 O'clock. I have not been to the Sunday School at all today, Sarah Ann told Mrs Hoskin the reason I was not there so Mr & Mrs Hoskin both came in after the afternoon service. Mr H wishes me to give him the names of those that are disordily (*sic*) & wishes me to take the superintendance of the school, if alls well I will go next Sunday & will certainly make an example of those that are unruly. Have been to Church twice. There was quite a large party of the Farnes's & Maynards came in this evening but I did not go down to speak to them Mr Kettle came up this evening had supper and gone to Duxford with Jane Harriet & Joseph. Edwin is going to Cambridge early in the morning. Mr Robt M & Annie were at Church in the morning.

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Harriet & her mother have been to see Mrs Smith Senr she is about as you generally hear her say she is.

Monday Octr 17th The boy drove Edwin as far as Trumpington on his way for Cambridge. it was raining when he left here at 7 O'clk. this is the busiest day in the whole year with them some of the young men told him: he is coming again next Sunday if it is fine & bring his fellow lodger Mr Canham with him. George was gone about 7 hours to Triplow & Newton for orders with the pony & gig. Mr Maynard talked of going to see after them, his mother was afraid something was amiss. Sarah Ann has gone to Mrs Farnes to tea, Jane was invited but I dont know whether she is there, the down street folk & Edwin Smith have gone. I expect I shall have to sit up for them. I can hear George & his mother quarrelling down stairs. I have been writing a few lines to Mrs Goddard. It is rather chilly so I will go down & warm myself. Miss Mary Arnold was in the shop this evening & she says her Brother John is very little better, his father has been over to Fulbourn but the doctor does not like him to see him for fear of making him worse. he has been gone 3 months last Thursday. the expense is 14/- per week which makes it very bad for his parents as well as himself.

Tuesday 18th Mr Maynard went to take some goods to Duxford. George received a letter from Edwin advising him to be at Cambridge

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early in the evening if he intended going to hear Mr Charles Dickens read, however he did not go, he was to have sent word to Mr Kettle but fail'd to do so. SA stayed at home thinking he would like to go, but he was in a bad temper. Mrs Farnes, Georgiana & Miss Bilton came from Cambridge with Lofts the carrier.

Wednesday 19th Mr Maynard took the Triplow & Newton goods walked home. I fixed a bell to call us to meals instead of Mrs Peters bawling out in the shop when we are serving customers. SA went out with her tracts & tried to sell some tickets for the schools opening but met with bad success, several say they will have them, but not one took them. Mrs Richard Sheldrick was quite affronted and was quite put out with SA for asking her and began to scandalize Mr Hoskin at a most fearful rate, I suppose she is vexed with him because he did not give her husband the job to build the schools so said if Mr Hoskin had not sufficient money, he might pay for his frolick himself. Mr Sheldrick should have sent an estimate as well as others, then he would have stood the same chance. Mrs M went to see Mrs Shead.

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Thursday Octr 20th I rode to Sawston for orders. Revd PCM Hoskin introduced his new curate Mr Sale to us today, he is tall & thin, and I fancy quiet. Mr Hoskin gave the school workmen a dinner at the “Waggon & Horses”. I was rather surprised he bought them some Tobacco so much against it as he is; either himself or else Mrs Hoskin gave each man a Bible & another book each, which was very kind of them. SA has gone to bed with a bad headache, her mother is not very well. Yesterday was sister Hannah Goddards fourth anniversary of her Wedding day.

Friday Octr 21st It has been bitterly cold all day. SA I am glad to say is better she went out in the afternoon with the school tickets & has not got back yet I think she is staying at her cousins down the street. Mr Maynard has been to Duxford George received a letter from poor old Donohoe but have not heard the contents. George seems rather better in temper today I hope it may last. It was snowing tonight about ½ past 8. The accident at Shelford Railway station last week, was owing to the man slipping down while at the Sand-box, the train passed over his toes, part of one of his legs has been amputated, it is a sad accident for the poor man. Mr Elliot Sheldrick called at the shop door, he took 4 tickets is going to try & dispose of them for us.

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Saturday Oct 22nd Mr Maynard rode to Linton with Mr John Holliday of Duxford. George went to Cambridge and took Mrs Farnes with him. it was a bitter cold day, quite a sharp frost & ice on the ground. we were about as usual in the shop, we had a cup of coffee for Supper.

Sunday 23rd I went to the Sunday School and am glad to say the boys were more orderly Edwin & his friend Mr Canham walked over from Cambridge, got here just about 10. Mr Canham went to school with me in the afternoon. I daresay Edwin finds an agreeable companion in him, but there is a little of Fred Medcalf in him, rather too much affectation. Revd Mr Hoskin preached in the morn & the new Curate Mr Sayle or Sale in the afternoon he has a powerful voice not very distinct delivery and rather slow, but hope he will improve. he made a very nice sermon. Mr Hoskin & Mrs H too both came in after the service. Mr H was glad to hear the boys were more orderly. There was quite a large party came in, in the evening of Mr Robt Maynards & Mrs Farnes. I think about a dozen altogether Emma kindly favoured us with some music and singing. Mr Canham & Edwin went part to way to Duxford with Jane Harriet & Joseph.

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Friday Octr 28th Having been otherwise engaged and the weather cold, I have neglected my writing. on Monday Mr Maynard went to Linton again with Mr John Holliday. George drove Edwin & Mr Canham to Cambridge & did not get home until about 12 O'clock. Sarah Ann had a sudden pain in her side Sunday night, but was better next morning. Tuesday, Jane, Harriet & Joseph came up in the evening to say the Clothing Club was to be next week (the opening week of the new National Schools) but Jane had consulted the Revd F Margetts & he has agreed to give the Tickets out this week, George was not in a very good humour, so I suppose Jane was rather annoyed when she asked him whether it would not be best for one of us to go back with them and see what was wanted, he did not give her a decided answer, so Jane asked me whether I could not go I replied, if George did not go I supposed I must, I did not like Jane's authoritative manner of speaking, so then Jane and I were both rather fiery so the three went back alone as they came, Mr Maynard had gone to bed. Mrs M had been to see Mrs Shead & came home just about the commencement of the quarrel. I was very much annoyed with what Jane said to me, she thought I ought to have given an answer whether George agreed to

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it or not. I told her I did not think it was in my place to do so. Jane said it was, & I contradicted her. SA asked me to go over to Duxford yesterday to assist but I did not, so George after walking from there went back again after a good deal of persuasion & a few irritable words. SA waited to see Mrs Hoskin about the 'Tea Meeting' and then went over to Duxford in the pony & cart with her Father, George came back Emma Maynard & some of the Farnes went to Cambridge last Tuesday, walked there & rode back with Lofts the Carrier. I received a letter from sister Louisa yesterday morning, she's at Buckden now, but leaves there for Norwich tomorrow morning, dear Mothers eyes are very weak. Father is better but complains of a pain in his back, he bought a young pony last Monday. The cow they think is a little better. Poor old Bruce's arm is better but of course is obliged to have it in a sling. Sister Polly's house's numbered from Upper Grafton Street, which alters her no from 6 to 62. I must write to her shortly. Mr Maynard went to Duxford this evening & SA came home with him. George has gone to see Mr John Sheldrick (leather lungs) it is a miserable wet night which I should think, in all proba-

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bility will make him look more miserable than he did before he went. I written a few lines to Louisa this morning before business hours to say I did not think I should be able to meet her at the Cambridge Railway Station. Mr Edward Smith has been very ill with a violent pain in his body for the last few days Mrs Maynard has been down to see him. I suppose from what Louisa says Mr Charles Harradine & Miss S A Holborn of Bourn were married this week, she was considered the Belle of Bourn, she is a very nice looking

young lady, but as for her best qualities I cannot say much about, the gentleman is not at all a bad looking young man. I wish them joy & happiness here and hereafter.

Saturday Octr 29th SA Received a letter from Mrs Henry Maynard she says her husband has arrived safe back to Crumlin & is much better than when he left. he intend to have come to Whittlesford but was not well enough to travel. Jack & Isaac Farnes rode to Cambridge with George. We were not very busy in the shop.

Sunday 30th I went to Church twice. I suppose Mr Sayle is not to be Curate as he was not here today. Mr Perowne officiated as Curate, both in the morning and the afternoon. I went to the schools but am quite ashamed of the conduct of the boys.

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George went to Cambridge to spend the day with Edwin, they went to Kings College Chapel in the afternoon & to hear the Revd Canon Carus (the gentleman that is to preach at the opening of our new schools) in the evening, he came home Monday morning. SA went to the Whittlesford Station to see Bessie Hopkins pass on her way to Hertford, Bessie told her she would try and be at Whfd on Wednesday to go to the tea meeting at the Schools. It was a miserable wet night so the boy drove Jane & Harriet & Joseph back to Duxford about 7 O'clock in the evening, it was raining very fast. Jane & I were rather distant. There was a very distressing shipwreck last Wednesday morning, it was dreadfully windy the night and day before; it was an Iron Vessel²³ with several thousand ounces of gold & upwards of 400 passengers on board coming from Australia, the wreck was only about 10 or 12 yards from the shore & about 200 miles from its destination in England, the friends of some of the passengers were waiting at the port to meet them. A few of the passengers were saved & there was a prospect of getting nearly all ashore but suddenly the ship split in two & the passengers were at once precipitated into a watery grave, many of them were killed by the machinery. it must have been an awful sight.

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Monday Oct 31st George did not get home from Triplow very early. The Revd & Mrs Hoskin were both here very busy preparing for Wednesday next. SA has been out with the tickets, then went to the school with Mr Hoskin, it was a dirty & uncomfortable day.

Tuesday Novr 1st The Duxford Chapel has been re-opened & a Tea Meeting there today. the wind is very blustering. Miss Jay & Mrs Farnes came in this evening and assisted SA & her mother cut up the cakes & Bread & Butter. Mr White had the making of the Bread & some of the Cakes. George went home with Miss Jay. He is very snuffy. SA went to see Mrs E F Oslar about the Tea arrangements & did not get back until after we had done

²³ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Charter_\(ship\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Charter_(ship))

dinner, tonight she has a headache. We ought to have closed tonight as 8 O'clock for the first, but George sent the boy down to Duxford & it was 20 minutes past 9 when I came out of the shop, I don't feel very well pleased with him for keeping the shop open so unnecessarily late.

Wednesday 2nd I went to deliver the Triplow goods and a nice ride I had. Mr Elliot Sheldrick from Triplow came back with me to go to the opening of the new schools. Jane came over in time to go to Church. SA & Mrs Peters, old Prime & John have been busy in the schools preparing for the tea (it was rather unfortunate but as Mr Hoskin was

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coming in the Buss with other friends from Cambridge one of the horses fell down and they were obliged to get something mended before they could proceed any further which hindered them about two hours, consequently Mr Hoskin was too late to read the prayers in church so a clergy man from Walden officiated, Mr H thanked him for his kindness. the Revd Canon Carus made an excellent sermon from the 18th chapt of St Matthew & the first 5 verses, the tea meeting was well attended, some could not get in. Rev F Margetts & the Reverends PCM Hoskin, W Canon Carus, Clayton, E Perowne & Mr Gibson were the speakers, and some excellent advice was given, several deserters (sic) were there. I went to look at the arrangements while they were in church, and was there again with Harriet from Duxford, just in time to hear the latter part of Mr Carus's speech, the meeting broke up about ½ past 8 O'clock, Miss Robinson from Duxford came in and had a glass of wine before they started back to Duxford. Mr Elliot Sheldrick went with them. his eldest Brother (Eli) is to be married tomorrow, to Joseph Colemans daughter of Triplow, he is about 27 years of age, and his intended about 18. Unfortunately it came on wet this evening, which detained Mr Clayton about 2 hours on his journey, there were some choristers from Cambridge, we had some

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nice singing three times: all seemed perfectly satisfied. Mr Hoskin seemed very much pleased and hoped at some future time there would be a similar meeting.

Thursday Novr 3rd Sarah Ann was very busy preparing the childrens treat. I assisted her in getting some of the earthenware away. Mr & Mrs Hoskin came over about 4 O'clock & took all of the children that were to have tea, from the old schools to the new ones, in all about 140, one or two of the boys were sent home for their bad conduct in school on Sunday, & I have since heard Mrs Pamphilon intends coming to ask me, the reason her son was sent home, she says, he shall not go any more, so this is the way mothers encourage their children to disobey what is said to them. The teachers that were there did not have their tea until about 7 O'clock, they were obliged to send for Bread & Butter the children cleared every thing up & would have ate more if they could have got it, but Mr

Hoskin was obliged to refuse them, being afraid they would make themselves ill. Sarah Ann was very tired, she wanted me to go, but I could not very well be spared, and not only that I did not suppose I should be wanted. I went to Sawston for orders & had a nice ride, was busy in the evening getting them up, after supper SA gave me a cigar & I smoked it over the fire in the old arm chair. Mr & Mrs Hoskin had not time to call.

Friday Novr 4th George went to Duxford with the horse and cart to fetch the good back they had for the Clothing Club. After I came out of the shop I wrote to Mrs Chatterton.

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Saturday Novr 5th Mr Maynard went to Cambridge. I received a letter from dear Mother & a few lines added by Father, am glad they are as well as usual, the Buckden Church is under repairs, so they have to go to the school room to hear the service, it is not expected to be finished this year (1859). Father suffers with a pain in his back at times. The cow is very little better. Lydia is quite well & from what Mother says I suppose Lydia has been out some where, as she saw Hannah, her son & little girls at the Brighton Station & says they all look well. Mr Chatterton is better, I was not aware he had been ill. Elizabeth too is well. Father was taken ill between Portsmouth & Brighton on his return from Kates Wedding, he was anxious to get home so would not have a doctor there, & when Dr Wooley saw him, he told him he ought not to have come home. so I suppose it was something serious the matter. They heard from Mrs Ilott she says they are all well, Kate met Louisa at Norwich Station. Father says Sarah Ann & myself must go to Buckden if convenient, I daresay they would be pleased to see us once again. Father is charged with Income tax again, he was fortunate enough to get off last year, and I hope he will again this, as it is about double the sum this time, his would amount to about £5 which is of consequence to him. George Priestley is in the Hospital but I don't know what Hospital. Mother thinks he is coming home. We were not very busy in the shop it was such an uncomfortable wet night, & the wind very high. I saw the account of Mr Charles Harradine²⁴ (Farmer of Bourn Cambs and agent to the Earl Delaware) marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Holborn (of the same place) youngest daughter of the late ---- Holborn Farmer, they were married October the 25th.

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Saturday Novr 6th I went to the new school to teach today. Mr & Mrs Hoskin came over in time to open the school (½ past 9) were were (*sic*) engaged greater part of the time in arranging the Classes, we are in great want of more teachers, Judith Peters came in the boys school in the morning. I proposed the time to ring the school bell, to Mr Tinworth but he being one of the regular old fashioned sort does not approve of ringing it at all on

²⁴ <https://capturingcambridge.org/places-in-south-cambridgeshire/bourn/bourn-scrapbook/>

the Sunday, he thinks it rather approaching Catholicism, calling people to prayers. I say we need it as much or more on the Sunday than we do in the week days. I think it is quite as necessary as the Church bells on Sundays. Almost as soon as Mr Hoskin arrived he asked Mrs Overhill to ring the bell, he does not know what Mr Tinworth said. I like the schools much. John went with a horse & cart to fetch the Duxford folks as it was raining they came in time for church. I took sacrament with Mr & Mrs Maynard, Jane, Harriet, Sarah Ann & Edwin in the morning. Mr Hoskin gave notice in the church twice that there was more assistance wanted in the schools & that if there was any one there that would undertake to be teachers he would be glad to see them in the Church after the service to speak to them. I don't think anyone went. Edwin went to Duxford last night & rode back to Cambridge with Mr & Mrs Hoskin. Harriet & her Mother have been to see old Mrs Smith. Mr Edward Smith is better. Sarah Ann & I have been for a walk up the Duxford Road. Mr Churcher & the two Miss Jays (Mary & Elizabeth) have been in, but I did not go down to speak to them. Mr Kettle came to the shop door & asked to see Edwin but as he was gone he did not come in. George went part the way home with Jane, Harriet & Joseph.

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Monday Novr 7th I went to Langley, the wind was very high going & part the way coming home. I called at Duxford when going at 8 O'clock they were not up there was a child standing at the shop door & waiting to get in. I did not get out as I came back Jane came to the door & asked the price of Loaf sugar & then went in again. The roads were very dirty I caught cold, I suppose through having my feet damp nearly all day. I was very tired so Sarah Ann warmed my bed & gave me a glass of Brandy & water with a piece of Butter in. Miss Jay was here when I came in so she had supper with us, a cup of hot coffee & Bread & butter.

Tuesday 8th My cold is not better. Mr Hoskin came to settle for the Tea meeting tickets, they collected at the Church £11 & the profits of the tea meeting will be about the same I think Mr Hoskins is very well satisfied, today he bought the window curtains we have been busy with the Langley orders. One of Mr Pamphilon's sons & Mr Kefford is going to assist in the boys Sunday school. SA written to Mr Hatton to say he can have two Rooms at Mr John Peters for his Christmas Vacation. SA & I had a game of drafts, she beats me shamefully.

Wednesday 9th The Prince of Wales²⁵ is of age today, I think there is rejoicings at Cambridge, I believe is at Collige (*sic*) at Oxford. There was a letter from Henry

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²⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_VII

Maynard this morning, and from what I heard Mrs Maynard say to George, he has settled as far as he has anything to do with the troublesome lawsuit they have had in hand so long, only they will not agree to pay Henry's expenses about £48 & he expects they will have to go to law about that. Mrs Maynard & Mrs Farnes went to Duxford to dinner. Mr M went to tea and sent Joseph Gentle over to assist me in packing the Langley goods, he has gone back again to Duxford & Mrs Farnes' servant has been to say Mr & Mrs M will stay at Duxford allnight. I think Mrs F rode home with Robt Maynard Junr. Sarah Ann went out with the tracts this afternoon. Miss Jay came to tea & went home just before supper. Joseph says Mr John Holliday's boy has been robbing Mr H last evening or some time yesterday, the boy went to Janes and spent about 5/- in Biscuits ??Plums?? &c which he ate & gave away in the shop, which made her suspect the boy, so she went to Mr H & told them, they said they had missed money & could not think what had become of it, so when the boy went to work today Mr H called the boy to him & spoke rather sharp to the boy (Ward) & he confessed having stolen the money last Sunday afternoon while they had gone to church. he told them he got in the Chamber window with a ladder and took from the purse 17/- & that this was not the first time he had done so, he gave Mr H what money

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he had left and started off up the close as fast as his legs would carry him, he has not been seen since, the policeman is in search for him, I know the boy, he is a simpleton and I should say about 12 or 13 years of age, the things he bought, was, a box of guncaps for 2/- and a hammer for 8d to fire them off with, I hope they will find him & punish him severely. I have been writing a few lines to sister Lydia. I think it will be a sharp frost again tonight. My cold don't seem any better. George Maynard says he was at the Scilly Islands twelve months ago tonight.

Thursday Novr 10th George has been busy looking over the stock of Drapery he is going to London to buy in the morning. Joseph has been to take the goods up to Langley. Mrs Farnes went to Duxford again this afternoon & rode home with Mr & Mrs Maynard in the cart as it returned from Langley. Miss Simmonds called in the shop this afternoon to let Miss Tickle pass, before she went into Miss Hollicks because Miss T should not see her go in. My cold is a little better today. Sarah Ann gave me a glass of grog last night & I think it done me good. I think it is freezing sharp for it is very cold.

Friday 11th George went to London by the 10am train. Mr Maynard went to take some goods to Duxford and brought back some ready made clothes, they were spoiling there through dampness. Mrs Maynard went to see if she could get a rabbit. If it is fine SA and I rather anticipate

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driving to Buckden next Sunday week if it is fine and we can conveniently get away for two or three days. Miss Jay came in this afternoon & said Mr White asked her to call & tell us that Mr Wallis the shopkeeper of Triplow intends giving up business, his son died about 12 months ago and as he has a little property he does not care for the business. Mr White heard that I made applications for the business at Elmdon and also at Sawston, so he thought I should like to know something about this, am much obliged for his kindness but it is not exactly what I want. Mr Maynard says what Mr Wallis sells principally is Coals & Bread. It is not publicly know (*sic*) that it is to be disposed of, but Mr Wallis heard or knew that Mr Whites Brother wanted a business some time ago so made him the first offer.

Saturday Novr 12th I went to Cambridge. Mrs Farnes her daughter Kate & Alice rode there with me. I saw Edwin at the "Black Bear". When I came back Mrs Maynard had gone to bed with her head bad. George did not get home from London until a ¼ to 7 in the evening. We were about as usual in the shop. Mr Maynard has a bad cold.

Sunday 13th George went to Cambridge by train in the morning, Bessie met him there and spent the day at Edwins Lodgings, George came home by the evening train. One of Mr Piggots children were with Bessie she is well. I went to church twice, there was a fresh gentleman came to assist Mr Hoskin in his duties his name I think is Wortley, he is rather an elderly gentleman. I liked his sermon in the morning, Him &

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Mr Hoskin came in to see Mrs Maynard after the afternoon service. Mr Kettle was at Whittlesford Church in the afternoon he said he would come to tea after he had spoken to Mr Hoskin but he did not come. Miss Mary Jay, Mr & Mrs Robert Maynard and part of their family came in, in the evening, Miss Jay came up stairs to Sarah Ann & I but I did not see the others. Jane Harriet & Joseph went to Duxford about ½ past 6 O'clock. Mrs Maynard has not been out to day.

Monday Novr 14th George had a cold ride to Triplow & Newton. Mr M's cold don't seem much better, he went to take some goods to Duxford in the morning. Sarah Ann and Miss Jay have been to Mrs Gellatly's to tea they came home early, because it came over so foggy. George & Mr E F Oslar have been to see Mr Headly about some of Mr E F Oslar's Rates which he thinks he is overcharged with. Mr Ames the Duxford Policeman called in to say Joseph Gentle will have to appear before the Magistrates at Linton next Wednesday as one of the witnesses against the Boy Ward that stole the money from Mr John Holliday's at Duxford, and Sarah best known as Sal Willis of Duxford who received some of the money & encouraged the boy in the robbery. Joseph sold the boy goods out

of the shop & changed a half sovereign. I written a few lines home to say if it is fine next Sunday, Sarah Ann & I hope to see them, & spend two or three days with them.

Tuesday 15th Mr Carter Jonas the auctioner (*sic*) came over to measure & value the piece of land Mr Maynard has had in view for some time, from what he says Mr M thinks he will want a good deal of money for it. Mr M left it with his Brother & Mr Jonas to talk over. Mr Maynard had his breakfast in bed, his

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cold don't seem any better. Mrs Farnes & Mrs Robt Maynard came in this evening. Mrs White also came in soon after they had gone.

Wednesday Nov 16th I received a few lines from Father yesterday, he says they will quite expect us on Sunday and will wait dinner for us but as we are going, he advises us to start early in the morning. I am not to buy a Fowl for dinner, they have some nice young ones in the yard. Mr Maynard had a letter from his son Henry, they are well, he seems to think, if Mr Maynard could buy the whole of the premises next door, make 6 cottages and a house for himself it would be a good speculation, if the premises could be bought cheap. Mrs Maynard went to see Mrs Smith Senr called at Mrs Sheads and stayed tea with her. Mr Maynard went with the Triplow goods. Mr Blunson called on his round. I stood outside to mind his horse, and have caught a fresh cold.

Thursday 17th I received a few lines from sister Hannah, they are all well and her son gets on famously, he is fond of singing, she wants Sarah Ann and myself to go this Christmas & see them I have been writing to say we cannot go. They had another lodger died in their house a fortnight since he was taken to London to be buried, she saw Lydia at the Railway Station on her way from Little Hampton to London a fortnight ago. Mrs Robt Maynard, Mrs Farnes & Mrs Shead have been to tea. George went in to see Jack Farnes after we closed the shop. I rode to Sawston for orders & enjoyed it. Sarah Ann's head aches.

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Friday 18th Mr Maynard went to take some goods to Duxford. Sarah Ann & George have gone to Mr E F Oslars to a dinner party, they have not come home yet, I am sitting up alone waiting for them, Miss Jay came in after tea, stayed supper and I walked home with her. There was a poor woman named Wallis best known as the Irish Woman, from her brogue anyone might think she was Irish but she was a native of Manchester, she died in her confinement, she has been in her trouble ever since Wednesday night, and they never sent for a doctor until today, he came but could not relieve her, and she died while he was with her, she has left three children, the man is pious, and appears to be thinking of a future state. His wife has said, she could not think what had become him, he was always

reading. I am afraid she was not prepared for this great sudden change. I think it was only last week she was in the shop. Oh how awful death appears in such a shape as this. May God enable us to love Him more & more, and make us more holy & heavenly minded.

Saturday 19th George went to Cambridge. Mrs & Miss Farnes and Miss ??Belton?? came shopping in the morning and was gossiping until nearly 12 O'clock. SA was vexed because they hindered her in her work. George was very cross in the evening, I don't know what made him so. I asked him to take my class at school on Sunday. he said he thought of going out himself but did not say where. We were rather busy in the

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shop. After we closed I prepared for starting to Buckden in the morning.

Sunday Nov 20th I rather overlaid myself in bed, did not get up until ½ past 6 O'clock instead of 6, so SA & I did not get off until 8 O'clock, it was a delightful morning, not very cold, we fed the Pony at the "King William" public house about 5 miles the other side of Cambridge, had a nice warm ourselves and a glass of Brandy & Water. We met John Colbourne a short distance from Trumpington, he was coming to Whittlesford to spend the day at Wm Knotts. We arrived at Buckden about ½ past 12 in good time for dinner. Father had gone to Church. Mother, Sarah Ann & I went to the service in the afternoon which was held at the girls school in part of the old palace. Revd John Green read the prayers & Mr Hague or Haigh, preached, he made a very nice sermon. the room was full, I began to think of going back as I could not get a seat when I went in first. We spent the evening in reading and talking. Miss Betsy Elderton has left Yarmouth and is going to live at Mr Carters the Draper at the Bull Ring Horncastle Lincolnshire. I know the shop & Mr Carter too, one of his assistance (*sic*) used to go to Louth with me & one of Mr Heald's young men, when I lived with Mr Heald. She is to go the first of December.

Monday 21st Sarah Ann and I went to Huntingdon to take a portrait of sister Louisa, to get a copy of it but Mr Maddison was in London, so we had a walk up to the

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Gaol and Union then drove home by Brampton & came up the York Road. we enjoyed the ride. we spent the remainder of the day at home.

Tuesday Novr 22nd Sarah Ann had a few lines from George to say as Mr Maynard was unwell, his mother hoped we should not stay over Wednesday. We were afraid Mr Maynard was worse. After breakfast we went down to "Vandemans Land" to see the 3 calves & the young Pony Father bought about a month ago. it is a nice looking pony, very tame considering her age (not 2 years old) and in good condition. After dinner Father went & asked the clergyman (Mr Haigh) to let us have the Key of the Palace to go and

have a look round, Mother Sarah Ann and I went, while we were in the Palace Mr Haigh came, but did not say much to us, after we came out of the grounds, we went into the church to see what alterations there is being made. I think there is a decided improvement and I like it much, although perhaps it will not appear to us so much like Buckden Church, we got home to tea and Sarah Ann enjoyed her first visit to Buckden Palace very much. At the reopening of the church, the son of the Bishop of Lincoln (Mr Kay) will preach, the Bishop formerly lived in Buckden Palace, he was a very good customer to Father, the son that will open the church was quite a youth when the Bishop left Buckden, no doubt he will see a great change in the Village as well as in the home of his childhood.

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Wednesday Novr 23rd Sarah Ann and I went in to see old Mrs ??Hurns?? next door to our house, the old lady seemed pleased to see us. We left home at ¼ past 1 O'clock, but before we started I must say mother had a letter from Mr Pollard to say Sarah presented him with a daughter about 8 O'clock yesterday morning (22nd). This is No 2. the doctor says both mother and daughter are doing well. Sarah Ann and I enjoyed our ride very much, we fed the pony at the "King William" public house, after we left there it came over foggy, we got home at ¼ past 6 O'clock and very sorry to say found Mr Maynard very ill, he had a fit on Monday caused through [*a space here*] of the brain, of course they were all very much alarmed, and sent for Dr Prince, he did not get here until 10 O'clock at night, then he ordered 8 leaches to be put on the back of the ear, since then he has been gradually recovering. Prince has been several times since and says he will be as well as usual shortly. Harriet was here, so I walked as far as St Peters Church Duxford home with her after we came out of the shop. Georges eyes are very weak and soar.

Thursday 24th Jane came up in the morning to see her father and to look out some goods for the shop she went home before tea having a bad cold.

Friday 25th We expected Mr Prince again today but he did not come, Mr Maynard was no worse, so he did not care for his coming. Mr Jack Farnes has gone to London.

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Saturday Nov 26th Mrs Farnes & her son Horatio went to Cambridge with George, he did not get back until some time after dinner. I written a few lines home yesterday to say we arrived back safely but found Mr Maynard very ill, we were about as usual in the shop, George had a poultice on his eyes, and has had two or three before. Mr Prince came and said Mr Maynard was much better.

Sunday 27th I had an addition of two (Isaac Farnes & Robert White) in my class at the Sunday School in the morning. Mr Hoskin was over in time to open the school, he was rather annoyed at seeing so many children come in so late, so spoke to them about it.

Mr ??Wurtley?? The curate was there too, Joseph was late so Mr ??Wortley?? took his class until Joseph came in the afternoon. Mr E F Oslar had his two children christened, old Mr & Mrs Oslar from Duxford were there and I suppose stood sponsors for the children the son is named Ernest John & the daughter Emily Francis. Mrs Oslars Junr christian name is Eliza. Harriet was waiting to get in when we came from church in the afternoon. She went home before tea as she cold (*sic*) not leave Jane she is so unwell with her cold & lost her voice. George went back with her and did not get home until ¼ past 10 O'clock. Mr & Mrs M had gone to bed. Mr Hoskin came in to borrow a pen and ink and candle to enter the christening (there were two others besides Mr Oslars) as he could not see in the church. Mr Maynard posted a

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notice to Mr Russell of Arrington to say, he intends leaving his shop & premises at Duxford 6 months from the date of his letter (26th Novr) but would give up earlier possibly if required. Mr & Mrs Robt Maynard & Mrs Farnes came in after they came from Chapel.

Monday Novr 28th I received a note from Mr Pollard informing of the birth of a daughter, he would have written before, but has been busy with Clubs &c. George went to Triplow & Newton, he started abt 10 & did not get home until just upon 5 O'clock and when he did come he was as cross as possible. Yesterday was Walter D Maynards 25th birthday, I wonder how he is getting on in Australia²⁶. it was also Elizabeth Jays birthday, she was expected over from Camb but did not come. George & his mother had a few words & George has not got right since.

Tuesday 29th Sarah Ann was up to wash at ½ past 5. I got up & had my breakfast with her & Mrs Peters. The Fox hounds are expected to meet at Whittlesford next Friday. We have been busy in the shop & George dreadfully cross all day. Sarah Ann had her feet in warm water & a bason (*sic*) of gruel before she went to bed. It is 3 years last Sunday (27th) since I went to live at Horncastle. Mr ??Wurtley?? the curate called in to see Mr & Mrs Maynard & Mr Hoskin came into the shop upon business. There has been a meeting of the committee of the new schools. I don't know what

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for, but I think it is to make arrangements for the future, after Xmas when the Mistress arrives Mr Tinworth is to keep a night school two or three times in the week instead of the afternoon.

²⁶ <https://capturingcambridge.org/museum-of-cambridge/museum-exhibit-stories/whittlesford-scrapbook/>

Wednesday 30th We were busy in the shop and I did not get off with the Triplow goods until ¼ to 5 (PM) so of course had to have a lantern it was ½ past 8 when we got home again, the wind was very cold, so I had a cup of Coffee and my feet in hot water before I went to bed. Sarah Ann was not well. Mr Maynard had a poultice behind his ear, one of the leach bits has become very soar.

Thursday December 1st George had a letter from Henry yesterday, they are well at Crumlin. I had a very cold & wet ride to Sawston, I saw Edward Brand, he is at home for a holiday he talks of going back tomorrow, one of the young men that lived in the shop at Louth where I used to go to assist market days, when I lived at Horncastle, has been living with Edward Brand but he has now left and I think he said gone to Chester, the young mans name is Porter, he told Brand he knew me well. Mr M walked to Duxford to see how Jane was, she is much better, Emma walked home with her Uncle. Jack Farnes returned from London Tuesday last. him & his Mama called in for some Candles after we shut up. Georges temper is a little better. Sarah Ann too is better.

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Friday Decr 2nd Mr Maynard went to the Paper Mill & to Duxford with some goods, I have been busy in the shop. The Cambridge Fox Hounds met in Whfd opposite to Mr Headly's a circumstance which has not been know (*sic*) for years in Whittlesford, they drove one Fox out of the plantation against the clay pits as you go to Newton, he gave them a good chase and I hear they lost him up at Hayden or Chrishill, they disturbed one or two other Foxes. There were a great many riders some say 2 or 300. Sarah Ann went to see them throw off Mrs Farnes and her two daughters with her, they had a nice long walk after them. It snowed in the night and again at Breakfast time. After dinner SA went out with her tracts. Mrs Maynard went into Mrs Sheads she was very fidgety about a young colt John has been buying, two men were bringing it home and it Kicked one of the men in the chest, they don't know whether he is hurt much the other man very foolishly came on without him & left him on the road, & some one else took him to a public house. George is better in temper.

Saturday 3rd George & his Father both went to Cambridge we were very busy in the shop all day, I had not time to weigh any thing up. Mr Jay sent an order and wanted the goods, so he came and got them ready himself. Sarah Ann was very poorly so she could not assist me much in the morning, she was better in the evening. Mr Prince & Mr Davey (late assistant to Mr Prince) came to see how Mr Maynard

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was, he says he is better. Jane is better too, but she is very weak, and must be careful not to take cold. George told SA and I that he expected Bessie tomorrow.

Sunday Decr 4th Joseph did not come in time to go to the school to teach in the morning. Bessie came by the 10 O'clock train, she had to walk to Cambridge because there is no train from Waterbeach on the Sunday. Harriet came over to dinner she says Jane is a little better I took sacrament after the afternoon service with Mr & Mrs Maynard, George, Sarah Ann & Bessie Hopkins. Miss Mary Jay too was there for the first time that I have seen her there, it was nearly dark when we came out. Harriet and Joseph went to Duxford before tea, George & Bessie started to go with them but the weather was so rough they came back again, we spent the remainder of the evening by the fire side. I received a St Neots Newspaper from Father.

Monday Dec 5th I had a very wet ride going to Langley and part the way coming home, we did not get home until 9 O'clock, the pony is not very well, we could not get him along, I called at Duxford but did not go in, Harriet says Jane is better, George went to Mr E F Oslars to play at chess. Mr Oslar told him there certainly was some one attempted to get in his house not many weeks since, the servants first heard the noise at the window and sent the page to call his master, he was soon up & called Mr Hubbard who was visiting there, they both took a loaded gun each, Ernest went to the window near where the sound came from, and presently fired his gun, then heard a shuffling noise in the yard

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Mr Hubbard went down stairs to the front door and heard some men were down the street they both then went out and looked round the house, but did not see any one. When the servant were up in the morning, they found a pain (*sic*) of glass took out of the window just where the shutter was fastened, they are surprised the dog did not make a noise, especially when the gun was fired, at another time, if a gun cap is only fired, her (*sic*) makes a noise. they suppose something had been given the dog.

Tuesday Decr 6th We were busy in the shop with the Langley orders, Mr M has been assisting us. there has been a letter from Fred, they are all pretty well. Mrs Maynard went down the street before dinner, to see Mr Robt Maynard, I think about the piece of ground next door. Bessie Hopkins went home to Waterbeach yesterday morning. Mr & Mrs Hoskin came in to see Mrs Maynard, Mrs Richard Sheldrick too came in before tea.

Wednesday 7th We were busy in the shop, I did not finish packing Langley goods before 10 O'clock Sarah Ann read the bills over for me, John had his supper before he went home. Harriet came over just in time for tea, and returned after 8 O'clock. Geroge went part if not all the way with her by the bye he went all the way because he says Joseph can come over Thursday morning. Jane is much better.

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Thursday Decr 8th I went to Langley to deliver the goods, I was busy loading the cart and getting ready to start as soon as I was up. Topsy was offended with me because I did not go to breakfast sooner, however we made it alright before I started, we had no whip so we could not get old Tom along having a heavy load, I walked on to Ickleton and bought a Whip there I had to run, and caught the cart at Elmdon hill, we stopped at Duxford, Mr Swann Wallis has a horse griped or something the matter with it in the stable at Harriets, I suppose the poor animal is nearly starved to death and in a miserable condition, coming home we met Joseph, he had been to Whittlesford. Mr Maynard heard from Mr Russell of Arrington, he hopes Mr Maynard will find him a tenant for the Duxford premises.

Friday 9th Sarah Anne and her father went to Duxford to tea. Swann Wallis has pulled the best apple tree partly down in getting his old horse out of the stable with a pulley, they got home about 8 O'clock. I written a few lines to Mr Pollard & Sarah.

Saturday 10th I received a letter from Kate, she seems very much concerned about the wedding cake she left at Cambridge Railway station, she has just heard from Jenny that I have not received it, this is a mistake, I sent for it the next day and paid 6 for it. We were very slack in the shop took but very little money

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Sunday Decr 11th The Revd Mr Wirtley done the whole duty himself as Mr Hoskin has gone to preach a sermon on the Jews, at Ramsey (Hunts). I only went to church once. Edwin & Mr Canham went to Duxford last night and came over here to dinner with Jane and Harriet today, they went to church in the afternoon. Mr Elliot Sheldrick from Triplow came after dinner, so went to church with them, he was over at Duxford to tea on Friday perhaps he wants to be either Janes or Harriets sweetheart, it was foggy in the evening so Jane Harriet, Joseph & Mr Sheldrick went to Duxford in Mr R Maynards Sociable & old Tom. Mr Churcher & Miss Elizabeth Jay are at Whittlesford. Mr C came in last night with Mary Jay.

Monday 12th John drove Edwin & Mr Canham to Cambridge it was dull and rather a damp morning. Sarah Ann has had a nasty tooth ache. Mr M's false tooth has come out so Edwin took it with him to Cambridge. George started to walk for is (*sic*) Triplow orders, the boy went after him with the pony & gig. Jack Farnes came in this afternoon had a cup of tea and a gossip. George is very cross about nothing. Poor old Tom has been bad allday so Mr John Peters and I have given him a dose of Castor oil, Turpentine and hot water, and an ounce of

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Salt Petre in a Bran Mash. Annie and Emma Maynard went to London one day last week. Mrs Farnes has been very poorly. Either the 8th 9th or 10th instant was Miss A B Hollicks 89th birthday.

Tuesday Decr 13th George was very cross nearly all day. We were very busy with the Triplow & Newton orders could not get on very fast with them. Harriet came up in the afternoon to bring an order, she returned before tea. Mrs Maynard has been down to Mr Robt Maynards to have some conversation with him about the piece of land Mr M is about buying. Old Tom (the horse) is very much better today. Mrs Thos Pilgrim went to see her daughter & grandson at Mr H Thurnalls of Fen Ditton last Sunday, Mr Thurnall was very ill about a week before but was then better, they were very anxious to hear how the Whittlesford people were. Mary Ann Pilgrim is better than she was when at home.

Wednesday 14th I received a few lines from Father, they are pretty well themselves, they heard from Louisa at Norwich, Jenny & the rest are well. Mrs Maynard had a letter from Henry's wife to say Henry left Crumlin for London on Sunday, and intended running down to Cambridge tonight, if he had time, and spend the day at Whittlesford tomorrow. Jane intended going to Cambridge today either by Rail, or ride with Mr Elliot Sheldrick, Sarah Ann went over to

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Duxford before dinner, if she did not come back directly after tea, I was to fetch her after 8 O'clock. I have been with the Triplow & Newton goods did not get back until 10 minutes past 8, and while I was out it commenced snowing, and I should think at least an inch thick on the ground, so thought it useless going, it has been bitterly cold all day & the wind blew the snow in the cart, we had an uncomfortable journey home. I walked there. Father says George Priestley is discharged from the army, he went home last Thursday.

Thursday Decr 15th There was a letter from Henry to say business would detain him in London until this morning and if he could he thought of leaving London about mid-day. he has not arrived here so I suppose he is staying at Cambridge allnight. Jane and Mr Elliot Sheldrick came from Camb in the morning, they had Mr John Sheldricks horse and cart. Sarah Ann tells me for a fact that Elliot wants to be Jane's sweetheart. I suppose Harriet told Sarah Ann, I walked to Sawston for orders, the snow was on the ground, so I thought it would be pleasanter. the sun was cheerful so I enjoyed it. Sarah Ann walked from Duxford she came home just after I started to Sawston. Mrs Farnes came in just before tea so had a cup with us, then Mrs M went to see Mr John Arnolds Christmas Turkeys, when they are all killed there will be about 400 I dare

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say it will be a pretty sight to see them when they are all ready for sale.

Friday Decr 16th Mr Maynard went to the station to meet Henry it was snowing very fast they come in at 10 minutes to 11 (AM) Henry is well, he came from Cambridge this morning, John went to Duxford after dinner with the horse and cart to fetch Jane and Harriet, he drove them back again about ½ past 8 (PM). Mr Elliot Sheldrick (Janes sweetheart) came to tea and went to Duxford with Jane and Harriet. Henry and his father went down to Mr R Maynards before dinner. George Henry, Jane, Harriet & Sarah Ann have been up stairs nearly all evening I suppose settling family matters. I went to bed directly after supper. In the afternoon George was out Rate collecting.

Saturday Decr 17th I believe Mr Maynard made his will this morning, Sarah Ann and I signed a paper as witness to Mr M's signature on a paper Henry had been writing out for him. George went to Cambridge we were surprised to see Edwin come home with him, they had a very cold ride. the snow was on the ground and freezing fast. Mr Maynard & Henry started for London by the 10.5 train (PM) for London we were rather slack in the shop. Dr Prince came to see Mr M before he went, he gave him a prescription to take with him.

Sunday 18th I received a letter from Father to say as Tuesday is my birthday they intended sending me a

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parcel by Rail. I went to Church in the morning and I don't remember my feet being so cold before. I kept house in the afternoon, attended the school as usual. Edwin & George went to Duxford church in the afternoon, and while they were there Harriet came up here, but went back to tea according to the Mrs' ? orders so returned before they came from Church. George & Edwin spent the evening at Mrs Farnes's they went up to see Jane before they came from Duxford and as a matter of course found Mr Elliott Sheldrick there. We spent the evening very quiet. Lucy Jay came home last Wednesday has a bad cold.

Monday Decr 19th. George drove Edwin to Cambridge did not get back until dinner time or nearly so in the afternoon he went out skating with Mr & Mrs Oslar. after we closed the shop and having our suppers George & his mother had a tremendous quarrel. I never saw George in such a rage before, he was like a mad man swearing and stamping his feet, he threatened to knock his mother down, his mother was dreadfully put out too. I shall not try to make any excuse for George, it is his mother therefore he ought to govern his nasty temper a little, but before he went to bed, he was sorry for what he had said, and confessed he was wrong for saying what he did, I hope such a scene will not be witnessed

in this house again, it arose from Mrs M saying Sarah Ann always contradicted her. I was going to the station to see if my parcel had arrived from Buckden but of course could not go after this unpleasantness.

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Tuesday Decr 20th Was the 23rd anniversary of my birthday I received a letter from Mr & Mrs Goddard they are pretty well with the exception of colds. One from Lydia inviting me to meet her and Cousin Edmund at Epping on Christmas day, she gave me the particulars of Kates Wedding, they Breakfasted as usual then Mr Hall & Mr Chatterton went to get the license, and met Kate Father Lydia & little Kate Chatterton at the Chapel with a pair of grey horses. after they got back and had their breakfast, Kate & Mr Hall went to Ventnor (Isle of Wight), the remainder of the news has been related before. I was quite surprised to receive one from Elizabeth after her long silence, I concluded she was offended with my last letter wherin I told her what I thought of her conduct, herself & husband are well, they have an idea of going to Buckden after Christmas, she says her husband is very kind to her. her style of writing is somewhat different to what it generally is, I hope she may be led to see her folly before it is too late. I received a parcel from home by Rail in the evening which contained a pair of nice fowls, a custard pudding a plum cake and an empty wine bottle, the cork was out also the contents, the wine was spilt over them all, we had part of the pudding for supper (which we had to thaw) a glass of wine & a piece of the cake afterwards they were of course very nice. It is very Kind of my dear Parents to think of me, and I am much obliged for their kindness. As soon as I was down "Topsy" presented me with a book, which I think will be very interesting, she was up to wash soon after 5 O'clock. I had my Breakfast with her & Mrs Peters before I opened shop. This is also Mr

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Goddard's birthday, Lydia says they are all well at Bourn.

Wednesday Decr 21st. I received letters from Mrs Chatterton, Mrs Hall, Mrs Ilott written a few lines across Kates. a Shepherd's Plaid Spun Silk scarf from Mr Ilott and a letter from Louisa, am glad to say they are all well. I written a few lines to Kate as she seems very much concerned about her Wedding Cake I also sent a note home to say I received the cake &c safe with the exception of the Wine.

Thursday 22nd I received a pencill'd note from Mrs Pollard to say, as Lydia & cousin Edmund were going to Epping on Sunday, they would be very pleased to see Sarah Ann & I. I written to decline the invitation and gave her my reasons for doing so.

Friday 23rd We were very busy preparing for Christmas. George was weighing up plums until past 8 O'clock he is not very well pleased because they were not done before, it is, is

(sic) own fault, as he neglected to assist me in the early part of the week. Mr Hatton (formerly school master at Duxford) came in quite unexpected last night by the 6 O'clock train from London he slept here last night, and went to his lodgings at Mr John Peters this morning. Jack Farnes & Mr Hatton went over to Duxford in the evening.

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Saturday Decr 24th George went to Cambridge & Mr Hatton with him to hire a "Piano" as he feels very dull just down from London, one came in the afternoon for him. We were busy in the morning so that I had not an opportunity of weighing up much for the evening. We were not so busy this Christmas Eve as we were last year, the cash taken was £15-16 this and the sum yesterday amounted to just the same sum as the cash taken the two days before Christmas last year, we had more customers the day before Christmas Eve, it was about 11 O'clock when I came out of the shop & was very tired.

Sunday & Christmas day Decr 25th I received a letter from Cousin Edmund yesterday to say he should be on the "look out" for me at Whittlesford station tomorrow (this day) and would be pleased with Topsy's and my company to Epping, Edwin came last night and talked of going to the station with George & Mr Hatton to meet Bessie Hopkins, so I asked Edwin to look for Cousin Edmund as I could not go myself on account of attending to the Sunday School, Edwin changed his mind and did not go and George of course had enough to do to look for Bessie. I took sacrament with Mrs Maynard, Sarah Ann, Edwin & Mr Hatton. Mr H stayed dinner. Mr Elliot Sheldrick came over after dinner, they all came over from Duxford and stayed all night as business was suspended on the Monday

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Monday Decr 26th George & Bessie went to Triplow and Newton for orders, it was rather an uncomfortable day, they did not get home until quite late in the afternoon. I felt rather annoyed because from what he said the day before I supposed he intended closing the shop half the day at least, when I asked him in the morning before breakfast, he said the people did not know any thing about it, of course I took that for an answer, and when he came home, Bessie said he expected to find the shop closed. but when he came in, he himself said the boy might put the shutters up at 6 O'clock, and because I did not tell the boy (being cross myself) he Geo was cross with me, and the consequence was, we had a quarrel such as I never had with Geo before, he thought there were too many Masters in this house, so I proposed leaving, he quite agreed with me, and said he did not care where the d--- I went too, after calling me a fool and many other disagreeable things. But before we went to bed George confessed he said more to me than he ought to have done, and for what he said he had no meaning, so we shook hands together and made it all up. We had the Turkey &c for Christmas dinner, I began to have my dinner with the others but was called away several times before we done the pudding so finished with the woman in the

Kitchen, there were sat down to dinner Mrs Maynard Jane, Harriet, Sarah Ann, Edwin, Mr Hatton, Elliot Sheldrick and Joseph Gentle besides myself & the woman, after supper

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we had a dance until about 12 O'clock, then Sarah Ann and I drove Jane, Harriet, Edwin, Sheldrick, and Joseph down to Duxford in Mr Robt Maynard's "Sociable". George and Bessie were in the parlour when we came back.

Tuesday Decr 27th I was busy with the Triplow orders George, Bessie, Sarah Ann & Mr Hatton went to Duxford to tea, I went down after we closed the shop, we did not get home until 2 O'clock (A.M) we had a game at "Advocate" when I got there, and after supper a "Charade" the word "Ploughman". Sheldrick & myself were the ploughmen, George & Bessie the master & mistress, Jane was there (*sic*) daughter, with whom I was desperately in love with. I was dressed in terrible disguise & so was Sheldrick. I think we all enjoyed ourselves.- Mrs Peters came to sleep with Mrs Maynard.-

Wednesday 28th I was still very busy and did not finish the orders in time for the goods to be sent, Joseph came up with the intention of delivering them, but weighed up a few things & went back again. Sarah Ann & I marked some earthenware and put away after we closed the shop. Edwin came up in the evening.

Tuesday 29th The boy drove Edwin to Cambridge, Bessie walked to the station to return to Waterbeach. Joseph came up to go with the Triplow & Newton goods. I rode the pony to Sawston for orders after he came from Cambridge, it was very dirty & rather showery.-

Friday 30th It was a wet uncomfortable day, I was very busy in the shop, but could not get on very fast with my work, for serving customers, in the afternoon the

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water came in the kitchen at the sink-hole so I took the brick work down, and put a piece of new piping up, which occupied all the afternoon.

Saturday Decr 31st The last day in the year 1859 George went to Cambridge, we were busy in the shop. George called upon Cousin Charles Whichello for a parcel, sister Lydia promised to send to him for me he sent a note to say, his Brother Edmund called there, butt (*sic*) did not leave any thing for me, he supposed Lydia & Edmund were too much engaged to think of any one but themselves. We were as busy as usual in the shop. Mr Hatton went to London in the morning & back at night, Annie & Emma Maynard returned with him, Mr Hatton partly went to fetch them and to see if he could not bring his friend Taylor down with him, however he did not see him. Annie & Emma look very pale Mr Hatton says, he came in after he got home and watched the old year out and the

new one come in, him and George were holding an argument as to whether it was proper to laugh in church. George argued that it was always proper and sometimes advisable. Mr H, Sarah Ann and myself were just of the opposite opinion and that is the way we spent the last hour of this year. Miss Mary Arnold was married at Duxford Chapel this morning, it was an exceedingly quiet affair, her father drove them to Duxford in his horse and cart with his everyday close (*sic*) on, they had no father, bridesmaid or anyone to accompany them, the bridegroom instead of giving the bride the middle seat in the cart took that him

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self & placed the bride on his left side; after the ceremony was over they went direct to the station and took train to Thackstead (Essex) where the bridegroom's friends live (the man's name is Robt Frances) they are expected back Tuesday or Wednesday, and I believe will reside in Cambridge, the man is a Mill wright, and was employed at Mr Clark's (Whfd Mill). I heard and believe it to be a fact, that Miss Arnold made him the offer.- I clipped some of the hair off the pony's legs at night he is so very sluggish and I got to Langley with him on Monday if all's well. I received a note from the Revd PCM Hoskin yesterday morning to say as Mr Wortley took a very bad cold going home on Monday (walking from Whfd to Camb) consequently will not be able to attend school on Sunday. so Mr Hoskin would be obliged if, either Mr Tinworth or Myself would open the school, and not wait for him as we did last Sunday, if Mr Hoskin had the whole duty to do, he would not be able to come over in time. I am sorry poor Topsy was rather poorly in the evening.

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